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JOB PRINTING,

OF EVERY VARIETY,

EXECUTED WITH NEATNESS & DESPATCH
AT THE
"SPECTATOR"
JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT,
Stone Building, Augusta. St.,
STAUNTON, VA.

LARGE STOCK OF JOB TYPE!

Great variety of Plain and Fancy Type.

will be done in a style equal to the best City Work.

HAVING made a large addition to the "SPECTATOR JOB OFFICE," it is now one of the best in the State, and all varieties of Job Work can be done in the very best and most satisfactory manner on very short notice.

☞ It is furnished with a great variety of new and Fancy Type.

☞ Send in your orders and they will be promptly attended to.

☞ We are now prepared to execute all kinds of Printing, such as

Posters, Sale Bills, Blanks, Circulars, School Reports, Cards, Checks, Notes, Letter Heads, Bill Heads, Letter Paper, Pamphlets, Programmes, Visiting Cards, Wedding Cards, Invitations &c.,

in the very best style and on the most reasonable terms.

BLANKS.—Clerks, Sheriffs, Lawyers, Constables, Merchants, and business men generally, are respectfully informed that every kind of Blank they may need can be had, at the shortest notice, at the Spectator office.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CONFECTIONERY STORE.

CHOICE VARIETIES
FOR THE SEASON AT THE STAND
FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY [illegible] Staunton, Va.
WM. T. MOUNT, Main St., S. [illegible]

MAGNUS S. CEASE

WOULD respectfully call the attention of the citizens of Staunton and vicinity to his large and entirely new stock of SPRING GOODS, which he is now receiving and opening, consisting of Water, Sugar and Soda Crackers, Picnics, Raisins, Figs, Currants, Citron, Dates, Prunes, English Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, Ground Nuts, Pecan Nuts, Lemons, Oranges, Sardines, and Candies of every description.—Also FANCY GOODS, FRENCH CANDIES, CAKES AND TOYS.

☞ Wedding parties furnished at the shortest notice, and on the most reasonable terms.

Also Fresh Peaches, Lobsters, Pickles, Catchups, &c., &c.

He will sell on reasonable terms, and respectfully solicits a share of patronage.

☞ Candy sold at *Wholesale and Retail.*

Staunton, *May 29, 1860.*

Fine Photographs and Ambrotypes.

IN THE OLD BELL TAVERN, near the Virginia Hotel, R. J. SANKIN is now taking the finest Photographs, on an improved style, which can't be beat in the United States. Also Ambrotypes as fine as can be made. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you want to see your beauty as it really exists, come to Sankin's Gallery, in the "Old Bell," and he will take it in all its grandeur.

☞ Ambrotypes of Fancy Cases on hand. Pictures taken at all prices. ☞ Instructions given in the art. [Staunton, Jan. 23, 1859.

NEW MILITARY BOOKS.

Cavalry Drill and Sabre Exercise, by Geo. Patten.
Notes on Artillery, by W. Leroy Brown.
The Volunteer's Hand Book, by Geo. J. K. Lee.
Gray's Spanish Bayonet and Musketo Drill.
Vonderbeck's Camp and Field Book, by Jno. P. Curry.
Instruction for Field Artillery, from Gilham'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 Southern Leader.
Wide Awake of the North.
Secret Societies of War.
Just received and for sale by
ROBERT COWAN.

J. W. & C. M. BURCH,
No. 19, 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.
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BEYOND QUESTION
WE now receive every ply of TOBACCO that is offered in this market. We are prepared to buy all the different grades, running from the common to the choicest new crop. We invite all persons interested to call and examine our stock before selling elsewhere. We will pay cash for Tobacco.
Lynchburg, Sept. 18, 1860. [illegible] C. T. COBBS.

[illegible]
GENERAL COMMISSION & PRODUCE HOUSE,
[illegible]
COBBS, MILNER & [illegible]
[illegible]

MISCELLANEOUS.

M'CORKLE, LUSK & CO.,
JORDAN'S POINT.
Lexington, Va.

HAVING taken the old stand of McCorkle & Lusk at the Point, for the purpose of conducting the **Commission And Forwarding Business,** solicit the custom of the old owners and public generally. Their Lumber House is large and well adapted to produce intended for shipment, being situated immediately on the Canal, where boats can come up to the very door. Will also run in connection with this house, two regular BOATS with careful and responsible Captains, making transportation of goods and produce as safe and quick as any other line.

They are also fitting up a store room, which will soon be ready, when they will keep as good a stock at the times will permit of, and will sell them too on as reasonable terms as they can be bought elsewhere. Goods, &c., must necessarily be high during the war, but we will adopt the old motto, and endeavor to carry it out, viz:—"Quick sales and small profits."

☞ We will also trade for all kinds of produce.

Freight to be shipped by Packet Boats must be delivered here.

Packages belonging to our house will pass the toll by paying Free of Toll.

All persons indebted to the old concern of McCorkle & Lusk will please come forward and settle their accounts.

CALVIN MCCORKLE,
J. M. LUSK.
JOHN GIBSON.

May 19—tf

☞ Staunton Spectator and Lynchburg Virginian please copy, and send their bills to this office.—*Lex. Gazette.*

J. P. DICKINSON,
ATTORNEY & CLAIM AGENT,
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.
OFFICE SOUTH OF THE CAPITOL,
BANK ST. NEAR 12TH.

Having been for some years officially connected with the Government at Washington, and subsequently engaged in prosecuting claims before its Departments, I offer my services to those who have claims against the *Confederate States or State of Virginia.* Those who intrust their business to me, will thus secure that experience and acquaintance with official proceedings, for want of which many are subjected to vexatious delays and heavy expense.

Claimants at a distance desiring my services, will be furnished with such "Instructions," "Forms," &c., as will render their attendance at the seat of Government unnecessary; and satisfactory REFERENCES will be given when desired.

☞ Address,—J. P. DICKINSON,
May 5—3 mos* Box No. 420, Richmond, Va.

A. J. CAMP. A. G. CAMP. J. J. CAMP.

A. J. CAMP & CO.,
GROCERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS
NO. 33, BRIDGE STREET, LYNCHBURG, VA,
Solicit consignments of
TOBACCO, WHEAT, FLOUR, BACON, LARD, BUTTER,
and country produce generally. Persons favoring us with consignments of produce will be furnished with quick returns, accompanied with a check for the nett proceeds.

☞ Liberal cash advances made on Produce in hand. May 5—3 mos.

J. R. HARGROVE. M. P. AIRTROP. N. A. MITCHELL.

HARGROVE & CO.,
AUCTIONEERS FOR THE SALE OF NEGROES
No. 8, Liggatt's Building, Bridge Street,
LYNCHBURG, VA.

Daily sales, publicly and privately. Our Porter will be in attendance at the different Trains and Boats, upon their arrival, to receive and carry them to safe apartments.

☞ Liberal advances made on Negroes in hand when desired.

☞ Particular attention paid to Hiring.
May 19—3mos.

GOOD TIME TO PAY.—I have 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 14—tf. DAVIS A. KAYSER.

NOTICE!

The undersigned has removed to Dr. Young's old stand, where he will be pleased to see his friends and customers. Having purchased of Dr. Young his entire stock of DRUGS, MEDICINES, &c., and having employed an excellent Druggist will carry on the Drug business, hoping to receive a liberal share of patronage. Cash required on delivery of all articles.
G. C. YEAKLE.

P. S. Watches and Jewelry repaired in the best manner.
G. C. YEAKLE.
May 5—1yr

P. N. HOGE. JNO. B. HOGE.

CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

WE have this day, May 11th, 1863, entered into Co-partnership, for the purpose of conducting the *MERCANTILE BUSINESS,* in the town of Staunton, under the style and firm of P. B. & J. B. HOGE.

☞ We solicit the patronage of our friends and the public generally. P. B. HOGE.
May 19, 1863. JNO. B. HOGE.

NOTICE.—P. N. Powell has just received and offers for sale for Cash or exchange for country produce the following goods: Cotton Yarns, from No. 2 to 14, Cotton Sheeting, heavy twilled goods for Summer Pants, Spool Cotton, &c. Also, Sugar, Coffee, Rice, Salt, Tobacco, Molasses, Pepper, and a few barrels nice Fresh Shad.
May 5, 1863.

DENTAL NOTICE.—Wm. Chapman has removed his office to the old Bell Tavern, near the Virginia Hotel, and opposite Brandenburg's Corner, and adjoining Sankin's Daguerrean Gallery, where he will be pleased to see his friends and customers.
Staunton, Jan. 21, 1863.

LAST NOTICE.—Having disposed of our entire Stock of Goods, we are very desirous of closing our late business, and request all persons knowing themselves indebted to us on open accounts to come forward, without delay, and pay up, for to give their notes is longer indulgence cannot be granted. Those having claims against us are requested to present the same for payment.
CRAWFORD & COCHRAN.
Oct. 28—tf.

OFFICE VA. CENTRAL R. R. CO., September, 11th, 1862.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE—The following trains will be run on this road on and after Monday, September 15th:

The Mail and Passenger Train leaving Richmond at 7 o'clock A. M. for Staunton and intermediate points daily, returning will leave Staunton at 7 o'clock A. M., and arrive in Richmond at 6:15 P. M.

The Accommodation Passenger Train, leaving Richmond at 3:30 P. M. for Gordonsville and intermediate points daily, Sundays excepted, returning will leave Gordonsville at 8 o'clock P. M. and arrive in Richmond at 12 o'clock A. M.

The Mail and Passenger Train West of Staunton, leaving Staunton at 6:30 A. M. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and returning the same days.—The Mail Train connects with the Orange and Alexandria Mail Train at Gordonsville for Hagerstown, and at Charlottesville for Lynchburg. It connects at Staunton with Stages Lines for Lexington, Harrisonburg and Point of Rocks North. Servants traveling in first class cars will pay full fare.

The Freight Train leaving Richmond daily, Sundays excepted, at 8:00 A. M. and Staunton for the West at 8:30 A. M. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The trains will not run West of Millboro.
H. D. WHITCOMB,
General Superintendent.
Sept. 26—tf

LIVERY AND SALE STABLES.

WE have leased for a term of years the commodious and convenient Stables attached to the Virginia Hotel, in Staunton, and have refitted them in good order, and have on hand for sale the finest HORSES that can be procured. A. S. Miller has experience and qualifications as a horse dealer, which are well known in this community. He will use his best endeavors to merit a share of public patronage. Gentlemen who have been accustomed to call at Miller's Stables will find the same accommodations and fare at the Virginia Stables. Our hostlers are all good men and horse men, and we can safely promise satisfaction to all who may favor us with their patronage.
J. S. MILLER & CO.
S. A. MILLER.
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MISCELLANEOUS.

NEW GOODS.—We have just received a large and desirable stock of DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES consisting in part as follows:

50 PIECES LIGHT PRINTS,
10 PIECES BLACK AND WHITE DO.
25 PIECES FANCY LAWNS,
20 PIECES FANCY MUSLINS,
50 LBS PATENT THREAD,
50 DOZ CLARK'S O. N. T. spool cotton,
50 GROSS BONE PANT BUTTONS,
50 FRENCH CALF SKINS,
2 DOZ ENGLISH BRIDLES,
2 DOZ BUGGY WHIPS,
2 BALES SAC COTTON,
1 BALE OSNABURG,
1 BALE GRANATEVILLE BROWN DRILL,
5 PIECES BLUE DENIMS,
10,000 ASSORTED NEEDLES,
1 DOZ BOXES ENG. MIXED PINS,
12 DOZ ENG. TOOTH BRUSHES,
100 HAGERSTOWN ALMANACS, for 1863,
100 LBS MANCHESTER COTTON YARNS,
NAILS, MOLASSES, SUGAR, RICE, &c., &c.,
Which we offer for sale at a moderate advance.
June 9 P. B. & J. B. HOGE.
Vindicator copy 3mo

Lynchburg Hose and Fire
INSURANCE COMPANY.
LYNCHBURG, VA.

THE capital of this company has recently been increased by a subscription of
$100 000,
making the present Capital and Surplus of over
$232,000.00.

OFFICERS.

J. R. McDANIEL, President, | J. M. COBBS, Vice Pres
G. S. TAGNASS, Chief Eng. | O. T. WILLIS, Secretary
J. D. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

DIRECTORS.

Jno. Otey Taylor,	James Payne,
Jno. T. Davis,	W. T. Anderson,
S. H. McKinney,	Wm. H. Stratton,
M. S. Langhorne,	C. R. Slaughter,

Acting as agent for the company, I am prepared to receive applications and issue policies against loss or damage by fire, on terms as favorable as the nature of the risk and the real security of the insured and of the company will warrant. WM. M. GUY,
Gen. Ag't for the State of Va.

SLAVE INSURANCE.

The Lynchburg Hose and Fire Insurance Company is insuring Slaves for one of four years, upon the most reasonable terms. Persons wishing to effect insurance upon the lives of their Servants or Property can do so by applying to WILLIAM M. GUY,
Gen. Ag't, Staunton, Va.
April 17, 1860.

LYNCHBURG HOSE AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—During the absence of the General Agent, I will attend to the issuing of Policies and Renewals.

Offices in the "old Bell Tavern."
Dec. 24, 1861. JOEL ETTINGER.

DR. ARTHUR

HAS returned to STAUNTON PERMANENTLY. For eight years' liberal patronage he renews with much gratitude and acknowledged thankfulness. Rejoicing that he is liable to serve his old, tried, friends with more experience and improved skill, diligence and faithfulness.
Oct. 15, 1861.—tf

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

HOLIVAR CHRISTIAN, *Richmond, Va.*
H. W. SHEPHERD, *Augusta co., Va.*
GEO. WALKER, *Augusta co., Va.*
J. G. FELSON, *Augusta co., Va.*
CHAS. GRATTAN, *Augusta co., Va.*
J. H. HOPKINS, *Rockingham co. Va.*
S. A. COWMAN, *Rockingham co. Va.*
P. PITTMAN, *Augusta co., Va.*
JNO. GARVEROOD, *Shenandoah co., Va.*
W. W. FLEMMING, *Highland co., Va.*
MANN SPITLER, *Page co., Va.*
JNO. K. BOOTON, *Page co., Va.*
M. R. KAUFMAN, *Frederick co., Va.*

Feb 24, '63—6mo.

☞ Rockingham Register copy 6 mo. and send paper to advertisers for 1 yr. and charge this office $16.

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. E. LINKOUS,
May 5—6m Proprietor.

J. R. SYRCLE & CO.,
GENERAL
COMMISSION & FORWARDING MERCHANTS
THREE DOORS 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 produce on hand.

LIBERAL ADVANCES MADE ON PRODUCE IN HAND.
Feb. 25, 1862—1y.

ROCKBRIDGE BATHS,
WILLIAM JORDAN,
PROPRIETOR AND MANAGER.

THIS popular Watering and Bathing place is in thorough repair, and will be opened for visitors on the 1st of July. It is situated 10 miles from Lexington, the popular watering and bathing place in its thorough repair, and will be opened for visitors on the 1st of July. It is situated 10 miles from Lexington, and is easily accessible by daily stages. Children and Servants half price.
June 18—3mos.

STRAYED from the undersigned, about two weeks ago, a small LIGHT BROWN COW, with white face, horns sawed off. Any information respecting her whereabouts will be liberally paid for.
July 28—3ts. GABRIEL HIRSH.

NOTICE—
50 Sacks Salt,
15 Bbls Sugar,
5 Boxes 4-4 Sheeting,
5 Boxes Adamantine Candles,
For sale by J. H. BLACKLEY,
July 28—3ts.* Over the Post Office.

AUGUSTA COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE, to wit:

Taken up, by Thomas P. Crawford, on his land, in the county of Augusta, the 17th day of June, 1863, of the following description, to wit:

A MARE, of red bay color, crest fallen, 15 hands high, right front foot, and both hind feet white, star in the forehead, supposed to be six or seven years old, and appraised at $450, by Wm. B. Foster, B. J. Craig and A. Mohler.

[Extract—Teste,
July 29—3ts WM. A. BURNETT, D. C.

AUGUSTA COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE, to wit:

JULY 27th, 1863.

Taken up by John Deeper, near Peck's Mill, in said County, on — June, 1863, AN ESTRAY of the following description, to wit:

A Red Cow, with white specks, Ear marks Crop and slit in right ear, and under keel, supposed to be about three years old, and appraised at $140.

[Extract—Teste,
July 28—3ts.* W. T. JEWELL, D. C.
J. MOORE. F. SAYNE. C. S. MOORE.

MOORE, SAYNE & CO.,
No. 47, MAIN STREET,
Lynchburg, Va.,
WHOLESALE
GROCERS & COMMISSION MERCHANTS
AGENTS FOR THE SALE OF
Manufactured and Smoking Tobacco,
Will receive and sell
WHEAT, FLOUR, CORN, BACON, SUGAR, MOLASSES, WHEAT, LEATHER, and all kinds of
COUNTRY PRODUCE.
All sales promptly reported, accompanied by the best market prices current. Jan 28, 1863—1yr.

CHEWING TOBACCO.
Wanted to buy two cords of TAN BARK for which price will be paid in Tobacco or the highest cash price. Inquire of J. S. MOORE & Co.
Feb. 11—tf.

WM. A. BURNETT,
[illegible]

PUBLIC SALES.

GREENVILLE MILLS FOR SALE.—By virtue of an agreement of parties for their combined, in the case of Wright, vs. Wright, in the Circuit Court of Augusta, I will proceed on Friday, the 14th of August next, to sell on the premises, that valuable property known as the "GREENVILLE MILLS." The mill is large, well constructed, with two water wheels, four pair of burrs, two bolts and other appurtenances of a first class Merchant Mill. The dam is of stone twelve feet thick at the foundation.

TERMS OF SALE.—Possession given on the day of sale, one third of the purchase money in cash and the balance in two equal annual payments, with interest from the day of sale, to be secured by bonds with good security. The sale to be subject to ratification by the court, and if ratified, the purchaser to have the right to pay up the whole amount of purchase money, if not ratified the purchaser to surrender possession if required by the Court.
July 21—4ts JOHN NEWTON, Com'r.
Rockingham Register copy and forward bill at once to this office.

VALUABLE FARM TWO MILES FROM WAYNESBORO', AUGUSTA CO., VA., AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

We will, on Thursday, the 27th day of August next, sell to the highest bidder, the FARM on which John S. Bliss, died, formerly hired, situated on South River, two miles above Waynesboro', containing

TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY TWO ACRES.

About 120 acres of it cleared and in a fine state of cultivation, the remainder in fine woodland. The improvements are a two story dwelling, containing rooms and a passage. Barn and other necessary out houses.

This land is very productive in all the crops of the country, and is a wealthy and intelligent neighborhood, very nigh to R. R. Depot, churches, mills and schools.

Persons desiring a pleasant home will do well to call this to their notice, the opportunity now offered.

On the same day, we will sell a tract of Mountain Land, adjoining, about a mile from the farm. This tract contains between 200 and 300 acres of the original growth.

J. S. or S. M. Bliss will take pleasure in showing these lands to persons who wish to purchase, and any information respecting them can be obtained by addressing either of them at Waynesboro, Va.

Terms will be made to suit the purchaser.

THE HEIRS OF J. S. BLISS, dec'd.
July 14 tds Rock Register copy and send bill to this office

CANADY FURNACE AND SAW MILL, WITH 4.00 ACRES OF LAND FOR SALE.—We offer for sale, privately, the above property, situated on the South side of South river, eleven miles above Waynesboro and fifteen south of Staunton, on which are two good dwelling and out houses, a good saw mill and a Furnace Stack, which by a little repair, could be put in blast, we are told. There is plenty of ore within one mile of it. Nearly there is plenty of wood, wood enough in excellent pine the whole of the land is wooded. There is, also, timber mixed with poplar and oak, enough for tanning a large quantity of chestnut oak, the best for tanning. We will sell the whole, or divide it up in small tracts to suit purchasers, there being 4 or 5 near fallings streams running through it, affording mill seats on each. About two-thirds of the property is flat land and none inaccessible to a team for getting the timber off. We will take Confederate money or make terms to suit the purchaser. Address
June 30—3m IRVINE BROTHERS,
Register copy. Sherando, Augusta, Co., Va.

$75 REWARD.

Stolen, from the pasture of the subscriber, near Fishersville, on the night of the 19th inst., a DARK BAY HORSE, 4 years old, about 15 hands high, of slender form, a small blaze in face, head, some white about the nose, walks, trots, and lopes well, has been used as a Cavalry horse, belongs to a member of the 2d South Carolina regiment, and was left with me to rest and be recruited.

In the absence of the owner, I will pay $50, for the arrest and conviction of thief, or $25 for the return of the horse. ADDISON DOLD.
July 24—3t*

$40 REWARD.—Stolen, on the 24th instant, out of my field, at the head of Walker's Creek, TWO MARES, the one a roan, 8 years old, 6 feet 3 inches high, well built. I think she has a small star in forehead, and a small collar mark on the right shoulder she trots well and paces excellent. The other a bay filly, 3 years old, about five feet high. No marks recollected, and therefore not taken. Her roan mare was shod all round. Two blind bridles were also taken with them. The above reward will be given for the mares or any information that will lead to their recovery. MARTIN MILLER,
July 23—3t* Summerdean, Augusta Co., Va.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, Staunton, Va., June 30th, 1863.

BY virtue of an order made at a District Court of the Confederate States for the Western District of Virginia, held at Wytheville, on Saturday, the 30th day of May, 1863, referring to the subscriber, for settlement, the accounts of the sale of the property of said Court, respecting all matters in their hands which have passed sequestration, since their last settlements respectively; and, also, of all monies since then collected and received by them, or that may be so collected and received, prior to the settlement directed by said order. Notice is hereby given that I have appointed the 1st day of the term of the said court, to be held at Lexington, the 1st TUESDAY in August next, for the settlement aforesaid, at which time and place, I will proceed to execute the order, continuing from day to day until the settlements are completed. Parties interested are requested to be present.
July 21—4t J. C. BOWYER, Com'r.

ELECTION NOTICE—VIRGINIA:—At a Court continued and held for Augusta county, at the Court House, June 24th, 1863.

Wm. H. Harman, Attorney for the Commonwealth, of this county, having at the last term of this court, resigned his office as such, and the court having appointed John N. Hendren, *protem.*, in his stead—doth order that an election be held at the several precincts in this county, *on Saturday, the 15th day of August next,* to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of said Wm. H. Harman as aforesaid. Said election to be superintended by the commissioners and officers who were appointed and acted at the general election held on the 4th Thursday in May last, and it is ordered that the sheriff of this county give notice of said election and hold the same according to law.
July 7—6ts Copy Teste
Vindicator copy WM. A. BURNETT, D. C.

Pursuant to the above order, a poll will be opened at the Court House, and at the various Election precincts of the County of Augusta, on the 15th day of August next, for said election. H. H. PECK,
July 14—tds Vin copy. Sheriff Augusta co.

DENTAL NOTICE.—DR. JAMES HARRIS, DENTIST, (GRADUATE BY 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 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

HENSON'S CONFEDERATE HAY PRESS.—We will sell, at our Auction Room on Friday, the 7th day of August, the County Right for Augusta county, to make and sell this celebrated Hay-Press, which, for its convenience and simplicity, is fast taking the place of all other presses. The model can be seen at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court.
July 21—4t BRUCE & PECK, Auctn.

NOTICE.—Any person that has lost a COW, a red bull twelve or thirteen years old, she is a little brindle mare, with a little white along her belly, she has long horns to set up in front, and she came to my house on the 4th day of June, 1863. Thirrow can be found at Richard Blackwell's, one mile and a half south of Barren Mill, near the Valley pike. She also has a scrap off her left ear.
July 28—4t*

STRAYED OR STOLEN from the pasture of M. G. Harman, about the 23d of this month, ONE SMALL SORREL HORSE, bright color, blaze face, and some white on his feet. Any information concerning him will be thankfully received and paid for. The horse belongs to a sick soldier. Address
M. LANDRUM,
July 28—tf. Agent for M. G. HARMAN

AN ESTRAY COW.—Strayed from the premises of the subscriber in Staunton, on or about Wednesday, July 15th, my COW, she is about four years old, of small size, of a reddish color, with white spots and blaze on her legs, and a white spot in her forehead. Her ears are short. Any information concerning her will be thankfully received.
July 28—3ts J. C. WRIGHT.

A COOPER WANTED.—I wish to hire a cooper by the year or piece, to go with me to Georgia, to whom I will pay liberal wages. A single man preferred. Address me at Lewisville, Pulaski County, Va. JOSEPH FULCHER.
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EXTRACT OF LOGWOOD, ALUM, COPPERAS, and the various other Dyestuffs for sale at F. M. TROUTS Drug Store
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WANTED—IMMEDIATELY,
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HAVING disposed of our entire stock, we will be pleased forthwith to settle all accounts. Due the undersigned. Persons having opening accounts will please present them. BRUCE & ALEY.

TOWELS.
[illegible]

POETRY

THE PEARLY GATES AJAR.

BY PENNY FORESTER

I gazed down life's dark labyrinth,
A wildering maze to see,
Crossed over by many a tangled cord,
And wild as wild could be.
And as we gazed in doubt and dread
An angel came to me.

I knew him for a heavenly guide
I knew him even then,
The mortals as a child he stood
Among the sons of men.
By his deep spirit loveliness
I knew him even then.

And as I leaned my weary head
Upon his proffered breast,
And scanned the peril haunted wild
From out my place of rest,
I wondered in the shining ones
Of Eden were more blest,

For there was light within my soul,
Light on my peaceful way,
And all around the blue above
The clustering starlight lay;
And earnestly I saw upward
The pearly gates of day.

So hand in hand we trod the wild,
My angel love and I—
His lifted wing all quivering
With tokens from the sky—
Strange my dull thoughts could not divine
Twas lifted that to fly!

Age is dim in life's dark labyrinth,
I grope my way along,
While wildly through the indistinct sky
Black hurrying clouds are blown,
And thickly in my tangled path
The sharp thick thorns are sown.

Let him my foot, for well I know
The goal cannot be far,
And ever through the rifted clouds
Shines out one steady star,
For, when my guide went up, he left
The pearly gates ajar.

THE MORGAN RAID.

JOURNAL OF LT. COL. ALSTON, OF MORGAN'S CHIEF OF STAFF.

The subjoined is copied from the Kentucky "Loyalist," of July 11. The "Loyalist," we think, is published in Lexington, Ky. That paper says:

We have obtained the journal of Lieut. Col. Alston, Morgan's Chief of Staff, who was captured by our pickets of the 5th, and brought to the city on the 7th inst. The journal is complete from the morning of the 1st to noon of the 5th, at which time he was sent to Camp Chase, Ohio.

JULY 1ST, 1863.—On banks of the Cumberland. The river very high. No boats. Gen. M. obliged to build a number of boats, which he accomplished with very little delay, and commenced crossing at sundown.

JULY 2D.—Buckeyville. Had great difficulty in making the horses swim, but by united and systematic exertions succeeded in getting the entire command of ---- regiments over by 10 A. M., though the command was very much scattered. At 11 o'clock scouts came into Buckeyville and reported the enemy advancing and within four miles of the town. It was supposed to be only a small scouting party, and a portion of Col. Dick Morgan's command was sent out to make a reconnoissance. The report of the scouts of the enemy advancing proved to be correct, and a message was received from Col. Ward that he was attacked. Col. Grisby was sent to reinforce him, and succeeded in driving the Yankees back, in great confusion, upon their reinforcement. My regiment lost two mortally wounded and two others slightly. Five of the Yankees were known to be killed and a number wounded, with about 16 prisoners. No tidings heard of the 2d brigade until dark, when they arrived and reported that Col. Johnson, commanding, had experienced great difficulty in crossing, and that in addition to the precipitous banks and absence of all boats or other means of transportation, the enemy were hovering on the river and harassing him as far as they could. He was, however, quite successful in driving him back. Yesterday, a young man, calling himself Charles Rogers, dressed in full Confederate uniform, came into our lines and expressed a desire to join our command. I suspicioned him, and after a few questions, I was convinced that he was a spy. I threatened to shoot him, when he confessed he had been lying, and that his name was Simon Blitz—in fact he convicted himself of being a spy. What to do with him was the next thing. I hated to shoot him, although he deserved it.

JULY 3D.—My regiment behaved very gallantly in yesterday's fight with the enemy, frequently having hand to hand encounters. To-day (3d) we experienced the same difficulty in getting the artillery on, and had to press a number of oxen for the purpose. After two halts for the column to close up, our advance proceeded to Columbia. They were met by detachments from three regiments (45th Ohio, 2d Ohio and 1st Kentucky) said to be under command of Col. Wolford. A brief engagement followed, in which we drove the enemy in great haste through the town, capturing six prisoners, killing two, among them Capt. Carter, and wounding three. Our loss was two killed and two wounded, among them Capt. Cassel, a most dashing and daring officer, wounded in the thigh. Our men behaved badly at Columbia, breaking open a store and plundering it. I ordered the men to return the goods and made all the reparation in my power. These outrages are very disgraceful, and are usually perpetrated by men accompanying the army simply for plunder. They are not worthy a d---n, and are a disgrace to both armies. Passed thro' Columbia and camped six miles from Green River Bridge.

NEW MARKET, KY., July 4th.—A day of gloom, deep gloom, to our entire command.—How many who rose this morning full of enthusiasm and hope, now sleep the sleep that knows no waking. The sun rose bright and beautiful, the air was cool and balmy, all nature wore the appearance of peace and harmony.—While riding along, afflicted by the sadness of all around, Captain Magennis, with the Adjutant-General, rode up and remarked, how dreadful to reflect that we were marching on to engage in deadly strife, and how many poor fellows would pass into eternity before the setting of yonder sun. I have no doubt the poor fellow was moved to these reflections by one of those unaccountable presentiments which are so often the harbingers of evil. (Before dark he was a corpse.) About noon we drove in the enemy's pickets and were soon near the fortifications, which had been erected to prevent our crossing. General Morgan sent in a flag of truce and demanded the surrender, but the Colonel quietly remarked, "if it was any other day he might consider the demand; but the 4th of July was a bad day to talk about surrender, and he must, therefore, decline." This colonel is a gallant man, and the entire arrangement of his defence exhibited much such a man as this in military skill. We would mark such a man in our army for promotion. We attacked the place with two regiments sending the remainder of our force across at another ford. The place was judiciously chosen, and skillfully defended, and the result was that we were repulsed with severe loss—about twenty five killed and twenty wounded. Among the killed, as usual, were our best men and officers, including Col. Chenault, Major Brent, Capt. Tribble, Lieuts Cowan, Ferguson, and another lieutenant, whose name I do not remember. Our march thus far has been very fatiguing—had needs, little rest or sleep, little to eat, and a fight every day. Yet our men are cheerful, even buoyant; and to see them pressing along heartsick, horrifying and fatiguing, would cause one to appreciate while these men are fighting in a holy and just cause will endure. About 8 o'clock, as I rode on about forty yards in advance, I heard the midnight assassin throw his leaden missive. The report of the scouts of the enemy advancing proved to be correct, and a message was received from Col. Ward that he was attacked. Col. Grisby was sent to reinforce him, and succeeded in driving the Yankees back, in great confusion, upon their reinforcement. My regiment lost two mortally wounded and two others slightly. Five of the Yankees were known to be killed and a number wounded, with about 16 prisoners. No tidings heard of the 2d brigade until dark, when they arrived and reported that Col. Johnson, commanding, had experienced great difficulty in crossing, and that in addition to the precipitous banks and absence of all boats or other means of transportation, the enemy were hovering on the river and harassing him as far as they could. He was, however, quite successful in driving him back. Yesterday, a young man, calling himself Charles Rogers, dressed in full Confederate uniform, came into our lines and expressed a desire to join our command. I suspicioned him, and after a few questions, I was convinced that he was a spy. I threatened to shoot him, when he confessed he had been lying, and that his name was Simon Blitz—in fact he convicted himself of being a spy. What to do with him was the next thing. I hated to shoot him, although he deserved it.

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Staunton Spectator.

STAUNTON, VA.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1863.

There is considerable excitement here in anticipation of a visit from the Yankees in considerable force from the West. Preparations are being made to meet them.

STRAGGLERS AND DESERTERS.

We would invite the attention of the public generally, and of stragglers and deserters from the army particularly, to the appeal of President Davis to all who are absent from their posts of duty, to return immediately and avail themselves of the pardon granted to all who will return to their commands by the 20th of this month. All who return by that time will be pardoned, and those who refuse to do so will be punished as deserters. All who are in confinement will be released and returned to their respective commands. Those who were confined in Castle Thunder in Richmond, 1000 in number, have been released, and are starting to join their commands in the field. To stragglers and deserters, the time between this and the 20th instant, is a period of jubilee, in which their bonds are broken and the stigma of disgrace erased from their characters, if they return promptly, as they should, to their commands. To those who fail to avail themselves of the privilege thus granted, but little, if any, mercy will be shown. If there be any stragglers or deserters in this section of the State, we would appeal to them, as they value their characters, love their country, and dread ignominious punishment, to return at once to their posts of duty. There are soldiers improperly absent from their commands, perhaps quite a number, who do not see or read the newspapers at their homes, and it left to that source of information alone, will not be informed of the President's address; or, if they are, will hear of it too late to respond fully to the appeal, by returning to their respective commands in time to avail themselves of the pardon which it proffers.

We would, therefore, in the language of a correspondent of the "Sentinel," suggest "that the old and influential citizens of the country, who take the newspapers, or who become otherwise informed as to the character and terms of this address, proceed without delay to make it known in their respective neighborhoods throughout the Confederacy. Let them, as a sacred duty, give the information to every soldier and officer improperly absent from the army whom they may see; and, if necessary, make it their special business to seek such soldiers at their homes, to read to them the address, urge on them its importance, and to furnish those who may need it (if any) with the means of transportation to rejoin their commands. If this be done at once, in every neighborhood, not only will these soldiers get this information with certainty and in proper time, but the influence and weight of character of the old men of the whole community, will be brought to bear practically in aid of the President's address.

Stragglers and deserters take advantage of the universal sympathy of our people for the soldiers, and impose upon them. An Aid of one of our distinguished Generals, in writing to the editor of the "Enquirer" upon the subject, says: "Let the people be warned that in finding an straggling soldier, they may be aiding desertion, *certainly* encouraging a vice nearly as bad practically—that of straggling. Let them be informed that no matter how plausible the tale of the straggler, it is *always* false; and designed to deceive the unwary.—No good soldier is ever separated from his command, unless from sickness, or on furlough, or under orders. When from this last cause, provision is made for the transportation of such as are unable to walk; and if any are found away from the army, and not in charge of the person designated to take care of the sick, be assured that such absentees are stragglers. In the *second* case, stragglers plead, when going home on furlough, no man gets a furlough now; so that any soldier who pretends to have a furlough (unless a furlough) is probably a deserter, certainly a straggler. In the third case, (under orders) the orders will show the soldier is absent; and this absent be nearly always accompanied by a commissioned or non-commissioned officer."

FROM THE VALLEY.

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[illegible] COMMANDS.

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FROM LEE'S ARMY.

With the exception of the skirmishes which occurred on Saturday week and Tuesday last at Brandon, in Culpeper, in which the enemy were repulsed, there has been no news of interest from the army of Gen. Lee. The Lynchburg Republican reports the substance of a letter from a very reliable officer in Lee's army which contains the gratifying intelligence that the ranks of our forces are being daily filled with returning volunteers, that the spirit of the troops is first-rate, and that shoes and clothing are being furnished those deficient in such articles in abundance. He thinks that Meade is not yet in a condition to give us battle, and that when he does venture upon that experiment, Lee will whip him badly.

We think it will be some time before Meade will throw down the gauntlet of battle to Gen. Lee, and we confidently believe that when he shall do so that he will be badly defeated. Our boys are now on Southern soil and are determined to avenge their repulse at Gettysburg.

FROM JAMES RIVER.

On the "noble James," with our torpedoes in the stream and our cannon upon the shore, we have frightened the Yankees out of a year's grown. The Yankee flotilla that came up James River, were met at Deep Bottom by a detachment sent down under Col. P. R. Page, and one of the gunboats was badly crippled, and many of the crew, it was supposed, were killed and wounded. After they got past Deep Bottom, the artillery and infantry moved rapidly down to Turkey Island and fired on the boats as long as they were in range, and were struck repeatedly. One of the gunboats was so badly damaged that she had to be towed from Deep Bottom.

When the torpedo, containing five hundred pounds of powder, exploded, throwing a considerable column of water to the height of sixty feet, and damaging their boat to a considerable degree, the Yankees on board thought that they had received a very unexpected summons to go down, down, to their final home. In future they will not fancy navigating the "noble James."

THE MEXICAN EMPIRE.

According to the anticipations previously expressed in this journal, the last news which we have received from Mexico tells us that the "Council of Notables," held on the 10th of July, at the city of Mexico, have adopted an empire as the form of their Government, and chosen as their Monarch the Archduke MAXIMILIAN, of Austria. In event of his declination, the French Emperor is "implored" to fill the position by some one in whom he has full confidence.

The Archduke FERDINAND MAXIMILIAN JOSEPH, who has been thus chosen Emperor, was born on the 6th of July, 1832, and is consequently 31 years of age. He is the brother of the reigning Emperor of Austria, and is said to be a prince of high personal qualities and much more than ordinary talent. He is married to a daughter of LEOPOLD, King of Belgium. Whether he will accept the throne now tendered him, is said to be doubtful; but should he reject it, the Emperor of France, we suppose, will exercise the discretion which has been vested in him by the Council of Notables. A firm and sagacious ruler would be a piece of good fortune for Mexico.

THE LADIES FOREVER.

This would be a poor world without the kind ministration of the ladies. The poet has truly said:

"The world was sad, the garden was a wild,
And man, the hermit, sighed till woman smiled."

The good Ladies of Greenville and vicinity have, upon several occasions, furnished the sick and wounded soldiers in this place with large supplies of provisions, such as bread, pies, bacon, chickens, honey, butter, vegetables, &c., &c. These articles were all of the very best quality, and such as to make some of the wall almost wish they were sick or wounded that they might partake of some of them. It has been so long since some of us have tasted chicken that we have forgotten whether they are fish, flesh or fowl.

ELECTION OF ATTORNEY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH.

It should be remembered that next Saturday, (15th inst.,) is the day for the election of a Commonwealth's Attorney for this County.

This is an important office, and as all are interested in the proper administration of justice, especially in these lawless times, the people should see to it that the office be filled by a proper man.

The Attorney is not only charged with the prosecution of criminal offences, but he is the official adviser of the Court.—To fill the office properly, the incumbent should be industrious, upright, firm, fearless, and thorough in his knowledge of the law.

THE YANKEES.

The Yankees are reported to be burning the wheat and destroying everything in the line or reach of their march. They are arresting citizens, and many are fleeing leaving their wives and children. Meade's Headquarters are said to be at Catlett's station and Sedgewick's at Warrenton.

A gentleman from Washington, Wednesday, says that 50,000 runaway negroes are around the city. Lincoln is enrolling the negroes, free and slave, in Maryland.

FROM CHARLESTON.

From Charleston there has been no news of special interest during the past week. The enemy are hastily at work upon Morris' Island, and our batteries are annoying them. If Charleston ever falls it will be after a desperate and protracted struggle.

☞ Mr. B. F. Harrow, formerly editor of the "Greenbrier Era," published in Lewisburg, has been appointed Route Agent on the Scottsville Railroad to run from Lynchburg to Petersburg. The Company could not secure the services of a more gentlemanly and reliable person.

☞ The refugees from the district of Jefferson [illegible] Confederate States Congress [illegible] of two to [illegible].

OUR HOME FOREVER.

If any short-sighted Confederates, of feeble knees and pallid livers, says the *Enquirer*, have been deluding themselves with the idea that in case of subjugation by our enemy, the worst that could happen to us would be merely to go back into the "Union as it was," with the "Constitution as it is," &c., it is time for them to awake from that dream. For us, in case of being overcome in the field, there is to be no Constitution and no law. The entire possession of the whole Southern country, with every house and estate; the absolute fee-simple of all the land, with its woods and waters, mills and fishings, to have and to hold unto Yankees, their heirs and assigns," this is the prize for which our enemy fights, and without the prospect of which he would not strike another lick. To fully attain this, it will be necessary for the Yankees to abolish the Constitution entirely, so far as regards us Confederates. We must be left without rights, without legal remedies, an inferior race creeping on the face of our own land. To make all ready for this sweeping operation (which they think they will be in condition to enforce some time next winter) the Yankee legislators, it seems, are preparing an ingenious law. The design of this law is thus explained by the N. York "Times":

"THE CONFISCATION ACT.—The question of an amendment to the Confiscation act, so that the property of traitors once confiscated shall pass from them and their heirs forever, is being discussed by Congressmen, and will be brought up early in the next session. The law is now construed that after the death of the traitor, the estate reverts to his heirs, which renders the intended working of the act practically void."

TENNESSEE.

Raid on Pikeville and Sparta.

The Knoxville Register learns that on Friday the 24th ultimo, a company of seventy-five Yankee cavalry visited Pikeville, but did no damage further than stealing negroes and horses. After leaving Pikeville they went by way of Spencer, in Van Buren county, to Sparta, entering the town on the east side, while the citizens, it seems, had made preparations to resist them from an opposite direction. They remained in Sparta from Saturday night until Sunday morning. Capt. Woods, Capt. Bledsoe, Wm. Delavan, and one or two other citizens, were captured. They took off some forty negroes, and a number of horses. Col. Dibbrell lost three horses and three negroes. Stokes' cavalry is reported to be at Carthage.

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A soldier fighting the battles of his country, exposing his life and health, and receiving eleven dollars per month, can ill afford to pay two dollars for a meal; and yet the citizen who remains at home, cultivating his farm, when his defender asks him for food, charges him a price he is unable to pay. Let no man in future who has food to spare, refuse it to the weary and hungry soldier, but give it, if not without money, at the least possible price, and with a cheerful spirit.

FROM GEN. JOHNSTON'S ARMY.—The Chattanooga Rebel of the 3d inst., says: "In a brief conversation yesterday with a distinguished member of the Surgical Department of General Johnston's army, we obtained the satisfactory and truly gratifying intelligence of the healthful spirit and confidence of the troops. The Mississippi army, when our informant left it, for this point, was encamped at Morton, a short distance below Meridian. It has been subsequently reported as moving back again to Jackson. The force under Johnston is estimated at upwards of thirty-five thousand men. The atmosphere in that section of country is represented as close, and oppressive—but the defiant army presents the one pleasing feature, of fine discipline, undaunted spirit and unalterable patriotism, with an undying confidence in Joe Johnston."

GRANT REINFORCING MEADE.—There is no longer a doubt but that General Grant, immediately after the surrender of Vicksburg, reinforced General Meade to the extent of 15,000 to 20,000 troops. The troops were sent on board transports at Vicksburg two days after its fall, and arrived in the Chesapeake about a fortnight since. The 19th United States artillery, batteries E and B, the 16th Pennsylvania, and the 2nd Massachusetts, infantry accompanying the reinforcing column, which was under the command of Generals Smith and Kelley.

☞ On yesterday, Wm. Conner of Rockingham, a member of the Council of the Provisional Government of this place, shot himself accidentally, in the right side. [illegible] was so suddenly resorted to as to necessitate the amputation.

☞ We learn subsequent to the above [illegible] of Conner [illegible] Commissioner for Accomac County [illegible] of two to [illegible].

ENGAGEMENT ON JAMES RIVER—EXPLOSION OF A TORPEDO.

Several Federal iron-clads and gunboats appeared James River on Tuesday, and on Wednesday one gunboat appeared a short distance below Chaffin's Bluff, steaming cautiously up. It was suddenly brought to a stand by the explosion of a Confederate torpedo directly under his prow, which, unfortunately, only disabled it slightly. The vessel veered off, and retired with some dirtinity. A battery of eight guns was immediately sent down the shore after it, and at a late hour on Wednesday evening heavy firing was heard, the result of which had not transpired on yesterday.

Two other gunboats followed the first and a second torpedo was exploded, but neither boat was within fifty yards of it, and they were consequently unhurt. Bombs were lowered with a view to fishing up the bottle wires, but a party of twenty men, secreted on the shore, fired upon them and they were quickly hauled up, and the sailors ran below, some shouting as if in pain. The place of the occurrence was within sight of Aiken's landing. Two regiments of infantry accompanied the battery above mentioned, which was sent down to intercept the retreat.—[Enquirer of *Friday*.

A RAID PREVENTED.

A correspondent of the Richmond Sentinel, writing from near Huntersville, dated July 24th, says:

"For some time past the Yankees at Beverly have been threatening a raid into Pocahontas, Highland and the adjoining counties, which are being guarded by Col. Wm. L. Jackson, with his Northwestern brigade. They did not come, but Col. Jackson moved on Beverly on the 29th ult., and on the 24 inst. he captured all the pickets around that place, and completely surrounded it. Unfortunately, a cavalry force, equal in number to Jackson's whole command, arrived that day to participate in the contemplated raid; or all the troops there, consisting of the 10th (Yankee) Va., a battery of four guns, and quite a number of cavalry, would have been captured. As it was, he was compelled to fall back, after killing 62, wounding 67, according to reliable information since received, and capturing fifty prisoners and some twenty horses, four wagons and a quantity of stores, forage, &c. His loss was nine killed and wounded. Among the killed was the gallant Lieut. Wm. Harris. Col. Jackson retires leisurely, frequently offering the Yankees battle, which was as often declined.

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GRANT REINFORCING MEADE.—There is no longer a doubt but that General Grant, immediately after the surrender of Vicksburg, reinforced General Meade to the extent of 15,000 to 20,000 troops. The troops were sent on board transports at Vicksburg two days after its fall, and arrived in the Chesapeake about a fortnight since. The 19th United States artillery, batteries E and B, the 16th Pennsylvania, and the 2nd Massachusetts, infantry accompanying the reinforcing column, which was under the command of Generals Smith and Kelley.

☞ On yesterday, Wm. Conner of Rockingham, a member of the Council of the Provisional Government of this place, shot himself accidentally, in the right side. [illegible] was so suddenly resorted to as to necessitate the amputation.

☞ We learn subsequent to the above [illegible] of Conner [illegible] Commissioner for Accomac County [illegible] of two to [illegible].

[From the Richmond Sentinel]

GUN BOAT IN THE JAMES, JULY 30, 1863.

As we need suggestions just at this time, allow me to suggest the propriety of calling into service the thousands of able-bodied Commissaries, Quartermasters, Clerks and public agents, generally, who are amply and profitably (to themselves) out of harm's way, and let their places be filled by maimed soldiers and men over the age of 45. I suppose there are not less than 30,000 able bodied men now employed in this way, who are under as much obligation to carry a musket as we are; and who could be as well spared. Among them are many who were real "blood and thunder" gentry just before the war opened, but have taken remarkably good care of their precious bodies ever since. Many of them are also distinguished for criticising our military movements, and volunteering suggestions to our military authorities, as to what should be done in certain contingencies. They are also famous for urging aggressive movements, such as invasions, storming of strong positions, and the like, well knowing that they will be in the rear while there is danger, but taking good care to go to the front when the enemy is routed, and pick up the nice spoils that we have fought for and won.

Let them be brought out, Mr. Sentinel, let them be brought out; justice demands it.

A SOLDIER.

SOLDIERS VS. DESERTERS.

On the real soldier the country should, and will, shower its blessings and rewards. But he must be the real soldier; he who remains at his post; he who asks few furloughs, and is never absent without leave; who never straggles on the march; who does not skulk from the fire; who is seen in the ranks of the army or in the hospital, but never at home; never in the wayside house, never in the office, unless with a broken limb. To him be honor and reward; the first citizen of the nation will be his by right when his work shall be finished—not before and not otherwise.

But what is the due of those wretches who straggle to rob and beg, who skulk or are sickly at every pinch, who are visible here, there, and everywhere, except in their companies when the real foe is called? Are they entitled to any part of the consideration due to their comrades in the camp? Is it not a cruel robbery of the brave and true to call them soldiers? Their name is deserter, the vilest of malefactors! As such they should be treated, by every man and every woman, and every child, every civil and every military functionary. The house that gives such a one shelter is disgraced. Those who feed them, harbour them, or who, knowing of them, do not promptly inform the proper authority, partake of their crime, and stab their country.—[Examiner.

GEN. JO. JOHNSTON.—Gen. Johnston returned to Mississippi on the night of the 29th ult., after several days diligently employed in inspecting the defences and inquiring into the resources of Mobile. The Advertiser, of that city, speaks in encouraging terms of both.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

When a change is desired in the direction of a paper, it is necessary that the Postoffice to which it has been sent, as well as the new Postoffice, should be named.

Individual bills, and notes of insurance companies and the like, will not be received in payment of dues at this office. When such are received, they will be retained, subject to the orders of the parties sending. Send us State bank or Confederate bills.

No attention will be paid to orders for the paper, unless the price of subscription accompany the order.

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

☞ For announcing candidates for office, we invariably charge FIVE DOLLARS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

WE are authorized to announce COL. ROBT. L. DOYLE, as a candidate for the office of Attorney for the Commonwealth for Augusta County.

WE are authorized to announce CHAPMAN JOHNSON, as a candidate for the office of Attorney for the Commonwealth for Augusta County.

☞ We are authorized to announce GEORGE M. COCHRAN, as a candidate for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Col. Wm. H. Harman.

A CARD—

To the People of Augusta County:

At the solicitation of a number of persons, I now, in change of my purpose upon the subject mentioned until recently, announce my willingness to continue to hold the office of Commonwealth's Attorney for your county during the unexpired remnant of its present term, if it be your pleasure that I should do so.

JOHN N. MENDKEN.

August 4th 1863.

MARRIED.

On the 4th instant, at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. Mr. Dice, Lt. JOHN E. JOHNSON, of Co. G, 52d Georgia regiment, and Miss ELIZA A. JOHNSTON, of Staunton, Va.

In New Market, August 3d, 1863, by Rev. Dr. John P. Hyde, assisted by Rev. Julius Shiverstit, Lieut. JOHN B. CRAWFORD, of Augusta Co., and Mrs. EMILY C. ZIRKLE, of Shenandoah county, Va.

In Staunton, August 9, by Rev. Geo. B. Taylor, Mr. JOSEPH F. CALDWELL, of Richmond, and Miss MARY E. DAY, daughter of John Day, of Staunton, Va.

At the same time and place, and by the same Minister, Mr. JOHN A. DURGIN, of Richmond, and Miss CORNELIA DAY, daughter of Mr John Day, of Staunton, Va.

In Staunton, on the 10th instant, by Rev. S. D. Stuart, Mr. WILLIAM W. HUMPHREYS and Miss MARY E. LAYNE.

☞ Rockingham Register and Lynchburg papers please copy.

☞ [illegible] DAVIS [illegible] both leased calls for soldiers to return immediately [illegible].

In Staunton, on the 6th instant, by Rev. Wm. E. Baker, Mr. John R. NEWCOMB, C. S. A., of Bookes County, N. C., and Miss MARY C. BURFORD, of Augusta county, Va.

DIED.

On the 27th ult., of Pneumonia, CHARLIE, infant son of Joseph N. and A. J. Woodward, aged 4 months and 10 days.

On the 3d of August, 1863, MARSHALL, son of F. H. and M. S. Young, aged 7 years and 7 months.

On the 4th of July, with Cholera Infantum, after an illness of ten days, JAMES HAMILTON, youngest son of James and Sarah Joseph, aged eighteen months, and 6 days. Weep not, fond parents, your darling is in Heaven; you have planted the lily's bud, not to remain in the grave yard, but to blossom in that holy land, where the flowers fade not—where beauty never dies.

"Weep not, fond parents, that the grave
Consents thy gem—thy little one;
Thy father, who the jewel gave,
In mercy claimed it for his own.

And though earth's fairest blossoms die,
A blissful hope dispels our fears,
If God be our, a home on high
Awaits us through this vale of tears."

D. W. A.

At his residence, near Paineville, Nov. 1st, 1862 BARY BROWATE, in the 60th year of his age.—For more than 30 years, he was a free and acceptable member of the Methodist church, and was a true patriot and a firm friend of the South. In the dark hours of his sojourn, many virtues brightened his character, and endeared him to warm and generous hearts. He was a kind husband, affectionate father, and a true friend of the distressed, and hospitable, especially to the sick, who always had a hearty welcome. He was a good and true man, devoted husband and father. He has been successful to give evidence of his unfeigned and unwavering faith of religion. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!"—Rev. [illegible] D. W. A.

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An attack upon Mobile is anticipated. Gen. Johnson has [illegible] the advance of the [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible].

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WESLEYAN FEMALE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, STAUNTON, VA.

The Institution offers advantages which commend it to the confidence and patronage of the public generally.

Locality easy of access, safe, healthy, and inviting.

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Fare as good as the market will afford and charges moderate for the times, not exceeding $300 per session, of 20 weeks, for Board and Tuition, including washing, lights and fuel; Latin, French and Music Pupils to furnish their own towels.

The Fall Session will open September 14th, 1863.

For Circular, address

REV. WM. S. BAIRD, A. M.,
Principal.

August 11—4t

AUGUSTA FEMALE SEMINARY.—The trustees of this institution announce that the next session will begin the 1st of October. Miss M. J. Baldwin, aided by competent teachers, will have charge of the school, and Miss Agnes McClung, of the boarding department. The terms of board and tuition will be as low as the cost of living will allow.—Further particulars given hereafter.

Staunton, August 11—3t—Central Presbyterian copy 3 weeks.

FEMALE SEMINARY—REV. W. W. TRIMBLE, PRINCIPAL.—The next session will open the middle of Sept. 1863, and close the middle of June, 1864. Board (including fuel and washing), for the entire term, $160, to be paid in advance. Tuition at the prices of two years since, or as many as enough to buy $180 worth of old prices. A small advance on the old price of tuition. For further particulars address the Principal, at Brownsburg, Rockbridge county, Va.

August 11—3m

TEACHER WANTED.—The subscriber wishes to employ a good FEMALE TEACHER, to take charge of a small school, in Greenville. Good but no some well recommended to teach the usual English branches, French, and music on the Piano, will find a good situation by applying to me at Greenville, Augusta county, Va.

WM. F. SMITH.

August 11—4t

NOTICE PHYSICIANS.—The "Augusta Medical Society" will meet punctually at 10 A. M., on the 4th Monday of this month, (Court day.)

By order,

KENNERLY JR.,
Secretary.

August 11—2t—Vis copy 24—43

FOR SALE.—A very fine young horse, which belonged to the late Col. Wm. D. Stuart. He is 5 years old, beautifully formed, perfectly sound, and admirably fitted for military service.

ALEX. H. H. STUART.

Aug 11—2t

$100 REWARD.—Runaway, from the subscriber, living near Greenville, Augusta county, Va., on the 1st day of August, my Negro man named WILLIAM.

Said man is about 23 years of age, 6 feet high, stout made, is a dark mulatto, and has a very heavy head; had on, when he left, a pair of drab pants and a grey coat. He may be lurking in the neighborhood of Staunton, where he was hired to Col. M. G. Harman for the last two years, or he may be making his way to Hanover county, where he was raised by Dr. Edward Rowzie, near Beaver Dam Depot.

I will give the above reward if taken out of the county, and secured in jail so that I can get him, or $50 if taken in the county.

Address my brother, Wm. F. Smith, at Greenville, Augusta county, Va.

JOHN B. SMITH.

August 11—4t

LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING IN THE POST-OFFICE AT STAUNTON, VA., ON THE 31ST DAY OF JULY, 1863.

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Bierce, Capt B M
Brown, Austin
Burks, Benjamin
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Bishop, George W
Bush, Franklin
Bryan, J R
Baily, Joseph H
Bar, John
Brown, John R
Brown, J W
Blair, Joseph A
Beasley, John F
Bradley, John A
Bower, Lieut N B
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Brown, P J
Ballock, R
Bumgardner, Thomas H
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Cathey, Alexander
Cross, Abraham
Campbell, Catherine
Caldwell, Rev C K 3
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Chambers, Capt G W
Casaro, G W
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Coffey, John A
Crawford, Lt Joel
Caldwell, R T
Cheplay, Mrs Sallie
Cheplay, Wm D
Cash, W H
Carr, Wm M
Dickenson, Capt C
Dull, Elias
Douglas, Hezekiah
Darden, Joseph
Daughtry, Jno J A
Drake, Capt J J
Dickerson, Jewel W
Dunlop, M M
Davis, R K
Dyer, Mrs Sallie G
Doss, Lt S F
Dives, Thos C
Deon, Wm
Darby, Lt W J
Dixon, W C
Etheridge, A
Mache, E D
Keyses, James A
Keyses, Lord M
Eldridge, James J
Ford, Mr Sutler
Free, John F
Foster, Augustus H
Earnshaw, Alpheus
Freeman, Miss Barbary A
Falcher, Lieut E A
Frost, Dr Francis L 2
Foster, James, 2
Fields, Miss Lucy
Ford, Miss Regina
Fisher, Lieut Wm
Garringer, Alinson
Godfrey, Alex
Grist, Miss Mim Jane
Gillespie, Miss Elizabeth
Gay, Henry E
Gilbert, E
Garnett, Jerry E
Grice, M H
Girton, Miss Mary E
Grant, Miss Mary F
Green, R
Gary, Capt Thos W
Gordon, Mrs Ann F
Graham, Col W L
Griffith, W J
Wisher, A J
Harding, Mrs G A
Hart, David R
Harris, Mrs Frances T
Haldeman, Miss Frances
Mavian, George
Hogg, G W
Hoover, G F
Holt, Hester A
Hewston, Capt H A
Hoover, G F
Hoover, J
Harrigan, John J
Harrell, James
Hamilton, James R
Hawkwoth, John
Hamilton, Capt J M
Hurst, John W
Harlow, Miss Mary A
Hanson, Capt N C
Hale, Maj Sargent
Hall, Lieut
Hall, Edmund J
Harper, Jno Henry C
Hogg, J A
Harsh, William
Hoover, Wm
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