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JOB PRINTING

We are prepared to execute, with neatness and dispatch, JOB WORK, such as

BILLHEADS,
BLANKS,
POSTERS,
CHECKS,
CARDS,
LABELS,
MILL-HEADS,
&c., &c.

Job Terms CASH for all Job Work, on DELIVERY.

April 17, 1863.

R. H. LYNN, Staunton, Va. } ROBERT W. SCHEN, Richmond, Va.

MINOR & BURKE,
Commission Merchants,
FOR THE SALE OF
COUNTRY PRODUCE,
TOBACCO, GROCERIES, &c.
GARY STREET,
(3d door below 15th Street,
RICHMOND, VA.

We will use our best endeavors to promote the interests of our patrons. Refer by permission to

Hon. John Christian, Richmond, Va.
J. M. Bowyer, Fin. Walker, Richmond, Va.
J. G. Pitman, Angusta co., Va.
Otis Gaston, Richmond, Va.
J. A. Duvall, Rockingham co., Va.
P. Pitman, Jno. Gravemon, Highland co., Va.
W. W. Fleming, Highland co., Va.
Mark Morris, Jno. K. Hoover, Page co., Va.
M. R. Kinnear, Frederick co., Va.

March 6, 1863.—6m.

OUR HOUSE,

THE Proprietor of the above popular Establishment respectfully announces to the public that he has enlarged his Establishment by the addition of

TWO ROOMS

adjoining his present location recently occupied by A. J. Kinney.

These rooms are especially intended for

DINING SALOONS,

where will be served at a few steps all the delicacies that can be procured without regard to cost and brushing Restaurants without regard to order to meet the wants and gratify the wishes of many persons frequently made known, one of the rooms will be set apart for the accommodation of

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

who may prefer to take a plate of Oysters, a quiet meal, or a saucer of Ice Cream, and at the same time be free from the noise and confusion, too often incident to Bachelor saloons.

John Christian,

the popular caterer for the frolics with other well raised servants will always be on hand to wait on the Patrons of the OUR HOUSE.

Feb. 13—tf

CENTRAL HOTEL
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

THE Proprietor of this convenient HOTEL respectfully calls the attention of the

Travelling Public

to the situation of this House, being immediately on the Railroad, and therefore very convenient for those stopping left to the cities. His table, supplied with the best the markets afford, and his well ventilated rooms, furnished with

CLEAN BEDDING,

afford comfortable entertainment in the MERRY WAYNESBORO. He respectfully solicits the patronage of the public.

R. W. BAILEY.

Waynesboro 6, 1864.—6m

J. W. ALBY, Staunton, Va. } J. W. ALBY

CATLETT & ALBY,

AUCTION AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

OVER VIRGINIA HOTEL, STAUNTON, VA.,

Solicit consignments of all kinds of Goods, for Sale on Commission, Cash. Special attention paid to the Sale of Negroes. Family sale Day: Monday.

Nov. 30—tf

OFFICE VA. CENTRAL RAILROAD,
Richmond, Jan. 11, 1864.

CHANGE of Schedule—On and after Friday, January 15th, 1864, the Mail and Passenger Train will leave Richmond daily for Staunton and intermediate points at 6 o'clock A. M. Returning, will leave Staunton at 6 45 A. M. and arrive in Richmond at 5 o'clock P. M.

An Accommodation train between Richmond and Gordonsville will be operated until further notice.

R. D. WHITCOMB, Gen'l Supt.

Jan 15, 1864.

HARMAN & BELL,
Attorneys at Law
STAUNTON, VA.

W. H. HARMAN may be found at the Office formerly occupied by Judge H. Shingler, Esq., and will give prompt attention to business entrusted to the firm.

February 20, 1863.

NOTICE

THOSE persons who hold my receipts for services payable in "certificates of indebtedness" are requested to present them at this office for payment.

WM. M. TATE,
Maj. & A. C. S. 2 Div.

Office Subsistence, Sept 5 1864.

Sept 16—tf

WANTED,

A Wagon Maker to Work on Wood, Wanted to Work on Iron, and a Blacksmith.

DG PEECE.
Dr Young's old stand.

Jan 20—tf

Silver Watch For Sale.

This Watch is double cased, hinge excellent, and is a very large and of superior workmanship. Any one desiring such a time piece would do well by calling at the office of the Staunton Vindicator where it can be seen.

Nov 18—tf

WANTED, 20 or 30 Barrels of Vinegar. Apply to

CATLETT & ALBY.

Feb 9—tf

NEW GOODS!
At White's Corner.

JAMES A. PIPER would be pleased to see his old friends and customers at the well known stand, which he will keep open for their accommodation, and has just received and prepared to sell, among a variety of goods, the following leading articles, viz:

One yard wide Brown Cotton.
Cotton Yarns, from No. 5 to 17.
Bleached Cotton.
Brown Cotton Goods.
Black Alpacas, Irish Linen.
Black Cloth, Cassimere, Flannel.
Pins and Needles, Writing Paper.

ALSO—

A large lot of Queensware.

Such as Cups and Saucers, Pitchers, Basins and Ewers, Dishes, Plates, &c. &c. Also—Other with a large lot of Looking Glasses, Smoking and Chewing Tobacco, Rio Coffee, Tea, Soda, Extract Log Wood, Copperas, Salts, &c. &c.

He is also prepared to receive and sell anything at Auction or on Commission.

Sept 2, 1864.—tf

WOOL WANTED.

The undersigned very respectfully informs the citizens of Augusta and the adjoining counties that, having furnished himself with a complete set of machinery, he will re-establish his Factory in the county of Rockbridge, and commence operations in the course of six weeks. Having removed to a place of safety his stock of cloth, prior to the destruction of his Factory, at Port Republic, by the Yankees, he is now prepared to exchange cloth for wool, on the following terms: One yard of cloth for two pounds of clean washed wool.

In order to make it more convenient to those who wish to exchange wool for cloth, he has made arrangements with Mr. A. Lynn, at the Vindicator office, Staunton, to receive and receipt for the wool. The cloth will be delivered at the same place if desired.

Those not disposed to barter their wool, will find a purchaser by calling on Mr. Lynn, who will pay the highest market price.

Aug. 19—tf. A. B. TANQUARY.

5000 YARDS Brown Cotton at

S. H. HILB'S.

A Lot of 6, 8 and 10 penny nails, at

S. H. HILB'S.

A Splendid lot of Calicoes and Ginghams and Dress Goods at

S. H. HILB'S.

1 Barrel Crush Sugar at

S. H. HILB'S.

August 19.—tf. T. P. HOGE.

M. Blair.

M. BLAIR & CO.,
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
Corner of 12th and Cary Streets,
RICHMOND, VA.,

Give their undivided attention to the sale of

WHEAT, FLOUR, TOBACCO,

AND OTHER

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

August 19.—6m.

J. W. S. TAYLOR,
Commission Merchant,
RICHMOND, VA.

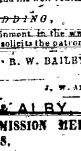
Solicits consignments, of all kinds of country produce.

Respectfully refers to

J. Massie Moffett, Esq., Ephraim Gerdine,
Isaac B. Sims, Dr. Joseph Wilson,
John G. Stokes, John J. Cole.

Aug. 19 6m.

NOTICE!



G. C. YEAKLE has just arrived from Philadelphia with a large assortment of Drugs and Medicines consisting in part as follows viz:

Iodide, Sulphate, Acetate, Sub-Carbonate, Alum, Assafoetida, Cream of Tartar, Dandy Pills, Killer, Epsom Salts, Castor Oil, Gum Arabic, Gum Camphor, Sweet Spirits, Nitre, Balsam Copaiva, Sugar of Lead, Iodide Potash, Chloride, Carbonate, Borax, and Strychnine.

Having in want of articles in his line would do well to give him a call at the Young Old stand. Every available means will be used in keeping on hand a general assortment of Drugs and Medicines.

Cash required on delivery of all articles.

G. C. YEAKLE.

Staunton Sept. 4, 1863.—tf.

Spec. copy.

NEW GOODS

At Taylor and Hoge's Old Stand

BLACK and white Calico's Ginghams, Alpacas, Grey Army Cloth, 4-4 Cotton,
¾ Omnibuses, Bleached Cotton,
Men's ½ Hose, Ladies Hose, Morocco Shoes,
Handkerchiefs (assorted) Hoop Cambrics,
Shoe Thread, Letter Paper, Shoe laces,
Buttons, (in-tail and bone), Lead Pencils,

Salt, by the Sack, Pocket Knives and Forks, and various other articles which I will sell at small advance.

S. F. TAYLOR.

Sept 23—3mo.

OFFICE SOUTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES
Richmond, March 24th 1864.

THE Stockholders of the Washington and New Orleans, Richmond, Charlottesville and Stanton, Lynchburg and Abingdon, and East Tennessee Telegraph Companies, are hereby notified that the five per cent. tax levied by the law passed 11th February 1864, on the value of all shares held or operated by the companies, will be paid by the undersigned at this office, and they will therefore omit the stock held in any of these companies in their returns.

E. McCARTHY, Auditor.
Southern Telegraph Companies.

April 8—tf

Wanted

1000 BUSHELS OF WHEAT.

THE undersigned wishes to purchase for the Town of Staunton, One Thousand Bushels of Wheat, or its equivalent in Flour, payable in Bonds of the Corporation, in one, two or three years, at the option of the seller. The interest will be sold either annually or semi-annually as may be desired.

J. C. WHEAT,
W. B. TAYLOR,
JAS. CRAWFORD, } Committee.

August 12 1864—tf

GOOD MATCHES

I have removed my FRICTION MATCH MANUFACTORY, to the corner known as "Bickle's Corner," on Augusta street, opposite the drug store of Dr. Gwen G. Morris, where I shall be prepared to furnish Matches by the Gross or Box. These matches are extensively used in Staunton and Richmond and thought to be fully equal to any ever sold in this market. I shall always have a supply on hand, and the satisfactory is kept constantly in operation.

Jan 28—1yr D. S. BLACKBURN.

NEW GOODS!

JUST received on consignment a lot of superior ENGLISH BARÈGE PLAINS,
MOURNING ORGANDIES,
REPPD MUSLINS,
LADIES FINE POINT LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS,
LADIES FINE WHITE HOSE,
&c., &c.

which we will sell low for cash.

CATLETT & ALBY.

July 15—tf

NEGROES FOR SALE.—I have a negro girl for sale privately, White and Black.

H. H. PECK.

Feb. 3—tf.

NEW GOODS
S. H. HILB
Opposite Gabel Hotel.

I AM now receiving a neat and well selected assortment, meet the Fall and Winter trade, and they will be sold as low as the times will justify.

Among the Dry Goods will be found of variety of styles and patterns of Ladies Dress Goods comprising

CALICOES, LAWNS, MUSLINS, ALPACCAS, &c.

Hosiery assorted, for Ladies and Gentlemen, Shirts, extra quality, Hose, assorted colours, Gentlemen's neck ties defaced style, Shirts, white and coloured, Shirt collars, Brace webbing, Bleached and coloured, Shirt collars, Brace webbing, Cotton yarn from No 5 to 15 white Cambricks plain and barred, One Cask, White and Grey Blankets, Shawls thread different colours, together with a variety of other articles in this line not enumerated.

GROCERIES.

Rio Coffee a superior article, Gunpowder and Imperial Tea, fine flavor, Brown Sugar of excellent quality.

Miscellaneous Articles.

Extract Logwood, Copperas, Copperas and note paper, Slates, Lead Pencils, Hats of different styles and qualities, Tobacco, Chewing and Smoking, Cigars, Black Pepper, &c.,

The above comprises but part of an assortment of goods now in store, and will be constantly receiving fresh supplies throughout the season.

I take this method of returning my sincere thanks to the people of Staunton, and the Country for the very liberal patronage bestowed on me, and shall endeavor to merit a continuance of the same by strict attention to business at this time, and by selling at small profits, that I shall still retain their good opinion, and consequently receive a share of their patronage.

N. B. Country produce of all kinds taken in exchange for goods.

Staunton Aug 8—tf

TREASURY DEPARTMENT C. S. A.,
Richmond, Dec. 1, 1864.

SEVEN-THIRTY TREASURY NOTES.

In pursuance of an act of Congress, approved November 28, 1864, entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange coupon bonds for seven thirty Treasury notes," holders of such notes are hereby notified, that after the payment of the semi-annual interest due them on the first day of January, 1865, upon presentation of the same, the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Depositaries authorized to pay said interest, will issue certificates therefor, which will be in a form to coupon bonds payable thirty years after the first day of January, 1865, and will be for sums not exceeding fifty dollars each, and will bear interest from said first of January, 1865, payable on the first days of January and July in each year.

The Treasurer and Depositaries will make weekly reports to the Register of the Treasury of such certificates issued at their respective places. Bonds will be sent forward in satisfaction of same. The notes will be cancelled in the usual manner, and forwarded to the First Auditor.

C. A. TRENHOLM,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasurer at Richmond, Va.
Assistant Treasurers at Charleston and Mobile.
Depositaries at Raleigh and Wilmington, N. C.
Depositaries at Charleston and Columbia, S. C.
Depositaries at Savannah and Augusta, Georgia.
Depositaries at Tallahassee, Fla, and Montgomery, Ala.
Depositaries at Columbus, Miss., and Houston and Marshall, Texas.

Dec. 9.—2m

JUST RUN THE BLOCKADE.

THE undersigned respectfully informs the Citizens, (especially his friends of Staunton) and the country that he has just received direct from Wilmington, and now in store, a large and well selected stock of

Dry Goods

He has forgot none of goods by the Yankees during their stay in Staunton, which was in fact in a very serious loss. He merely tells the generous public for a liberal patronage.

Among the articles of divers received he begs leave to mention the following, viz:

Bleached Cotton, Gent's Shirts and Collars, white and coloured, Colored Shirts, at $25, Plaid and Striped Shirts, Fancy Goods for Gent's wear, Suspender Buttons, Superior Cotton Yarns, from Columbia, S. Carolina, Bleached, and coloured, very cheap, French Corsets, Superior quality, Spool Cotton, white and coloured Gent's Drawers, the Fine Brown Jeans and Fine Wool Flannel Cloth, Nainsudeers, Toweling, Jean Jeans, Letter paper, Pens and Pen Holders, Fancy Soaps, Dress Goods, Fine Snuffs and Chewing Tobacco, Cigars, Powder and Shot.

All of which will be sold on accommodating terms, at the store house formerly occupied by R. B. Walker, next door to the Marble yard, Main Street. A call is respectfully solicited.

C. E. WOOD.

Sept 2—tf.

Notice to the Citizens of Augusta, (Beyond the Limits of The Town of Staunton.)

HAVING received a portion of Augusta County Quota of Cotton Cloth, and Green Jeans, I am now prepared to order, viz: First to the families of Soldiers; Second to persons in indigent circumstances; and third to persons generally. Each family will be required to bring or send a Certificate from a Justice of the Peace as to the number in his or her family; the Cloth must accompany such application. Persons wishing to make deposit in advance on their orders can do so, those taking such deposit will be entitled to the preference of others in their respective classes, as the cloth comes in advance. Parties will call at my office, in the Staunton Vindicator office.

The goods will be found at Mosby & Taylor's old stand, Beverly St. Staunton.

PECK & TAYLOR, Commercial
Agents for Augusta County.

October 28th 1864 tf

OFFICE INSPECTOR FIELD TRANSPORTATION,
RICHMOND, VA., December 5th, 1864.

THE attention of all concerned is called to Paragraph II, General Orders No. 67, Adjutant and Inspector General's office, current series.

"All horses, mules, wagons, harness and saddles in the hands of citizens, or others, not authorized to be owned by them branded "C. S." or "U. S." or captured from or abandoned by the enemy, will be turned in at once to the nearest post quartermaster."

Citizens are specially warned against purchasing horses branded "C. S." and "U. S." from soldiers unless a title to same is exhibited, issued from this office.

RICHARD Y GAINES.
Captain and Inspector Field Transportation in charge.
Petersburg Express, Lynchburg Republican, Charlottesville Chronicle and Staunton Vindicator publish one month and send bill to Captain Dec. 15 for Assistant Quartermaster, Richmond, Va.

Dec. 16—4t

Railroad Notice.

OFFICE VA. CENTRAL R. R.,
RICHMOND, Oct. 1st, 1864.

ARTICLES of Freight shipped to Waynesboro, Fishersville or Staunton must be removed from the cars immediately on their arrival at the Depot. Any such Depot at either point named will not be responsible for losses after their arrival at destination, nor any goods be suffered to remain in the cars for storage.

H. D. WHITCOMB,
Gen'l. Supt.

Lynchburg, Va. Dec 18, 1864.

ON Consignment for Sale PITTSBURGH ARMS, No. 1 TANNER OIL. A very superior article.

R. A. LEE,
No 2 Bridge st

Dec 23—5t.

WANTED.—The use of a Piano for one year, good care will be taken of the instrument, and a liberal compensation given as to prompt payment.

Apply at Vindicator Office.

Feb 16—tf.

LOST.—On Tuesday evening, 1st inst, between Mrs Garrisons and Washington Streets, a READING GLASS. The finder will return it to Mrs Garrison, or leaving it at the Vindicator office.

The Slavery Disposition in the Federal Congress.

In the Yankee House, on Wednesday, the amendment to the Constitution abolishing slavery was up. Mr. Townsend, of New York, opposed it, and during his speech had the famous "Crittenden resolutions" read by the Clerk.

Mr Holman (Indiana) said this amendment could not be adopted without being followed by more radical measures. It is the judgement of our fathers, slavery was inconsistent with a republican form of government, they would have abolished it.—The Democratic party were opposed to the amendment because they want the Constitution preserved as it is. He denied that because of slavery our country had become a blessing and reproach. In consequence of slavery, on the contrary, it had grown in population and wealth, and commanded the respect of the world; nor had its destinies been unduly controlled by Southern men. The Constitution has been the source of the Nation's prosperity, and it is the only ark of our safety.

Mr. Cravens (Indiana) believed that slavery finally die if gentlemen but address themselves to putting down the rebellion. He believed the war would have been ended before now if they had said nothing about slavery. He thought this was not the proper time to make so radical an amendment, and he was opposed to it on the ground of policy, expediency and justice.

Mr. Bromall (Pennsylvania) contended that this question had been passed upon by the people during the late President election; they had given their verdict, and he held that it must be carried out, if not by this, at least by the next Congress. He answered the arguments which had been advanced against the amendment, and contended that the object of the Constitution, as declared in its preamble, was to preserve the liberties of the people.

Mr Pendleton (Ohio) maintained that the right of amendment is limited to two ways: first, by the letter of the Constitution itself, and next, by the spirit. Intent and scope of that instrument, and the idea underlies the foundation. It was not an abstract question, but a question of compact. A change could not be made subverting the Constitution and encouraging a monarchy, because republicanism is at the base of our system. Under the letter, it is not to amend, but to subvert the Constitution.—If three fourths of the States pass such an amendment, and they find that Rhode Island should be the one dissenting State, she would have the right, and it would be her duty, to resist by force, and her cause would be as sacred in the eyes of just men and sanctified by God. Such an amendment would not be binding on moral law, and there fore to be illegal and void, and it could be enforced only by those who have the power of the sword. In further argument he insisted that it was not in the power of three fourths of the States to determine the character of the institutions of the other fourth.

"We cannot contravene the letter and spirit of the Constitution. We cannot say very Republican shall be Republican and fix upon the status of the citizens of the State. If this is imposed by force it will become the right to resist by force, and to array all the power which may make resistance effective. He would stand by the Constitution through good and evil report. He would stand by it as he understood it in the end. He loved his whole country, North and South, and it was because he loved it he would do not to retard the restoration of peace and the reconstruction of the Union.

Mr. Jenckes (Rhode Island) said he understood the gentleman to remark that, in the future, the cause of rebellion would be traced to others than those now in arms. He would ask the gentleman to say at whose door the sin lies, and by whom committed.

Mr. Pendleton replied that he was not surprised the gentleman was somewhat touched by what the had said. It might be the gentleman misunderstood the exact force of his language, but there possibly might have been in the neighborhood of the gentleman, and in his own State, and in all the free States, those who would infract the Constitution. He (Mr. Pendleton) had said let gentlemen be now how they push their doctrine, lest it would be found that the compact of confederation had first been broken elsewhere than in the South. In conclusion, he declared that he was not influenced by any sectional or partisan feeling, but solely by a regard for the character and perpetuity of our free institutions.

Mr Jenkins (Rhode Island) expressed his astonishment that Mr. Pendleton called this a compact of confederation, and asked if we are not one nation, what are we? He called upon the gentleman and all of his school to frame an indictment on the charge that had been made that Northern men had infracted the Constitution.

Gen Sherman on Slavery

From gentleman who had several conversations with Gen. Sherman recently, the Augusta Constitutionalist learns that no slavery will exist in the South after the conclusion of peace, let the war terminate as it may; that the Emancipation Proclamation is no reference to its abolition are simply means for the restoration of the Union, that the Supreme Court have, nor will not sustain him, neither will the Federal Government attempt to abolish slavery, but will leave it to the States returning to the Union to settle it, and that he [Sherman] expects to own a thousand slaves in the South one of these days.

He represents Sherman as being a thorough fanatic upon the subject of restoring the "glorious Union."

A CURIOSITY.—The enchanted mountain in Texas is an immense oval rock, three hundred feet high, situated about eighty miles north of Bastrop. Its surface is polished, and in sunshine dazzles the beholder at a distance of three or four miles.—The boys ascend it have to wear moccasins or stockings, and, like those who wish to mount Horeb, pull off their shoes.

The Abolition Question in Congress.

The bill for the abolition of slavery is still up in the Yankee House. On Tuesday

Mr Fernando Wood (New York) discussed at length the want of power and the impolicy of amending the Constitution in the way proposed. In the course of his remarks he said he should, on a future occasion, speak upon the condition of the country and attempt to elucidate the following propositions:

First. A tribute to the intense spirit of nationality which pervades all classes at the North.

Second. Sympathies with the Northern people, and a review of his efforts in behalf of their prosperity and happiness, and his struggles to prevent our War and its consequent horrors.

Third. A recitation of his belief that the South cannot be compelled to submit to a sectional Northern Government, and that even if reduced to guerrilla warfare, which is not probable, they can hold the Southern country and render it valueless for at least half a century.

Fourth. An exposition of the Jeffersonian principles of the Democracy, which cannot be too often repeated to the people, that they may see how smoothly, how harmoniously, the machinery of the grand fabric of the fathers could move on if these teachings were not ignored and forgotten.

Fifth. That the Democracy still behold in the proud banner of the Union the symbol of peace, and still labor for a cessation of hostilities; determined, if possible, to rescue the sweet spirit of Union ere it perish amid the carnage and vengeance of civil war.

Sixth. That if the Southern States will return to the Union, the Northern States or people will, in turn, recognize, by constitutional amendment, the sovereignty and independence of the Southern States over all questions not expressly delegated to the General Government.

Seventh. That thereupon the Northern and Southern people shall pledge themselves to a hearty support of measures, peaceable or forcible, for the acquisition of Canada, Mexico, Cuba, and the freedom of Ireland.

Mr. Francis P. Blair, Sr. left Richmond on Saturday, on the flag-of-truce boat, for Grant's lines. His mission, and object, and results, of his mission have furnished the theme for endless speculation and discussion, we are glad to be able to relieve public curiosity by laying before our readers some facts concerning his interview with the President. He called upon the President on Friday morning. The meeting, especially upon the part of Mr. Blair, was marked by a degree of cordiality that was so pleasing as it was unexpected. He shook the President's hand warmly, assuring him at the same time of his undiminished regard and esteem. The first conference over, he requested a private conference with the President, which was immediately accorded him. After a private conversation of an hour's duration, Mr. Blair took his leave, expressing himself highly gratified with the reception he had met and the results of the conference.—Some time after his departure, the President wrote him a note, stating that as he (Mr. Blair) would, perhaps like to have in writing what he (Mr. Davis) had said to him, he had written to report that he was willing, as he had ever been, to appoint commissioners to meet commissioners of Mr. Lincoln, with a view to an adjustment of the difficulties existing between the two countries. It is understood that Mr. Blair told the President that he came in no official character, but simply with the knowledge and consent of Mr. Lincoln. He expressed the opinion that Mr. Lincoln would certainly appoint commissioners to meet the commissioners appointed by our President.

The same boat that carried Mr. Blair down the James river brought back Gen. Ord and Singleton, an Illinois Peace Democrat, another unauthorized peace commissioner. This peace commissioned business is fast becoming ridiculous. For the benefit of whom it may concern, we will state that General Singleton is at the Spotswood Hotel, where he has been called on by a number of citizens.

We should not be surprised to see old Horace Greeley next, flying around in Richmond as a peace commissioner.

Hon. Henry S. Foote, of Tennessee, is still at Fredericksburg, the House of Representatives not having yet decided what action they will take in his case. Persons who came down from Fredericksburg yesterday state Mr. Foote was very indignant that he should have been arrested, and demanded to be brought to Richmond immediately; and when this was refused, him, he wrote to Judge Halyburton, petitioning for a writ of *habeas corpus*.

Vivid Description of a Sea "Flight."

The Wilmington Journal, whose editor must have "been there, before," gives a graphic and consoling account of the sea encounter with the Yankees off that portion of the navy:

"It is said the land forces under Butler, who came along with *Porter* to close up our port, got awfully sea-sick. They laid down on their backs and on their stomachs; they groaned; they groaned, they cursed; they prayed; they cast up accounts; they paid tribute to Neptune; they threw up the coats and the waistcoats of their stomachs; they threw up their boots; they became cataracts; they said New York; they cursed their fathers and their mothers—likewise Beast Butler, whom an Irish gentleman denominated "the base; they had a high old time; and if they spoiled our Christmas, it is some comfort to know that they were as miserable as human nature could well be. Butler himself was down his big grog, and the black soldiers looked blue and green, diversified by a mottled yellow. A sea-sick nigger brigade is a sight for gods and men.—If any of them did sink, we have no doubt they hailed it as a providential deliverance from their woes, which were intolerable. An ugly comet is this North Carolina coast."

Eloquent Extract.

The following is a stirring specimen of southern eloquence from a late speech in the Confederate Senate, by the Hon. Augustus A Henry, the "eagle orator," from Tennessee, the question being on the joint resolution, introduced by him in the Senate, defining the position of the Confederate States, and the determination of Congress and the people to prosecute the war till their independence is acknowledged:

"Re-union with them? No, sir, never! There is a great gulf that rolls between us. It is a gulf of blood, without a shore and without a bottom, and is as impassable as that which seperated Dives from Lazarus. The mute objects of nature; our desecrated churches and altars; our sweet valleys, drenched in blood and prepared by fire, forbid it. The dead would arise out against it from their gory beds.—The blood of my own sons, yet unavenged, cries to Heaven from the ground for vengeance. The thousands who are resting in their graves would awake and utter in solemn protest. Somerville Johnson, Polk, Stuart, Rhodes, Morgan, Preston, Smith, and thousands of whose graves remains a monument to the unknown dead shall be raised, are speaking in tones of thunder against it; and can it be the living only will be dumb? Sir, those who have died in this war are not dead to us.

"Even in their ashes live their wonted fires."

"They are, in the light of their example, more valuable than the living. Their spirits walk abroad and stir the hearts of living men to do or die in the cause of liberty. We cherish their memory. Weeping virgins and devoted mothers shall kneel around their tombs and bedew with their tears the graves where they sleep. Poetry shall embalm their memory and minstrelsy perpetuate their fame forever. We give in charge their name to the sweetest lyre.

"The historic muse, proud of her trust, shall march with it down to the latest sculpture, who, in turn, shall give form in stone and ever-during brass to guard them, and immortalize her trust. The soldiers who have died in this war are not only enshrined in the innermost core of her heart, but, to the mind's eye, are ever in our sight.

"On fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread;
And glory guards, with solemn round,
The bivouac of the dead."

Miscellaneous.

A correspondent of a Boston paper writes from this city that General McClellan leaves for his European tour the first week in February. He has declined the offer of the private yacht tendered by his friends. He leaves in the steamer China, and will be gone a couple of years. He is made perfectly easy in pecuniary matters. He will make a thorough study of the military science in Europe.

A telegraph message was sent a few days since, from City Point to Chattanooga with but a single repetition, and that at Pittsburg. The distance is about two thousand miles.

The Kentucky Legislature has adopted resolutions in favor of emancipation, the consent of the owners being obtained, and compensation made.

On Tuesday, the Union State Convention of Tennessee met in the capitol at Nashville, and organized by electing the Hon. Samuel R. Rodgers, of Knox county, President. Messrs Mercer, Myers and Cate were chosen vice-presidents.

The Mississippi State Convention, on the 11th, passed the following ordinance by a vote of sixty to four: "Be it ordained by the people of the State of Missouri, in convention assembled, that hereafter in this State there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except in punishment of crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, and all persons held to service or labor as slaves *are hereby declared free*.

James Guthrie has been elected United States Senator from Kentucky, in place of Lazarus L Powel—General Rousseau came in ten votes of getting it.

William Pitt Fessenden has been elected United States Senator from Maine.

The Tobacco Factory, at Louisville, Kentucky, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday night. Two guests were burnt to death.

General Price's army is reported at Beggy depot, on Red river.

Cairo, Jan. 12.—Forrest is reported to be concentrating a large force at Paris, Tenn.

Rumors prevail of a force being organized to march Paducah again.

One hundred and seventy-two rebel officers, prisoners from Johnson's Island, have arrived here enroute to New Orleans for exchange.

The steamer Armada, from Evansville, reports Uniontown, Ky., in possession of guerrillas, who were firing into passing steamers.

Recognition.

The Montreal correspondent of the *Tribune* writes as follows:

A few days ago a letter dated at Paris was received here by Sackett from A. Dudley Mann, with accompanying dispatches for the rebel government, conveying the assurance that Napoleon had determined, either with or without the co-operation of Great Britain, to recognize the Confederacy soon after the re installation of Mr. Lincoln. This intelligence, of course, had made all the rebels who have been frosted to it very jubilant.

The letter from Mann had not been in more than eight and forty hours, before a rumor obtained currency and created no little excitement among the nations, that the French and British Governments, acting in concert, would recognize the Confederacy immediately after the 4th of March next.

RECURRING to the words of Edmund Burke: "No nation was ever conquered but by itself. As long as the public spirit remains untouched, the public cause is in no danger.

The Vindicator.

W. H. H. TUTTY, Editor & Proprietor.

Staunton, Va.

FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 20, 1865.

WAR NEWS.

The lines below Richmond and Petersburg are quiet.—the men busily engaged in repairing damages done by the late rains. No immediate engagement is expected on either side of the river, though several transports laden with troops, (mostly black) have been seen ascending the river.

From Charleston we learn that our army is advantageously disposed along the line of the road between Hardeeville and Charleston.

The enemy is estimated to number about 50 000—a portion of whom will, it is expected, be left as a garrison at Savannah, together with a number of negro troops.

It is expected that as soon as the enemy completes his arrangements, a combined land and naval attack will be made on Charleston—the land attack from the direction of Savannah.

The negroes taken by Sherman are leaving him in large numbers—an officer having met one crowd, numbering at least 1500, on their return to their homes, their treatment having been so different from what was promised.

Our informant also states that a large number of negro children were either jostled into the river by the treacherous Yankees, or thrown in by their deluded mothers, their captors having told them they could not take them along.

The following dispatch to the war department gives an account of the success of Gen. Rosser, and his gallant command during their recent trip to the mountains

HEADQUARTERS, Jan. 15.

Hon. J. A. Seddon:

General Early reports that General Rosser, at the head of three hundred men, surprised and captured the garrison at Beverly, Randolph county, on the 11th instant, killing and wounding a considerable number and taking five hundred and eighty prisoners. His loss slight.

R. E. LEE.

The Richmond papers of Tuesday gave us the intelligence that Fort Fisher, our principle defensive work, at the mouth of the Cape Fear river, 30 miles below Wilmington had been taken by the enemy, at 10 o'clock on Sunday night. There are other works and various obstructions to be overcome before the enemy can get to Wilmington.

The following official report giving all the particulars that are yet known of the fall of this place was received at the War office.

"HEADQUARTERS, January 16, 1865.

Hon J. A. Seddon:

"General Bragg reports that the enemy bombarded Fort Fisher furiously all day yesterday. At 4 P. M., their infantry advanced to the attack in a heavy demonstration at the same hour being made against their rear by our troops.

"At half past six P. M., General Whiting reported that their attack had failed, and the garrison was being strengthened with fresh troops.

"About 10 P. M. the fort was captured with most of its garrison.

"No further particulars at the time known.

R. E. LEE."

Fall of Fort Fisher.

For some short time back we have met with reverses to our army, at various points, the last of which, is the fall of Fort Fisher.

We had supposed from the successful resistance so lately made by the garrison of the Fort that it could not be taken. Nevertheless it has fallen. While it is natural that our people should regret the failure to win success at all points, yet the present is not a time for feeling despondent or giving expression to such a feeling. No obstacle was ever overcome by sitting down and folding the hands.—Difficulties must be met to be overcome.

United, persistent, determined efforts such as we have heretofore made will clear the Confederate sky of every threatening cloud and the sun of our prosperity will shine all the more bright ly. Let us be work then with a will and obliterate gloom and despondency from our thoughts for ever.

Stonewall Brigade.

One of our Richmond cotemporaries has called attention, on two seperate occasions, to the wants of our noble "Stonewall Brigade."

They are in need of clothes to keep them warm. They do not complain but we understand they suffer for many comforts. The men composing this Brigade are from our own midst —our own friends and relatives—and they can be supplied with many things needed by them by us. If our people will but make the effort it need not be more than a very few days before these gallant men, who participated in the glory and will share the fame of the immortal Jackson, may be made comfortable for the winter. Let our ladies undertake this matter and we are satisfied our poor boys will not suffer long. To keep the soldiers from our midst comfortable while hazarding all for us is clearly an imperative duty, and its faithful performance should not be delayed a day.

A Profitable Operation.

At Columbia, Tenn., says a correspondent, hats and boots were gobbled up by citizens for $10 and $12 each in Confederate money. Our army get medical supplies sufficient for six months.

We are informed that, owing to the difficulty of distributing the dinner prepared for Gen. Early's army, the Staunton Artillery failed to get anything. In as much as the dinner for the army of the Valley originated in an effort making to prepare one for the artillery, and as they received no share of the army dinner, we make the suggestion to our readers that in lieu of the dinner promised them the people of one town and county prepare a supper for Capt Garber's Battery.—This should and can easily be done. Their gallant and efficient services during the war merit the best possible treatment at our hands. We hope then that the matter may be taken in hand by our people and a splendid supper be prepared for them.

For the Vindicator.

HEAD QR'S PEGRAM'S BRIGADE, January 4th, 1865.

Ladies of the Churchville soldiers Aid Society:

The collation prepared by you for this Brigade, after some delay, reached us, and was I assure you, enjoyed not less on account of those from whom it was due for its even delay. It was certainly an enlarged quantity which prompted the ladies of a single neighborhood to attempt the preparation of a feast for a whole Brigade; and the success with which it was accomplished is highly gratifying to philanthropic observers, but was especially so to the hardy soldiers who participated in the repast.

At the commencement of the war when means were abundant, an exuberant liberality toward the devoted men who so promptly went forth to battle for their country, was a thing of course. But now, when supplies are difficult of attainment, the sustained effort to bestow when the veterans still in the field, something of the comforts that before the war they were wont to enjoy, is worthy ever of the incomparable women of our own country. Nor is such worthy example without its parallel in the army—where, even when the foe presses most pertinaciously, true soldiers resolve the more stubornly never to yield, and strike the more vigorously for their honor and their freedom.

From the plains that border the Potomac—from the mountain bound Valley where the Capon winds its way—and from the green hills far away beyond the Alleghanies, come patriotic and gallant men of this Brigade, who for long years, and in countless conflicts, have battled side by side with patriotic and gallant men from Augusta. Their mothers sit sadly at the door where they do not come; their wives go about their domestic duties with disturbed air; and their little children, when they see their father, or hear their mother's domestic heartsharp, with earnest words enquire when their father will return—and ever a lone heart echoes mournfully—"When Oh! when will their father return! These are encompassed by watchful and implacable enemies. No carefully prepared delicacy, no fondly "wrought—token, not even an encouraging message, may find its way from them to the heroic men who in the Camp and in the field—during the weary toil of the day and in the lone watch of the night, think of those at home whom they love. But the women of Augusta have ever generously divided their provident offerings between their own cherished friends and the strangers whom they know only as soldiers battling for a common cause.

The brave and faithful soldiers in our service will not always be separated from their mothers, their wives, and the maidens they love. This protracted war must one day have an end—and it can have but one termination. He who controls the Universe, yet watches the sparrow's flight, does not intend that the delicate daughters of Virginia shall be the slaves of Yankees—or worse, the wives of arogant puritans of New England. And when each brave soldier shall have fought the fight—and finished the work before him, and the hand of dissolution shall be lifted from his house, and his own fig tree shall again bear fruit and his vine pour out its juice, and the trials and perils of the great war shall be told to loving listeners, the patriotic kindness of the noble dames and beautiful damsels of Augusta shall not be forgotten.

Most Respectfully,

J. S. HOFFMAN CM'DG BRIGADE

For the Vindicator.

IN CAMP JAN. 14th 1865.

Mr. Editor.

Allow me, through the columns of your paper, in behalf of several of the members of the Staunton Artillery, to return our sincere thanks to Mrs. Col. W. H. Harman for several pairs of socks, knit by herself, and presented to us through Lt. M. C. Garber. Such substantial Testimonials of Remembrance by the fair ones for whom we have been battling for near four years emblazons their names upon the tablets of our memory, undoubtedly cheers our souls, warms our hearts, and nerves our arms "for deeds more great" in their defence.

At the same time Mr. Editor allow me to thank you for the commendable discretion exercised in reference to the communication sent by myself to you for publication. Upon calm and mature reflection, I feel that it would be indelicate and boyish, and exceedingly even the harsh thoughts indulged in ignorance of the real facts, and the implies of the moment are palliating circumstances for the indiscretion. Once more we heartily thank our friends and the citizens of Staunton and the County for their kindly efforts and liberal contributions for our benefit, though we received it not.

SIC. SEMPER TYRANIS.

The Exchange of Prisoners.

Hon. John Covode, who has been for several days in conference with the authorities about the exchange of prisoners, left for his home this evening. He had several interviews with the President, the Secretary of War and Col. Mulford on the subject of an early resumption of the exchange, and received from them the assurance that as soon as a few preliminaries could be arranged, the exchange would be immediately renewed. This will be welcome tidings to the country as well as to our suffering heroes in the South.

At noon as certain intelligence is received from General Sherman, which is daily expected, Colonel Mulford will be sent to Richmond to complete arrangements necessary to secure the exchange of all our prisoners.

It is not generally known that the expenses of our government in caring for the Federal prisoners, is over $300,000 a day or according to the estimates of Mr. TRENHOLM, one tenth of the daily expenses of the Confederacy.

The Indian [illegible] copy of the Pope [illegible] Confederate States,

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN: [illegible] has handed me your [illegible] 11th, while, in [illegible] struction of your Government [illegible] sent me a copy of the [illegible] the Congress, of the Co[illegible] approved by the most [illegible] ment of the Holy, See, [illegible] as to the other Governments [illegible] dressed yourselves, might [illegible] The sentiments expressed [illegible] tending as they do to the [illegible] the most bloody war which still rages in your countries, and to putting an end to the disasters which accompany is by proceeding to organize the proper means, [illegible] cordance with the dispositions and character of the august Head of the Catholic Church I did not hesitate a moment, in bringing it to the notice of the Holy Father.

His Holiness, who has been deeply affected by the accounts of the frightful carnage of this obstinate struggle, he heard with satisfaction the expression of the same sentiments. Being the vicar on earth of that God who is the author of peace he yearns to see always restored and perpetuated. In proof of this he wrote to the Archbishops of New York and New Orleans as far back as October 18, 1862 inviting them to exert themselves in bringing about this holy object. You may, then honorable gentlemen, be well assured that whenever a favorable occasion shall present itself, His Holiness will not fail to avail himself of it, to hasten so desirable a result, and that all nations may be blessed in the bonds of charity. In acquainting you with this benignant disposition of the Holy Father, I am pleased to declare myself with sentiments of the most distinguished esteem.

Truly your servant.

G. CARD ANTONELLI

ROME, December 2, 1864

Messrs A Dulley Mann, J. M. Mason and John Slidell. Commissioners of the Confederate States of America, Paris.

Change of Commanders.

Lieutenant General J. C. Pemberton, (acting Lieutenant Colonel of artillery,) has been relieved from the command of the Richmond city defences, and transferred to a more extended sphere of duty in the same branch of service. Lieutant Colonel Lightfoot, a brave, experienced and meritorious officer, has been appointed to the command of the city's defences, *vice* Pemberton. Captain Thomas Thornton, as the senior officer of Colonel Lightfoot's command, will probably be promoted to the command of the light artillery division for local defence, *vice* Colonel Lightfoot.

Thompson Tyler, Esq., who had charge of the cooking of the New Year's Dinner for the soldiers of Gen Lee's army, sold the surplus grease from the meats cooked, weighing about half a ton, to one of the railroad companies for $7 per pound, the proceeds of which were paid over to the Dinner Committee.

MARRIED.

CORE—BLACK.—On the 30th ult, by the Rev John Pinkerton, Mr JOSHUA CORE of Rockingham Co, to Miss ELIZA JANE BLACK of Augusta Co.

SWEEN—FRONSBERGER.—In Staunton, Jan 14th by Rev Wm H Baker, HENRY SWEEN and MARGARET FRONSBERGER.

DIED.

On the morning of the 24th, of Hypothesis FRONSON JACKSON PARKER son of the Lucy J and James A Parker aged two years two months and 28 days. Suffer little Children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

At the residence of her Father U D Poe Spring Hill Augusta County, M S SULLIVAN, Consort of Lieut. Fuller aged 35 years 6 months and 4 days.

On the 4th inst, Annie, youngest child of Maj J A and Bettie Harman, aged about months.

Little Silver slumbers sweetly
In his lonely narrow bed,
Pelting storms and howling tempests
Cannot reach his little head

Sweet ascension drops a tear
O'er the spot where Asher lies,
Angels whisper, "look up yonder"
Pointing upward to the skies,

On the nearly deeply green
Stands his little lunge fair,
Sparkling eyes and shining temples,
Rosy cheeks and golden hair;

Baby lips so full of smiling
Neck and arms of spotless white;
Chubby fingers and dimpled knuckles
Little Asher was so bright.

Little Asher slumbers sweetly,
In his lonely narrow bed;
Pelting storms and howling tempests
Cannot reach his little head.

On a that bright and glorious morning
Christ will whisper from above;
"Rise my child and let me dress thee
Robed in white and spotless love."

Obituary.

Departed this life on the 24th of June 1864, after an illness of 19 days, of typhoid pneumonia, combined, in Williamsville, Bath County, WILLIAM J WILSON, aged 47 years and 10 months. Mr Wilson had been a member of the Presbyterian Church for a number of years and died fully in the Christian hope of a happy immortality. Leaving an amiable and fair widow to the fellow, who hope again to unite with him around the mercy seat where parting is no more.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.

The Rev J D Shirley will preach in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR HIRE.

A NUMBER ONE HOUSE GIRL, 18 years old, can be hired for one year, by 16 years old, active and smart. Hands in the Country preferred. Hire 16 lb of Cotton to a maximum of Cotton—also 16 lb of meat, Cabbage and Sugar in exchange for home ty produce.

Apply to

F. SCHEFFER

Jan 20—3t Va Hotel.

SALE ON COURT DAY.—We will sell in front of the Court House on next Monday (Court Day) 2 GOOD NEGRO WOMEN.

Use No 1 Cooking Stove and Furniture.

PECK & PAGE.

Jan 20—3t

WANTED a first rate Servant boy, not over 20 years of age, accustomed to waiting.

M P CALLERY.

Jan 20—3t

WANTED to hire a Cook, Washer and Ironer. Apply to

Jan 20—3t

$1000 REWARD!

WILL Stolen from the subscriber, living near Middlebrook, on the 5th of January, THREE HORSES of the following description:—One Bay Horse, 16½ hands high, 5 years old, one hind foot, a white in his right eye, and marks of the collar on the neck. One Bay Horse seven years old, heavy made, mules and dock tail. One Iron Gray Horse 15½ hands high, four years old in the spring with a lump on his back under the saddle, round made, and a good action.

I will give Three Hundred Dollars for the recovery of said Horses, or Two Hundred Dollars for each. Or Fifty Dollars for such information as will enable me to recover the stock.

JACOB HOWMAN,
near Middlebrook.

Jan 20—1t

Highland Co. Court Clerk's Office to wit:

ESTRAY STEER.

TAKEN up by Peter Hupman on his land in said County, on the 5th day of November 1864, of the following description to wit:

A small black Steer supposed to be 16 or 18 months old; with a crop off the left ear and a underkeel in the same, a piece cut or frozen off the point of the right ear, some white about the face and head, a little white on the belly, no brands or ties, and appraised at $120, by Hamilton Menear, Jr. Hupman and Peter Swope before R A Stuart, J. P.

Extract Teste.

J C MATHENY, Clerk.

Jan 20—3t

Notice to Farmers.

HAVING been appointed Assessor of the Tax in Kind in the Northwestern Counties of Virginia, I of Augusta Co I will meet producers at the following times and places for the purpose of assessing the Tax in Kind to wit:

At Mt Solon on the 26th and 27th of January, Churchville on the 28th, West View on the 30th, Swoope Depot on the 31st of Jan, Mt Meridian on the 1st of February, Craigsville February 3d, Deerfield on Monday Feb 6th.

The Farmers will find it to their interest to meet me at the times above named and be assessed, with the Tax in Kind.

H. B. PECK, Assessor
of Tax in Kind.

Jan 20—3t

STRAYED OR STOLEN from the subscriber, on the 5th inst., A LARGE, FULL SPOTTED BLACK COW, branded on the rump with white, large bag, full horns and in good condition. A suitable reward will be paid for her delivery at the VA Female Institute or for any information leading to her discovery.

MRS B H PHILLIPS.

Jan 20—4t

NEW DAILY PAPER IN RICHMOND
PROSPECTUS.

THE undersigned propose to publish a daily paper, with the title of "RICHMOND HERALD," on or about the 15th of January next. The paper will be devoted to the Confederacy, but will never release accord to the administration a just support in all measures which, in the opinion of its conductors, may be deemed conducive to the good of the cause in which we are engaged. A proper criticism of such acts as may be deemed advisable will be made, of course, though it will not be with the independent character under which the paper is to be inaugurated.

In the matter of news we believe it will be found to keep pace with the leading journals of the day, while it will have added to it in the matter of financial intelligence a feature which we venture to say, no paper in the Confederacy can boast of.

Editorially the paper will be conducted by financial writers in this or any other country will be presented in each number.

For reasons which it is proper to be mentioned we forbear to give the names of those who shall compose the regular editorial staff; but we further consider that where shall appear, they will be found to constitute such an array of talent as cannot be excelled on this continent.

The well known character of the individual whose name appears below, as a stenographic reporter, throughout, we presume, a guarantee that, in all that relates to important political speeches and debates, whether in legislative assemblies or out of them, the "HERALD" will present advantages certainly not to be excelled by any paper in the Confederacy.

The farming interests will be faithfully vindicated and care taken to disseminate the earliest intelligence which a proper regard for the welfare of the Department of national wealth and power shall demand.

In the matter of correct commercial intelligence, local and all else pertaining to the city, we shall assign to each of these departments an editor.

Arrangements are on foot by which to secure the earliest foreign news, and the paper will contain such editorial talent as will fully elucidate the bearing of foreign intelligence upon our affairs.

In short, "THE RICHMOND HERALD" will be found to combine every feature of interest which the requirements of the present crisis demand.

The enterprise is respectfully commended to the favor and patronage of the citizens of the Southern Confederacy.

All the papers of the Confederacy will copy till they and send bill to

P. REAN & CO.,
Richmond.

Jan 13—115J

FORGE, MILL AND SLAVE,
For Sale

IN pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Augusta County, pronounced in a chancery cause, Alexander Patterson, adm. &c., against his heirs.—I shall proceed on the premises on Friday the 23d day of December next, to sell the property known as

"CLAY FORGE"

with Foundry, Mill and other machinery, and low and rolling lands attached; and a Slave boy, named John. The real property is estimed to be very valuable; the water power is very superior, and the locality is one of great beauty, about 6 miles above Waynesboro, and a depot of the Central Rail Road.

TERMS:—The property is to be set up at the price it brought at the former sale with interest. The real property is to be sold subject to the widows, lien and to be paid for on a credit of Six, Twelve Eighteen and Twenty-four months with interest. The Slave on Six months time with interest. The purchaser will be required to give bond with security, but the purchasers may pay the cash down in Confederate money.

HENRY H. PECK, Com'r.

Nov. 25—5t

POSTPONEMENT.

The above sale is Postponed until Saturday the 21st day of January 1865.

H. H. PECK, Comr.

To the Preachers of the Baltimore Conference.

CIRCUMSTANCES having rendered it impracticable to meet in New Market, the Presiding Elders have appointed Staunton, Va., as the place for the next session of the East more annual Conference, where the preachers will meet on Wednesday, the 21st day of December, 1865 at 9 o'clock A M.

JOHN S MARTIN, Sec'ry
of the Baltimore Conference.

Rockingham Register Copy.

Jan 13—1t

$500 REWARD!!

STOLEN from the stable of the Silver Spring on the 25th, a Sorrel Mare about eight years old, 14½ hands high, white spot on forehead, hind feet white, a large bag and a small tail, branded on the left shoulder with a small letter J.

JOS COWGILL,
Mt. Solon Va.

Jan 13—3t*

Augusta Co., Court Clerk's office to wit:

Estray Horse.

TAKEN up by Simon Kohner, on his land, in Augusta County, this 7th day of December, 1864, of the following description:

A Horse of black color, 14½ hands high, white spot on forehead, made by nature, 5 years old, appraised at $1400, by Saml R Hull, Jno Leonard and Thomas Aude before Geo A Price J. P.

Extract Teste.

WM. A. BURNETT, Clerk.

Jan 13—3t*

WANTED.—To buy a good TWO HORSE WAGON, for which Money or Leather will be paid. Apply to Wm A Burnett County Court Clerk's office.

Jan 13—3t*

Rags! Rags!

FROM 10 to 15 cts per pound, according to quality and cleaning, will be paid for cotton linen and cotton rags, delivered at the Vindicator Office.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

I WILL attend at the following places, and times, for the purpose of receiving the Taxes for the County of Augusta, for the year 1864, and the Specific Tax of the same year, and the Specific Tax of the same year for the year 1863.

Barterbrook, Wednesday,	Jan.	11th
Waynesboro, Thursday & Friday,	"	12th 13th
Sherman's, Saturday,	"	14th
Greenville, Monday,	"	16th
Midway, Tuesday,	"	17th
Newport, Wednesday,	"	18th
Middlebrook, Thursday,	"	19th
Arbor Hill, Friday,	"	20th
Swoopes Depot, Saturday,	"	21st
Staunton, Monday & Tuesday,	"	23d 24th
Craigsville, Thursday,	"	26th
Deerfield, Friday,	"	27th

J. J. LAREW, assessor.

I will meet the tax payers of my district to assess the above named taxes at the following times and places.

Fishersville, Wednesday,	Jan	11th
Waynesboro, Thursday & Friday	"	12th 13th
Coiner's Store, Saturday,	"	14th
New Hope, Monday & Tuesday,	"	16th 17th
Mt Meridian, Wednesday,	"	18th
Harler's Mill, Thursday,	"	19th
Mt Friday, Friday & Saturday,	"	20th 21st
Staunton, Monday & Tuesday,	"	23d 24th
Centerville, Wednesday,	"	25th
Mt Solon, Thursday & Friday,	"	26th 27th
Churchville, Saturday,	"	28th

Spring Hill, Monday & Tuesday, " 30th 31st.

I will be in my Office to receive the above Revenue Taxes, Sundays excepted, during the month of January.

J. K. WOODS, Assessor.

Registered parties must report extra Ac to the assessor at the specified times and places under penalty of having to pay double the tax for failure to do so. They are required to pay the tax on the same on or before the 15th day of February, under a like penalty for failure to do so.

W. H. H. LYNN,
Coll. 5th Dist.

Jan. 6—4t

Augusta Co., Court Clek's Office to wit;

ESTRAY.

TAKEN up by Gideon Brashear, on his land in Augusta County on the 20th day of December 1864, of the following description:

A Horse of dark color, about 5 years old, very poor, star in forehead, right hind foot white, sore on back, supposed to be eight years old and appraised at $35, by David Kyle and Saml Cullen.

Extract Teste.

WILLIAM A BURNETT, Clerk.

Jan. 6—3t

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO HOLDERS, AND OWNERS OF CERTIFICATES OF STOCK AND COUPON BONDS, issued under the act of August 19, 1864, redeemable after the 1st day of January, 1865, to present the same for conversion into Bonds, according to the act of NEXT, or at any time thereafter, to the Treasurer of the Confederate States, one of the Assistant Treasurers of the Confederate States, or a Pay Depopositary of the Confederate States, funds having been placed in the hands of said agents for the purpose of redeeming such stock and coupon bonds. No interest will be allowed on such stock and coupon bonds after date hereof.

G. A. TRENHOLM,
Secretary of Treasury.

Dec. 16—2m.

$500 REWARD.—

STOLEN on Wednesday night last, a

YOUNG SORREL MARE,

rising four years old, next spring, with a blaze in the forehead. She is supposed to have been taken by a soldier in the cavalry service. I will give the above reward to the person who will secure her for me, and giving me information, directed to Staunton, Va.

The Richmond Whig, please copy, and present bill for payment to

ARCH. P STUART.

Jan. 6—1mo

Augusta Co., Court Clerk's Office to wit:

ESTRAY STEER.

TAKEN up by Michael Snyder, on his land in Augusta County, the 30th day of August 1864 of the following description:

A Steer of light brindle color, about three years old, branded on the hip, hanging ear, and a little underkeel and swallow fork in the other ear, supposed to be worth $50 by Abraham Huffman, John Kinsinger and Wm H Shoemaker before Geo. R Bumgardner, J. P.

Extract Teste.

WM A BURNETT, Clerk.

January, 6—3t

Augusta Co., Court Clerk's Office to wit:

ESTRAY STEER,

TAKEN up by Abraham Huffman, on his land in Augusta County, the 30th day of October, 1864 of the following description to wit:

A Moly Steer of white color, a few red spots about his sides, marked with a swallow fork in the left and under slit in right ear, something over one year old and appraised at $30 by Michael Snyder, John Kinsinger and W H Showalter before Chesley Kinsinger, J. P.

Extract Teste.

WM. A. BURNETT, Clerk.

January 6—3t

Augusta Co., Court Clerk's Office to wit:

ESTRAY COW.

TAKEN up by John W Landes, on his land in Augusta County, the 5th day of October, 1864 of the following description to wit:

A Cow of white brown color, marked with two underkeel in the right ear, not twelve years old and appraised at $700 by Jonathan Shrock, Peter Swoope and Daniel Wine before Wm C Ross J. P

Extract Teste.

WM. A. BURNETT, Clerk.

January 6—3t

Augusta Co., Court Clerk's Office to wit:

ESTRAY MARE,

TAKEN up by Doctor J F Crose, on his land in Augusta County the 5th day of December 1864 of the following description to wit:

A Mare of Chesnut Sorrel Color, of medium size star in forehead, has marks of the Saddle, about ten years old, branded on the left shoulder, and appraised at $600, by U D Poe, Jacob Barkat and Benjamin Irvine before Wm H Gardner.

Extract Teste.

WM A BURNETT, Clerk.

January 6—3t

John Baker's Adm'r.

SIR.—Take notice that I shall on the 22nd day of January, 1865, at the house of Adam Stephenson, in the County of Highland, proceed to take the depositions of Adam Gum and others, to be read in evidence in a case, depending in the Circuit Court for Highland County, wherein I am Plaintiff and you are Defendant. If from said depositions, or from any other, not to be taken on the day aforesaid, their taking will be adjourned from day to day, till finished.

Yours &c.

JAMES H BYRD.

Jan 13—4t

H'D Q'RS VALLEY DISTRICT.

January 10, 1865.

COMMISSARIES and Quartermasters and their Agents are forbidden to impress any supplies purchased by the Agents of the Army. The FAMILIES AND SOLDIERS, and all Commanding Officers will see that this order is complied with.

J. A. EARLY,
Lt. General.

Jan 13—4t

Town Salt!!

BY order of the Council, on the 20th of this month a sufficient quantity of Salt will be sold to all persons not applying by that time, will be precluded, and on the 25th inst., I will proceed to distribute the remainder.

S. M. WOODWARD, Agent.

January 13—4t

LOST—Supposed to have been lost between Lt Arbor Hill and Hebron Church, on the 8th, a large grey coachman's SHAWL belonging to a Soldiers wife who is in reduced circumstances. To a finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at this office.

January 13—3t*

WANTED For the ensuing year, a man exempt from all military duty and who can come well recommended to farm on the shares with me. Such a case will have a good opportunity. I will furnish Teams, Utensils and also two hands. A single man preferred. Address, Mrs E. J. S. Craigsville, Augusta Co Va.

January 6—4*

Public Sale!!

WILL be sold at Staunton, Va. on Monday the 23rd of January (Court Day) TWENTY SIVE Government Horses.

M. E. PRICE,
A. G. M. D.

Jan 13—3t

CALENDAR.

JANUARY.								JULY.						
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FEBRUARY.								AUGUST.						
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MARCH.								SEPTEMBER.						
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JUNE.								DECEMBER.						
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VIRGINIA:

At Rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Augusta County, the 5th day of December 1864.

R. TUKE—Plff

vs.

Jos. H Wallace, Bernard S Wallace, Elizabeth Wallace and Hettie J Walker.—Defts.

The object of this suit is to attach the unfinished interest of John H Wallace in the estate of his father, which lies in Augusta County, to satisfy a debt due the plaintiff.

The defendants John M and Saml B Wallace, not having entered their appearance, and it appearing on satisfactory evidence that residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia, it is ordered that they appear here within one month after due publication of this notice, and do what is necessary to protect their interest.

A Copy—Teste,

TOBY P Q. JOSEP YAN, Clerk.

Dec 23—4t

$200 REWARD.

STOLEN from the Subscriber, near Fishersville, Augusta County, on last Saturday night, 14th inst., a

BLACK MARE,

five years old, smooth face, about fifteen hands high, small in the shoulders, has a slight indenture or hollow in about the head, and a sore on the point of the right shoulder caused by a gear. The Mare was purchased from Mr Shumate, a man calling himself Dean, who had his right leg below the knee and wrist of one hand amputated. Dean was staying at the stable door. He is supposed to have gone towards Mount Ronoke Co.

I will give the above reward for the return of the mare or such information as will lead to her recovery.

GEO: HANSBARGER.

Dec 23—4t

Catch the Thief!!

$200 REWARD.—Stolen from the subscriber near Stanardsville Va., on the night of the 8th inst.,

A BAY HORSE,

of the following description: Six years old; about fifteen hands high, left hind foot white, about two inches above the hoof, small star in the forehead, tip of the nose, and a white saddle mark on the left side of the back bone, eighteen inches from the withers.

Said mare is supposed to have been stolen by some soldier going to Western Va. on "horse detail."

I will pay One Hundred Dollars for any information that will lead to the recovery of the mare, and also One Hundred Dollars for the apprehension of the thief.

JNO. S. HILL, Lt
Col 11th Va Cavalry,
Mechautsand's Brigade.

Jan 13—4t

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.—Will be sold at the residence of Samuel Funkhouser, dec'd., on Naked Creek, on Wednesday, the 25th day of January, 1865, the personal property of said deceased, viz:

Household and Kitchen Furniture.

One heavy two-horse Wagon (good) and harness, one Buggy and Harness, one Wash-stand, a quantity of Wool, a lot of Dyestuff, some machinery that belonged to the Woolen Factory, and was not injured by fire, a lot of Burnt Castings and Irons, Dye Kettles, Press-Boards, and some material that will be sold to the purchaser of the Woolen Factory.

There will be rented, if not rented privately before the day of sale,

A HOUSE AND LOT,

belonging to the Estate of said deceased. Terms made known on day of sale.

SAMUEL PAUL, Adm'r.

Jan 13—1t—Fee $12.

$300 REWARD!!

STOLEN from my Stable on North River 7 miles below Waynesboro, on Thursday night the 22d December, a large

BAY HORSE,

8 years old, 15½ hands high, with a large star in the forehead, both hind feet white to the pastern. I will give the above reward for the delivery of the Horse to me, or for such information as will enable me to recover him.

DAVID YOUNT.

Jan 6—3t

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

FINDING it a losing business to continue the credit system any longer, I have determined from and after this date to sell goods for cash or CASH. The Day Book and Ledger, will in the future be entirely dispensed with, and no book but Current funds or country produce will be received by me in exchange for goods.

All persons indebted to me are respectfully (but earnestly) requested to come forward and settle their respective dues, at once.

S. H. RILEY.

Jan 6—4t

FOR SALE.

A GOOD ONE HORSE WAGON, HORSE and HARNESS, Price One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars in Specie, or Country produce. Apply at Vindicator Office.

J. W. POINTS.

Dec. 16—4t.

BOMBAZINE BONNET FOR SALE.—Any Lady of the west of a fashionable material, bonnet can hear of one at a greatly reduced price by addressing

C. O. M.
through the Staunton P. O.

Dec 23—3t

Blank Checks.

BLANK CHECKS on both the "VALLEY" and "CENTRAL" BANKS on hand, and for sale at the Vindicator Office.