

# The Spartan.

SPARTANBURG.  
Thursday, March 19, 1863.

## PARTICULAR NOTICE.

Our friends are again notified that the CASH is being received for all Advertising and Job Work done at this office. We hope this will be remembered.

## Claim Agent.

I have received for the following persons the amounts due them from the Confederate Government. They will please call and receive the same. Claims of M. V. Elder, Mr. B. E. Elder, and E. W. Turner, J. H. T. Potts, W. F. S. Richardson, Hanson Henderson, John W. Martin. J. M. ELFORD.

## New Advertisement.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Mr. W. J. Wingo, (excessor) to Messrs. D. L. & L. Twitty in this issue. We have tested his smoking tobacco and pronounce it excellent.

## Dr. Whiteford Smith.

We publish this week the entire Sermon of this learned Divine, as delivered in the Methodist Episcopal Church on the day appointed by his Excellency Gov. M. L. Bonham, for Thanksgiving and Prayer. It will be found a most eloquent production and one eminently suggestive at this important crisis in our national history. Its adaptation to the circumstances of the country; the spirit of resistance which pervades it; its logicalness and its conclusions; the force and beauty of its style will commend it to the careful attention of our readers. We urge, therefore, its perusal by all.

## Military Election.

On the 7th instant, an Election took place at Clark's Old Field for the Upper Battalion, 38th Regiment, with the following result:

NOAH WOLF, CAPTAIN.  
CALE KIMBRELL, 1st LIEUTENANT.  
J. W. C. GOSSETT, 2d LIEUTENANT.  
PRESSLEY BRANNON, 3d LIEUTENANT.

## 37th Regiment.

The following officers have been elected in one of the Companies of Minute Men organized in the 37th Regiment:

D. G. FINLEY, Captain.  
D. F. HUGHES, 1st Lieutenant.  
JAS. WOOD, 2d Lieutenant.  
WOODWARD ALLEN, 3d Lieutenant.

## Broom Corn.

We call special attention to the communication of Mr. Henderson, upon the subject of planting Broom Corn. It is desirable that this crop should be grown in abundance this year. We hope our farmers will call upon Messrs. Foster & Judd, and supply themselves with seed, and plant an acre or two, with the view of supplying the workmen of Cedar Springs with straw, so that we may be supplied with brooms, without extraordinary prices. A new broom sweeps clean.

## Plant Corn.

We hope that every good citizen, who has a garden spot or unoccupied piece of ground, large enough to spread a blanket upon, will turn it to good account this year, by planting corn or vegetables thereon. Let him not only do this himself, but persuade his neighbors to do likewise. If people would generally try to raise something—cabbage, corn, butter, beans, tomatoes, etc., which can be done on a small scale without appreciable trouble, the prices of edibles would be kept in more reasonable bounds. Therefore, we say, plant corn somewhere, but plant corn! So says the Charleston Mercury.

## A Good Example.

Several citizens in Abbeville have been united in furnishing corn to soldiers' families at \$1 per bushel. The Commissioners of the Board of Relief, at their first meeting, ascertained the number of families that needed aid from the Board, was four hundred and fifteen families. The Board resolved to pay to each family \$4 per month from the 1st January, 1862. The Commissioner in each District is to ascertain the necessities of each family, and report to the Board for a proper distribution of the fund.

## We suppose a similar rule to govern the Commissioners of this District, prevails here.

In those very families which have been receiving corn, we notice a large number of boys which should be put into the corn field and kept there through the year. The season has now come to work in earnest, and the demand for labor was never better, and we think it is the duty of the Commissioners, when they are giving out corn, to enquire, and ascertain if there any boys at home able to work, and if so, cause them to be put to work or drop the name of that family, until every one who is able to work shall go at it in earnest. No idlers should be permitted to draw their bread from the Commissioners. They will find in the large division they are overlooking, a plenty to feel, who are a strictly the objects of their care, and to whom the liberal hand of the State should be extended—and no others.

## Battle at Fort Hudson.

The Yankees opened on our batteries at Port Hudson on the 14th instant. At 12 o'clock last night a most desperate engagement took place. The enemy endeavored to pass our batteries under cover of darkness. The firing was most terrific and lasted two hours. One gunboat succeeded in passing our batteries in a damaged condition. The sloop of war Mississippi was set on fire, and burnt to the water's edge in front of our batteries. At 2 o'clock the enemy withdrew.

Two deserters who have long been in the woods, were killed a few days since near Columbia.

Steamers are now running between Mobile and Montgomery, without interruption.

## Reidville.

The soldiers Aid Society of Reidville and vicinity acknowledge the receipt of the following articles:

From Mrs. Menzies, 1 flannel shirt and drawers; Mrs. J. W. Miller, \$2.50, and domestic soap; Mrs. Snoddy, 2 pr drawers; Mrs. Durbin, 6 pr socks; Mrs. Barry, 3 yds cloth; Mrs. F. L. Anderson, 1 flannel shirt; Mrs. D. Anderson, 5 pr socks, 4 cuts yarn, \$4 Miss Anderson, 2 snow caps, religious reading; Miss N. Anderson, 2 pr mittens; Miss A. Snoddy, \$5; Mrs. J. H. Dean, 1 comfort, 2 bottles wine; Mrs. J. Strobel, 3 pks tea; \$2; Miss M. E. Strobel, \$3, 1 pr socks; Miss B. E. Strobel, \$2, 1 shawl; Miss M. Strobel, 5 pr socks; Mrs. B. B. 10, the mallet Col. S. Evans, \$10. The thanks of the Society are due to Mrs. S. Drummond, and Mrs. Society for weaving, each of them, 1 piece of cloth graciously, also, to Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Pearson, for sewing at a reduced price. For the satisfaction of those who have contributed to the Society, we state that since November last, the Society has had and woven 175 yds new cloth and made into underclothing for men in the field.

## To The Farmers of Spartanburg.

Mr. Editor: Permit me through your columns to address to our agricultural friends, the growing of Broom Corn as a business at once remunerative to themselves, and highly beneficial to the community in general, and particularly to the Industrial Department of this institution. Whoever shall add but a single article to the list of our domestic products, thus rendering us less dependent upon foreign nations, deserves to be entered the benefactor of his country.

The enormous prices at which brooms have been sold, during the last year, are in a great measure owing to the fact that many of the factories, if indeed not all of them, have been compelled to suspend operations for weeks and even months together for want of material. Our climate and soil are admirably adapted to the growth of this product; which may be easily raised of excellent quality, and in quantity sufficient to enable it to vie with "King Cotton" himself in the profits which it yields. Besides the straw, which may be sold at from 8 to 15 cents per pound, or even more, according to its quality and the state of the market, the grain or seed does not fall far below the ordinary yield of Indian corn; and in a valuable article of food for sheep, milk cows and fowls. Our Steward, Mr. N. F. Walker will deposit some bushels of seed at the store of Messrs. Foster & Judd, where it may be had gratis, by any one who will register his name and allow the Institution to have the refusal of his crop at the market rates, whatever they may be at the time. Below we give the method, in brief, for the cultivation of Broom Corn.

1st. Plant the corn early in April, in rows about four feet wide, more or less, depending upon the fertility of the soil. It is to be planted in the drill precisely as cotton, about three eighths of a bushel of the seed to the acre.

2d. The plow and hoe are to be used as though it were cotton, thinning it out with a broad hoe, and when it is three or four inches high thin it by hand, leaving only two or three stalks together according to the strength of your land, which should not be very rich, otherwise the straw will be too coarse.

3d. About the first of August, when the blossom appears and the straw turns slightly brown, the stalk must be bent or turned down about six inches below the straw, which can readily be done without breaking it. It is generally necessary to go through the field at two or three different times; as it does not all arrive at sufficient maturity to require turning down at once.

4th. In a few weeks from this time, the seed will become hard and dry, when the corn should be cut just at the point at which it is bent: being careful to do this before it has become affected with mildew. Then spread it out in a cool airy place to dry, protected alike from sun and moisture. The seeds may be stripped off at any leisure time; then the straw is ready for market.

A specimen of the instrument for stripping the seed may be seen at Messrs. Foster & Judd's store, though it may be constructed in many different forms.

The soil should be such as would produce good cotton, (not too poor) and, if properly cultivated, from 200 to 300 lbs. of straw may be raised to the acre.

Many tons of this material can be manufactured into brooms here annually. We hope that every farmer who can procure the seed, will, from year to year, devote several acres to this crop, until it shall become one of the staple products of the District; by so doing you will subvert the general interest of the country, and confer a special favor on many young men, who, though destitute of sight, are determined with their own hands, to earn their daily bread.

J. S. HENDERSON.

Cedar Springs, March 14, 1863.

## Correspondence of the Spartan.

ADAMS RUN, S. C.

MARCH 18, 1863.

The peaceful quietness we have so long enjoyed on the coast is about to be disturbed. It is rumored that the enemy are landing on John's Island; and it came from a source that cannot be doubted. They are not coming before we expected them. On yesterday there were five large steamers lying off White Point—some ten miles distant from this place—but as the day was hazy we could not tell what they were doing. With the aid of glasses it became evident they were landing troops. They will meet with a warm reception, and every inch of soil they possess will be taken at the point of the bayonet. All will enter the fight with that confidence which always inspires our troops. When South Carolinians are on their own soil, they will be doubly brave, and be inspired with greater enthusiasm for success. I do not pretend to say what our success will be in this post, for the simple reason I do not know. It is enough to know, however, that we shall do our whole duty as soldiers, who are fighting for their all; trusting in the God of battles to shield us and give us victory, we have nothing to fear.

This morning it is quite clear and warm; no sound is heard except the roaring of distant cannonading, which is like trouble thunder. We have no news from the point to-day; the pickets report the same several large vessels in sight.

Large detachments of troops have been out to day, perhaps I had better not say for what, but it is evident that something in the shape of a fight is on hand. Axes have been ground; swords have been sharpened; guns have been brightened; cartridges have been inspected, and the full number (forty rounds) issued. Three days rations have been drawn of hard bread and bacon, and ordered to be kept on hand. The time has come.

T. B. F.

It seems to be the intention of the Yankees at Newbern to advance on Kinston. They have a notion to supply themselves with another railroad.

200,000 lbs of wool, sold in Boston last week at 87 1/2 cts. It seems to be the highest price ever paid in that city.

The Rockingham Register thinks that important army movements in the Valley of Virginia are about to occur.

Gen. Hardee was married at Tallahassee, a few days since to Miss Ready, of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Gen. Sterling Price is now commanding in Missouri and Arkansas.

There was no choice of Governor in the recent election in New Hampshire. Black Republicans are still in the majority. There were three candidates for Governor.

New York correspondents say that Hooker will advance on Richmond as soon as his army can travel. Perhaps he will advance on Fredericksburg first, and then if he finds everything all right, he will advance on Richmond.

Gen. Joe Johnston reviewed the army at Mobile on the 12th instant.

Gov. Brown, of Georgia, will convene the Legislature of that State on the 25th instant.

## The Situation at Fredericksburg.

From a gentleman just down from Fredericksburg we learn that all is quiet there. The condition of the roads imposes on both sides the necessity of keeping the peace for the present. In the meantime General Hooker is actively at work trying to get the demoralization of his army, and to get it in trim for the opening of the good weather. It is believed that reinforcements have been recently sent him from Washington, and that his army has been strengthened by some fifteen or eighteen thousand men. There is a great deal of stir and activity observed in the enemy's camp, and the indications are that he contemplates, and is preparing for an advance movement.

We are assured that the rumors we have had of the Yankee army abandoning Fredericksburg and changing its base of operations, are mere idle stories. There was never anything of the kind. The whole Yankee army has been there all the time, hovering and looking down on Fredericksburg like a vulture on a carcass. The story is believed to have originated from the fact that the enemy sent to Newport News a large body of the worst subjects of demoralization in its army—some ten or fifteen regiments. The transports conveying these troops being seen on their way down the river gave rise to the rumor that the army of the Potomac was being conveyed away, and that Hooker was "changing his base." The story is now exploded, and the Yankee army is believed to be no stronger than it was in the last battle at Fredericksburg.

It is not prudent to speak of our own army. It is enough to say that the condition and spirit of our men were never better. They have been insured to the hardships of war, and are an army of veterans. Our men, too, were never before in such good health. They are in splendid trim, and panting to be let loose on "fighting Joe."

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## FOR HIRE.

FOUR young girls, from 16 to 18, sold hands. One small girl of 12 years of age. One prime girl with infant. J. M. ELFORD.

March 19—1-2

## Administrator's Sale.

By virtue of an order from the Court of Ordinary, I will sell at Spartanburg S. C. H. on Monday, 30th March instant, (Court Week)

## Two Likely Negroes.

Sold as the property of RICHARD M. TURNER, deceased, on a credit till the 4th of next March, with interest from day of sale. The property not to be delivered till the 1st of January next. Purchasers to give bond and two good sureties on the day of sale. If the purchasers wish to pay the money it will be received. March 19—1-2w

## INSURANCE.

THE undersigned Agent for the SOUTHERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, of Columbia, S. C. and of the MERCHANTS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, of Richmond, Va., will now take Risks at reasonable Rates on the lives of Slaves, as well as Whites, and on Cotton as well as other property. J. M. ELFORD, Agent.

March 19—1-3mes

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL, Columbia, March 10th, 1863.

I HEREBY certify, that JOS. M. ELFORD, of Spartanburg, S. C., Agent of the MERCHANTS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, incorporated by the State of Virginia, has complied with the conditions and regulations of the Act of the General Assembly entitled, "An Act to regulate the Agencies of Insurance Companies not incorporated in the State of South Carolina," and I hereby license the said JOS. M. ELFORD, Agent, as aforesaid, to take risks and transact all business of Insurance, in this State, for, and in behalf of said Company.

W. LAVAL, For Comptroller General.

March 19—1-3w

## NEW STORE.

THE undersigned having purchased and considerably replenished the Stock of Goods owned by Messrs. Twitty, would respectfully ask his friends and the public to give him a call at the old stand of those gentlemen. Among the new goods just received are

10 pieces FINE FRENCH PRINTS.  
10 " FINE DRESS MUSLINS.  
20 " FINE LONG CLOTHS.  
Few " IRISH LINENS.

An Assortment of DRUGS.

Fine Combs,

Dressing Combs,

Tooth Brushes,

English Pins,

Toilet Soap, &c.

Also a large lot of excellent SMOKING TOBACCO, and many other articles. Persons wishing to purchase would do well to call early.

W. J. WINGO.

March 19—1-1f

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

Citation for Letters of Administration by Jno. Earle Bomar, esq., Ordinary.

Whereas J. S. EZELL, has filed his petition in my office, with the will annexed, praying that Letters of Administration, on all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of WILLIAM THOMAS, deceased, late of the District aforesaid, should be granted him.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular, the kindred and creditors of the said deceased, to be and appear in the Court of Ordinary, for said District, to be holden on Monday, the 30th day of March instant, to show cause if any, why the said Administration should not be granted.

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