

Stamton Spectator.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PUBLIC SALES.

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ESTRAY NOTICES.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

AN APPEAL.

VIRGINIA. A Court continued and held for August county at the Court House on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, 1862.

RECEIVERS SALE OF LAND AND LOTS. By virtue of a decree rendered by the District Court of the United States for the District of Virginia, at Lexington, on the 10th day of October, 1862, I will sell at public sale, on FRIDAY, the 20th day of January next, the following real estate...

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Staunton Spectator. STAUNTON, VA. SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 16, 1861.

Many brave men. I expect the battle will be resumed at daylight tomorrow morning. R. E. Lee.

Gen. Hampton reports that he entered Dumfries and captured 20 wagons with stores, and took 50 prisoners, all of which he brought to the Rappahannock. Gen. Sigel is expected at Dumfries tomorrow. R. E. Lee.

We have been requested by the Quartermaster of the 1st Brigade to state to the citizens of Augusta, Rockingham and Rockbridge that he will furnish transportation for all articles contributed for the benefit of the soldiers of that Brigade, (composed chiefly of soldiers from the counties above named) and that he will, also, furnish transportation to the army and back for any person who may be appointed to see that the articles be given to the soldiers for whom they were designed by the contributors. The 6th Regiment belongs to this Brigade, and those who wish to contribute to soldiers in that Regiment, and who may desire to avail themselves of this mode, have now an opportunity of doing so. It is not designed that this mode shall interfere with that adopted by the County Court. It is designed more especially for those who may desire to make contributions for the benefit of particular soldiers. Fathers and mothers may desire to send clothing to their sons, sisters to their brothers, and others to their friends, and may prefer to send them by some trustworthy person, who will be sure to deliver the donations to the persons for whom they were especially designed, and to accomplish this purpose, this mode is proposed by the Quartermaster of the Brigade as the cheapest and best. There are some persons who are willing to donate for the benefit of special persons, who are unwilling to contribute to a common fund, and for such this mode is especially designed. We would, in this connection, state that the soldiers are now in greater need of socks and gloves than anything else. We hope the committees in all the neighboring counties of this county are now busily engaged in calling upon the people, and that the people are responding in a liberal and patriotic spirit. Let blankets, socks, gloves, and everything needed by the soldiers be contributed to an amount that will reflect credit upon our county, and warm the hearts of our dear boys with gratitude and love. Let them see that we not only remember, but love them still.

Contributions for Col. Imboden's Command. We hope that the good people of this county, whilst making contributions for the benefit of the soldiers, will not forget to do something for the soldiers in Col. Imboden's command. These soldiers have a special claim upon us, as they are standing as a wall of defence between our homes and the enemy who is seeking to lay them waste. They are, also, refugees whose homes are in the possession of the ruthless enemy, cut off from all means of receiving any assistance from kind friends at home, and therefore have a claim upon our sympathies. These exiled heroes, we are pained to learn, are sadly in need of blankets, socks, gloves, &c., to protect them against the rigors of this trying season. They are standing upon the snow-clad mountains, shivering with cold in their tattered garments, protecting our homes and families, whilst their own are being destroyed by the enemy. Our quiet, comfort, happiness and safety are due to them, and we should, at least, furnish them with comfortable clothing. Those who wish to send contributions to this command can accomplish their purpose by sending them to Rev. W. G. Campbell, of this place. In this connection, we would call attention to the card of the Central Committee published in our issue of the 10th inst.

LECTION RETURNS. The following are the returns, as far as received, of the election on Thursday last, for a delegate to the Legislature to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Wm. M. Tate, Esq. It will be seen that the vote was quite a meagre one. At several of the precincts the polls were not opened.

Table with 3 columns: Precinct, Elector, and Votes. Lists names like Wm. M. Tate, J. H. Hill, and others with their respective vote counts.

It will be seen by reference to the lines on the first page that one of the candidates has mounted his Pegasus, and is now galloping up the flowery steps of Mt. Parnassus, totally oblivious of election returns and all other proceedings in the prosaic vale of Common life. With the voters, he seems to think that to dwell on the Mount of the Muses, "Poesis non est," but for Legislative Hall, "non est."

Yankee Depredations in Highland. A letter dated McDowell, November 20th, says that the Yankees in their recent visit to Highland county, stole about one hundred horses, three hundred cattle, twenty negroes, a gold watch, \$3,000 or \$5,000 in money, a number of blankets, butter, honey and other small articles that could be carried with them. They carried off fifty sheep, and burned two houses. They took a number of cattle and horses from Fishhook county, and burned one house. J. A. Lockridge, of Fishhook, was left in charge of the cattle.

On Sunday night, the 7th inst., five negroes and robbers named Cobbin, Allen, James Jones, Collins, and Robinson, escaped from the jail in Rockingham county.

We are compelled to request persons who are desirous of the want of...

The Press has been very generally and very justly denouncing in the strongest terms Manufacturers, Merchants, Shoemakers, Tanners, &c., for practicing extortion in their respective lines of business. Can the farmers rightly claim that they are guiltless of the same offence? Do they not charge more for flour, grain, pork, beef and wood than they should? The Richmond Engineer says that "the chief distress of the country and peril to the cause result from the extortion in the products of the farm. This is not excused by the high prices of the merchants' goods. These are, indeed, very high, but the farmer is not obliged to use many of them. If when he pays four prices for a bushel of corn, he puts four prices on his wheat and corn, he is an immense gainer; because he sells so much more than he buys. As for that large class whose business is such that they have nothing of either sort to sell, the farmer combines with the manufacturer to grind them between the upper and the nether millstones.

The Government must arrest, all around, these enormous extortions if possible. We do not think it would be so difficult as some imagine. We believe all parties to it are ashamed of it. They plead each other as excuse. Bring all down together, and for very shame none of them will dare complain.

The Government must at least take care of itself. It cannot pay the prices demanded for army subsistence of all sorts, without overwhelming its will. It must pay a fair price, but it should pay no more. And to avoid ground of complaint, it should make those prices as uniform as the relative abundance of the different localities will allow.

The safety and welfare of all depend upon the application of such a rule to all. It will be terrible to allow the ship to wreck because the crew are gambling for the cargo. Force every man to do his duty, and require every one to desert from the pursuit of immoral and demoralizing gains, and all will be well.

Military Officers and Foolish Girls. A communication in the last Rockingham Register, signed "Mary," and dated Staunton, December the 10th, contains the following complimentary notice of the military officers and their feminine admirers of this place: There rides an officer in Roman-like pride and consequence, flashing with gold and crimson; he passes on in magnificence and self-adulation, carrying with him the maiden's heart and tearful petitions for his safety. Pahaw! he is in no danger, dashing about town, and the enemy off there, miles away. Foolish girls, dazzled by a glittering uniform! I regret to class myself among your species of God's creatures. Better go to the hospitals, and there, with your gentle and soothing influence, relieve the suffering invalid yearning for the delicate attentions and beloved presence of those far away. This would be more like the noble mission of woman than sighing after military monkeys parading before your doors, showing their fine and elegant persons to advantage, thinking how captivating they look, and of the many hearts (not battles), they have won to boast of, and you girls might fall from the window or over the balcony, in the effort to catch a last glimpse, and they would grieve by saying "what a pity she had no more sense!"

Mr. W. E. M. Word, Special Agent of the Post Office Department, publishes a card, in which he suggests for the benefit of the soldier and his friends, that all letters sent to soldiers should be carefully addressed to the care of the regiment and company of which he is a member, and always bear the number of the regiment and name of the number to which it belongs. Attention to this suggestion, it is believed, will obviate one of the chief causes of the non-delivery of letters. It is also suggested that all letters sent to soldiers should be prepaid before mailing, and the letter falls to reach its destination. The following may answer as a form of address, in accordance with the Special Agent's directions: "Private Jno. Jones, care of Company K, 47th Regt. Georgia Volunteers, Fredericksburg, Va."

Capture of Gunboats. Two cases have recently occurred in North Carolina of the capture of yankee gunboats. They are calculated to allay the foolish terror inspired by these engines of war, and to show how worthless they are in operations in narrow rivers, whose banks are inhabited by bold and determined men.

In one case, Captain Newkirk's cavalry, with a piece of artillery, captured an iron steamer in New River, North Carolina, and in the other, Captain Whitford's rangers captured a gunboat and her entire crew in Bay River, North Carolina. The first vessel was captured at the mouth of New river, after an engagement on our side with two rifled pieces, the Yankee boat having three guns. The latter was disabled after a sharp artillery duel, and abandoned in such haste that the crew left to the captors their rifles, cutlasses, books, caps, shoes, and even their beef and crackers half done.

Important Proclamation. We call attention to the proclamation of Governor Letcher, published in another column, calling upon the civil authorities in every county and neighborhood to aid the military authorities in enforcing the conscript law in furnishing supplies for the army, and in securing slave labor for the public defence, and recommending increased vigilance in domestic and county police. We are gratified to see the prompt and patriotic obedience of the civil authorities in enforcing the conscript law in this section of the State.

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Reconstruction of the Union Impoverished. Before the great revolution in which we are at present involved took place, there was a considerable proportion of the citizens of the South who maintained that the true policy was to secede. They believed that reconstruction was possible after secession. We never concurred in that opinion. We believed that the Union, like a porcelain vase, might be broken, but that it could never be made whole again. A similar error to that which prevailed in portions of the South antecedent to secession, seems now to be deluding the minds of the Democracy of the North. That party professes to believe that the South would be willing to go back into the Union if certain protective guarantees were incorporated into the Constitution of the U. S. State. This is a woful error. In the language of a contemporary, we say that the assurance that our rights in the Union would be guaranteed, might have saved the Union, when the present difficulties between the two sections commenced - nay, it might even have saved it some time after the Presidential election of 1860. But not now. We have seen the veil removed from the Abolition hypocrites of the North - we have learned to know and feel what Yankee faith is - we have learned to know, too, what Yankee treachery and falsehood are. And with all this knowledge, purchased at the expense of the blood of our best citizens - purchased at the expense of widows' wails and orphans' tears - purchased at the expense of desolated hearthstones and devastated fields - purchased at the expense of ruined commerce and the loss of fortunes, shall we now give that people our confidence? Shall we trust to their plighted faith and seductive promises once more? Shall we "lay down the sword, and go back into fellowship and brotherhood with them again? Never! It would be folly - it would be madness - nay, more, it would be national and individual ruin and degradation.

Nineteen months of war, of bloodshed, of rapine, of robbery, of murder, of insults to women, of devastation, and of all kinds of cruelty, have removed all delusions from the minds of the Southern people, and taught them what Yankee faith, and Yankee promises, and Yankee conservatism means. To free ourselves from bondage to such a Government, to sever the chains that bind us to such a people, to achieve our national independence, we have "drawn the sword and thrown away the scabbard," and, with the help of God, we hope to be successful.

The war was not of our seeking. We desired to invade none of the rights of our Northern brethren. We only asked them for peace. They refused. They sounded the tocsin of war. They sent their hordes of murderers and plunderers down upon our soil to butcher our people, insult our women, and ravage our country. They blockaded our ports, sank stone fleets in our harbors, and endeavored to bring starvation and ruin upon us. How can we, then, in justice to ourselves, in justice to our slain, listen to any proposals, but those which will bring with them the recognition of our independence?

Our people cannot listen to any other terms of peace. Against a reconstruction of the Union they must be firmly and faithfully resolved. Their interests are opposed to it, their rights and liberties are opposed to it, and the sovereignty of the States is opposed to it. The blood of the martyred brave cries out against it from every battlefield. It is folly to propose it, it would be madness to accept it. Reconstruction means irremediable ruin, national degradation, endless taxation, political bondage, the destruction of slavery, the abolition of State Sovereignty, and the centralization of all political power in the Abolition Government at Washington. This is what reconstruction means. The South cannot for a moment entertain such a proposition. For her, there is but one course left, and that is to fight on and to fight ever, until her independence is achieved and acknowledged.

In the language of Patrick Henry, of the first Revolution, "There is no retreat now but in chains and slavery."

The Right Spirit. A generous hearted and patriotic citizen of this county has enclosed to us a draft for \$100, for the benefit of the soldiers, to be divided equally between those belonging to the 5th and 52nd Regiments, and Col. Imboden's command. This is the spirit which should pervade our whole people. We hope this example will be followed by many. We will take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of all sums sent for a similar purpose. We would give the name of the individual who enclosed the \$100, were it not that, knowing his modesty to be equal to his generosity, we fear it would not be agreeable to him.

The Alabama Legislature has passed resolutions proposing to the other States of the Confederacy to guarantee the Confederate war debt, each State pledging its credit for the redemption of a portion of the debt proportionate to the representation of its State in the Confederate Congress.

General G. F. Henningsen, Colonel in the Wise Legion, has resigned his commission.

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