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LOOK FOR THE CROSS MARK!

Those who find a cross mark upon their papers, or wrappers, will understand that they are owing for subscription from the 1st of May, 1862; or, in other words, to September 15th, 1862; and that their partners will be disconnected after the time dated September 15th, unless they pay \$2.00—the amount now due—and \$2.00 additional for the next year's subscription. Those, therefore, who desire their papers continued, will enclose the sum of \$12.00, and those who do not, will enclose the sum of \$2.00—the amount now due. In these times, we cannot afford to send the paper to any who do not pay promptly. Our terms are CASH IN ADVANCE.

We hope and believe that those whom we have besieged for this length of time will pay up as soon as we see this notice; and we should be pleased if they would continue to remain subscribers. Their failure to pay has not resulted, we are satisfied, from any disinclination or want of ability. We do so, but from neglect alone—they have not thought of it. We are brought to this conclusion by observing that some of our most respectable, responsible and substantial subscribers are in arrears to the amount and for the time mentioned. We are satisfied that this reminder is all that is needed to induce them to pay at once, both what they are now owing and what will obtain the paper for the ensuing year to wit: \$12.00.

OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We furnish those who have, through neglect or thoughtlessness, failed to pay for their subscriptions since May 1st, 1862, a reminder of the fact by putting a cross mark upon their papers.—Last week we stated:

"We are inclined that this reminder is all that is needed to induce them to pay at once. And what they are now owing and what will obtain the paper for the ensuing year—to wit: \$12.00"—\$2.00 for past dues, and \$4.00 for next year. The number who have already come forward and paid that amount confirms us in the good opinion we entertained of them. More than six-tenths who have thus suffered themselves to fall in arrears are honest, responsible and reliable men, and only need such a reminder to cause them to pay at once. They not only pay for the past, but pay the increased price for the ensuing year. Being sensible and reasonable men, they know that, as compared with other things, the price of subscription is very low. Many, in fact, say that it should be more. We have good reason to be proud of our list of subscribers, as it is a large one, and with but few exceptions, responsible and honest—good old whigs in the mill" at \$2.00 per month. We are now "winnowing the chaff from the wheat," and are satisfied that we will have as good a wheat crop as the largest farmer in the land. The small quantity of chaff we can dispense with.

THE YANKEES EXPECTED.

On Friday last, there was some excitement here consequent upon a despatch sent by Colonel Jackson to the Commandant of the Post of this place that there was a considerable force of the enemy in Highland county, and that it was impossible for him to get his forces between the enemy and this place. The command of neither exceeded a good brigade in our army, and the results in casualty but little beyond a smart skirmish on our outposts.

The entire loss in killed and wounded, in all our battles in Mexico, amounted to 4,807, as stated in the late official records of the United States.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

To whom much is given, of these will much be expected. In these times much will be expected of those who possess an abundance of this world's goods. Those who have the means should relieve the wants of the poor. The very high prices of the necessities of life make it impossible for many to procure them honestly unless aided by the contributions of those who are more fortunate. Those who have the means, and particularly those who have made money since the war commenced, should contribute liberally and generously to the support of the needy. This is the first duty of the property holder. The second is, to be willing to take the lead in meeting the invaders of our country. If the enemy waged war against our liberties only, we all would be equally interested in defeating them, for liberty is as valuable to the poor man as to the rich, and is as highly prized by him; but as the enemy are also making war against property as well as liberty, the property holder is more interested in the result of the struggle than the man who has not property to lose, and should be willing, therefore, to take the lead in any enterprise which has for its object the protection of our liberties and property.—There are some property-holders so situated upon greater accumulations that they cease to have a single patriotic sentiment, and there are a few men who have suffered their prejudices against such characters to blind them to their duties as patriots, and have resolved not to strike a blow till they see such Shylocks in the army. Both have duties to their country to perform, and the remissness of the one is not a justifiable excuse for the other. The property-holder should take the lead, and say: "Come on, boys!"

COMPARISON OF LOSSES.

The battle in the war of 1812, and in the war with Mexico, were mere skirmishes compared with many of the battles in this gigantic war, as will be seen by the following statement of the losses suffered in the battle of three wars:

The battle of the Thames, U. Canada, fought October 5th, 1813, between the North Western army of United States, Major General W. H. Harrison, 2,500 strong, chiefly Kentucky volunteers, and Major Gen. Proctor, commanding British forces, 800 regulars and 1,200 Indians under Tecumseh; our loss 7 killed and 22 wounded—5 mortally; their loss, killed, 12 regulars, 22 wounded, and 25 officers and 576 men our prisoners; and of the Indians, 88 killed, including Tecumseh, and spoils 5,000 small arms and 6 pieces of cannon.

Plattsburg, 1,500 regulars and about 3,000 volunteers and militia, commanded by Brigadier General McComb, Sept. 11th, 1814, who repulsed a British division of 1,400 men of all arms, under Gov. Sir George Prevost; our loss 36 killed 85 wounded; their loss 1,500 in killed, 12 regulars, 22 wounded, and only used such a reminder to cause them to pay at once. They not only pay for the past, but pay the increased price for the ensuing year. Being sensible and reasonable men, they know that, as compared with other things, the price of subscription is very low. Many, in fact, say that it should be more. We have good reason to be proud of our list of subscribers, as it is a large one, and with but few exceptions, responsible and honest—good old whigs in the mill" at \$2.00 per month. We are now "winnowing the chaff from the wheat," and are satisfied that we will have as good a wheat crop as the largest farmer in the land. The small quantity of chaff we can dispense with.

On Tuesday, the bombardment was continued throughout the day chiefly with their heavy Parrott guns. There was comparatively little firing against Sumter, and the roar of cannon was tremendous. The casualties at Sumter on Monday were one killed and thirteen wounded; at Battery Wagner, seven killed, 12 regulars, 22 wounded, and 25 officers and 576 men our prisoners; and of the Indians, 88 killed, including Tecumseh, and spoils 5,000 small arms and 6 pieces of cannon.

On Wednesday, the operations of the enemy were confined to a steady and continuous fire upon Fort Sumter from their Parrott guns on Morris Island.

The heavy fire began to make an impression upon the fort, which replied only at long intervals. Many of the guns on the fort had been dismounted.

Battle of New Orleans, 8th January, 1815. Our forces under Gen. Jackson, 4,698 on the East side of the Mississippi and 1,000 on the West side. The British forces numbered 8,400, under Lieutenant Packenham. Our loss 6 killed and 7 wounded in the main battle, and 8 killed and 35 wounded on the West bank; their loss was 291 killed, the Lt. General included, and 1,282 wounded, and 17 officers and 483 private prisoners.

The first and last of the above battles have been supposed to have made their Commander's Presidents. Now, the command of neither exceeded a good brigade in our army, and the results in casualty but little beyond a smart skirmish on our outposts.

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ORGANIZE FOR HOME DEFENCE.

"Forewarned is to be forearmed," and we have been warned frequently of late that the Yankees will attempt a raid upon this place, and we should heed the warning, and prepare to give them a warm and cordial reception whenever they may see proper to call upon us at home. We have a reputation for hospitality which we should not allow to be sacrificed, and should always hold ourselves in readiness, when strangers call upon us, to take them in.

To take in Yankees furnishes the highest test not only of patriotism, but of ingenuity, for they are a race—*the highest of whose ambition it is to take us other people.* The people of other countries are organizing that they may dispense their hospitality with more efficiency, and we should do the same if we do not desire our fair reputation to suffer. One company, composed, in part, of "grave and reverend seigneurs," was organized in this place on Saturday last, by the election of J. Way Bell, Captain, P. B. Hood, 1st Lieutenant, James W. Crawford, 2d Lieutenant, and Wm. H. Paxton, 3d Lieutenant. We suppose that other companies composed of younger men will soon be raised and organized. The old men are mounted—the young should be willing to organize as it suits, a much more efficient branch of the service.

Companies for home defence should be organized to accordance with law in all parts of the country. Sound the bugle, beat the huzza-guzzy, and let the people rally.

On the 4th of this month, Mr. Wm. H. Woodall, near Staunton, found a terrier marked with the name of Wm. F. Kartcote, and dated 1843; and, on the next day, near the same place, found another marked by J. D. Dennison, dated 1850, and by A. B. (supposed to be A. Beaver), dated 1850.

Friday last was appropriately observed in this place as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, in accordance with the proclamation of President Davis. Houses of worship were generally closed, and religious services held in all the churches.

We invite attention to the advertisement of Sergeant J. W. Bryan, who is now on recruiting service for the Staunton Artillery.

It is now exhibited in the windows of the Post Office, in the city, a copy of the "Daily Spy," with the motto, "Truth, Justice, and the Rule of Law."

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