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LIST OF DESERTERS FROM THE 52d REGIMENT VA. VOLUNTEERS.

The following named persons belonging to the 52d Regiment Va. Volunteers, are now absent without leave and are regarded as deserters. A reward of $10 each will be paid for their apprehension and delivery to the nearest respective commander.

Company A.—Jacob Acker, Deerfield, W m Adolph, Richmond (substitute), John S Baker, Churchville, Wm Bosserman, near Ryan's; J D Beard, Mint Spring, W C Irvine, Deerfield, G W Jones Heller, Staunton, David S Hunter, Mt Sidney, John T Hunter, do, James M Lamb, John H Mesmore, Churchville, Gideon Mistead, New Hope, John D Mooney, do; Richard Mooney, do; Julius Parish, Samuel B Switzer, Mt Sidney. ROBERT C DAVIS, 1st Lieut Co. A

Company B.—Privates Chas B Carter, Greensboro, Thos H Carter, do; Jno D Chandler, do, Wm Culbreath, do; Thos J Clark, do; Wm H Evans, do; Jas F Freiwell, do, Franklin Gardner, do, John F Kraft, do; Wm H Herndon, do; Jas D Whitmore, do; Andrew J Williams, do; A R Ross, do; Jno W Alexander, Sherando; Alex Bridge, do; H H Dedrick, do, D H Gay, do; Wm Offlighter, do; Eph W Silings, do; Samuel Moses, do, Wm H Clark, New Hope; Asbery Myers, New Hope; Gerard McDonaldson, Harrisonburg; Wm Diddle, Deerfield; W Carpenter, residence not known. A J THOMPSON, 1st Lieut Comdg Co. B.

Company C.—Corporal D T Cale, Staunton, Privates, R T Brooks, Long Glade; S F Cline, G H A Cary, A S Faber, Union Church; B Helm, Miss; J Humphrey, Summerdean; Wm H Jones, James A Kershner, Deerfield, W B Miller, W Mooney, Waynesboro; Zeb Riddle, Mossy Creek, G S Rogers, Deerfield, C Smith, Waynesboro; Thos Smith, Staunton; John C Sprouse, Deerfield; Samuel H Slusser, Cross Keys; Jas M Vint, Deerfield. JOS. COYNER, 1st Comd'g Co. C.

Company D: Privates, Samuel Bosserman, Benj Fleck, Sangersville; W M Fleck, do; R M Jones, N B Kerr, do, Sangersville; H Michael, North Mountain; H W Moore; J Dagey; Jesse Rea, Sangersville; T H Reems, Mossy Creek; B Reese, do; James Shipp, North Mountain; William Temple; B J Wendall. A. AIRHART, Capt. Co. D.

Company E.—Privates, John Armstrong, Collierstown; Joseph Cash, Rapp's Mill; Jas S Fisher, do; Robt Clarke, Collierstown; Sam'l Dale, Kerr's Creek; Jos Hall; Alex Hanis, do; Wm F Long, do; Wm N Reed, Jos Lamb, near Lexington. THOS. H WATKINS, Capt. Co. E.

Company F.—Privates, Chas Allen; D B Crosenburn; J H Chandler, Mt Sidney; J H Cross, Byers; J Grant; J Huffman, German Substitute, A Knupp, Shenandoah; D Landes; J Nisewanger, Harrisonburg; S Smith, do; J Switzer, Dayton; John Stover; J Wenger, Dayton; BM Wenger, Harrisonburg. JAS. BUMGARDNER, Capt. Co. F.

Company G:—Privates, D N Barger; J W Coiy; Geo Cister, New Hope; Wm Cister, do; Jno Casey, Irish substitute; J E Coyner, Waynesboro; J G Hulse, Long Meadows; Jas D Miller; James Miller; Jas W Marshall; John Pullen, Lego; and Shwalter, Staunton; Jac Shaber; H C Tarlor, Staunton; James Treadmarsh. E BATEMAN, Capt. Co. G.

Company H.—Privates Isaac W Airey, Long Glade; Jas E Byrd, Craigsville; Jacob Cason, Middlebrook; Patrick Condon, Staunton; Lawson P Campbell, Craigsville; T H Craun, Staunton Cornelius Donovant, residence not known; Henry Hinger, Middlebrook; Joseph Mignan, Goshen Bridge; Jacob Jackson, Pond Gap; David Kenney, residence not known; Samuel Lambert, Pendleton county; C H Miller, Port Republic; Jas H Montgomery, Summerdean; John Mann; Harrison; John W Bearman, Staunton; Jas W Lively, near Staunton, D Sprouse, Summerdean; Peter Fitzgerald, Summerdean; Thos Fitzgerald, Amos Teachs, Newport; G W Lively, Summerdean; Henry Freeman, Middle Creek; John Wagner, residence not known; Harry Wilson, Staunton; Jas W Gilmore, Jas W Nickleson, Staunton. Lieut. JAMES DOLD, Comdg Co. H

Company I.—Privates John H Davis, New Port; J B Grim, Churchville Cavalry; Jonathan Hasser, Middlebrook; Isa Kesler, Middle; North Mountain, Summerdean; J H Strickler, Middlebrook; Wm N Strickler, A C Stanton, Staunton. JOHN M. HUMPHREYS, Capt. Co. I.

Company K:—Privates, A M Bruce, Bas Hole, Bath co; H M Burns, do, Alex Dunn, Buck Creek; P S Curry, do; J W Garrison; W W Gilespie, Green Valley; J A Harrouff; J A Hupman; Thos Jones; Jac A Kesler, do; J M Miller, Jac M Rider, Buck Creek; Samuel Sweet, Healing Springs; J J Thomas, do; Thomas Williams, do. Lieut GILLET, Comd'g Co. K.

HEAD QUARTERS CAMP STAUNTON, December, 1862.

The families and friends of any of the men belonging to my Regiment, who have left their overcoats or blankets at home, will please forward them to me to send to the Regiment, as they are greatly in want of them.

I appeal to the citizens of Bath, Augusta and Rockbridge to furnish 200 pairs of socks for my Regiment, for which I will pay the highest cash price on delivery. I also appeal to all good citizens of Bath, Rockbridge and Augusta, to give information in regard to any of the members of my Regiment who are at home without leave, as every man is needed now and should be at his post. M. G. HARMAN, Col. 52d Regt. Va. Vols.

Dec 16—tf

NEW MILITARY BOOKS.

Cavalry Drill and Sabre Exercise, by Geo. Patten.
Notes on Artillery, by W. Leroy Brown.
The Volunteer's Hand Book, by Capt. J. K. Lee.
Cary's Bayonet Exercise and Skirmish Drill.
Volunteers' Camp and Field Book, by Jno. P. Curry.
Instruction for Field Artillery, from Gilham's Manual.
The Field Manual for the use of Officers on Ordnance Duty.
The First Year of the War.
The Second Battle of Manassas.
The Partisan Leader.
War Songs of the South.
Napoleon's Maxims of War.
Just received and for sale by
Dec 9—tf. ROBERT COWAN.

NOTICE.—Can be had, at John B. Hoge's (Taylor & Hoge's old stand,)

Sugar, Molasses, Rice, Salt, Cotton Yarn, &c., at low figures, for CASH.

Taylor & Hoge' accounts are made off, and they desire to have them settled. All knowing themselves indebted will please come forward; and all having claims against them will present them for settlement.

Oct 7—tf JOHN B. HOGE.

LAST NOTICE.

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

Oct 28—tf

NOTICE.—Application will be made to the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Virginia for a new Total certificate for thirteen Shares of its Stock, which having, for better security, been by me during the invasion of Shenandoah Valley, became entirely destroyed. P. RINKER.

Jan 27 Pacific of Mary Branford, dec'd

POUTAN BARK AND HIDES.

CASH! CASH! The highest price will be paid for Tan Bark in Staunton, at the Tan Yard of J. D. LIGHTNER & Co. Tan Yard near Steam Mill.

Feb 10 tf

NEW BOOKS.

REGULATIONS for the Army of the Confederate States, authorized edition, just received and for sale by ROBERT COWAN.

Dec 9.

WANTED, 10,000 pounds Tallow, Lard, and grease, round but to-day. For which I will pay the highest market price. JOHN B. HOGE.

Nov. 4—tf.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE. The following trains will run on and after this date.

The Morning Passenger Train leaving Richmond at 7 o'clock A. M. for Staunton and intermediate points, and arrive in Richmond at 6 10 P. M.

The Accommodation Passenger Train leaving Richmond at 3 30 P. M. for Gordonsville and intermediate points, Sundays excepted, returns will leave Gordonsville at 6 o'clock P. M. and arrive in Richmond at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Mail and Passenger Train West of Staunton, leaving Staunton at 6 00 A. M. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and returning the same days.

The Mail Train connects with the Orange and Alexandria Mail Train at Gordonsville for Rapidan, and at Charlottesville for Lynchburg. Connects at Staunton with Stages for Huntsville, Warm Springs, Harrisonburg and Lynchburg, and with Stages leaving Staunton for the Springs.

Special attention is paid to the comfort of Passengers by this route. Through tickets can be obtained at Richmond for the Springs, and at Staunton for Richmond and all points East and West. Baggage checked through. Fare as low as by any other route. For information apply at the Ticket Offices in Richmond and Staunton.

Sept 9 R. R. CRUMP, Gen'l Ticket Agent.

EXECUTION & COMMISSION HOUSE.

No. 1 Main Street, Lynchburg Va.

The undersigned have associated themselves together in the above and firm of JAMES P. SCOTT & CO., for the purpose of conducting a General AUCTION & COMMISSION BUSINESS. They have rented that very elegant building, No. 1, Main Street, Lynchburg lately occupied by John T. Harris & Co., and are now ready to receive MERCHANDISE of all kinds for private and auction sales.

They solicit consignments of Manufactured and Smoking Tobacco, Sugar, Molasses, Coffee, and other groceries, Bale Cotton, and Cotton Fabrics of all grades. Woollen Goods, Boots, Shoes, Leather and all other goods usually offered at Auction.

Their first auction will take place on early day in December next, of which due notice, with catalogue, will be published.

They respectfully refer to the merchants and business men of Richmond, Petersburg, Danville, and other Southern cities, whose aid and cooperation will be duly appreciated.

JAMES P. SCOTT, of the late firm of John T. Davis & Co.
HENRY E. BOCOCK,
WM H. PARRISH,
Members of the Firm of Bocock & Parrish.

The concern of Bocock & Parrish, No. 1, Bridge Street, will continue at the old stand, as usual.

Dec 9—tmo B & P.

CONFECTIONERY STORE.

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

MAGNUS S. CEASE

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

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

Also fresh Peaches, lobsters, Pickles, Catchups, &c., &c.

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

☞ Candy sold at *Wholesale and Retail.*

Staunton, May 20, 1861.

J. M. BOOBE. P. BAYNE. C. B. BOOBE

MOORE, BAYNE & CO.,

No. 47, MAIN STREET, *Lynchburg, Va.*

WHOLESALE *GROCERS & COMMISSION MERCHANTS* AND AGENTS FOR THE SALE OF *Manufactured and Smoking Tobacco,*

Will receive and sell SUGAR, MOLASSES, WHEAT, CORN, FLOUR, BACON, LEATHER, and all kinds of *COUNTRY PRODUCE.*

All sales promptly rendered, accompanied by the net proceeds thereof. Jan 20, 1863—1yr

JAMES B. HARGROVE. HENRY DANNINGTON.

JAMES B. HARGROVE & CO.,

AUCTIONEERS & COMMISSION MERCHANTS FOR THE SALE OF NEGROES

Main, Market Street, Lynchburg, Va.

The subscribers offer their services to the public in the exercise of their business, as well as in the sale of negroes at Auction.

We are prepared to accommodate with board, and keep safely, any that may be placed in our hands, and we offer the trade our services placed on our usual and accustomed terms.

Jan 27—tf JAS. B. HARGROVE & CO.

GENERAL COMMISSION HOUSE,

89 Main Street, LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA.

Will buy and sell on Commission, Leaf, Manufactured and Smoking Tobacco, Wheat, Flour, Corn, Cotton Yarns, and in fact everything kept in a general Commission House.

Neat proceeds of sales promptly rendered.

We refer to the business men of Lynchburg generally.

Dec 16, 1862—6mo*

DENTAL NOTICE.—DR. JAMES HARRIS DENTIST, GRADUATE OF THE BALTIMORE COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGERY.—Will spend Court week and the week following of every month in Harrisonburg, where he will be pleased to wait on all those wishing his professional aid. All operations guaranteed equal to any. Office in Hill's Hotel. The remainder of his time will be occupied in attending to the calls of his patients in the vicinity of Mt. Meridian, Augusta county, Va., or Harrisonburg, Rockingham county, Va. JAS. H. HARRIS.

Feb 17 '63—1y

G. C. YEAKLE,

DEALER IN WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, SILVER AND *PLATED WARE,*

OPPOSITE VA. HOTEL, STAUNTON, VA.

Staunton July 17, 1860.

DR. ARTHUR

HAS returned to Staunton PERMANENTLY. For eight years' liberal patronage he reviews with much gratitude and acknowledged thankfulness. Begoing that his artificials to serve his old, tried friends with more experience and improved skill, diligence and faithfulness.

Oct 15, 1861.—tf

BEYOND QUESTION

WE are now receiving a supply of TOBACCO that for quality and variety cannot be surpassed in the state, comprising all the different grades, coming up from a very low price to the choicest chew that can be had. Merchants will please examine our stock before laying in their fall supply.

R. J. GIENDY,

Staunton Sept. 25, 1861 Agt C. T. COGHAN

DENTAL NOTICE. Wm Chapman has removed his office to the old Bell Tavern, near the Virginia Hotel, and opposite Brandeburg's Corner, and adjoining Rankin's Daguerrean Gallery, where he will be pleased to see his friends and customers.

Staunton, Jan 1, 1860.

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

Office in the Old Bell Tavern.

Dec 24, 1861. JOEL ETTINGER

NEW BOOKS AND STATIONERY JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE AT ROBERT COWAN'S CASH BOOK STORE.—Chisolm's Manual of Military Surgery, The First Year of the War, by R. A. Pollard; The Second Battle of Manassas, by R. A. Pollard, The Partisan Leader, by Judge Beverley Tucker; The Quartermaster's Guide, by Major Bliss; Field Letter and Post-Scrap Paper, Envelopes, &c. &c. West & Johnston's Map of Virginia.

Mar 4 tf

GOOD TIME TO PAY. I avail myself this favorable opportunity to wind up my business, and therefore request all persons owing me by notes or account to come forward and pay up, as long credit cannot be given. All persons having claims against me, whether against me are requested to present them immediately. DAVID A. KAYSER

Jan 13 tf

ALMANAC FOR 1863.—The Confederate States Almanac, just received, containing the Constitution of the Confederate States, with a table of the postal regulations, and other matter, just received and for sale by ROBERT COWAN.

Dec 23—tf

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT, STAUNTON, VA., November 14, 1862.

PERSONS having claims against my Department are required to present them at once for payment. Persons holding back their claims will find difficulty in settling them. H. M. BELL, Maj. & Q. M. C. S. A.

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. W. & G. H. BURCH,

No. 10, Main street, Baltimore, Md.

WHOLESALE COMMISSION MERCHANTS AND AGENTS FOR THE SALE OF *Manufactured and Smoking Tobacco,*

WHEAT, FLOUR, CORN, BACON, LARD AND ALL KINDS OF COUNTRY PRODUCE.

LIBERAL advances made on consignments when desired. Sales promptly reported.

May 1—tf

WASHINGTON HOUSE,

CHURCH STREET, LEXINGTON, VA.

THE undersigned have leased the above well known house, and have fitted it up in the most comfortable manner for the reception of visitors and the location is one of the most frequented and desirable in the place. Every effort will be made to provide for the comfort and welfare of guests.

An omnibus, baggage Wagon and Porter will always be found at the Depot and Boat Landing on the arrival of the Trains and Boats to convey passengers and baggage from the Hotel.

Mar 6—1y J. B. TINSLEY, Proprietor.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the estate of Nicholas Demasters, deceased, of the time of his death, in 1856, and also all persons claiming to be creditors of the estate by reason of transactions which have taken place since his death, are hereby required to exhibit their claims, together with the evidences thereof, before me at my office in Staunton, on or before the 20th day of March, 1863.

JOHN N. HENDREN, Commissioner.

Mar 3—4t

T. F. MINOR, Richmond, Va. JOSEPH W. SCHAR, Staunton, Va.

MINOR & BURKE,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS FOR THE SALE OF COUNTRY PRODUCE, TOBACCO, GROCERIES, &C.,

CARY STREET, (1st door below 18th street) *RICHMOND, VA.*

WE will use our best endeavors to promote the interest of our patrons. Refer, by permission, to

BOLIVAR CHRISTIAN, P. PETTIGREW,
H. W. SHEPPEY, JNO GATEWOOD,
JAS WALKER, *Shenandoah co., Va*
J. G. FULTON, W. W. FLEMING,
Augusta co., Va. *Highland co., Va.*
CASE GRATTAN, MANN SIPTLE,
J. H. HOPKINS, JNO. K. BOUTON,
S. A. COFFMAN, *Page co. Va.*
Rockingham co., Va. M. B. KAUFMAN,
Frederick co., Va.

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INSURANCE COMPANY, OF THE VALLEY OF VIRGINIA

CHARTERED MARCH 17, 1852.

Round Capital $300,000.

THIS Company, having been duly organized, is now ready to receive applications and issue Policies and offer to the citizens of Virginia the inducement of a home Company for the safe insurance of all kinds of PROPERTY, MERCHANDIZE, &c., at fair and equitable rates. The Directors assure the public that this Company will be conducted with a view to permanency, and on the strictest principles of equity, justice and a close regard to economy and the safety of the insured.

PRESIDENT, JOSEPH S. CARSON.

U. S. FUNK, *Secretary.* O. F. BRISEE, *Actuary.*

DIRECTORS.

JOSEPH S. CARSON, JOB KERN,
JAMES P. RIELY, LEWIS P. HARMAN
LLOYD LOGAN, ROBERT STEELE,
HUGH SIDWELL.

☞ *Office in Lowden Street, near the Valley Bank*

☞ GEORGE E. PRICE, Local Agent, Staunton.

April 22, 1862.

VIRGINIA:—At rules held in the Clerk's Office for Augusta county, the 3d day of March, 1863. Robert P. Kubank, Guardian of Sarah A., Jacob W., Virginia E., Osbert M. and Frances J. Hogseit, children of James R. Hogseit, dec'd,—Plaintiffs.

AGAINST—

Sarah, Jacob, Virginia, Osbert M. and Elizabeth Hogseit, David G. Hogseit, Henry S. Hogseit, Robert A. Hogseit, James D. V., and Mary, his wife, Silas Kutchen, and Susan, his wife, Wm. C. Blakemore, and Susan, his wife, and others,—Defendants.

The object of this suit is to obtain a decree to sell land belonging to Plaintiffs' wards.

The Defendant, Robert A. Hogseit, not having entered his appearance and it appearing to satisfactory evidence that he is not a resident of this Common wealth, it is ordered that he appear here on the 1st Monday after publication of this notice, and do what is necessary to protect his interest.

A copy—Teste, A. F. KINNEY, Clerk

Mar 6—4t

LIVERY AND FEED STABLES.

THE undersigned have removed their old established Livery to the Stables of the American Hotel, where we are prepared to furnish the travelling public with Horses, Hacks, Buggies and Stages at reasonable prices. We are also prepared, with attentive ostlers and plenty of good provender, to feed any number of horses that may be brought to our stables. As we are compelled to pay cash for grain and hay, we cannot afford to say one.

☞ Office opposite Jno. O'Hare's.

THOS. J. BURKE & CO.

Jan. 14, 1862.—1y

Fine Photographs and Ambrotypes.

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

☞ All styles of Fancy Cases on hand. Pictures taken at all prices. ☞ Instructions given in the art. Staunton, Jan. 25, 1859.

J. R. SYRCLE & CO.,

GENERAL COMMISSION & FORWARDING MERCHANTS

THREE DOORS FROM CORNER 12TH AND CARY STS.,

RICHMOND, VA.,

SOLICIT consignments of TOBACCO, WHEAT, FLOUR and FLOUR generally. All orders for Merchandise of any description will be promptly filled when accompanied with cash or produce on hand.

LIBERAL ADVANCES MADE OF PRODUCE IN HAND.

Feb. 25, 1862—1y

NOTICE.—All persons asserting claims of any kind whatsoever, upon the property real and personal conveyed by Samuel Coiz to N. K. Trout, by deed of trust, dated 30th of September, 1858, are hereby required to produce the same and evidences of their liens before me at my office, in Staunton, on or before the 25th instant. JOHN HENDREN,

Mar 3—4t Commissioner

SETTLE UP. The undersigned wishing to pay all they are owing, and wishing all who are owing them to pay, call upon those who are indebted to them either by note or open account to come forward and settle up.

J. M. HARDY & CO

Dec 30—tf

HAVING disposed of our entire stock, we will proceed forthwith to settle all accounts due the concern. Persons having accounts against the same will please present them. ROANE & ALBY.

Dec 16

NOTICE! The Mercantile Accounts of Messrs. Crawford & Cochran are in my hands. All indebted will call at my Law Office and close by bond or payment, the latter preferred.

J. B. WATTS, Att'y & Collector

Feb 17—5t

NOTICE. We wish to purchase country soap and fleece wool, at the Staunton Woolen Mills, either for cash or in exchange for Goods.

Mar 3—3mo CRAWFORD & YOUNG

Rock Register copy and send bill to this office.

NEW GOODS. Just received a small lot of COATS and PANTS, together with a lot piece goods. ROANE & ALBY.

Feb 23 tf

WANTED, A SUBSTITUTE for the war. Enquire at my office. GEO. BAYLOR

Dec 2—tf

COTTON BATS. Just received 25 Bales COTTON BATS. JOHN B. HOGE.

LATEST FROM DIXIE.—Just received from Lower down in Dixie, a variety of popular Music. Feb 17—tf ROBT. COWAN.

CALICOES!!! Just received a lot of fresh Calicoes. March 10. JOHN B. HOGE.

FOR HIRE.—A negro BOY, about 13 years of age. A usual one in the country required. Enquire at Woods & Gilkeson's. Feb 17—tf

PUBLIC SALES.

TOWN PROPERTY IN MARKET.—

I will sell on the premises on Saturday, the 28th of March, the Tenement now occupied by Mr. Hanks, and the adjoining lot, fronting on Main street, and extending back to the Alley. Terms made known on the day of sale, and attendance given by

Jas. A. Hanks, Agent.

Mar 10.—ts WM. HOWELL

PUBLIC SALE. Having determined to leave the Valley of Virginia, I will sell at Public Sale, on Wednesday, the 1st day of April, the following property, viz:—Three first rate Horses, one of them a good Wagon Horse, one Mare, one yearling Colt, 300 bushels of corn, one set of harness, one Wagon, Kitchen furniture, one washer and wringer, one Cooking Stove, one dozen chairs, and other articles too numerous to mention. A credit will be given on all sums of $5 and upwards, the purchaser giving bond with approved security. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., when and where attendance will be given by

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LAVINIA ALLEN EXECUTRIX

March 24 vs. J. V. Harlow, dec'd

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.—In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Augusta county, rendered in the above cause, on the 20th day of March, 1863, I will sell at the Court House door, in the town of Staunton, on the 20th day of April, 1863, the following tract of land, to wit: The Mansion Farm of the late Mr. Jonathan Lewis, deceased, containing about 200 acres, adjoining the town of Staunton, and known as the Lewis Farm, on which is a large and commodious dwelling house, and other improvements. The land is of a good quality, and is in a high state of cultivation. Terms of sale: One third of the purchase money in hand, and the balance in equal installments of one and two years, with bonds and approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale, and a lien on the land to secure the deferred payments.

J. J. LOWDOWN, Commissioner.

Feb 24 Chas. Crawford, Agent.

☞ Rockingham Register copy and send bill to Chas. Crawford.

LAND FOR SALE. The subscribers offer for sale Private Property of 100 acres of land, adjoining the lands of Alex Hutchison, Jacob Hooper, John Rudebaugh, Henry Swecker, Wm Johnson, about 15 acres of which are cleared, the remainder heavily timbered. A considerable portion of the cleared land is well set to grass. This land has upon it a comfortable dwelling House, a good barn, recently built, and all necessary outbuildings.

Feb 17—tf JNO T. & R. P. EUBANK

Rock Register copy.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.—I will sell, privately, a Hotel and Lot, in Waynesboro, Augusta county, now occupied by J. N. Bell. Also, my 3 10th Hotel Stand, now occupied by Messrs. Piper & Fitzhugh. For further apply to me at my office in Staunton, Va. GEORGE BAYLOR.

March 10—tf

$25 REWARD.—Was taken from my stable, near Mt. Sidney, on Saturday morning, 7th March, a SORREL MARE, five years old, no shoes, a scar in her forehead, and a small lump on one hind leg, between the knee and ankle joint. She was in good order. I offer the above reward for the mare, against all persons after the thief who threw down my fence and carried off my rails, just through my yard into some dense pasture to conceal and rob me of any more trespassing upon me.

Mar 10—2m ABER P. STEALY

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 1st day of April, James Evans, who followed his brother, Jesse Evans, West of the first on the west side of the Clerk's Office in Staunton, and then which the jury found in favor of Jesse Evans, Jesse Evans is a wrong name to the, and David Kaiser has made a wrong Power of Attorney for Shelton Jacob Ba for the same. If any lawyer will take up our case we will pay him well for his trouble.

JACOB & HENRY SCHOVE
JACOB SCHOVE, Farmer and owner of the land.

Mar 10—4t

CABELL HOUSE,

Bank Square, Main Street,

LYNCHBURG, VA.,

GIBBS, DEEM & CO.,

"PROPRIETORS."

☞ Mr. Gibbs, who lately kept the Washington House, will be pleased to see his old friends at the new stand.

March 10—4m. Vin copy

A SUBSTITUTE WANTED.

I wish to employ a Substitute for the War. One over 45 years of age preferred. He can select the branch of the service he prefers.

March 10—tf. H. H. PECK

LIVERY AND SALE STABLES.

WE have leased for a term of years the commodious and convenient stables attached to the Virginia Hotel, in Staunton, where we intend to keep constantly on hand for sale the finest HORSES that can be procured. J. S. Byers has experience and qualifications as a horse dealer, which are well known to the public. As our business is to be one of years no pains will be spared to obtain and keep the public patronage.

We also take Horses on Livery. In a few weeks the Stabling will be increased to accommodate 40 horses. Capable and attentive Ostlers have been employed. The County custom is solicited. Drivers are invited to stop with us.

In connection with this Stable we shall keep Hacks, Buggies and Saddle Horses, constantly for hire. Vehicles bring all new, with fine Horses, we confidently solicit public patronage.

J. S. BYERS & CO.

N. B. Nicking and Bobbing done by an experienced hand. BYERS & CO.

Jan 27, 1863

Lynchburg Hose and Fire INSURANCE COMPANY

LYNCHBURG, VA.

THE capital of this company has recently been increased by a subscription of

$100 000,

making the present capital and surplus of over

$333,000.00.

OFFICERS

J. R. McDANIEL, President. J. H. CLARK, Vice-President.
G. B. THERMAN, Consulting Engineer. C. T. WILLIS, Secretary.
J. O. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

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Jno T Davis	W. I. Anderson,
S. H. McKinney,	Wm H. Stratton
M. S. Langhorne,	C. R. Slaughter,

Acting as agent for the company, I am prepared to receive applications and issue policies against loss or damage by fire, on terms as low as the nature of the Risk and the real security of the insured and of the company will warrant. WM. M. GUY,

Agent for the Company for the State of Va.

SLAVE INSURANCE

The Lynchburg Hose and Fire Insurance Company is insuring Slaves for one or four years, upon the most reasonable terms. Persons wishing to effect insurance upon the lives of their Servants or Property can do so by applying to

WILLIAM M. GUY, Agent, Staunton Va.

April 17, 1862

STOLEN from the subscriber near Staunton on a small, colored, second hand HORSE. Light bay, with no shoes on, a small star in his forehead and a white ankle in his back. He is low in flesh, and has a saddle back and sores on his withers behind. He is about seven years old. He was in cavalry horse and I belong to the Georgia Cavalry, stationed at Staunton. A liberal reward will be given for the recovery of the horse and thief or either.

March 17—3t* J. D. WATSON, Staunton, Va.

OBITUARIES.

Finding that protestations against long Obituaries are of no avail, and not having spare to publish them, except for the enclosure of some matter, we find ourselves compelled to follow the example of our contemporaries, who publish them at advertising rates.

For the Spectator.

Military Executions.

CAMP NEAR RICHMOND, VA., March 18

Mr. Editor:—Since our Army left Fredericksburg, I have witnessed two cases where deserters were shot for deserting to the enemy, and I have heard of several others, but I do not know the particulars. I have also witnessed three cases where men were shot for sleeping on their posts while on picket duty, and I have heard of several others. The last case I witnessed was the case of a young man belonging to the Fifth Alabama Regiment, who had been a member of the Church in good standing, and who had been a good soldier, but who had been induced to desert his post by the representations of his friends at home, who had written him that his wife was living with another man, and that his children were suffering for want of his support. He was shot on the morning of the 12th inst., in the presence of his brigade, which was formed in a square for the purpose. The prisoner was placed on his coffin, which was placed on a wagon, and he was carried around the square, in front of the brigade, while the sentence was being read to the prisoner. The sentence was read by the Brigade Adjutant, who then read the order of the Brigadier General, which was to the effect that the prisoner was to be shot to death with musketry, and that the brigade was to be present to witness the execution, and that it was the duty of every man who should see any of his comrades desert, to report the fact to his officers, that such cowards might be shot down like dogs. The prisoner was then placed on his coffin, and the brigade was marched around the square, and he passed close enough to each man to touch him with his hand. The charge and specification, with the finding and sentence of the Court Martial, and the following orders, were then read by the Marshal:

HEADQUARTERS
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 13
BRIGADE DEPT. N. VA.
Feb. 20, 1863

Soldiers:—At the proceedings of a General Court Martial convened at the Camp of Brigade, near Fredericksburg, by virtue of General Order 128, Head Quarters Department of Northern Va., the accused was arraigned and tried on the following named charges, and are sentenced as set opposite the name we before mentioned, viz:

CHARGE—Desertion.

Specification—In this, that he, the said Private Jesse Evans, did desert his post on about the 20th of April, 1862, while on picket duty, and did, in the presence of the enemy, desert his post, and go over to them, with the avowed intention of joining them, and he was arrested and brought back to Lost Hills, of same company and Regiment, on or about the 2d of December, 1862. Finding of the specification—Guilty. Sentence—The Charge—Desertion. Specification—Guilty. Sentence—And the court do therefore sentence the said Private ——— ——— of Co. H., 23d Va. Infantry, to be shot to death with musketry, two thirds of the Court concurring therein.

The proceedings, findings and sentences in the cases of Privates ——— and ——— ——— all of the 33rd Va. Regiment are approved, the sentences are confirmed, and will be duly executed in the presence of the entire Brigade, under the direction of their Division Commander, on the day after the promulgation of the sentence to the Brigade. By order of

JOHN B. GORDON,
Brig. Gen.

Signed, R. H. CHILTON, A. A. & A. G.

Then followed the order of Major Gen. TRIMBLE giving directions for the arrangements and manner of conducting the execution, which is too long for insertion here. The prisoner, on being asked by the Marshal, whether he had any thing to make or say, replied, that he had not, but that he had to leave his poor wife and little child, and continued sobbing in a manner truly distressing to hear. The Chaplains, at the request of the prisoner, sang two verses of the hymn commencing, "Rock of ages, O, where shall rest be found?" after which each Chaplain prayed with him the last one kneeling as did the prisoner. The prisoner continued kneeling until they were to take leave of him, when he bade them farewell, adding that he hoped they would meet him in heaven. The prisoner then took his position seated upon the coffin, his back against the stake, to which the Marshal bound him by passing a cord around his arms and body and confining his body to the stake. When the bandage was placed over his eyes he inquire, whether they were going to shoot him in the head, and was answered that they were. He made no complaint of the punishment, but as I afterwards learned seemed to view his fate as if it though he had expressed in many words As the Marshal moved from him to the firing party, there was perfect silence all along the lines, for a crowd was there, and save the prolonged sobbing of the condemned prisoner. The firing party, composed principally of white men, being selected from the regiment of which the prisoner was a member, had moved forward within paces of the prisoner, and had quietly alighted when the command "Ready, aim, fire," was given, and the prisoner received the fire of the entire party, some balls striking about a foot above his head. On the command to fire, four balls struck the prisoner in the breast, and he expired without a struggle, the center of the breast, which he crossed and death instantly. The prisoner was carried to the stake and buried in the ditch, in the order usual marching by the right in fours, and within a few feet of it, so that each soldier could see and be impressed with the awful lesson. Nothing was wanting to make the occasion more solemn and impressive, and I do not think I ever witnessed a more impressive scene. The strong feeling of the Army was then placed in the order, and it was an ambulance to the 22d Va. Regiment, in charge of one of Gen. Early's Aids, who was meeting the Marshal where a wagon was in waiting to convey it to Guinea's Station in charge of a friend of the unfortunate man. The young man who was an excellent soldier had at his request been granted with a furlough, approved by the Brigade, for the purpose of discharging this painful duty. He

Staunton Spectator.

STAUNTON, VA.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1863.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are authorized to announce Hon. John B. Baldwin as a Candidate for re-election to the Congress of the Confederate States in the 11th Congressional District composed of the counties of Augusta, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Pendleton, Bath, Alleghany, Highland and Pocahontas.

March 24th—td.

Papers in the District will copy and send bill to the Spectator Office.

The Fight in Culpeper.

The long continued silence on the Rappahannock has been broken by the booming of cannon and the desperate charge of cavalry columns. On Tuesday morning last, the enemy, with a strong force of cavalry and artillery, crossed the Rappahannock River, at Kelly's Ford, in Culpeper county, and advanced as far as Jamison's woods, within about six miles of Culpeper C. H., where they were attacked by a portion of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's command, less than 2,000 strong. The *Examiner* says that "the fighting is said to have been terrific, and the enemy are reported to have fought with great stubbornness. The battle wavered a long time, and the great bravery of our men alone won the victory. Our men dashed on the enemy with all the force of an avalanche, and for a long time the fight raged—hand to hand. The Yankees contested every inch of the ground, but finding the fire of our men too much they fell back in great disorder, and retired to the other side of the river. As soon as the retreat was ordered, the Yankees fled in great dismay and confusion, leaving behind them their dead and wounded on the field, and a number of supplies. So rapid was the enemy's flight across the river that his hospital established in the rear for his wounded was abandoned, and his dead lay strewn over the ground—everything left behind in his panic."

The number of the enemy in this fight is supposed to have been about 7,000.—Our loss was between 200 and 250, and that of the enemy more, but the number is not known.

See official despatches from General Stuart in the telegraphic column.

Our Armies in the West.

Advices from the West, says the Richmond Examiner, represent our armies in fine condition. A gentleman who recently visited General Bragg's army, says his troops were in the best spirits, and that every confidence is felt for the issue of the approaching conflict, whenever it may come off. Gen. Johnston is said to have the respect and confidence of his command, and our armies are represented as being everything that could be desired in *morale*, discipline, and efficiency. General Bragg had entirely recuperated his command, and by his rare tact as a disciplinarian, had his whole force in the finest trim.—The Generals of the different corps—Polk, Breckinridge and Hardee—are all on the ground, and everything is in readiness for the enemy whenever he shall attempt a movement.

We learn every confidence is felt among our troops that we shall be able to hold our position in the West against any attempt of the enemy. Particularly is this the case with our garrison at Port Hudson, who are sure of driving back the enemy in every assault that is made on that place. Our force is stronger than we had expected, and the news we get of our position and situation there, makes us more hopeful than ever.

Battles Expected in the Carolinas.

The *Examiner* says that it is now thought probable that battle on a grand scale is even nearer to hand in the Carolinas than at Fredericksburg. The preparations of the enemy indicate that a great effort is about to be made to cut the communications between Charleston and Richmond, and that attack, with which the former city has been so long menaced, is about to be made by land as well as sea. A great army, as well as an enormous fleet has been assembled for these purposes, and their employment in action cannot be much further delayed. For some time past the battles and manœuvres of the enemy have been repetitions of battles they had fought a previous periods, and manœuvres which they had unsuccessfully tried before.—But we are now, perhaps, to witness a new scene in the war.

Skirmish on the Black water.

We learn from the Petersburg *Express*, that on Tuesday morning last, a boat eight hundred Yankee cavalry, under Colonel Spears, came up from Suffolk to a point on the Blackwater, near Franklin, and charged upon two companies of South Carolina sharpshooters, who were supporting a piece of artillery. They were fired into by our men and soon scattered in every direction, leaving two men dead on the field and 2 others mortally wounded. 8 of the enemy were taken prisoners—among them a captain. These men report a large number of their companions wounded. Not a single man on our side was killed or seriously wounded.—This skirmish is regarded by all as a very brilliant affair.

We further learn, from a direct and reliable source, that the enemy are being strongly reinforced at Suffolk.

Fort Pemberton and Port Hudson.

We last week gave a despatch respecting the fight at Fort Pemberton, in which the gunboats of the enemy were repulsed. Since then, we have received no further intelligence from that quarter.

The day after our paper was issued, we received a despatch bringing the gratifying intelligence that we had also repulsed the enemy at Port Hudson.—See telegram in another column. Since then, we have no further intelligence from that interesting locality.

Candidates for Congress.

His constituents will be pleased to see that Hon. John B. Baldwin has announced himself as a candidate for re-election in the 11th Congressional District. Hon. L. Montague is a candidate for re-election in the 1st District; Walter Preston in the 5th District; A. H. Boteler, Col. Fred. W. M. Holliday in the 10th District, and Walter R. Staples in the Lynchburg District.

New Subscribers

We mentioned some time since that there had never been a time in the history of the "Spectator" when its subscription list was increased more rapidly than then. Since that time, there has been no reflux of the tide, but the stream of new subscribers has increased its flow, and continues to augment its volume. This is gratifying to us, as it shows that our efforts to keep our readers "posted up" in the current events of the day have been appreciated by the public. The only thing we have to regret is, that the prices of materials, necessary to publish a paper, have increased so enormously as to leave a *very narrow* margin of profit, and if they increase much more, we will lose money on every issue.

We, will then test the question, "Whether an Editor, like the chameleon, can live upon the air alone." We know that many persons seem to think so; at least, that is the interpretation we give to their conduct, for they never furnish him with the means of buying anything more substantial, though they devour week after week, with great voracity, the mental food he furnishes them, nicely wrapped up and sent to them in a paper. This, we are satisfied, results not from design, but from thoughtlessness, on the part of the subscribers; for if they would think for a moment they would conclude that, however Editors may differ from ordinary human beings in many respects, they must have raiment and food, and to get these essentials they must have money, and, in these "flush times," a great deal of it. If those who are in debted for several years, subscription do not heed this gentle hint, we will conclude that they wish us to try the chameleon test.

A Word about Distilleries.

We have been informed that distilleries are now in active operation, not only in this county, but in many parts of the Confederacy, consuming the grain that is absolutely necessary to prevent many of the people from suffering. Is this so? We know nothing of it of our own knowledge, and now call attention to it that those, whose duty it is, may examine into the truth of the allegation. The charge is, "That most of the distilleries are in operation, and that the owners of them *claim* to have contracts with the Government, when the truth is, that but *few* of them have such contracts." The proper officers should exert themselves to ascertain the truth or falsehood of this charge, and should have the utmost penality of the law inflicted upon its violators. There is much doubt in the minds of the people of the wisdom of the policy of having liquor distilled for the use of the hospitals, as it is probable that the most of it is used by those who do not need it as a medicine, and for whom it was not intended, and if it be true, as alleged, that it gives opportunity, of which many avail themselves, for the practice of fraud to any considerable degree, there can be no doubt that it is productive of more harm than good. To have the staff of life, at this time when so many are in extreme need, converted, in violation of law, into the "bane of life", is a crime against humanity, and a sin against High Heaven. Those who are guilty of this offence should be brought to justice. Each citizen should feel it to be his duty to report to the proper officer every man whom he knows to be engaged in the distillation of grain in violation of law, and the officer should perform his duty rigidly and faithfully without "fear, favor or affection." Let those who are thus trampling upon the laws of their country, and who are bringing want and distress upon the poor, be exposed to the just indignation of the community, and the severest penalty of the violated laws. To expect the "Given of every good and perfect gift" to bless our fields with fruitful harvests, when we pervert their products to such sinful uses, would be sacrilegious. The smoke of a distillery is not such an incense as will bring down upon our land the blessings of Heaven.

The "Swamp Dragons" in Pendleton.

We learn that in a conflict, last week, between some of our soldiers and the "Swamp Dragons"—two companies of Union men—in the North Fork, in Pendleton county, two of our soldiers were wounded. Their names are Martin Hiner, son of Benjamin Hiner, and a Mr. Pendland. It is feared that Mr. Hiner is mortally wounded. Two of the "Swamp Dragons" were captured but one of them made his escape.

The Concert.

We have been requested to state that the managers of the Concert to be given in the Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening next, have made arrangements to have the town lighted with gas on that night. The concert will, therefore, take place as previously announced. All should attend.

Capt. Mosby, of Stuart's cavalry, made another dash into the enemy's lines on Tuesday last, on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, and captured four commissioned officers and twenty-one privates. The latter were paroled on the spot; and the officers are now at the Libby prison.

Skirmishing in East Florida.

On the 18th inst. three Yankee gunboats and two transports ascended the St. Johns' river to Jacksonville, and landed a force of negro troops. On the next morning our troops attacked the enemy, and after hard fighting for twenty minutes, charged them, when they retreated in haste to their gunboats.

Our infantry pursued them into town, and when near the Jackson house square, encountered another force of the enemy which was also driven back. We lost Dr. Meredith and three horses. It is said that the enemy are fortifying Jacksonville, with a view to its permanent occupation.

☞ The remains of Miss Mary Connell, who was killed in the explosion of the laboratory in Richmond, arrived at this place, for interment, on Thursday evening last.

Ball at the Odd Fellows' Hall.

There will be a BALL at the Odd Fellows' Hall on TUESDAY, THE 31ST OF THIS MONTH, the proceeds to be applied to the support of soldiers' families. Good music will be provided, and the management will be unexceptionable. The patronage of the public is hoped for, in view of the fact that it is to be a benefit to the soldiers' families.

J. M. HARDY,
J. C. MARQUIS,
D. C. McCUFFIN,
N. K. TROUT, } Com.

Staunton, March 24, 1863.

Fifteen hundred and fifty-six prisoners captured by Gen'l Van Dorn arrived in Richmond on Sunday last.

As Old Man of Experience.

We are satisfied that, as we grow older, we will improve in knowledge, provided we profit by our own and the experience of others, but the old dame of the Sentinel grows stronger, when he says we will forget in knowledge as we "develope to take lessons from the Spectator."

Now we cannot recall to mind any particular we have taken a lesson from the "Sentinel" and we believe we could find that we did not intend to follow his example in several things we now do. In one thing he might be better for us peculiarly, to imitate him, if we could. He waits for the breeze of public opinion to indicate the direction his weather cock shall point, and we, we conclude so, from his studied silence on its part, demand, by some of our friends, a decision of vital importance at present. Now in one direction, let us remember, does he continue timid in favor of, or in opposition to, these subjects. Is Mr. "Sentinel" in a position to know what are your opinions as to a reconstruction of the Union? Are you in favor of offering inducements to the North Western States to come in our Confederacy? We would like to get some information from an experienced friend as to his opinions, and as you are the only Conservative we know of in our community, from whom we would be better pleased to hear.—*Vindicator.*

The spirit transformed, in the above extract, by the "young man of promise" of the "Vindicator" does not claim his or our relationship to the hoary digger we can easily forgive him, for he knows not what he does. When he shall become older, and shall find that we will improve in knowledge, but his manners never, he will then see that we will not be able to wait for the weather cock long, time was, when we waited for the weather cock before. He says:

"Now we can recall to mind no single particular we have taken a lesson from the Spectator."

He has forgot, in his haste, that he imparted knowledge we communicated to him in favor of the conservative value of one and also of the other, the old man. He says "we finally acknowledged our error in respecting and consulted our own nature judgment."

But this is not the only instance in which his memory is at fault. He says:

"Not by a hint or suggestion, that we remember, does he commit himself in favor of, or in opposition to a reconstruction of the Union."

We think a retrospective memory even known to ourselves. We have published editorial and selected articles upon this subject, time and again, from the beginning of the war to the present, and yet he gives us an argument upon to evasion his general charge that we "consult the oracle of public opinion to indicate a direction our weather cock shall point."

There never were but few parties which favored secession, but many there, and we never concerned with either of them in their views upon that subject. The first was the secession party which maintained that the South should secede that the Union might be *reconstructed* upon different principles, and the other, the abolition party, which is now endeavoring to reconstruct the Union by force of arms. We have always maintained that the Union once broken, would never be made whole again. Though we expressed this opinion before the war, and a hundred times since, we have not been "waiting for the breeze of public opinion." When the editor drew that picture, he must have been looking in a mirror. He will never make a weather cock, to point the direction of the "breeze of public opinion" as long as we can have one to the views of the Editor of the "Vindicator," for they are as *light* as to be wafted by every "wind of doctrine," and like straws show which way the winds blow."

The Editor of the "Vindicator" also asks this question:

"Are you in favor of offering inducements to the North Western States to unite in our Confederacy?"

What does he mean by the expression "unite in our Confederacy?" As the North Western States do not constitute any part of "our Confederacy" we are unable to see how they could "unite in" it. We suppose he asks that question, as the other, for the purpose of showing that we have been waiting for the "breeze" about which he seems to feel so much interest. When the North Western States, as States, independent of the U. S., shall apply for admission into "our Confederacy," then will be the time to discuss the policy of admitting or rejecting them; but this time has not arrived, and, it may be, never will. How foolish then, to be discussing that question at this time! The discussion now can do no good, but may do, yea, has already done, much harm. The great reaction which has recently taken place in the North against the South, has been growing in no small degree, to the course pursued by the Richmond Enquirer and other papers which have echoed the sentiments of that Journal. If the North West should show a disposition to cut loose from the U. S. and set up for itself we should not discourage and defeat such a purpose by the gratuitous declaration that we are now, and will ever continue to be, their enemies. If we can render them nothing but enmity, we should say nothing at all.

The inference the "Vindicator" draws, when an honor does not direct an question, is: "that the Editor is waiting for the "breeze of public opinion" to blow around the "Vindicator" after the best of cheese in the village." Since the publication has been resumed, the "Spectator" has discussed the question of improvements, the propriety of investing in Government bonds, and several other subjects about which the "Vindicator" has been as dumb as an oyster. By the "Vindicator's" logic, we would be justified in charging that the Editor maintained a "studied silence" on these subjects, because he was "waiting for the breeze of public opinion to indicate the direction his weather cock should point." (We have always thought that the weather cock was designed to indicate the direction of the wind, and not the wind to indicate the direction the weather cock should point.) The Editor of the "Vindicator" digs its, and falls into them himself.

President Davis' Proclamation.

Several weeks since, we published the proclamation of President Davis appointing the 27th of March (next Friday) as a day of humiliation and prayer to Almighty God, to implore His protection of our infant Confederacy, and His interposition in those events affecting our peace and safety.

In the language of a cotemporary, the President's proclamation means, if it be not uttered without meaning, that "there is a God who rules in Heaven and upon the earth. No event can happen without His permission. He is the most real and the most present of all intelligences.—If a sparrow cannot fall without His notice, surely a human being cannot perish but by His will. Individuals and nations are alike the subjects of His government, and the objects of His regards and benefaction.

"Promotion cometh neither from the East, nor from the West, nor from the South; but God is the Judge; He setteth up one and pulleth down another.' Nations are treated, in the economy of the Divine administration as *persons* or *personalities*; and held to account as such. In all judicial inflictions upon a *people*, the good and the bad all suffer together, since they are all components of the national individuality. To avert public calamities—to insure the restoration of peace and prosperity—to propitiate a justly incensed Sovereign, Creator and Benefactor, there must be a public, national and general recognition of the majesty and rightful government of God; there must be national penitence, and national reformation. This may not include each individual, but must include the generality of the people. Let us, therefore, humble ourselves before the Jehovah; let us confess how wicked we have been, how justly our punishments were merited; and implore the clemency of Him who is merciful as well as just. We suffer greatly; very unjustly, indeed, so far as our enemies are concerned; but most justly, so far as we stand related to our great Maker. We must put ourselves right with respect to the Most High; and He will most surely take charge of our national interest, and cause our foes to be beaten and scattered like the chaff which the wind driveth away.'

We want success; peace and national blessings once more; let us, therefore, as a *people*, bow before the great God of Heaven, and invoke His aid, and the removal of His chastening rod."

At an election in Capt. M. Nell's company for 2d and 3d Lieutenants the following gentlemen were elected: Isaac Wellons, 2d Lieut., B. J. Dolan, 3d Lieut. Jesse McNeil, who had been 3d Lieut., was promoted to the 1st Lieutenancy. The election was a very harmonious one, and gives general satisfaction, and these gallant officers are now ready for more Yankee trophies and horses. It will not be long before they will turn up somewhere near the enemy.—[Rock Rog.

WAYS TO GET BACK.—A gentleman who has recently visited the Southern portion of the dominions of Lincoln, states that some out of every ten of the poor wretches who are induced to go South quickly return in the way and employed to prevent a second quickly return in the way and employed to prevent a second quickly return in the way and employed to prevent a second