





Staunton Spectator.

STAUNTON, VA. TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1863.

FROM GEN. LEWIS' ARMY.

The despatches which have been sent from Manassas in reference to military operations in Pennsylvania have been so very contradictory and unreliable that it has been impossible to form any satisfactory idea of what has really been done.

On Friday night our wagon trains were ordered to fall back, and commenced going to the rear. It is supposed that our army fell back from want of provisions. There was no scarcity of ammunition, for there were many trains of ordnance out of which not a single cartridge or shell had been taken.

After the battle of Friday, Gen. Lee withdrew his army to Hagerstown, Md., about thirty miles South west of Gettysburg, where the battle was fought.

We are pained to learn that portions of our army suffered severely in these fights. Garnett's, Barke's and Kemper's brigades were probably the greatest sufferers.

Col. Allen, 28th regiment; Col. Carrington, 18th reg; Col. Williams, 15th reg; Lt. Col. Ellis, 1st reg; Major Wilson, 26th reg.

Wounded—Col. Wm. D. Stuart, 66th reg; Col. E. Hunt, 8th reg; Lt. Col. W. Berkeley, 2d reg; Major E. Berkeley, 8th reg; Capt. Wm. N. Berkeley, 6th reg; Col. J. T. Patton, (Senator elect from Madison District).

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THE PAIR OF VICKSBURG.

It is our painful duty to announce that heroic Vicksburg has fallen. As our accounts from there continued to be of a favorable character up to the time of the surrender, we were greatly surprised when the news of that sad event reached us.

It seems that our heroic garrison which had successfully repulsed every assault of the enemy, was at length compelled to succumb to starvation. Some Yankee some time since remarked with much truth and facetiousness that they had but one General that could conquer the South, and that was "General Starvation."

The terms of capitulation were that the officers should be allowed their side arms, horses and all their private property. They and the men were paroled, and immediately allowed to march out with all their colors.

Gen. Grant had a force of about 100,000 men, and officers who had arrived at Jackson, say that even if Gen. Johnston had reached there twelve days sooner he could not have relieved the garrison as it contained but 7,000 men fit for duty.

A dispatch from Jackson under date of the 7th, says that Gen. Grant was marching towards that city, and that the greatest excitement prevailed. The fall of Vicksburg is a misfortune, but in the language of a contemporary, not an irreparable disaster.

It will be a query with thousands why Gen. Johnston never attempted to relieve the garrison at Vicksburg. Many will be ready to blame the war-worn veterans; and critics, without number, will be invoked. Men in this age are naturally censorious; and we may not profit by the experience of the past, which would teach us to withhold criticism until we know all the facts in the case.

On Tuesday last, the enemy captured another block upon the defenses at Charleston, S. C. The enemy succeeded in effecting a landing upon Morris Island near Fort Sumter. We believe they will be repulsed, and that if Charleston ever falls, it will be a long time before it will occur.

The following official despatches were received at the War Department in Richmond, Saturday, July 11th: To General S. Cooper, Adjutant and Inspector General.

At dark the enemy retained possession of the Southern portion of Morris Island. Four monitors engaged the battery Wagner, and the battery at Cummings Point, all day, without success or casualties, but the loss in opposing the landing was severe—three hundred killed and wounded, including sixteen officers. The enemy's loss is evidently heavy.

COLONEL A. W. HARMAN vs. WM. H. E. LIFE.

We publish in this issue the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry in the case of Col. A. W. Harman. From these proceedings it will be seen that the silver were therein spoken of as captured by J. C. Hogan, who took it to Col. Harman and told him he designed it as a present for Mrs. Harman, and that Col. Harman had it sent to his home.

By noon of the 5th, the next day, he was aboard the steamer Torpedo, and on his way, and at 1 o'clock P. M. on the 6th he was stopped within a few miles of Newport News by a boat of the enemy, and forbidden to go any farther.

Admiral Lee replied that he would report by telegraph his arrival and object and inform him of the result without delay. On the 6th he was informed that his purpose was "inadmissible," consequently his mission was a failure and he returned to Richmond.

On yesterday week the locomotive, Jeff Davis, on the Richmond & Petersburg R. R., exploded about six miles from Richmond, killing five persons, including the engineer and fireman were both killed.

Before the Court of Inquiry, however, he was not so regardful of the reputation of his friend, the Editor of the "Vindicator," for in his oral statement as reported in the proceedings of the Court, he denied that he had sent the silver to Mrs. Harman.

In reference to another statement of the Editor of the Vindicator, Col. Harman, before the Court of Inquiry, was equally unmindful of the reputation of his relative. In an attempted defense of the conduct of Col. Harman, the Editor of the Vindicator, in his issue of May 29th, denied that Col. Harman had sent the silver to his home.

Col. Harman, before the Court, said: "I told my servant to take it to my house." For the honor of the Confederacy we would like to see Col. Harman exculpated from the charge contained in the statement of the Vindicator, for we would not like to have any Confederate officer guilty of an offence which would be a reproach to our Confederate soldiery; and, on the other hand, we would like, for the honor of the Editorial fraternity, the Editor of the Vindicator to be able to exculpate himself from the charge of having uttered a slanderous falsehood against an officer of the Confederate service.

Prof. Robert T. Massie, a son of Nathaniel Massie, Esq., of Wayneboro, on the 2d inst., died at Richmond, after a most painful illness of seventeen hours. His college education was received at Washington College, where he was graduated in 1853, with the highest honors of his class.

On the 22nd inst., Captain J. C. Lewis, in command of about 100 men, a portion of the 9th Va. Cavalry, attacked at Louisa Creek, near Galley Bridge, a force of about 100 men, and with the loss of only one man, killed nine of the enemy, and captured some sixty prisoners, besides sixty horses, one hundred mules, mules, and other property.

THE BATTLE OF JACOBSON.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE. We will, on Thursday, the 10th day of August, sell at public auction, on the premises, the following described real estate, to-wit: A tract of land, containing about 100 acres, situated on the North side of the River, near the mouth of the same.

NOTICE. The undersigned, surviving partner of the late firm of SHAW & TERRY, and Administrator of Robert H. Terry, deceased, is desirous of selling, at public auction, the real estate of said firm, as soon as possible, and requests those who are interested to come forward and bid; and those who have claims against the Partnership or Estate of said firm, to present them promptly authenticated for settlement.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE. By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Augusta county, rendered at the term of said Court, held at Staunton, on the 15th day of July, 1863, the undersigned, Administrator of the Estate of the late firm of SHAW & TERRY, deceased, is desirous of selling, at public auction, the real estate of said firm, as soon as possible, and requests those who are interested to come forward and bid; and those who have claims against the Partnership or Estate of said firm, to present them promptly authenticated for settlement.

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Advertisement for a silver tea set, including a list of items and prices. The ad is for a silver tea set, including a teapot, sugar bowl, creamer, and other pieces. The price is listed as \$100.00.