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LIST OF DESERTERS FROM THE 52d REG'T VA. VOLUNTEERS.

The following named persons, members of the 52d Regiment Va. Volunteers, are now absent without leave, and are regarded as deserters. A reward of $30 each will be paid for their apprehension and delivery to their respective companies:—

Company A:—Jno L Ayler, Deerfield; W m Adolph, Richmond (Substitute); John S Baylor, Churchville; Wm Bosserman, near Ryan's; J D Beard, Mint Spring; W C Gwinn, Deerfield; G W Jones Heller, Staunton; David S Hunter, Mt Sidney; John T Hunter, do; James M Lamb; John M Mcincup, Churchville; Gideon Millstead, New Hope; John D Mooney, do.; Richard Mooney, do.; Julius Parish; Samuel H Switzer, Mt Sidney. ROBERT C. DAVIS, Capt. Co. A.

Company B.—Privates Chas B Carter, Waynesboro; Thos H Carter, do; Jno D Chandler, do; Wm Chilcress, do; Thos J Clark, do; Wm H Evans do; Jas P Festwell, do; Franklin Garber, do; John F Kraft, do; Wm M Herndon, do; Jas G Whitmore, do; Andrew J Williams, do; A R Ross, do; Jno W Alexander, Shenado; Alex Bridge, do; H B Dedrick, do; D H Gay, do; Wm Gallighter, do; Eph. W Billings, do; Samuel Mood, do; Wm H Clark, New Hope; Asberry Myers, New Hope; Gerard McDonaldson, Harrisonburg; Wm Diddle, Deerfield; W Carpenter, residence not known. A. J. THOMPSON, 1st Lieut Comd'g Co. B.

Company C:—Corporal D P Bell, Staunton. Privates. R T Brooks, Long Glade; S P Cline; G H A Curry; A S Fawber, Union Church; B Helm, Misa; J Humphrey, Summerdean; Wm M Jones; James A Kershner, Deerfield; W A Miller; W Mooney, Waynesboro; Zeb Mullen, Spring Creek; C N Rogers, Deerfield; F Smelts, Waynesboro; Thos Smith, Staunton; John C Sprouse, Deerfield; Samuel H Blosser, Cross Keys; Jas M Vint, Deerfield; T J Crutchfield, Robt Loving and Marsh Gochenour. JOS. COYNER, Lt. Comd'g Co. C.

Company D:—Privates, Samuel Bosserman, Benj. Fisek, Sangersville; W M Fick, do; R S Jones; N B Kercicoff, Sangersville; H Michael, North Mountain; H W Moore; Daggy; Isaac Gas, Sangersville; T H Reeves, Mossy Creek; R Reeves, do; James Shipp, North Mountain; William Temple; B J Randall. A. AIRHART, Capt. Co. D.

Company E:—Privates, John Armstrong, Celina; Stowe; Joseph Cash, Rapp's Mill; Jas S Fisher, do; Robt Clarke, Collierstown; Sam'l Dale, Kerr's Creek; Jos Hall; Alex Hams, do; Wm P Long, do; Wm N Reed; Jos Lamb, near Lexington. THOS. H WATKINS, Capt. Co. E.

Company F:—Privates, Chas Allen; D B Crousehorn; J H Chandler, Mt Sidney; J H Cross, Ryan's; J Grant; J Huffman, German Substitute; A Knupp, Shenandoah; J Landes; J Wenger, Harrisonburg; S Smith, do; J Switzer, Dayton; John Stover; J Wenger, Dayton; HM Wenger, Harrisonburg. JAS. BURGARDNER, Capt. Co. F.

Company G:—Privates, D N Barger; J W Coly; Geo. Cister, New Hope; Wm Cister, do; Jno Casey; Irish substitute; J B Coyner, Waynesboro; J G Hume, Long Meadows; Jas D Miller; James Moller; Jas H Marshall; John Pulliam, Leonard Showalter, Staunton; Jac Shaver; R C Taylor, Staunton; James Treadmarsh; Richard B. Brooks. E. BATEMAN, Capt. Co. G.

Company H:—Privates Isaac W Airey, Long Glade; Jas E Byrd, Craigsville; Jacob Gason, Middlebrook; Patrick Condon, Staunton; T H Crans, Staunton; Cornelius Donovant, residence not known; Henry Ellinger, Middlebrook; Joseph Groves, Middlebrook; Jac Jackson, Pond Gap; David Keaney, residence not known; Samuel Lambert, Pendleton county; C H Miller, Port Republic; Jas H Montgomery, Summerdean; John Murphy, Fairfax co.; John W Reardon, Charlottesville; Jas M Reardon, near Staunton; D Sprouse, near Staunton; Peter Sprouse, Summerdean; Daniel Tyler, Pond Gap; Amos Troxell, New Port; G. W. Taylor, Greenville; Henry Wiseman, Moffett's Creek; John Webber, residence not known; Henry W Barracks, Mt. Clinton; Jas W Swink, near Staunton. Lieut. JAMES DOLD, Comd'g Co. H.

Company I:—Privates, John H Davis, New Port; E P Grim, Churchville Cavalry; Jonathan Hasber, Middlebrook; L S Masterson, do; North Mountain; Sammerdean; J H Strickler, Middlebrook; Wm N Strickler; A C Stanton, Staunton. JOHN M. HUMPHREYS, Capt. Co. I.

Company K:—Privates, A M Burns, Rose Hole, Rockco; H M Burns, do; Alex Curry, Back Creek; F S Curry, do; J W Garrison, W W Gillespie, Green Valley; J A Harrouff; A J Hupman; Thos Jones; Jas A Masterson; J M Miller; Jac M Rider, Back Creek; Samuel Snead, Healing Springs; J J Thomas, do; Thomas Williams, do. Lieut. GILLET, Comd'g Co. K.

HEAD QUARTERS CAMP STAUNTON, December, 1862.

The families and friends of any of the men belonging to my Regiment, who have left their overcoats or blankets at home, will please forward them to me to send to the Regiment, as they are greatly in want of them.

I appeal to the citizens of Bath, Augusta and Rockbridge to furnish 900 pairs of socks for my Regiment, for which I will pay the highest cash price on delivery. I also appeal to all good citizens of Bath, Rockbridge and Augusta, to give information in regard to any of the members of my Regiment who are at home without leave, as every man is needed now and should be at his post. M. G. HARMAN, Col. 52d Regt. Va. Vols.

Dec. 16—tf

NEW MILITARY BOOKS.

Cavalry Drill and Sabre Exercise, by Geo. Patton. Notes on Artillery, by W. Leroy Brown. The Volunteer's Hand Book, by Cap. J. K. Lee. Cary's Bayonet Exercise, and Skirmish Drill. Volunteers' Camp and Field Book, by Jos. P Curry. Instruction for Field Artillery, from Gilmore's Manual.

The Field Manual for the use of Officers on Ordnance Duty.

The First Year of the War.
The Second Battle of Manassas.
The Partisan Leader.
War Songs of the South.
Napoleons Maxims of War.

Just received and for sale by ROBERT COWAN.

Dec 9—tf.

NOTICE.—Can be had, at John B. Hoge's (Tayler & Hoge's old stand,)

Sugar, Molasses, Rice, Salt, Cotton Yarn, &c., at low figures, for CASH.

Tayler & Hoge's accounts are made off, and they desire to have them settled. All knowing themselves indebted will please come forward and settle, and all having claims against them will present them for settlement. JOHN B. HOGE.

Oct. 7—tf

LAST NOTICE.—Having disposed of our entire Stock of Goods, we are very desirous of closing our late business. We therefore call upon those formerly indebted to come forward and settle their accounts, and all having claims against us, for to give them notice a longer period cannot be granted. Those owing Boots & Shoes are requested to present the same for payment. CRAWFORD & COCHRAN.

Oct. 30—tf.

WANTED TAN BARK AND HIDES.—The Tanning Yard of the Subscriber will be in full operation by the 20th of April, and will pay the highest cash price for Tan Bark and Hides. J. D. BROWN & Co.

Feb 9.

NEW REGULATIONS

For the Army of the Confederate States, just received, and for sale by ROBERT COWAN.

Feb 9.

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. W. & G. H. BURCH,
No. 10, Main street,
Lynchburg, Va.

WHOLESALE
GROCERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS
AND DEALERS FOR THE SALE OF
Manufactured and Smoking Tobacco,
Will receive and sell
WHEAT, FLOUR, CORN, BACON, LARD,
AND ALL KINDS OF
COUNTRY PRODUCE.

LIBERAL advances made on consignments when desired. Sales promptly reported.

May 5—6m

WASHINGTON HOUSE,
CHURCH STREET,
LYNCHBURG, VA.

THE subscriber begs leave to inform the public that he has charge of of the above named popular House, which is situated in the immediate vicinity of the most business part of the city, and the location is one of the most quiet and healthy in the place. Every effort will be made to provide for the comfort and welfare of guests.

An Omnibus, Baggage-Wagon and Porter will always be found at the Depots and Boat Landing on the arrival of the Trains and Boats, to convey passengers to and from the Hotel. J. R. LINKOUS, Proprietor.

Mar 5—6m

T. F. MINOR, Richmond, Va. | ROBERT W. BURKE, Staunton, Va.

MINOR & BURKE,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
FOR THE SALE OF
COUNTRY PRODUCE,
TOBACCO GROCERIES, &C.,
CARY STREET,
(3d door below 15th street,)
RICHMOND, VA.

WE will use our best endeavors to promote the interest of our patrons. Refer, by permission, to BOLIVAR CHRISTIAN, P. PITYEAN, H. W. SHEPHEY, JNO. GARSWOON, JAS. WALKER, *Shenandoah co., Va.* J. G. FULTON, W. W. FLEMMING, *Augusta co., Va.* *Highland co., Va.* CHAS. GRAYSON, MANN SPITLER, J. H. HOPKINS, JNO. K. BOOTON, S. A. COYNAN, *Page co., Va.* *Rockingham co., Va.* M. B. KAUFFMAN, *Frederick co., Va.*

Feb 24, '63—6mo.

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JAMES B. HARGROVE, HENRY DARNINGTON,

JAMES B. HARGROVE & CO.,
AUCTIONEERS & COMMISSION MERCHANTS
FOR THE SALE OF NEGROES.
No 56, Market street,
Lynchburg, Va.

THE subscribers offer their services to the public for the Selling and Hiring of Slaves, as well as for any Business in the Auction line.

We are prepared to accommodate with board, and keep safely, any number of slaves placed in our charge. Liberal advance made on slaves placed in our hands, when desired.

Jan 27, '63—1y JAS. B. HARGROVE & CO.

GENERAL COMMISSION HOUSE,
83 Main Street,
LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA.

Will buy and sell on Commission, Leaf, Manufactured and Smoking Tobacco, Wheat, Flour, Corn, Cotton Fabrics, and, in fact, everything kept in a General Commission House.

Neit proceeds of sales promptly rendered.

We refer to the business men of Lynchburg generally. WILLS, CALHOUN & CO.

Dec 16, 1862—6mo*

WM. A. BURNETT,
CLAIM AGENT,
STAUNTON, VA.,

WILL give prompt attention in collecting and prosecuting claim against, and supplying claims to the Confederate Government for back pay due deceased soldiers. Apply at County Court Clerk's office.

REFER TO

Maj. H. M. BELL, N. K. TROTT,
Gen. J. D. IMBODEN, and Hon. J. E. BARGHER.

March 31st—6mos.*

TYLER & SON,
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
134 CARY STREET, RICHMOND, VA.

Thankful to their friends for the liberal patronage extended them in the past, respectfully ask a continuance of the same, promising as heretofore their best endeavors to give satisfaction.

April 7—1m

NOTICE.—Samuel Lambert, take notice that I shall, on SATURDAY, the 9th of May next, at the Dwelling House of Mr. Dan'l Forrer in the county of Augusta, take the Deposition of sundry Witnesses, to be read as evidence upon the trial of a cause now pending in the county court of Augusta, in which I am plaintiff and you and others are defendants.

March 31—6t JACOB H. PLECKER.

GOOD TIME TO PAY.—I avail myself of this favorable opportunity to wind up my business, and therefore request all persons knowing themselves indebted to come forward and pay up, as longer indulgence cannot be given. All persons having claims of any kind whatever against me are requested to present them immediately.

Jan 13—tf. DAVID A. KAYSER.

SETTLE UP.—The undersigned wishing to pay all they are owing, and wishing all who are owing them to pay, call upon those who are indebted to them to settle up note or open account to come forward and settle up.

Dec. 30—tf J. M. HARDY & CO.

ONE DOLLAR REWARD!—Runaway from the subscriber, on the 8th of April, 1863, JAMES HARLOW an APPRENTICE, between 15 and 16 years old, to the Currying and Tanning trade. I warn all persons against employing or harboring said boy. JOHN L. FITZER,

April 21—3t-$2.50 Covington, Va.

BARK WANTED.—The subscriber will give the HIGHEST CASH price for one or two hundred cords of good CHESNUT OAK BARK, delivered in good order.

Mar 24—3mo*. JAS. MAYSE.

WANTED, 10,000 pounds Tallow, Lard, old grease, rancid butter, For which I will pay the highest market price. JOHN B. HOGE.

Nov. 4—tf.

NOTICE.—Taken up by the subscriber some time ago, a WHITE AND RED COW AND CALF, in a dying condition, which the owner can have by proving property and paying expenses.

April 21—3t* L. B. WADDELL.

ALMANAC FOR 1863.—The Confederate States Almanac for 1863, containing the Constitution of the Confederate States, with a variety of useful statistical and other matter, just received and for sale by ROBERT COWAN.

Jan 27—tf

WOOL.—I wish to purchase 20,000 lbs of good fleece Wool, payable in either Confederate money or specie.

April 7—2mos. JOHN B. HOGE.

Rockingham Register copy and send bill.

A SUBSTITUTE WANTED.—I wish to employ a Substitute for the War. One over 45 years of age preferred. He can select the branch of the service he prefers. H. H. PECK.

March 16—tf.

WANTED—A SUBSTITUTE.—The sum of $1400 will be given. For further information inquire at this Office.

April 7—4t*

HAVING disposed of our entire stock, we will proceed forthwith to settle all amounts due the concern. Persons having accounts against the same will please present them. ROANE & ALBY.

Dec 16

NOTICE.—We wish to purchase country soap and Scotch wool, at the Staunton Woolen Mills, either for cash or in exchange for Goods.

Mar 3—3mo CRAWFORD & YOUNG.

Rock. Register copy and send bill to this office.

WANTED—3 or 4 MINERS to work in one Iron Mines at Bushee Furnace, Augusta Co., Va. Liberal wages will be given.

April 21—3t*-Vis copy BURKE & KUNKLE.

COTTON BATS.—Just received 27 Bales COTTON BATS.

Oct 21. JOHN B HOGE.

NEW GOODS.—Just received, a small lot of COATS and PANTS, together with a lot piece GOODS. ROANE & ALBY.

Oct 28—tf

WANTED, A SUBSTITUTE for the war. Applies at my office.

Oct 28—tf. GEO. TAYLOR.

FRESH FRUIT SEEDS.—Just received from the Agent in Paris, a variety of popular Fruit Seeds. ROBT. COWAN.

CALICOES!!—Just received a lot of fast colors Calicoes. ROBT. COWAN.

March 16.

PUBLIC SALES.

VERY DESIRABLE MOUNTAIN LANDS FOR SALE.

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Nelson county, November 18, 1862, pronounced then in the case of Mason vs. Mason, being a friendly suit for the division of certain MOUNTAIN LANDS belonging to the estate of the late Wm. Mason, we shall, as Commissioners of the Court in said suit, offer at auction on the premises, on

Tuesday, the 16th day of June, 1863,

regardless of weather, all the Mountain Lands of said decedent, not heretofore sold—i.e.,

MONTEBELLO TRACT,

containing 1,390 Acres, and lying on the head waters of Tye River, and through which runs the old Tye River and Blue Ridge Turnpike road. Several hundred acres are in a good state of cultivation, and under good fencing. The improvements consist of a comfortable Dwelling, with six Rooms and Passage, Kitchen, Meat and Ice-house, and several excellent cabins for servants, barn, stables, tobacco house, an excellent pack-house, blacksmith's shop, saw and grist mill, and in addition to all, a fine apple orchard in full bearing condition. This place is the best one-horse farm in Virginia for a tan yard and cooper establishment on a large scale, having plenty of wood and bark of the best quality on it and around it. 14 miles Nelson Court House, 20 miles from Lynchburg, and 4 miles from Montebello, on the same road towards Midway—250 acres, about 50 of which are cleared and under fence.

Mt. The Slade Tract,

two miles from Montebello, on the same road towards Midway—250 acres, about 50 of which are cleared and under fence.

The "GRUB TRACT," 200 acres, adjoining Montebello, and unimproved.

4th Two small entries of 51 and 93 acres, respectively, about one mile from Montebello.

And, on the Saturday following, good or bad weather, we will sell, at the village of New Market, Nelson county, a Lot containing a half acre, or more, of land belonging to the same estate.

TERMS, both sales 6, 12, and 18 months, with personal security, and title retained till payment.

J. WARWICK
JOS. LIGON,
THOS. J. MASSIE,
Commissioners.

April 21—4ds.

PUBLIC SALE.—We will sell at public auction at Buchanan, Botetourt county, Va., on Wednesday, the 6th day of June next, about FIFTY STAGE HORSES, CARRIAGES AND HACKS, together with a large quantity of Stage and Carriage HARNESS. These Coaches, &c., belong to the late firm of Harman, Mason & Co., and of the very best manufacture and most of them in good condition.

Also, at Staunton, on Saturday, the 9th day of May, next, a large lot of Stage and Carriage HARNESS, in very good condition, much of it as good as new.

Terms of sale—Cash, or negotiable note well endorsed, at six months, with interest added.

By order of the Stockholders,
C. B. MASON, Gen'l Supt.

April 14—tds.

VALUABLE WOMAN AND CHILDREN FOR SALE.—The subscriber has a valuable WOMAN, which he does not desire to sell to some kind master who will treat them as they deserve. He does not wish to sell them to a trader or speculator, but to some one who will keep them for his own use. The Woman is an excellent house keeper, good cook, washer, &c. She is 30 years of age. Her oldest two children are daughters, aged respectively 5 and 3 years, and the youngest, a son, 4 months. They are stout and healthy. Address

April 21—4t—cost§2. JACOB DINKLE, sen.,
Bridgewater, Rockingham co., Va.

FOR SALE.—The subscriber will sell at private sale from 150 to 160 ACRES OF LAND, belonging to the farm known as the Whitmore Farm, 3½ miles East of Mt. Sidney. The land is of the best quality and in a good state of cultivation. For further particulars, address DANIEL WINE,

April 21—3t* Mt. Sidney, Augusta co., Va.

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. M. COBBS. W. D. MILLER. C. W. PRICE.

GENERAL COMMISSION & DRY GOODS HOUSE,
LYNCHBURG, VA.

COBBS, MILLER & PRICE

HAVING associated themselves in business, and opened at the old stand of James M. Cobbs, No. 146, Main street, will receive on consignment, and give their personal attention to the sale of Manufactured Tobacco, Leaf Tobacco, Cotton, Rice, Wheat, Flour, Meal, Bacon, Lard, Butter, Salt, and all kinds of produce consigned to them, and will make liberal cash advancements on produce when in hand. We also expect to keep a general assortment of Dry Goods, and sell them at prices as low as the exorbitant prices for which we have been selling for the last year.

COBBS, MILLER & PRICE.

April 21—6mos.

LIST OF DESERTERS FROM THE STAUNTON ARTILLERY.—The following named persons, members of the Staunton Artillery, are now absent without leave, and are regarded as deserters. A Reward of $30 each, will be paid for their apprehension and delivery to their Company, viz:—

PRIVATES:

Terence O'Conner, Staunton, said to be in the 6th Va. Cavalry.
Robert Eddings, Port Republic, now in Staunton.
H. Row, near Greenville, Augusta county.
John Fuller, Marcellus Robinson, Martin Cannon, Patrick Riordan; George Brown; Staunton.
F. A. Markley, near Middlebrook, Augusta Co.
John F. Ryan, Scottsville.
Wm. F. Mader, near Mint Spring.
John Fanbaid, J. T. Robertson, Stafford Co.
John King, alias Haley, Maryland.
A. W. GARBER, Capt. Staunton Artillery,
Camp near Bowling Green, Va.

March 21—tf.

OFFICE OF CONFEDERATE STATES' DEPOSITARY, Staunton, March 31st, 1863.

The holders of Treasury notes are hereby notified that their notes may be forthwith funded at this office upon the following terms:

All treasury notes not bearing interest which bear date prior to the 1st December, 1862, are entitled to be funded in Eight per cents up to the 2d April next, after which date they can only be funded in Seven per cents.

All treasury notes not bearing interest, which bear date subsequent to the 1st December, 1862, are entitled to be funded in Seven per cents.

Certificates for the amounts paid will be issued to the parties which will be taken up in bonds or stock, bearing the same date and interest as soon as they can be obtained. By order Secretary Treasury.

Mar 31—1 mo. A. F. KINNEY,
C. S. Depositary

TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF PHILIP G. ALMARODE, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED:

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, STAUNTON, VA., April 21, 1863.

You are hereby notified, that, at the request of Margaret Almarode, administratrix of the estate of the said Philip G. Almarode, deceased, I have appointed the 20th day of May next, at my office, for receiving proof of debts or demands against the said decedent, or his estate, at which time and place you are requested to attend.

Given under my hand as Commissioner of the County Court of Augusta County, the day and year first aforesaid. WM. G. STIERETT,

April 21—6t Commissioner

DENTAL NOTICE.—DR. JAMES HARRIS, DENTIST, (GRADUATE OF THE BALTIMORE COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGERY,)—Will spend Court week and the week following of every month in Harrisonburg, where he will be pleased to wait on all those wishing his professional aid. All operations guaranteed equal to any. Office in Hill's Hotel. The remainder of his time will be occupied in attending to the calls of his patients in the vicinity of Mt. Meridian, Augusta county, Va. Address Mt. Meridian or Harrisonburg, Va. JAS. H. HARRIS.

Feb 17 '63—1y

J. R. SYRCLE & CO.,
GENERAL
COMMISSION & FORWARDING MERCHANTS
THIRD DOOR FROM CORNER 15TH AND CARY STS.,
RICHMOND, VA.,

SOLICIT consignments of TOBACCO, WHEAT, FLOUR and PRODUCE generally. All orders for Merchandise of any description will be promptly filled when accompanied with cash or its equivalent.

LIBERAL ADVANCES MADE ON PRODUCE IN STORE.

Feb. 24, 1863—3y.

NOTICE.—I wish to employ a good FARMER to take charge of a small farm and four or five hands near Staunton, Augusta county. A single man preferred. Apply to

April 21—tf A. B. THOTTEN, Staunton, Va.

PROCLAMATIONS

BY THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

A PROCLAMATION.

By the Ordinance of the Convention and the laws of the Commonwealth, it is prescribed that elections shall be held on the fourth Thursday of May next, being the 28th day of the month, for the following officers, to-wit:

For the State—Lieutenant Governor, Representatives of the Confederate States for each Congressional District in this State, all those electors the qualified voters shall be citizens, citizens and election districts, provided in Representation in the Commonwealth, may vote at the several places of voting prescribed by law, and also the qualified voters who may be in the military service of the State or of the Confederate States, may vote at such place of places within their regiment as the Commandant of such regiment shall designate, whether such regiment be within the limits of this State or not, the qualified voters in any company of artillery, attached, or in detached service, may vote in the counter, and the qualified voters in any county or corporation, absent therefrom because of the presence of the public enemy, may vote at the court house of any county or corporation in the State where they may happen to be on the day of said election.

For the election of members of the Senate of Virginia, Alexandria, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Jefferson, Clarke, Warren, Page, Shenandoah, Hardy, Frederick, Hampshire, Berkeley, Morgan, Pendleton, Randolph, Harbour, Upshur, Tucker, Rhane, Harrison, Preston, Monongalia, Marion, Taylor, Braxton, Lewis, Doddridge, Tyler, Wetzel, Marshall, Ohio, Brooke, Hancock, Ritchie, Gilmer, Wood, Wirt, Mason, Jackson and Pleasants. Also the qualified voters of any county or corporation of said district, absent therefrom because of the presence of the public enemy, may vote at the court house of any county or corporation in the State where they may happen to be on the day of said election.

For the election of the Senators in the State Senate for the second district, comprising the counties, cities and election districts composing the first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth, eleventh, twelfth, fifteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, twenty-first, twenty-third, twenty-fifth, twenty-seventh, twenty-ninth, thirty-first, thirty-third, thirty-fifth, thirty-seventh, thirty-ninth, forty-first, forty-third, forty-fifth, forty-seventh, forty-ninth districts as designated in the fourth section of the fourth article of the Constitution of the State. And for the election of members of the House of Delegates for all the counties, cities and election districts in the State entitled to representation. In these elections the qualified voters who are authorized to vote in the election of Governor, as hereinbefore designated, are also entitled to vote.

Therefore, I, JOHN LETCHER, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, by virtue of authority vested in the executive by law, do hereby proclaim and make known that all the elections hereinbefore mentioned shall take place on the day designated, at the places prescribed and in the mode prescribed by law, and in conformity to a request made by the President of the Confederate States, I do hereby order and call commandants of camps, posts and detachments in command of Virginia troops, requiring them to give their aid in the due execution of the ordinance of the Convention and of this act providing for these elections.

Again, the funding of Treasury notes has taken probably two hundred and fifty millions of currency out of circulation. This will make money comparatively scarce and must tend to bring down prices. Currency is as much the measure of value as the yard-stick and bushel are of quantity. If you double the quantity of money you double the prices of property. So if you reduce it one-half, prices must come down in the same ratio.

The funding process has absorbed probably one-third or more of the currency, and we must look for a corresponding decline in the prices of agricultural productions. If to this course be superadded the diminished competition in the market by the withdrawal of the Government from the market as a purchaser, we may pretty safely say that the products of our farmers will fall to one-half the present prices.

But it must not be supposed that this decline will be injurious to the farmer. Far from it. Although he may get less money for his produce, it will be of better quality, as it will approximate more nearly to the standard of gold and silver, the true constitutional standard of value. The decline in prices will not be limited to what the farmer has to sell. The same causes will operate in reducing the price of what he has to buy. Cottons, woolens, tobacco, &c., must soon go down rapidly, and we to the speculators who have been hoarding for an advance. The present high prices are artificial, produced by the devices of speculators and extortioners, and a senseless panic among the people. If the farmers will act wisely, speculators and extortioners will be caught in their own traps.

My advice to farmers then is—sell all you can spare, speedily, so as to get, as far as you can the benefit of the good prices, and buy nothing that is not indispensably necessary until the fall brings down the prices. The general decline has commenced. And unless I am greatly deceived, cotton yarns and cloths will soon fall 50 per cent.—possibly more. Tobacco has already declined to about one-half of the speculation prices, and now cotton in the South has fallen from 42 cents to 20 cents per pound. Be assured a better time is coming.

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A despatch from Cincinnati, dated the 19th, says that Major Gen. Burnside has issued an order pronouncing the death penalty on all persons found guilty of aiding the rebels. All persons sympathizing with the rebels are to be arrested and tried, or sent beyond the lines.

POETRY.

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Be gentle! for you little know
How many trials rise
Although to thee they may be small,
To her, of giant size

Be gentle! though perchance that she
May speak a murmuring tone,
The heart may beat with kindness yet,
And joy be thine own

Be gentle! weary hours of pain
Tis woman's lot to bear
Then yield her what supports thou canst,
And aid her sorrows share

Be gentle! for the noblest hearts
At times may have some grief,
And some unkind word
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ADVICE TO FARMERS.

The first section of the tax bill recently passed by Congress, imposes a tax of 8 per cent. on all flour, and other agricultural productions not necessary for consumption within the balance of the year 1863, which the farmers may have on hand on the 1st July next.

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But there are other considerations which recommend this course. The tax in kind which is to be levied, by which the farmer will be obliged to pay one-tenth of his wheat, corn, rye, oats, buckwheat, wool, potatoes, beans, hay, fodder, &c., will supply the Government to a great extent with those articles. The Government will, therefore, be taken out of the market, as a purchaser of those articles for the army, and in the absence of the Government demand, prices must materially decline.

Again, the funding of Treasury notes has taken probably two hundred and fifty millions of currency out of circulation. This will make money comparatively scarce and must tend to bring down prices. Currency is as much the measure of value as the yard-stick and bushel are of quantity. If you double the quantity of money you double the prices of property. So if you reduce it one-half, prices must come down in the same ratio.

The funding process has absorbed probably one-third or more of the currency, and we must look for a corresponding decline in the prices of agricultural productions. If to this course be superadded the diminished competition in the market by the withdrawal of the Government from the market as a purchaser, we may pretty safely say that the products of our farmers will fall to one-half the present prices.

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FROM DOWN THE VALLEY.

On the 23d ult, about five hundred Yankee soldiers rushed suddenly and unexpectedly into the town of Woodstock at about 3 o'clock, P. M., and took Mr. Chas. Welch and others prisoners to be held as hostages for the notorious Smurr who has been sent to the penitentiary, but whom the Yankees maintained had been executed by our forces. They remained but about twenty minutes, and hurried away, as the "wicked flee when no man pursueth."

The Rockingham *Register* says that Mrs. Fountaine a daughter of Mr. Welch went to Winchester, to see Milroy, commanding the Federal forces at that place, who told her he understood that Smurr had been executed, and that he would hold her father as a hostage, at the same time declaring it to be his intention to arrest or seize eleven other men, prominent citizens of Woodstock, to be held in like manner, swearing that Smurr was a citizen employed by him to guide his command through this Valley, and no spy, &c., with his usual brutishness stating that "Smurr was worth a dozen d—d rebels of Jeff Davis."

This whole raid was characterized by a brutality and fiendishness unparalleled in the history of the war in this Valley. In coming through Cedar Creek Valley, where a number of friends and neighbors had convened to bury W. M. Bauserman, dec'd, (a member of Captain Pierce's company,) the Yankees suddenly dashed upon them, causing great alarm, when many of those present endeavored to escape, but were fired upon by the Yankees, although, beyond a doubt, they were known to be citizens, mortally wounding W. J. Conner, (since dead) and Moses Hammond in leg seriously; the latter they carried off. They also captured Lewis Orndoff, and after he had surrendered himself to their will and had been conveyed a considerable distance to the house of Mr. John Orndoff, father of Lewis Orndoff, they observed that he wore a pair of blue pantaloons, whereupon they called him "a d—d bushwhacker!" and said that he must be killed, when one of them deliberately shot at him with a pistol five times, two of which shots took effect, wounding him seriously.

A letter written in Woodstock, on the day this raid occurred says that, "Major Myers having passed down with a picket of about 30 to 40 men this morning, we felt much apprehension on their account, which has been relieved, however, this evening, by learning that he, with most of his men, is safe. It appears that this morning a force of the enemy's cavalry, advancing from Strasburg, made its appearance in front of him, whom he boldly engaged until he found their number too great to withstand, and hearing of the approach of the flanking force in the rear, he endeavored to reach here before the enemy, but encountered them below Mawrytown, 4 miles from this place in the direction of Strasburg. Nothing daunted, he bravely attacked them with his little band, and after some figoting his men divided, some taking to the Fort mountain, and the others to the opposite one, and we have reason to believe that very nearly all have made their escape. Our loss will hardly exceed one mortally wounded and a few wounded. The damage done the Yankees cannot, of course, be accurately ascertained, but they are known to have suffered. A young man named Pangle, I think, is now near town, supposed to be mortally wounded, which he declares occurred after he surrendered. He is a member of Hess' company. Another by the name of Day, is said, also, to be wounded. The Yankees burned a couple of wagons."

Just a week after the occurrences above mentioned, Major S. B. Myers with a very small force repulsed two regiments of the enemy in a fair fight, killed and wounded a number, and took some prisoners and horses, and had but one man severely wounded. The following despatch refers to this gallant fight:

"NEAR FISHER'S HILL, 7 P. M.,
April 28, 1863.

To Lt. Col. Funston, commanding:—

Two regiments of cavalry advanced on us to-day, coming from Wardensville.—Company Q gave them fits. I have just been over the scene of conflict, where they left six dead, and two severely, if not mortally wounded. We captured, I think, 8, probably 10 prisoners, some dozen horses. They have four regiments of infantry, two regiments of cavalry and several pieces artillery. We had one man severely, if not mortally, wounded, our only loss. I am certain that their loss, killed, wounded and prisoners, is not less than forty. It was a glorious fight."

On Saturday week, a portion of the force of Gen. Wm. E. Jones, had a fight with nine companies of Yankees who had taken refuge in a Church at Greenland in Fauquier county. As they refused to surrender, and as they were so well prepared as to make the fight an uneven one, our boys set fire to the church.—When the Yanks could no longer stand the fire they surrendered unconditionally.

In this fight we lost some 4 or 5 killed and about 20 wounded. Among the killed were Col. Dulaney, Major [illegible] and one or two captains. We took about 80 prisoners, which, with 15 others taken near Strasburg, and a small blockade running jews, we passed by place on Saturday evening. There we saw these hard-fisted men and thought of the good [illegible] killed and wounded we felt sorry for them, and say that they had not [illegible] forever.

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[illegible] Article I, section 7th of the Constitution of Virginia says, in express terms, that, "No attorney for the Commonwealth shall be capable of being elected a member of either House of Assembly."

☞ Mr. John Paris is recommended as a suitable person to be elected a Justice of the Peace in District No. 1, in place of the Justice recently commissioned by the resignation of Samuel B. Brown, Esq.

THE BLOODIEST BATTLE OF THE WAR IS IMMINENT.

The Yankee army on the Rappahannock seems to have aroused from the comatose state in which it has existed since the battle of Fredericksburg, on the 13th December last, when our gallant boys put thirty thousand of them "off duty forever." The Yankee army was then commanded by Burnside. It is now under the command of "Fighting Joe Hooker," who seems determined to vindicate his title to his bellicose *soubriquet*. On Wednesday morning last, the 29th ult., he commenced crossing the Rappahannock on pontoon bridges about two miles below Fredericksburg. As it was very early in the morning, and there being a heavy fog on the river, some of his men crossed and succeeded in surprising our pickets, and capturing, it is reported, about eighty of them. The enemy continued to cross in great numbers, and there was considerable skirmishing during the day between them and the 13th Georgia and 2d La. regiments, in which the loss is reported to be about eighty in killed, wounded and missing. At the same time the enemy attempted to cross 4 miles above Fredericksburg, but was repulsed by Wilcox's Brigade.

On the same day, a column entered Culpeper county, on the way towards Gordonsville. Our forces under Gen'l Fitzhugh Lee engaged this column, but were compelled to fall back before the vastly superior numbers of the enemy. The enemy, in large force, occupy Culpeper Court House.

The forces which crossed the river near Fredericksburg, do not seem to be in a hurry to engage ours which are impatiently awaiting their advance. Whenever they do advance to meet our brave and warm-hearted soldiers they will be cordially greeted, and will be welcomed with bloody hands to hospitable graves. "Fighting Joe" may well hesitate, for there is surely a lion in the way. His march Lee-ward will be a crippled and halting one. It is said that Gen'l Lee predicted that the battle at Fredericksburg now imminent would be the bloodiest of the war. If this proves to be true, the slaughter will be terrible, and the killed and wounded will be counted by thousands.

A portion of the enemy's forces which crossed the river higher up have been more active than those which crossed below Fredericksburg. A force supposed to number about a thousand entered Louisa C. H. at 3 o'clock on Saturday morning last, and proceeded to destroy the Railroad track. The trains and army stores, having been previously moved, did not fall into the possession of the enemy, and they can inflict no greater injury than the damage they may do to the road, which it will not take a great while to repair. This is the news as far as received up to Sunday night.

P. S.—On Monday morning a telegram was received here which stated that Stonewall Jackson had, on Sunday, a fight with the enemy above Fredericksburg in which he captured five thousand prisoners. The loss on both sides is said to be heavy.

LATER:—The passengers by the train of last night report that a despatch had been received at Charlotteville stating that we had captured twelve or fifteen thousand prisoners, and that the enemy had been driven across the river. Our readers will be pained to hear that, it is reported, that Gen. Jackson was wounded, and that Gen'l Paxton, who commanded the Stonewall Brigade, was killed. We fear that many of the noble soldiers from this county have fallen in this terrible conflict. If they have, their friends may be consoled with the reflection that they offered up their lives on the sacred altar of their country's defence and were martyrs in the holy cause of freedom.

Those who fall in this glorious struggle will have their memories embalmed in the grateful hearts of their countrymen, and will have their names linked with immortality.

"No king, no saint, hath tomb so proud,
As he whose flag becomes his shroud"

FROM GEN. IMBODEN'S COMMAND.

Our readers are aware of the fact that the command of Gen'l Imboden, reinforced by the 25th and 31st regiments, and also the 22nd regiment, the last of which has been stationed at Lewisburg in Greenbrier county, is now out on an expedition of some importance.

A despatch was received from Gen'l Imboden by Maj. H. M. Bell of this place on Tuesday last, after our paper had been issued, which stated that he attacked the enemy on Friday, the 24th ult., on the heights in the rear of Beverly, in Randolph county, and defeated and drove them from their position, and pursued them till dark on the Phillipa road. The enemy burnt their commissary stores and a considerable portion of the town. In this fight, our forces captured 16 prisoners, who arrived here on Thursday evening last, 5 new army wagons, thirty odd horses and 34 enfield rifles. We had none killed, and but a few badly wounded. The loss of the enemy is unknown, as they removed all before they retreated.

A communication a few days later from Gen'l Imboden to Maj. Bell stated that the enemy were fleeing and that our forces were pursuing, and that they expected to be in Clarksburg, the county seat of Harrison, in a few days more.

He also stated that he had reliable intelligence that Gen'l Wm. E. Jones had succeeded in destroying the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for a considerable distance. It is supposed that he destroyed the high trestle work on that road in Preston county which it required immense labor, and many months to construct. On the 30th of April, Lincoln issued his proclamation admitting Western Virginia as a State into the United States Gen'ls Jones and Imboden are now issuing a counter proclamation.—It will be seen whether, in this case, the "pen is mightier than the sword."

THE RESULT OF SLANDERS.

The slanders which were refuted in our last issue by the letter of Col. Baldwin to Maj. Brathwaite have been industriously circulated in the army with the view of poisoning the minds of the soldiers against one of their best friends. These false charges have had the effect, for the time, of effecting the result designed by the authors and disseminators of them. The following extract from a communication written in the army and published in the last "Rockingham Register" shows what effect these foul slanders have had upon the minds of the soldiers. This communication was written by one who expressed his preference for Lt. Col. Skinner, and was not therefore influenced by partiality for Col. Baldwin.

The following is the extract to which we refer:

"The approaching election is but little discussed. Indeed the little interest manifested by the soldiers, amounts to indifference. Among the few expressions we have heard, were some severe strictures upon the course of our Congressman, Col. Baldwin. His advocacy of the "flogging doctrine," and opposition to the increase of soldiers' pay have rendered him deservedly unpopular. At a meeting of the 5th Va. Regiment, composed mainly of Col. B's countrymen, the disapproval of his course was decided and emphatic. This was expressed in series of resolutions calling upon Col. Wm. H. Harman to announce himself a candidate. This we learn from an intelligent gentleman, a member of that regiment. Where is our gallant Skinner? Will he not enter the lists? He is our preference."

We should suppose that Col. Harman would not feel at all complimented by a nomination thus obtained. Truth does not travel as fast as malicious slanders, but in this case it will be sure to reach the army in time to enable the soldiers to see the great injustice and wrong that have been done to one of their best friends.

THE AXE-GRINDERS.

Our reference to those who have "axes to grind" seems to "*grind*" the feelings of the Editor of the "Vindicator." He manifests so much sensitiveness upon the subject that those who do not know his exalted motives of patriotism in desiring the defeat of one against whom he has urged no objection may be led to infer that he, too, has an "axe to grind." The result of the election in this county will show that the great mass, approximating unanimity, will cast their votes for Col Baldwin. The great mass having no purposes of private interest to accomplish, and looking alone to the public interests, will cast their votes for him who is their present able, efficient, industrious and attentive representative, against whom no objection has been urged save those based upon false and malicious slanders. We have no fears of exciting party prejudices, against which the "Vindicator" so kindly and generously cautions us, by speaking of those who have "axes to grind;" for we know that those who do not belong to the axe-grinding class have sense enough to know that we do not allude to them. They know who have "axes to grind," and know whom the "cap fits." They know that we are opposed to resurrecting the dead body of party prejudice which has been buried, as we fondly hope, in the "tomb of the Capulets."

The "Vindicator" may distrust the patriotism of those who have been heretofore connected with the Democratic party, but we have the most implicit confidence in the pure and disinterested patriotism of the great mass of them, and upon this confidence we base the hope of seeing them rebuke with withering scorn the *few* who have "axes to grind." The result in the county will show who has the best appreciation of the patriotism of the people irrespective of former party divisions.—We expect to witness the sublime spectacle of the whole people of the county (with the exception, of course, of those having "axes to grind") rallying in solid column, in a pure spirit of patriotism, to the support of Col. Baldwin. The people, who look alone to the public interest, will not put their seal of condemnation upon the conduct of their chosen representative without having a reason for so doing. The slanders that have been circulated to his prejudice, and the wrongs inflicted upon him will have the effect of adding increased energy to their purpose to support him. The soldiers may rest assured that their fathers, brothers and friends at home, who know the facts, will support him cheerfully in preference to his competitor—not that they love Letcher less, but that they love Baldwin more.

PRICES OF PRODUCE.

The committee appointed by the Court to determine the prices of produce, in accordance with the plan suggested by the Secretary of War, met at the Clerk's Office on yesterday and fixed uniform prices at the rates published by the Committee in another column.

We invite attention to them, and hope that the people will take pleasure in furnishing all the surplus supplies they have to spare. The prices fixed are liberal, and no one should hesitate to furnish all they can spare.

☞ Congress adjourned on Friday night last.

HENRY CLAY ON ABOLITIONISTS.—Henry Clay, in one of his speeches in Congress, spoke of the abolitionists in these words:

"With them, the rights of property are nothing; the delicacy of the powers of the General Government, is nothing; the acknowledged and incontestible powers of the States are nothing; the dissolution of the Union, and the overthrow of a Government in which are concentrated the hopes of the civilized world, are nothing. A single idea has taken possession of their minds, and onward they pursue it, overlooking all barriers, reckless and regardless of all consequences."

TRUE NAMES.—The names of the men who went across the river at Vicksburg and set fire to Arnold's building to light up the river that our ships at the batteries might have a good view of the Yankee boats, are John Sears and Burton of the 1st Tennessee regiment heavy artillery, and Charles Brown, of the 3rd Louisiana. Let these worthies be given them as an approbation of such meritorious conduct.

GEN. JOHN MORGAN.—It is stated that Gen. John Morgan recently escaped capture while his Yankees made their raid upon Hartsville a short time ago. He laughingly with his wife, and accompanied by a single lady friend, in coming from a ball, when the Yankees were close upon them, escaped.

SAMUEL PRICE Esq., of GREENBRIER.

The following notice of Mr. Price should have appeared in the issue of week before last, when his announcement was first published, and has been delayed to the present issue in consequence of the want of space.

It will be seen by an announcement in another column that Samuel Price, Esq., of Greenbrier, has consented to become a candidate for the office of Lt. Governor.

As we have known him personally for a number of years, we can speak knowingly of his character and qualifications. We do not propose in this brief notice to bestow an eulogium upon his character—he is so well known throughout the State, and particularly in Western Virginia, by virtue of the different public trusts which have been confided to him, that we deem an extended notice unnecessary. He is a man of good sense and sound judgment, and of unreproachable private character. He is a good citizen and a member of the church. He is loyal to the Confederacy, as has been clearly established by the fact that he preferred imprisonment to taking the oath of allegiance to the Government of Lincoln, while he was confined in Lewisburg at the time the oath was presented to him. We saw him an hour after, and had the pleasure of congratulating him on the firmness and loyalty displayed by him, in refusing to take the oath, with the remark to the Yankee General in command, "*That the whole U. S. Army could not make him take that oath.*" He was under arrest, as a prisoner, when we spoke to him, soon after was taken from his home, and held under arrest in Charleston, Kanawha, till he was released by the capture of that place, by the forces under the command of Gen'l Loring.—He is a good lawyer, and has been quite successful in the practice of his profession. He has represented, with efficiency, the county of Greenbrier in the Legislature for a number of terms. He was elected a member of the State Convention to revise the Constitution in 1850, and was also a member of the Convention of 1861 which exhausted all the peaceful means of redress before resorting to the *ultima ratio*—the stern arbitrament of the sword. He, like the good people of this section, was in favor of preserving peace if it could be done consistently with honor, but when Lincoln trampled contemptuously upon the olive branch of peace and drew the sword to spill the hearts' blood of the Southern people, he, like our people, was for "war to the knife, and the knife to the hilt."

THE BLACK FLAG.

The *Examiner* learns from an officer in the army of the West some particulars of the killing of Capt. Freeman by the Yankees. It will be recollected that Capt. Freeman commanded a battery in Van Dorn's command, and was taken, with a part of his battery, at the attack on Franklin, Tenn. It seems when Capt. Freeman's battery was captured and he and his subordinate officers sent to the rear, our cavalry made a dash at the Yankees, resolving to reacquire our battery at all hazards. The Yankees, to meet this charge, ordered Capt. Freeman to take command of his guns and use them against our cavalry. To this inhuman demand the brave Freeman flatly refused obedience, and instantly fell pierced by more than a hundred balls. The fact of his assassination immediately reached our men, and they instantly resolved, one and all, that no more prisoners were to be taken—the black flag, in all its dreadful purport, was raised, and the gallant Freeman was avenged. Not one prisoner was taken that day.

CONGRESSIONAL.

On Thursday last, in the Senate, the bill increasing the pay of soldiers was postponed until the next session. The House bill, to establish a Provisional Navy, was passed. The bill amending the Exemption Act of last session was finally passed by both houses. It repeals the overseer clause of that act, but exempts "one person on each farm or plantation, the sole property of an insane, or unsound mind, or *feme sole*, or a person absent from home in the military or naval service of the Confederacy, on which there are twenty or more slaves," with various conditions. One proviso requires the owner of the slaves to pay annually into the Treasury the sum of $500.

On Friday, the Senate passed the House bill placing in the military service after the first of July next all citizens of the United States including Marylanders residing or sojourning in the Confederate States.

The House amendment to the bill establishing a flag, concurred in.

A message from the President was received with a disapproval of the act to authorize transmission of newspapers to soldiers free of postage.

FROM THE WEST.

JACKSON, May 1.—The enemy advanced, and fighting began at Grand Gulf, this morning, at one. The fight continued at 4 o'clock, when the enemy was repulsed. The battle was renewed at 5 o'clock; the enemy explained Wade's (Va.) battery, which was concealed this evening, and the enemy driven over a mile from the battle field. The firing has ceased. Loss heavy on both sides. Gen. Bowen's horse was struck four times, in a charge on the enemy.

A special despatch to the Rebel from Huntsville the 1st says:

Forrest repulsed the enemy with considerable loss yesterday at Danville, fifteen miles from Decatur, and is still pursuing.

Our loss 51.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PRICES FIXED BY THE COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the appointment made by the county court of Augusta, at the May term, 1863, to establish the prices of the agricultural products of the county, of the present crop on hand, the following members of the Committee were present: Thornton Berry, John Trimble, Col. Wm. S. Sproul, Jacob Baylor, John J. Larew, Benj. F. McClung, Col. David A. Bell, J. D. Craig, Thomas F. Wilson, Thomas Burke, D. N. Vanlear, J. G. Fulton and Dr. Jos. Wilson.

On motion, J. G. Fulton was appointed Chairman and J. D. Craig, Secretary.

On motion, the prices fixed by this Committee at the place of payment and delivery, are as follows:

May, $1.50 per bushel; Wheat, $1.50 per bushel; Corn, 84 50; Rye, 84 00; Buckwheat, $1.00 per bushel; Flour, $06.00 in barrels, or $03.00 for a half barrel; Corn Meal, $1.75.

On motion, the Secretary is directed to publish the proceedings in the Spectator and Vindicator.

J. G. FULTON, Chairman.

J. D. CRAIG, Secretary.

May 5—1t. ☞ Vin. copy.

NOTICE.—The undersigned has removed to Dr. Young's old stand, where he will be pleased to see his friends and customers. Having purchased Dr. Young his entire stock of Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, &c., and having engaged the services of a competent druggist, he hopes to merit a share of patronage. Such articles as are not in the line of his business will be promptly procured at short notice.

F. H. Waterbury and Jos. Kyle, Jr., will continue to work in the shop.

May 5—1t. F. H. WATERBURY.

NOTICE.

Of age, and of sound mind and disposition, I hereby give my son, JAMES WALKER, his time to act for himself, and I will not be responsible for any debts he may contract, nor will I claim any of his earnings.

May 5—1t. A. LANG.

MARRIED.

On the evening of the 28th ult., by Rev. D. M. Gilbert, HENRY C. GRIFFIN and Miss ANNIE M. JAMISON, both of Staunton, Va.

On the 23d of April, in Georgia, by the Rev. B. Avergnet, A. H. LUCK, Esq., and VIRGINIA M., daughter of John Gibbons, of Rockingham co., Va.

On Sunday, the 26th ult., at the residence of Dr. Nash, by Rev. D. Currie, Mr. WM. McK. FISHBACK, of Bridgewater, and Miss BETTIE K. BARAX, both of Rockingham.

At Shole's Mill, in Page county, on the 23d ult., by Rev. J. P. Cline, BENJAMIN KITE, and ELIZA BETH A., youngest daughter of John Strole, Esq.

On Sunday, the 26th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, by the same, HENRY M. SMOOTZ and CYNTHIANA CUMMINGS.

☞ OBITUARIES must be all paid in advance at the rate of TEN CENTS PER LINE.

DIED.

Died suddenly in Charleston, Kanawha, on the 7th day of April, 1863, in the 56th year of her age, Mrs. CATHERINE F., wife of Mr. John G. Wright.

At the late residence of her father, near Waynesboro, on Monday, the 28th ult., WILLIAM H. PATTERSON, in the 22d year of his age.

On the 24th ult., near Rome, Ga., of Diptheria and Croup, JOHN W., son of John P. & Malina C. Hulse, aged about four years and eight months. Recently from Staunton, Virginia.

At Mint Spring, on the 10th of April, FRANCIS TAYLOR, son of William and Mary J. Beard, aged 16 years, 6 months and 18 days. Although he was a cripple from his infancy, we have reason to hope that he is now in Heaven among the blest. He was the joy of the fond hearts of his parents, but they weep for him as those without hope, for he left with them the great consolation that he was not prepared to die. Their sorrow is mitigated by the reflection that he died in the Lord, and they can only submit knowing it is the Lord.

Alas! how changed that lovely flower,
Which bloomed and cheered my heart.
Fair, fleeting comfort of an hour,
How soon we're called to part. M. C. B.

At the Federal Prison, at Alton, Illinois, on the 18th March, 1863, of Chronic Diarrhoea, WILLIS H. HEAR, in the 20th year of his age, son of Christian and Margaret Hear, of Churchville, Augusta co., Va.

The deceased was a member of the Cavalry company of his native place, from its organization, and when the company was rallied into three rivals at the commencement of the war, he wished to go with it, but being under age, unused to hardship and exposure and of rather a delicate temperament, his parents opposed it, but as soon as he arrived at the proper age, (August 1861) he entered the service in which he remained until the 29th of November, 1862, when he with a number of others was captured by a body of the enemy who made a raid into Greenbrier county.

He was from principle a soldier, loving his country and its rights, and despising the cruel purpose of the usurping foe. As yet a thin poet, obedient and respectful to officers, and courteous to fellows, all of whom admired him, and who spoke of "Willie" with a kind of reverence and respect that amounted to love.

In camp the Bible was his companion, and moral men his chosen associates. From early childhood, through the training of school days, and in the camp, I have known him, and only to value him.

In him were the principles of truth, sobriety and morality; in short, every principle that helps to constitute a gentleman were more fully developed than in any other one of whom I ever knew. Having too much regard for truth, to violate the principles in jest or in seeming candor, and constantly making the precepts of the Bible his guide of conduct, he was affectionate and dutiful to parents, devoted to brothers and sisters, noble and lofty in purpose, and intelligent in mind, raising his standard of conduct so high that the vortex of camp life had no contaminating effect upon him.

He has gone we believe to that better clime, and entered in the "army of king Immanuel."

"Green be the turf above thee,
Friend of my early days.
None knew thee but to love thee,
None named thee but to praise." J. H. H.

IN MEMORIAM.

The session of Augusta Church at a meeting held on Sunday, 5th of April, adopted the following minute, commemorative of the death of their venerated brother in the Lord, JAMES CRAIG:

MR. JAMES CRAIG, a ruling Elder, in the Augusta Church, Va., died at his residence on the night of Friday, 27th of March 1863, in the 82d year of his age.

The deceased was a native of Augusta county and one of the oldest and most esteemed of her citizens. Nearly half a century ago he made a profession of faith in Christ, and was received into this Church under the ministry of that venerated man of God, Conrad Speece, D. D., who was then and for many years subsequent, its beloved Pastor. A few years later, (between 30 and 40 years ago) he was elected and ordained a ruling Elder, the duties of which office he continued faithfully to discharge up to the time of his death. He was indeed a Father in Israel; a venerable servant of God in whom there existed a visible semblance of the present with the past in the history of this Church. But the link is broken, the connection severed; his work is done; he is gone to his reward. In the event we can but mourn our own bereavement, for the counsels of the wise and the experience of the aged are always useful, but especially so when wisdom is regulated by a sanctified heart and experience is used for the promotion of Christ's kingdom upon earth. Yet are there furnished us, in the death of this aged servant of God, many occasions for thankfulness. God has graciously permitted him for a much longer period than is usually allotted to man to witness a good confession before this people. And when he would take him home he has been mercifully pleased to administer great strength and comfort in the hour when heart and flesh fail. For, according to his promise, to "strengthen His servants on the bed of languishing, and make all their bed in their sickness," (Ps. 41.) God in a wonderful manner, exempted him from physical suffering during the whole of his last illness. And as he finally came to pass through the dark valley, that opened into the eternal world, caused him to see the "rod and the staff" of his heavenly Shepherd, at once the symbols of His presence, His protection and His guidance. So that he was enabled fearless and joyful to engage in the struggle with the last enemy and triumph thro' hope, even when death seemed victorious; thus furnishing another testimonial to the truth of God's promises and the power of the religion of Christ. Therefore,

1st. While we deplore the loss sustained, in the removal from this session of a beloved and faithful member, and from this church, of a valued and efficient officer, we would, never the less, cheerfully acquiesce in the divine will, and gratefully acknowledge the mercy of God as exhibited even in our affliction.

2d. We tender to the bereaved family of the deceased our Christian sympathy; and we pray "God even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that he will make your consolation to abound through Christ."—II cor. 1:3.

F. R. HOWMAN, Moderator.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

"ROCKLAND MILLS" IN MARKET.

I WILL offer at public sale, *on Wednesday the 13th day of May, 1863*, the

"ROCKLAND MILLS"

Property, situated on North river, at the line between Augusta and Rockingham counties. These Mills have two pair of Burrs, Chopper, Plaster Mill, and an excellent Circular Saw Mill, all in good repair, with a new Dam and Race. There are

NINETEEN ACRES OF LAND,

upon which there are FOUR GOOD DWELLING HOUSES, Stores-house, Stables and Dairy, and other necessary outbuildings. If a sale is not effected, it will on that day be rented to the highest bidder.

TERMS:—One-half down when possession is given, and the remainder in two equal and annual payments from the time of possession, with interest; or all down as the purchaser may prefer. Confederate notes or 8 per cent. Bonds taken in payment. Possession will be given on the 15th day of June.

☞ Purchaser to take three tons about 75 BBLS. of GOOD SUPERFINE FLOUR.

May 5—4t PETER ROLLER.

SALE OF A VALUABLE FARM.—The undersigned, Executor of the estate of Daniel Miller, dec'd, will sell on Friday, the 22d day of May next, the VALUABLE FARM on which said Miller resided, lying 1½ and a half miles from Waynesboro, in Augusta County, on South River, and containing 404 ACRES, lying on both sides of South River. Some first rate bottom; 175 or 200 Acres cleared and the most of it finely set in grass, and the balance tolerably well timbered. A good land for the money per acre, with a good new mill. The Buildings are first rate, nearly all new and good orchard. A further description I deem unnecessary, presuming any person wishing to purchase will look at the property. This property is rented till 1st January, the renter gets the benefit of the crop, which contract will be turned over to the purchaser.

Terms will be accommodating and made known on day of sale. MARION COYNER.

May 5—4ts Executor.

PUBLIC SALE.—

The subscriber, as Administrator of Charles Armentrout, dec'd., will sell, at public auction, on the premises, one mile from Cyrus C. McCoy's, and three from Mt. Sidney, on Saturday, the 23d of May, the personal property of the said Charles Armentrout, dec'd, consisting of Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Farming Implements, and all kinds of Household and Kitchen Furniture.

The growing crop on the ground, consisting of Wheat, Rye and Barley, will also be sold.

The terms will be made known on the day of sale. The sale will commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

May 5—2t* HAVERLAND KERR,
Admr of Charles Armentrout, dec'd.

PUBLIC SALE.—

On Friday, the 29th day of May next, at the late residence of Jonathan Grabill, deceased, I will proceed to sell at public sale, the following personal property, to wit:

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May 5—2t

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

☞ Announcements of Candidates $5, to be paid in advance.

FOR GOVERNOR

☞ I am requested to announce that Gen. WM. L. SMITH, of Fauquier, is a candidate for the office of GOVERNOR of the State of Virginia, at the ensuing election.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

☞ SAMUEL PRICE, OF GREENBRIER.—We are authorized to say that this gentleman has consented to become a candidate for the office of LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR at the next election. [April 21—tde.

FOR CONGRESS.

We are authorized to announce Hon. JOHN B. BAldwin as a Candidate for re-election to the Congress of the Confederate States to the 11th Congressional District composed of the counties of Augusta, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Pendleton, Bath, Alleghany, Highland and Pocahontas.

May 1, 1863—tde

Papers in the District will copy and send bill to the Spectator Office.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT COMPOSED OF THE COUNTIES OF AUGUSTA, ROCKINGHAM, ROCKBRIDGE, PENDLETON, HIGHLAND, BATH, POCAHONTAS AND ALLEGHANY.

I have received numerous applications from friends in all the counties of the District, urging me to allow the use of my name as a candidate for Congress at the election in May next. The time has now arrived when in justice to them as well as to myself, my determination should be announced.

If it be the pleasure of the voters to return me to the next Congress of the Confederacy as their representative, I pledge myself to the use of all proper and honorable efforts to promote their interests and maintain the honor of our beloved Common wealth and of our youthful Confederacy.

It will be impossible for me to visit the several counties of the District prior to the election without disregarding official obligations imposed upon me by my position as Governor of the Commonwealth. This I am sure the people will not expect of me, and I must therefore leave my cause in their care.

The manner in which my representative duties were discharged while I had the honor to serve in the Congress of the United States for eight years is well known to you, and I believe I may safely say that my representative conduct commanded the approval of my constituents. My action as Governor under circumstances of greater difficulty and embarrassment perhaps than have attended any of my predecessors since the war of the Revolution of 1776 is before you and by it I am willing to be judged.

With this brief announcement on I am before the District for the judgment of the people upon my political conduct during a trying period in our history, in which I have endeavored to perform my duty, as a citizen and officially, to the Commonwealth of Virginia and to the Confederacy. Respectfully,

Richmond, Va. JOHN LETCHER,
April 17, 1863—tde.

FOR THE SENATE.

☞ WM. L. CLARK, Sr., will be supported for State Senator, from the counties of Frederick, Clark, and Warren at the ensuing election by

MANY VOLUNTEERS AND REFUGEES.

The Richmond Whig, Enquirer, Examiner, Sentinel, Rockingham Register will copy and send bills to Staunton Spectator.

May 5—till 15 May

☞ We are authorized to announce Maj. WILLIAM H. MCILHANY as a candidate for the Senate in the District composed of Rockbridge, Bath and Highland.

☞ We are authorized to announce WILLIAM FRAZIER, Esq., a Candidate for the Senate of Virginia, in the district composed of the counties of Rockbridge, Bath, and Highland.

May 5—tde

TO THE VOTERS OF THE SENATORIAL DISTRICT, COMPOSED OF THE COUNTIES OF ROCKBRIDGE, BATH AND HIGHLAND:

MAJ. WM. McLAUGHLIN, C. S. A.,

Sir:—As the time for the election of Senator for this District, composed of the counties of Rockbridge, Bath and Highland, is now at hand, we take this method of requesting you to allow your name to be used as a candidate for the Senate.

Permit us to say that we feel assured that your intelligence, industry and fidelity to duty, cannot fail to make your services useful in our public councils at so important a period in our history. We are of the opinion that the meeting of the General Assembly will not seriously conflict with your duties in the field, and should it do so, we believe that no consideration of that kind will deter you from complying with our request. Moreover your long and continued services in the field peculiarly fit you to look after the wants of our army.

Very respectfully, your fellow-citizens:

W. A. Lyle, J. G. Pettigrew, C. S. Breedlove, R. C. Turpin, R. L. Madison, J. W. Jordan, J. W. Paine, Jr., S. B. Crowe, T. A. Bowlin, W. C. Moter, L. C. Bettminger, D. T. Edmondson, G. W. Jordan, G. A. Baker, G. L. Baker, S. D. Baker, A. W. Campbell, M. M. Harlauck, J. L. Campbell, J. H. Parron, J. Wallace, A. A. McCormick, J. G. Updike, T. M. Lindsay, J. H. Leech, J. B. Saunders, S. F. Jordan, J. W. Barclay, J. C. Bostice, S. Montgomery, C. J. Brawley, C. A. Jordan, J. G. Steele, Wm. White, J. G. Pole, J. F. Garing, G. Davidson, J. W. Massie, C. J. Harris, J. Compton, Jr., J. Matheny, J. H. Myers, J. C. Middleton, J. Compton, J. Fuller, J. F. Thompkins, J. G. Hoosaman, S. Vanderslice, L. P. Grigsby, A. J. Donald, S. P. Campbell, J. B. Lincoln, Andrew Agnor.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE SENATORIAL DISTRICT, COMPOSED OF THE COUNTIES OF ROCKBRIDGE, BATH AND HIGHLAND.

In response to a numerously signed call of citizens of Rockbridge, published in the Lexington Gazette, and to solicitations from other sources, I respectfully announce myself a candidate to represent you in the Senate of Virginia.

If it shall be your pleasure to elect me, I shall endeavor to discharge the duties of the position faithfully, zealously, and to the best of my ability. I cannot, of course, anticipate the various political questions which will engage the attention of the Legislature during the term for which you have a Senator to act, and which will embrace one of the most eventful periods in the history of the country, or declare in advance my opinions upon the questions that may arise. So long as the war continues, all my influence shall be given to the promotion of entire harmony between the State and Confederate Governments, and to the vigorous prosecution of the war until our independence and liberties are secured. When the war shall happily close and peace be restored, as it must be during the term, many grave questions, embracing the settling of our internal and monetary policy, the adaptation of our laws to the altered condition of affairs, the adjustment of losses sustained by the war, and the establishment of a proper system of military defense, will engage the attention of the Legislature. My experience, both in civil and military life, will enable me, I flatter myself, in their consideration to render some service to the State. I can now only pledge myself, in determining them, to be guided solely by a desire to promote the public welfare and to preserve unbroken the honor and ancient character of the Commonwealth.

My duties in the field will prevent me, probably, from visiting, much less canvassing the district before the election, even if a canvass under present circumstances were proper. Having been raised and lived all my life in one of the counties of the district, and being not without many acquaintances in the other counties, I think I am sufficiently well known to enable you to judge of my merits and qualifications. If it shall be your pleasure to confer the position upon another, I shall cheerfully acquiesce in the decision.

Your fellow-citizen, WM McLAUGHLIN.

Narrows of New River, April 13, 1863.

☞ We are authorized to announce JOHN D. PENIBACKER, Esq., as a candidate for re-election to the Senate, in the 25th Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Rockingham and Pendleton.

April 21—tde

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

☞ We are authorized to announce HUGH W. SHEFFEY, Esq., as a candidate for re-election to the House of Delegates.

April 21—tde

☞ We are authorized to announce JAMES WALKER as a candidate for re-election to the House of Delegates.

April 14—tde

☞ We are authorized to announce HOWEY P. PEYTON, Esq., as a candidate to represent Augusta county in the House of Delegates.

April 14—tde.

☞ We are authorized to announce Col. WM. H. HARMAN, as a Candidate for the House of Delegates.

April 9t—tde

☞ We are authorized to announce Major A. McALON KOINER, as a candidate for the House of Delegates. [April 28th—tde.

CAMP SEVEN VA. REGIMENT,
June's BRIGADE.

Capt. L. D. Haymond:

DEAR SIR:—The undersigned voters from the election district comprised of the counties of Braxton, Nicholas, Clay and Webster, in the Senatorial District, do announce yourself a candidate to represent the said district in the House of Delegates, and we pledge ourselves to make every honorable exertion to secure your election.

We know you or we, among the first to take up arms in defence of our country and rights; among the first to send your devotion to the cause with your blood on the hard fought field of Allegheny, we may doubt what you might be the best to serve the interests of your fellow citizens. We therefore, with full confidence, bestow our votes and influence in your behalf.

J. H. Bailey, W. P. Cutlip,
W. L. Oxley, J. H. Cutlip,
J. J. Peyton, J. P. Cutlip,
John J. Alderson, Jacob Cutlip,
James A. Hickman, A. P. Cutlip,
James A. Cutlip, Jacob Cutlip,
James F. Cutlip, W. H. Cutlip,
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April 20—3t

W. S. Oxley, E. B. Bridy,
J. A. Davis