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J. T. HERSHMAN, Editor.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1862.

Wanted to Hire.

An intelligent servant girl, from 12 to 15 years old, as a nurse or waiting maid for a young Miss Good wages paid. Persons having such a servant for hire will call at once at the office of THE CONFEDERATE.

Our Half Sheet.

For the next two or three weeks we will be compelled to issue a half sheet. During which time, the paper will be printed in smaller type, so that in the end our readers will have the same quantity of interesting matter as heretofore.

A Christian Patriot.

Like unto the welcome oasis that greets the eye, delights the senses and refreshes the physical energies of the worn-down traveller of the desert, is the contrast in this day of war, of blood-shed, of selfishness, of greed and of extortion, with the pure, unbiassed and uncontaminated Christian patriot. The light of his example and of his deeds gives cheer, even whilst the withering and blasting simoon sweeps irresistibly by, when the words from his mouth comes like the bursting forth of the glorious sun upon a world of darkness and gloom, or the peering watch-light to the tempest-tost mariner, bringing hope and anticipation. The Philosophy of a world of cormorants, at a period such as this, stands abashed and confounded, and seeks, with arguments of subterfuge and with reason darkened by avarice and depravity, to classify the words and deeds of such an one, as but the fitful emanations of a brilliant nature. But this *ignis fatuus* vanishes before the light and justice. Gold but shines the more lustrous from association with the baser metals, and is but refined by subjection to the crucible of fire, and thus the deeds of the good man shine forth while the shafts of a mercenary and contracted humanity fall harmless at his feet.

These thoughts have been brought to our mind from an interview with a friend, who has been visiting various portions of our State, and whose good fortune it was to come within the limit of the noble hospitalities of Mr. JOHN SCOTT, of Richland District, and to learn the principles by which he is actuated during these truly dark and selfish times. Mr. SCOTT is a planter of the Fork of Richland, who has cultivated his broad acres entirely in corn the present year—who will continue to do so whilst the war continues, and who is never so well gratified as when he is permitted to bestow some act of friendship or generosity upon the defenders of his country. His barns are now bursting with the golden grain, which, as a fixed principle of his life and a governing rule without its exceptions, he will neither sell to a *cotton planter* or a *speculator*. His corn is at the service of his country at a price now far below that to which it has been raised by the extortioner, or will be divided among the poor and needy of the country at similar rates. With political sentiments throughout harmonizing with these, and with an ardent and zealous piety which shines forth in *works*, Mr. SCOTT lives in unostentatious comfort, loved and admired by all who know him, as the true Christian patriot.

THAT SALT MINE.—The following letter, which appears over a well-known signature, gives some particulars relative to the "Great Opelika Salt Mine." It will be read with interest; and it will be seen that this "great discovery" has turned out to be a stupendous mare's nest, just as we thought it would from the first.—*Columbus Sun*.

OPELIKA, ALA., Nov. 27, 1862.

EDS. SUN: There is a report circulating in the newspapers, that we have a "Salt Mine" in the vicinity of this place. It is a mistake; there is no such mine in this vicinity, if there is, it is not known to the inhabitants of this place.

There was, as you have heard and stated in your paper a piece of rock salt found by some little boys on the railroad near this place. It was probably dropped from the cars as they were passing. This gave rise to the rumor, I believe at first published by the *Atlanta Confederacy*.

You will do the public a benefit by contradicting the report.

Yours, &c.,

J. C. W. ROGERS.

The Scheme of Mediation.

The Charleston *Mercury* of Monday morning, in an editorial in reference to the proposed mediation, says: The long silence with which the wily Governments of Europe have watched the struggle of the South for independence, is broken at last.—Napoleon has proposed to the Governments of Russia and Great Britain to mediate jointly for a cessation of hostilities between the North and the South. Russia and Great Britain have coolly declined to join in the scheme proposed. The reply of Russell is as blunt a refusal as diplomatic courtesy would allow. Gortschakoff assents, but in a manner so unqualified and conditional as to make it plain that Russia does not mean to meddle in our quarrel. And so, for the present, the matter rests.

For us, the result of the French Emperor's proffer repeats more forcibly than ever the great lesson, that in the strength of our armies and the wisdom and energy of the men who lead them, lies the only hope of peace for these Confederate States. If we can hold our own at every point during the winter that has now begun, the cause is won. For two long years the Powers of Europe have been agitating the question of intervention. Napoleon has not taken the initiative, at this late day, without long and anxious pondering. *C'est le premier pas qui coute*. Let the South but gather all her energies and elude the victorious from the terrible ordeal through which she must pass during the next hundred days, and she will find friends enough on both sides of the Atlantic.

Acknowledgement.

The Ladies of Liberty Hill S. A. A. thankfully acknowledge the following donations:

From Mr. Kilgore 1 felt cloak, \$25; Mrs. Kilgore 55 yards of woolen cloth, Mr. J. R. Dye 2 carpet blankets, \$25 and the weaving of 55 yards of woolen cloth; Mr. D. Kirkland 3 lbs. of wool, Mr. Wm. Dixon \$20; Mrs. Wm. Dixon 2 blankets, 1 comfort and 5 pair drawers; Mr. R. B. Cunningham \$25, Mrs. R. B. Cunningham 6 pillows, 2 carpet blankets; Miss M. Cunningham 1 pair of socks, Miss S. Cunningham 1 pair socks, Miss Maggie Cunningham 1 pair of socks, Mrs. J. L. Jones 3 carpet blankets, 2 pair of drawers; Mr. J. Brown \$25, Mrs. J. Brown 1 carpet blanket, 1 blanket; Mrs. L. W. Wardlaw 7 carpet blankets, Mr. D. D. Perry \$25, Miss N. Perry 2 blankets, 1 pair of socks; Miss H. Perry 1 pair of socks, Mr. A. P. Jones \$20, Mrs. A. D. Jones 2 blankets, Dr. T. McDow \$10, Mrs. McDow 1 blanket, 1 pair of drawers; Mrs. Montgomery 2 pair of socks, Mrs. W. E. Johnson 1 blanket, Mr. Wm. Cunningham \$40, Miss Mary Cunningham 1 pair of socks, Miss Lizzie Cunningham 1 pair of socks, Master Joe Cunningham 1 woolen shirt, which he insisted should be made out of the cloth intended for his own jacket, Miss S. George 4 blankets, Mr. J. S. Thompson \$25, Mrs. J. S. Thompson 4 blankets, Mrs. A. B. Wardlaw 9 carpet blankets, Mrs. W. Patterson 1 blanket, Mr. L. J. Patterson \$50, Mrs. L. J. Patterson 4 carpet blankets, Mr. Wiley Patterson \$25, Mr. John Perry, jr. \$5, Mr. A. D. Hilliard \$5, Mr. Wm. Brown \$20, Mr. H. R. Brown \$10, Mr. J. R. Gilbert \$5, Mr. R. C. Patterson \$5, Mr. D. Harrison \$5, Mr. John Montgomery \$25.

Any contributions will be most gratefully received. Mrs. L. J. PATTERSON, President S. A. A.

We have sent during the past week to our weary soldiers in Virginia, 28 carpet blankets, 18 blankets, 20 pair of pants, 4 vests, 59 shirts, 48 pair of drawers, 87 pair of socks.

Ladies Aid Association.

The President of the Soldiers Rest, in behalf of the Kershaw Ladies Aid Association thankfully acknowledge the receipt of the liberal and timely donation of \$20 from Col. JAMES H. WITHERSPOON, of Lancasterville, S. C., who not only contributes to the wants of the weary and sick soldier, but has gone himself to defend the frontiers of his country.

—Lancaster Ledger please copy.

CAPTURE OF YANKES.—On Friday, morning a detachment of cavalry of Gen. Hampton's brigade, under the immediate command of the General himself, fell upon and completely surprised a picket force of the enemy at Deep Run, in Fauquier county, about ten miles beyond the Rappahannock river. So sudden and unexpected was the descent upon them that they surrendered without firing a shot. The prisoners, 87 in number, of the 3d regiment Pennsylvania cavalry—consisting of 2 captains, 3 lieutenants and 82 privates—were brought down on the Central train last night, under the charge of Capt. Meighan, of the 2d South Carolina cavalry, and were lodged in the Libby prison.—*Richmond Dispatch*, 1st.

WANTS HIS TON.—Quite a novel petition was presented in the Georgia Legislature from some person in Franklin County. It stated in the preamble that the condition of the petitioner's health was such that a daily use of spirituous liquors was indispensable to his bodily well being; that he was unable to buy liquor at the present prices, and prayed the Legislature to grant him the privilege to make whiskey for his own use. A general smile of incredulity went up from the whole House, though there is no doubt the petitioner was in dead earnest.

Trouble in the Abolition Camp.

SALTILLO, MISS., November 27.—On Sunday, 23d, a regiment of new Abolition recruits at Corinth refused to obey marching orders for Grand Junction. A force of two regiments attempted to coerce them, whereupon a severe fight ensued, lasting three hours. A great number were killed and wounded on both sides. It is said that troops from Rienzi were ordered up to quell the insurgents, but the fight ceased before their arrival at Corinth.

The Ten Missouri Murders.

The ten Confederate soldiers whom the Abolition brute, McNeill, lately murdered in Missouri, were not executed for killing an enemy. It seems that a man was missing from the neighborhood of the ten, and they were held responsible for his safety, and ordered them to have him forthcoming within a fixed time, under the penalty of death. The time passed, and they were slain. It turns out now that the day after the murder the missing man returned to his home. He had not been molested, and was absent on business which he did not desire to communicate to his friends. This statement was made on the authority of a St. Louis paper. The crime in the case is made more terrible by this statement.

From Virginia.

RICHMOND, December 2.—The Fredericksburg train arrived at a late hour this evening. Parties from Fredericksburg say that appearances indicate a fight to-day. Some even assert that skirmishing began this morning. Nothing, however, confirmatory was received at the War office, up to p. m.

THE PERILS OF REBEL FLIRTATION.—Of all the Massachusetts Yankees, those in the National army, when in presence of the rebels, male or female, seem most refreshingly verdant. While Gen. Burnside's headquarters were at Warrenton, the colonel of a Massachusetts regiment accepted the hospitality of a young lady of pleasing manners, living about four miles from that place, and with a friend, galloped out one morning to breakfast. It was the old story in the history of the war—the fair one was false as fair, and the hospitality was a decoy, resulting in the capture of luckless visitors by a squad of convenient rebels, who rudely broke in on the maternal repast, and hurried them away from the presence of the perfidious charmer. When shall we learn.

SUPERABUNDANCE OF MEN.—There is, according to the census, an excess of 733,258 males over females in the United States. This fact is noteworthy and ought to quiet the apprehensions of those who feared the war would cause an undue preponderance of women after peace was declared. No matter how bloody the war may be, or how long it lasts, it cannot make way with three-quarters of a million of lives. The waste of life may make the sexes nearly even; but then we shall be better off than England, where the females are in excess nearly a million, and the social problem of the day is how to provide them with husbands or occupations.—*Yankee paper*

Brig. Gen. Wm. N. Pendleton the Chief of Artillery in the armies of Gen. Lee in Virginia, is an Episcopal minister. He, like Gen. Polk, was graduated at West Point, and became a minister, but divested himself of the surplice in the very beginning of this war, and as a captain of artillery, distinguished himself at the first battle of Manassas. Step by step he has risen to the highest position in the artillery service of the Confederacy.

CONFEDERATE MARINES.—The *Mobile Advertiser* says: "A detachment of Company E. O. S. Marine Corps, left this city a few days since, under command of Lieutenant James Thurston, of South Carolina, for Savannah, Ga. We understand that this detachment is intended for the new iron-clad steamer Fingal, which has been completed within the past few weeks."

SHOT WORKS IN PETERSBURG.—Mr. James Doherty has commenced the manufacture of shot in Petersburg, Va., and his works are now in successful operation. The steeple of the old Presbyterian Church has been converted into a shot tower, and the proprietor is prepared to drop from two to four thousand pounds per week.

LOOK OUT FOR THEM.—Means having been adopted at Richmond to rid that city of a portion of the immense number of rascals who have infested it, one of the papers recommends that all other Confederate cities be on the *qui vive* for them. They are scattering everywhere, and will no doubt turn up in the busiest and most thickly settled cities.

A gentleman who under the last excitement, would exclaim, there's a crisis coming! was considerably amused at being gravely informed by a little four year old son, that the "cry sie" had come, and was in the bed with mother."

"Mr. Buell's case," says the correspondent of the *Cincinnati Gazette*, "does not improve on investigation. Parties who are best informed, say he will be cashiered."

Important from North Carolina.

GOLDSBORO, N. C., December 1.—Passengers by the train from Kingston, which arrived at 11 o'clock, this evening, report the enemy at Cove Creek, sixteen miles this side of Newbern, and supposed to be in force.

KINGSTON, N. C. December 2.—Two deserters, just in from Washington, report the Abolition fleet to be at Newbern, and that Wilmington is to be attacked this week.

A report prevailed this morning that a skirmish had taken place at Cove Creek; but it is now known that the statement was without foundation.

A SELL.—A witty knave bargained with a seller of lace in London for as much as would reach from one of his ears to the other. When they had agreed, it appeared that one of his ears was nailed at the pillory at Bristol.

Eighteen negroes, employed as butchers in the Savannah market have subscribed the sum of ninety dollars for the relief of the soldiers in Virginia.

Madame Ovieda, the heroine of the diamond wedding has, after an unhappy time of it, secured a separation and \$4000 a year from the Senor.

Special Notices.

KERSHAW LODGE NO. 29, A. F. M.
A STATED COMMUNICATION OF KERSHAW Lodge No. 29 A. F. M., will be held at their Lodge Room, Tuesday evening, 9th inst., at 7 1-2 o'clock.
By order of W. M. J. JONES, Sec.
December 5 1

MEDICAL NOTICE.

DR. T. REHNSTJERNA, offers his services to the public in quality of Physician, Surgeon and Accoucheur. Office over the store of Messrs. Gayle & Young.
May 30

OFFICE QUARTERMASTER.

CHARLESTON, S. C., October 1, 1862.
MR. A. M. LEE IS APPOINTED AGENT OF this department, for the purchase of **Corn and Fodder**, in the Districts of **Kershaw and Lancaster**.

Planters desiring to sell, will communicate with him. Particular attention must be paid to the packing of the fodder, and no water must be used. During the past year the Government experienced heavy loss from improper packing, and all such will be hereafter rejected.

MOTTE A. PRINGLE,
Captain and Assistant Quartermaster.
The subscriber can be found at his residence DeKalb street, next west of the Presbyterian Church
October 10 A. M. LEE.

Special Notice.

On and after Monday the 24th inst, and until further notice, a special Passenger train will be run between Columbia and Kingsville three times a week, viz: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, observing the following schedule:
Leave Kingsville 8.05 a. m.; Arrive at Columbia 9.45 a. m.
Leave Columbia 12-10 p. m.; and arrive at Kingsville 1 40 p. m.

The Extra Passenger Train between Camden and Kingsville will—during the running of the above Special train—run on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week, instead of on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

H. T. PEAKE,
General Superintendent.

November 21

Wilmington Salt.

BEST QUALITY WILMINGTON SALT.
—ALSO—
Country LARD for sale at the "Old Corner."
December 5 E. W. BONNEY.

South Carolina--Kershaw District.

BY WM. M. BULLOCK, ESQUIRE, ORDINARY.
WHEREAS, EDWARD B. LANG APPLIED to me for Letters of Administration on all and singular, the goods and chattels, rights and credits of Edward B. Lang, late of the District aforesaid, deceased:

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said deceased to be and appear before me at our next Ordinary's Court for the said District to be holden at Kershaw Court House on the 22d day of December inst to show cause, if any, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my Hand and Seal, this first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and in the eighty-seventh year of the Independence and Sovereignty of the State of South Carolina.
December 5 2 WM. M. BULLOCK, O. K. D.

To Hire.

A NEGRO WOMAN, WHO IS A GOOD COOK and Washer will be hired for the year 1863. Enquire at the "Old Corner."
December 5 E. W. BONNEY.