

MONTGOMERY, VA.
FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 4, 1861

APOLOGETE.

Our last paper made its appearance on May 27th, 1861, and we were preparing to issue it again on the next week and were in ready when the advance of Gen. Hunter to Harrisonburg rendered it necessary that all who could be serviceable to repel the invasion should go back to their homes. Together with the citizens of town and county my friends and I left for the mountains, where we were hospitably received. Owing to the fortifications of June 3d at Piedmont, Augusta, the enemy in force occupied Staunton on the next day, Monday June 4th. They proceeded to my office to destroy it, when to their amazement they found the sole tenant a Washington Press, (the type having been removed to a place of security on Saturday previous to the battle of Piedmont,) had set them damages to the tune of \$1000. We regretted the loss of our paper, but our friends contrived to furnish us with a copy of the "Chronicle" and "Daily Virginian," which we now saw to be the best papers in the way, and as possible took the injurious course of publishing a hasty notice of the disaster, and a hasty notice of our citizens' damages.

We were satisfied that the wrong done was purely unintentional, but the students having been made responsible through the fault of John T. Anderson, Esq., in Richmond, left a tract of dissidence in their wake.

We regret that by the early arrival of troops in Lynchburg, they had saved the damage of local opposition.

The capture of the press occasioned but a short time, but the movement of the forces with the forces of Gen. Breckinridge, and their participation in the rapid and fatiguing pursuit of the rebels Hunter and his plundering incendiaries, prevented the return of my hands, thereby rendering the publication of my paper at an earlier date impossible.

We have no doubt at first

the press is concerned with the conduct of the campaign, but it did not cover the moment. However, we acted according to the circumstances, and have since, with some regret, lost our paper, but hope to make ample amends by a regular issue hereafter.

To the people of the country and valley we tender our earnest, fellow-feeling sympathy, for our home like theirs being plundered by the vandals, for the losses they have sustained.

Our readers will have only to say that we hope they will appreciate the difficulties under which we labored, and will be willing to give us credit for this, as well as with a few more notices, to place one effect beyond the power of their friendless enemies to damage, and thus preserve

it for the convenience of our people, no matter what may be the desire of the enemy to the contrary.

To many of our people, who have heretofore not been connected with us as subscribers or readers, but who have congratulated us upon resuming our efforts from destruction, and expressing their gratification on account of our being preserved, we would assure them that our paper is now in full possession of its original equipments, and is in every respect equal to its former self, and we trust will be equally successful in its future career.

As far as the enemies of our country, the Yankees, we desire in closing to say that what they have done to us, common with our neighbors, has not varnished the tone of our feeling towards them one iota.

We have all

wanted them and what we have done (all), of them in their hands through their treachery, and have always had them in our eye,

but unfortunately to us,

but exclusively to us,