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J. T. HERSHMAN, Editor.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1862.

### To Our Patrons.

In this week's issue our subscribers—those who are in arrears from the first six months of our publication—will find their accounts made out and sent to them enclosed in their paper. We do not send it as a matter of form, but mean by so doing that we want our dues. The money is owing to us, and we need it. We hope our delinquent friends will view this matter as they should, and make prompt payments. It is not our purpose to give offence to any, but necessity compels us, in self defence, to pursue this course in business.

Our distinguished fellow townsman, Judge T. J. WITHERS, has received the well merited appointment of Associate Judge of the Appeal Court of South Carolina.

### The Weather.

There is no time when the iron sceptre of winter is more heavily felt than the present month. December this year, as in all others, is cold, rugged and inhospitable, and if it was not for Christmas, would scarcely relax his frozen features with a smile through the whole reign. It repels the enjoyment which early winter should bring us, and the promises of a coming spring is far away in the distance. But we complain not, as the glorious advent of our Saviour, is a day which we all look to as heralding glad tidings to those who take due conception.

RECESS.—The General assembly adjourned last Thursday, to re-assemble the 20th of January next.

**Casualties in the Camden Volunteers.**  
Through the kindness of a friend, we have been furnished with a list of the casualties in Capt. Leitner's Company:

James Witherspoon, severely in thigh; James R. Brown, severely in thigh; Henry McKagan, severely; R. W. Proctor, — Greshaw, — Lawrence, C. J. Regues, R. W. Allen and Alexander Monroe, slightly; George Monroe, leg since amputated; and three others, whose names we could not learn.

We have not, as yet, been furnished with any other lists from our section.

### Acknowledgment.

The Ladies' Aid Association acknowledge the receipt of fifteen dollars in money, and two bundles hospital stores, from Mrs. A. E. PEAT. Also, proceeds of an embroidered cushion, \$14.75, from Mrs. ANN SALMOND; one dozen caps, from Mrs. —; two yards enameled cloth, from Mrs. A. M. LEE; one bunch woolen yarn, from Mrs. HUMPHREYS; one pair socks, from Miss DABNEY, and a large quantity scraps, for making caps, from the citizens of Camden.

### New Publications.

In course of publication, and nearly ready for issue, is "The Camp Fires, Battle-fields and Marches of the Southern Army," by "PERSONNE," army correspondent of the Charleston Courier. Its object is to preserve a picture of army life in every phase, and to embrace such incidents, anecdotes, sketches and descriptions—ranging from grave to gay, from lively to severe—as may not find their way into history, and yet ought to be perpetuated among the annals of the war.

The same writer also announces a volume in progress, illustrating the devotion of Southern Women in the War of Southern Independence. Any facts pertinent to the subject will also be welcomed, and, if properly authenticated, be adopted as a part of the history.

The Charleston Courier says: the efforts of the writer will be greatly facilitated by contributions of incidents, for either of the above works, from other sources than his own personal budget; and he respectfully requests our soldiers, wherever they are, to send him all interesting material at their command; and it will be the pleasure of the author to receive and incorporate all such contributions from reliable sources, in the forthcoming volume.

Address F. G. DE FONTAINE, Courier office, Charleston, S. C.

The author of The works referred to is well known to the entire South as a man of remarkable genius, intuitive perception, and his descriptive talent beyond ordinary conception.

### Latest from Richmond.

RICHMOND, December 25.—Northern dates of the 20th states, that Seward and his son both resigned.—The cause of this is supposed to be the recent disaster at Fredericksburg. On the night of the 18th, several Republican Senators waited on Lincoln, and urged a re-constitution of his Cabinet, and it is probable there will be an entire new Yankee Cabinet. Soon as Seward heard of it, he and his son both tendered their resignations, they had not been accepted at last accounts. The Philadelphia Enquirer says they probably will be. Blair will follow suit.

### Our Victory in Arkansas.

VICKSBURG, December 20.—Further particulars of the late battle in Arkansas have been received. It was fought at Prairie Grove, near Cane Hill. Our loss was 250 killed and wounded; the enemy's loss was 1000 killed and wounded, 300 prisoners, 20 wagons of clothing and four stands of colors. All accounts represent it as having been a decisive victory for the Confederates. Gen. Stein and Col. Clarke, of Missouri, are reported to have been killed.

### From the West.

GRENADA, December 20.—Stark's Cavalry has captured nine wagon loads of Butler's stores at Friar's Point, opposite Helena, and brought them safely hither. The enemy above is reported to have fallen back to Oxford, Mississippi. President Davis and Gen. Johnston are at Vicksburg to-day, and are expected here on Monday.

JACKSON, MISS., December 19.—Van Dorn's Cavalry got beyond the Yankees who made the raid a few days ago on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, capturing the whole party. It is reported from above, that the enemy has advanced his main body to Coffeeville, 16 miles north of the Yalabusha line. Light skirmishing was going on between the advance pickets of both armies. The force of Grant is variously estimated at from 40,000 to 60,000 infantry, with a cavalry and artillery force. Prisoners state that Grant has determined upon a continued advance, and confidently expects that our troops will retire on his approach. Our army is in fine spirits.

### Interesting from the North.

MURFREESBORO, TENN., December 21.—Louisville papers of the 18th instant, have been received here. They contain Burnside's official report of the battle of Fredericksburg. He estimates the total Yankee loss at 13,050.

A dispatch from Burnside to Halleck, dated December 16, says: From the conviction that the enemy's point could not be carried without disaster, the army was withdrawn across the Rappahannock.

A report was in circulation at the North, that McClellan had been summoned in haste to Washington, and was in consultation with Lincoln and his cabinet. It was supposed that he would be reinstated in the command of the army of the Potomac.

### Affairs at Nashville.

MURFREESBORO, TENN., Dec. 20.—Parties from Nashville yesterday report that the enemy is extending and strengthening his fortifications around that city. The report that an evacuation had been determined on, originated in the departure of certain troops, destined, it was supposed, for Mississippi.

PREPARING TO RETALIATE.—The Macon Telegraph announces that fifteen Yankee officers have been brought from the vicinity of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and placed in close confinement at Macon. The object is to make them answer, by their lives, if necessary, for some of the many horrid murders they have been perpetrating in Tennessee and Kentucky. It is hoped that our government now intends squaring all accounts with the Abolition authorities.

### Our Casualties.

RICHMOND, Dec. 19.—I am just from the field. All of our wounded were comfortably brought down.—Jenkins' Brigade has not suffered, and only Orr's Regiment has, in Gregg's Brigade. The loss in it was one hundred and sixty killed, wounded and missing.—Capt. Bockyland, Lieuts. Higgins and Dixon were killed; Maj. Norton and Lieut. Paget were wounded. Of Kershaw's Brigade, the 3d Regiment suffered awfully. The 2d Regiment lost three killed outright and sixty-five wounded. Maj. Gaillard is slightly wounded; Lieut. Elliott, severely in the groin; W. Adams, mortally; Capt. Doby, slightly.

R. W. BARNWELL.

MERITED PROMOTION.—We are informed, and much pleased to state, that Col. John H. Morgan, whose exploits have gained him so much well deserved fame, has been appointed by the President a Brigadier General in the Confederate army.

SCENE OF THE BATTLE.—The scene of the battles was the Massaponax Hills, a little off from Hamilton's Crossing, our lines extending from this vicinity nearly to Port Royal. We are said to have had considerable advantage in position, our forces occupying the hills and ridges which form the water-shed of the Massaponax. The distance of this locality from Fredericksburg is about four miles.

### Twenty Thousand Yankees Killed and Wounded at Fredericksburg.

PETERSBURG, December 17.—A lady has arrived here, who left Norfolk Monday last. She says the information of Burnside's defeat produced the most stunning effect on the Yankees in Norfolk, while our own people were greatly elated. The Yankee accounts say they were permitted to occupy Fredericksburg with but little opposition, but as soon as a large force got across, the rebel General Lee opened upon them with two hundred and fifty pieces of artillery, while Stuart got partly in their rear, and poured a murderous fire into the Union ranks. They say so much havoc has not been since the commencement of the war. They report their loss in killed and wounded at more than twenty thousand.

STEAMERS FOR THE CONFEDERATES.—The Glasgow Journal of November 20 says: "The fleet of first class steamers that have been purchased in this country for the purpose of running the blockade are leaving gradually. The swift river steamer Ruby, 120 tons, and the splendid Belfast mail steamer Giraffe, 360 tons, sailed on Saturday afternoon from Greenock. They have both undergone a strengthening outfit for the passage. The Ruby is commanded by captain Gregory, has 22 men, and sails in fuel. The Giraffe is commanded by Captain Duguid, has 50 men, and takes out a valuable cargo in boxes, cases and packages, (containing "Gregory's pills, it is said,) and over \$65,000 worth of leather boots, \$21,500 worth of medicines, and \$30,000 worth of surgical instruments. The Giraffe also takes out thirty passengers, as they are styled; but these are said to be more useful than ornamental."

NEW FINANCIAL POLICY OF THE YANKEE GOVERNMENT.—It seems that the Yankee Government is about to adopt a new financial policy, the leading features of which are set forth in a bill just introduced into the Northern Congress by the Committee of Ways and Means:

The bill provides for the issue by Mr. Chase of a thousand millions of United States bonds, similar in amount and form to those authorized by the act approved February 25, 1862, with interest-payable semi-annually in the lawful money of the United States, and the principal payable in twenty years in gold or silver coin of the United States, also to issue legal tender notes of the United States, the amount not to exceed, with those already authorized, five hundred millions, to enable him to call in all the five-twenty and seven-thirty Treasury notes now in circulation, and cancel them, and authorizing him to redeem the United States legal tender notes held as a loan and bearing interest. The law authorizing such loans is to be repealed.

The bill aims at the virtual suppression of the banks by the imposition of a tax of fifty per cent, upon all their circulation over one half the amount of their capital paid in, to go into operation ninety days after the passage of the bill.

The gunboat Paimetto State made a trial trip up the Cooper river yesterday, which proved satisfactory to the officers in command. The boat made seven knots an hour running with the stream, and four knots an hour steaming against it.—Mercury 17th inst.

Rev. Henry W. Hillard, formerly United States Minister at the Court of Vienna, was recently admitted into the Georgia Methodist Conference, and elected to Elder's orders.

A NEW MOVE FROM VALLANDINGHAM.—MURFREESBORO, December 16.—Northern papers received here state that Vallandingham had introduced a resolution in Congress declaring treason for any interference by the military authorities with State institutions or the civil authorities of the State.—Special Dispatch to the Savannah Republican.

### STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.



ADJUT & INSP. GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
COLUMBIA, December 19, 1862.  
GENERAL ORDER NO. 1.

ALFRED P. ALDRICH, WILLIAM D. SIMPSON, A. H. Boykin, Wilmot G. DeSaussure, James W. Harrison, Robert G. McCaw, C. Davis Melton, and James N. Lipscomb, having been appointed Aide-de-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,  
A. C. GARLINGTON,  
Adjutant and Inspector General of S. C.  
Carolinian Charleston Mercury and Courier will publish three times, all the other papers of the State each once.

### OBITUARY.

The names of a country's soldiers who have fallen in the defence of cherished rights or established institutions, have been from time immemorial the theme of the poet and the orator. Proud monuments mark their resting place, and traditions perpetuate their memories. When the history of this struggle is written, the sacrifice, deeds and patience of our brave men, will appear to future ages, marvels of romance. In such a war no man should be forgotten.

Prominent among the "dead braves" of the 2d South Carolina Regiment, is BENJAMIN F. LEITNER, who fell with the colors of his Regiment in his hand at Savage Station, June 29th, 1862. Born in South Carolina, but reared partly in Florida (whither his father had moved some years since) he had matriculated at the university of Virginia, a short time before the war. He left its academic walks to serve his country, and enlisted in the Camden Volunteers, August, 1861, as a private. Amid the snows of Manassas or the fatiguing campaign of the Peninsula, he bore himself with soldierly ardor and fortitude. He was acting as Color Bearer on the day of the battle, 29th of June, when Gen. Magruder's corps attacked Gen. Sumner's at Savage Station, where, conspicuous for daring he bore it aloft, to the writers observation, amidst a rain of lead the most stunning the regiment ever endured. He was wounded and carried to Richmond, where he died on the 13th day of July. He died a triumphant death. Religion was a part of his lofty nature, and in his last moments he experienced the joy which his pure life and fervid faith in Christ alone would bestow. Death met him prepared. In the exercise of a most remarkable metaphysical mind, he had analyzed its philosophy and necessity, and in conversation had often expressed his willingness to endure it. Faith gilded his philosophy, and after the spirit of Locke, he departed hence a philosophic Christian. His mind was inquisitive and acquisitive. He desired to know the why of every subject, and his turn for dialectics would have fitted him for the academy, the forum or the pulpit. Esthetics, philosophy and the classics (ancient and modern) were also favorite studies. He acquired knowledge with ease, and accurately retaining it. He possessed the three requisites for scholarly attainment and eminence—ability, energy and natural ardor for intellectual exercise—coupled with a high moral nature. In character, mind and purpose he was highly endowed; retiring in position, amiable in manners and unpretentious in the display of his talents, he was beloved by all who knew him. His death is deeply regretted by his friends, who looked forward to years of intimacy with him, and expected in time to see him filling positions of usefulness and of honor. Thus passed away in his twenty-first year a christian gentleman, scholar and soldier.

This tribute is written by one whose intimate connection with the deceased for months gave him an opportunity of studying his character. I never knew a purer man. Time would have developed him into a noble specimen. Our sorrow is solaced by the recollection of his worth.

The death of a pious intellectual youth is a subject of beautiful meditation. Angels bore his soul to God who gave it.

DIED.—In Florida, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. at the residence of Thomas F. Haile, Esq., ELLEN WHITAKER CHESNUT, daughter of the late Col. John Chesnut, of Camden, aged 23 years.

The heart husheth its mourning, for the weary is at rest. For her the grave had lost its victory and death its sting. Her own words were, "God will take me home," and in that home we know that she still liveth with the loved ones gone before. The eye whose light for us was veiled, seeth the King in his beauty—the voice whose tones we may not hear singeth the song of the redeemed in Heaven.

"Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in Thy sight."  
H. O. G.

DIED.—At her residence, in Kershaw District, S. C., on the 25th of November last, Mrs. C. COLLINS, in her 99th year.

### LOST.

ON THURSDAY, THE 14TH INSTANT, A BUNDLE of Carpeting, between Capt. L. Depass' house and Mrs. Ciples' Kirkwood house, sewed up in a homespun bag. The carpet is twenty feet square. A suitable reward will be given for the delivery of it to me.  
JOHN S. ASH.  
December 26

### Estate Sale.

BY PERMISSION OF WM. M. BULLOCK, ORDINARY for Kershaw District, I will sell at public outcry, at Emanuel Parker's, in Kershaw District, on the twentieth day of January next, all the personal property, belonging to the Estate of Buck Harris, deceased, consisting of one Negro Woman, a lot of Hogs, &c. Terms cash.

ANDERSON QUARLES,  
Adm'r Estate of dec'd.

December 26

### Notice.

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE ESTATE of Edward Niles, will make payment to A. NILES, and those having demands against the Estate, will present them duly attested.  
A. NILES, Adm'r.  
December 26