

The Standard.

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MENUS.

We have removed our office to the old Bell Tavern building, on Main Court House Street, one door west of the Provost Marshal's office, (upstairs) where we will be pleased to welcome old friends.

We are prepared to do justice in the neutral manner with and without

FOR NEWS.

The news received during the week has tended greatly to quiet the public mind in regard to the losses sustained by our army in Tennessee during the recent battles in front of Chattanooga. That we sustained losses, and were compelled to abandon our position on Lookout Mountain, is certain; but that we inflicted a severe loss upon the enemy, and that the engagement is equally important. Our forces are now at and around Dalton, 35 miles distant from Chattanooga, in fine condition, and ready and willing to repel any advances the Yankee army may make. The severe chastisement given the Yankees and his 10,000 mounted Infantry near Ringgold, by Gen. Cleburne, compelling them to make a hasty retreat with a heavy loss and burning the bridges in their rear has forced him to take the acknowledge that his "actions that our army, though failing back, is not dispirited, and routed back in its army dispatches.

From our army in East Tennessee we learn that Gen. Longstreet raised the siege of Knoxville on Friday night last, and falling back slowly on Morristown, where a stand will probably be made. The assault on the 29th failed in consequence of forged orders recalling Anderson's Brigade.

Nothing has transpired in the army of General Lee since Meade recrossed the Rappahannock.

The latest news from Charleston states that the Yankees have ceased firing on Sumter, and are engaged in riving their batteries and strengthening Fort Gregg eastward.

FEEDING THE PRISONERS.

The question of feeding the prisoners in our possession has lately absorbed the attention of the Northern people and it seems to us to be highly regarded by our people. These prisoners, from all the information in our possession, have received the same fare as is given to our soldiers in the field, and if they have any right to expect it, it is that they may be repaid in the amplest manner in the enemy's possession after the fire. Meade says they surely have no reason to complain. The liberty of hunting, like the soldiers, not easily procured in their confined condition, by their fields has been customary and was not objectionable, but the sounding of provisions by the Abolition Government was calculated to be very detrimental to the situation of our brave men who have fallen into the enemy's hands. As long as they supposed their prisoners were receiving the hard fare of the rebels, they were very anxious to relieve their condition and sent provisions for them. This induced the army of the North and gave the administration an opportunity to delay longer an exchange. The idea that they were starving in our prisons caused a request to be made for the parochial sending to them all kinds of provisions in our hands, without an equivalent parole of our men in their possession, which was very properly refused, but with the promise that anything to the prisoners would be done in the most prompt way. This will have the effect of increasing our enemies in Northern Hostile India.

Let the provisions sent by the Northern Government be returned and the Northern people will be clamorous for the only relief they can tender prisoners, that is an equal exchange.

ALMANAC.

The publishers Messrs. Payne & Victor, Lynchburg, Va., have sent us one of their Almanacs for 1864, containing besides the Almanac a proper record of important events. Three Almanacs are offered at \$2.00 each; \$1.00 for five; \$4.00 for ten; or \$10.00 for copies of any one upon application to either D. B. Payne or H. C. Victor.

We have also received the Almanac published by Johnson & Shaffer, No. 61 Market Street, Lynchburg, Va., which also contains much valuable information. It is of convenient size for the pocket and intended to be carried with a Diary on fine writing paper and newly bound. It can be had on the following terms—\$1.00 per copy.

The Diary copies \$1.25; \$1.00 copies \$2.00; \$1.00 copies \$2.50; \$1.00 copies \$3.00; \$1.00 copies \$4.00. Those who desire Almanacs for 1864, should send at once and procure them. There will be a great demand for these out-and-out Southern Almanacs.

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The President's Message.

Congress adjourned on Monday, the 12th inst., the President's Message was not in readiness. The following is the substance of what he said to us to put into the record:

A few words of the military operations of the present year, very considerate, coming from his high source, and paying a tribute to the Legislators of Virginia, Georgia and North Carolina, he discussed our Foreign Relations and lays open with a master's hand the injuries and dangerous course of Great Britain towards us.

Noticing a situation and voluntary leaving home less successful, the forcible reduction of the Currency is strongly insisted upon as the only way to

keep us here, while he recommends

the means of a systeem of taxation

upon all descriptions of property.

He next notices the Army, and says that

although it is better condition than at

any previous period, yet in view of the large

conscription recently ordered by the enemy,

that no effort must be spared to add largely

and promptly to our effective forces—and

to restore to the Army the element of

surprise, putting an end to substitution,

making the capture of the rebels

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the fort. This fund will be distributed

among the distinguished leaders in the

Confederacy, and the amount will be

accordingly transferred to Lieut. Gen.

Johnston's command.

General Order, Oct. 22, 1863.

The following is Gen. Bragg's war

order to his troops:

"General Order, No. 214.

"Upon renewed application to the Presi-

dent, his consent has been obtained for the

relief of me from the command of this army,

and I am directed to report to Lieut. Gen.

Johnston's command.

"I will be devoted to the following

departments of Literature, viz:

1. Essays, original and selected, Po-

etical, Literary and Scientific, and Bi-

ographical Sketches.

2. Novels, Tales and Sketches, origi-

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TERMS: Each Number \$1.50.—

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