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J. T. HERSHMAN, Editor.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1863.

Declination.

Mr. N. D. BAXLEY requests us to say that he is no candidate for Warden for the Town of Camden at the election on Monday next.

Court Week.

The Grand and Petit Jurors for the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, for Kershaw District, were impaneled on Monday last, but owing, we learn, to the absence of the Judge, they were dismissed without a sitting.

The Legislature.

The called session of the Legislature meets in Columbia to-day. Judging from the tenor of the Governor's proclamation—which will be found in another column—it is matters of vital importance to the State and Confederacy, which prompted him to convene that body at this time.

Order No. 4, S. C. M.

We would call the attention of all interested parties in Kershaw District to Special Order No. 4, from Col. BURWELL JONES. The order from the Adjutant & Inspector General of the State respecting non-compliance or performance of the duty of militia officers, are very forcible, and requires a roster to be returned of all officers and men in their respective beats, by the 9th inst. See order under our Special Notice head.

Last Friday.

We were pleased to see the universal quiet and Christian observance paid to the services in the different Churches of Camden on Friday last—it being set apart by the President of the Confederacy as a day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer. We should not be at all surprised at this godly feeling pervading the hearts of our citizens, as they have ever been characterized as a Christian-loving and law abiding people.

Rags! Rags!! Rags!!!

Our lady friends would confer a lasting favor, by sending to the office of the Confederate all the clean linen and cotton rags they may have on hand. Rags will secure for us what money cannot—viz: paper to continue the publication of the CONFEDERATE. Highest cash prices paid on delivery.

We are indebted already to the kind attention of several estimable ladies from the town and District, for packages of an extra fine article.

Personal.

We had the pleasure, on Monday last, of a visit from our editorial friend, Mr. W. M. CONNERS, of the Lancaster Ledger. Mr. C. is well known to the people of our district and State as the partner in law of our distinguished and gallant Brigadier, General J. B. KERSHAW. The Ledger has been amongst the few in our Confederacy, and especially in South Carolina, that have braved the ravages of war on newspapers, and stands second to none of the remaining few for editorial ability and as a medium for district advertising. Our merchants and others having commercial intercourse with the good people of Lancaster, (and there are many), would find the Ledger a good medium through which to make known the articles of supply on hand.

Change in Schedule of S. C. R. R.

On and after Thursday, 2d of April, the mid-day train down from Camden will be altered as follows:

- Leave Camden 12 30 p. m.
- Arrive at Kingsville 2 45 p. m.
- Arrive at Camden 5 40 p. m.
- Arrive at Augusta 3 45 p. m.
- Arrive at Columbia 5 00 p. m.

The time of departing from each of the above named places—with the exception of the down mid-day train from Camden—have not been changed, and will continue as heretofore, until further notice.

LATEST FROM JACKSONVILLE.—Information has been received here by telegraph, that the negroes and abolitionists have abandoned Jacksonville and gone to Hilton Head. The town was set on fire by the vandals previous to their leaving. Gen. Finegan reached the place in time to save the greater portion of it. His troops are now occupying Jacksonville.—[Savannah Republican, 31st ult.]

ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

CAMP NEAR FREDERICKSBURG, VA., }
March 23, 1863.

I have but little, Mr. Editor, to interest your readers in the way of news from this part of the army. We expected to be in motion a week ago, but fortunately were not required, as Gen. STUART's cavalry succeeded nobly in driving back the invader across the upper Rappahannock, between Culpepper C. H. and what is known as Kelly's Ford. We heard the cannonading nearly all day, and that evening received orders to be ready to move at any moment, but were not required to do so. We are still in winter quarters, and from the appearance of the weather at present, are likely to remain in *status quo* until some time in April. The enemy is still in our front, and will attempt another advance as soon as the weather permits him to move. Under the continued blessing and protection of Divine Providence, and the skill of the ablest and best general—and generals—of modern times, this army, which has always triumphed, and has the prestige of many victories over the very same foe, expects again to give the insolent intruder another chastisement, more severe and decided than any other heretofore administered. The army is in better fighting condition to-day than it has almost ever been, and the men are lively and hearty, and are ready, if not anxious for the fray. What madness and folly has possessed the mind of the Yankee nation, is abundantly shown in their intense hate of and desire to subjugate the South, in all their efforts to do which they have signally failed. Truly "whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad."

War is a terrible scourge, but it is sometimes absolutely necessary—in the present instance wholly unnecessary on the part of our cruel invaders, but so far as we are concerned, a religious and holy duty. My impression is, that the whole strength of the vile and corrupt dynasty at Washington, will be mustered against us this year, and if we are successful in driving back the wave of fanaticism and corruption rolling on towards us, our success and independence will be a fact accomplished in a few months. On the other hand, should the vandal horde be permitted to penetrate our country any further, there is no telling how long the war will last. How important that every man who has a soul in his body and an arm to strike for "God and his native land," should be at his post. NOW OR NEVER is the fearful motto. Should we fail now, all may be lost—if lost once, lost forever.

All furloughs extending beyond the 1st of April are disapproved, and our heavy baggage, etc., is ordered to the rear. The army of Northern Virginia will be thoroughly mobilized and ready for the opening campaign, which will be a very active and important one in every particular.

I think the religious tone of the army has somewhat improved, yet there is great room for additional improvement. The soldiers seek after tracts and other religious reading, with great eagerness, and the attendance on public worship is very good. A revival of religion has been in progress at Fredericksburg for some weeks, and I trust the good work will continue to go on until all are brought under the saving influence of the Gospel. What would a soldier's life be without the blessed Gospel of the Grace of God?—emphatically "a world without a sun." I have recently passed over the battle-field at this place, and have witnessed the terrible cruelty and carnage of war. Dead bodies of the enemy, scarce half buried, are visible; hands and feet protruding through the thin covering of earth are frequently seen, and the most shocking spectacle of "man's inhumanity to man" is obvious in the wicked treatment which the enemy's dead have received at the hands of their own friends (?) What a sad commentary is this on the present unnatural and inhuman war, waged by a merciless and cruel foe against those who have never wronged them? And this is the treatment which the tyrant bestows even upon his own miserable subjects. Not even buried with a show of decency, but left like dogs to rot upon the ground where they have met an inglorious end.

Near one of the beautiful cemeteries of the city stands an unfinished monument to the mother of Washington. It is built up to the height of nearly twenty feet. The shaft is lying near by, just as it came from the quarry, in its crude state, lacking the artizans skill to shape and perfect the spire. 'Tis strange that this monument has never been finished, and that the mother of the great Virginian and Southerner has been allowed to rest in comparative obscurity. I remember several years ago to have read an interesting story connected with the unfinished monument, and its present condition was attributed to the caprice of a coquette. The story is a long one, and although I distinctly remember its authoress and leading outlines, yet time and space forbids the attempt at repetition.

I had a favorable opportunity of seeing the destruction done to private property in the city and its environs. Many houses and public buildings were literally torn to pieces. The beautiful church edifices of the Baptist and Episcopal congregations are perforated

from pedestal to tower. Many houses were set on fire and burned to the ground by the shells of the enemy. It is distressing to see the sad havoc made in this once beautiful and prosperous city. Families driven from their elegant and luxurious houses, and in many instances persons reduced from ease and comfort to want, if not starvation. Surely there is a righteous God who will punish, still more those who have polluted our sacred sanctuaries and homes by their unholy touch.

The Yankee pickets line the Stafford side of the Rappahannock. We saw a number of them on duty, and a considerable number of cavalymen, whom we suppose are the videttes of this section of the army. A good deal of work has been done on our side since the battle, in anticipation of another advance of the enemy. The city is garrisoned by Gen. Barksdale's Brigade of brave Mississippians who were the first in the memorable fight which commenced on the morning of the 11th of December, 1862.

THE ENEMY LANDING BELOW.—Reports reached the city last evening, by the Savannah train, to the effect that, on Sunday afternoon, two regiments of the enemy landed upon John's Island and drove in our pickets. In the skirmishing which ensued, three of the enemy are said to have been made prisoners. It is also stated that the Yankees have landed a force upon Seabrook's Island, about twelve miles from Adams' Run.

In consequence of these movements, Gen. Hagood has ordered all the ladies away from Adams' Run.

Mercury of Tuesday.

The skirmish on Seabrook's Island on Sunday, reported in our issue of yesterday, was an encounter between the enemy's pickets and a few of our scouts, resulting in the capture of one prisoner. Two of the enemy are stated to have been killed outright. We have no further intelligence from that quarter.—Mercury of Wednesday.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE.—A private letter, from Chattanooga, dated March 20th, says: Gen. J. E. Johnston has gone to the front, bag and baggage, staff, horses, servants, camp equipage and all, and has assumed command of the army in person. Gen. Bragg is temporarily relieved, and is now in Winchester, where his wife lies dangerously sick. A well grounded rumor obtains in military circles to the effect that Gen. B. has been permanently relieved from the command of the army of Tennessee, and ordered to report at Richmond. On dit that he will be assigned to Mobile, and Gen. Buckner sent to Vicksburg. No news from the front, except that Rozencrans has fallen back to—(?) Our scouts have been in Murfreesboro', but whether "Rosey" is gone, we know not.—Jackson (Miss.) Appeal, 26th.

Announcements.

MR. EDITOR: Please announce ISAAC STOKES as a candidate for Ordinary for Kershaw District, at the ensuing election, and oblige

March 27

MANY VOTERS.

MR. EDITOR Please announce Mr. ALEX. L. McDONALD a candidate for Ordinary for Kershaw District, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Wm. M. Bullock, and oblige

March 27

HIS FRIENDS.

MR. EDITOR: Please announce Mr. B. M. BROWN, as a suitable candidate for Ordinary of Kershaw District, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Wm. M. BULLOCK—and oblige

March 20

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MR. EDITOR: Please announce J. J. BURKETT, as a suitable candidate for Ordinary for Kershaw District, at the ensuing election, and oblige

March 20

MANY VOTERS.

MR. EDITOR: Please announce Mr. W. H. FISHER as a suitable candidate for Ordinary of Kershaw District, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late W. M. BULLOCK, and oblige

March 13

MANY SUPPORTERS.

The following gentlemen are nominated for Intendant and Wardens of the Town of Camden, at the election to be held on Monday next:

For Intendant.—JAMES DUNLAP.

For Wardens.—N. D. BAXLEY

JOS. M. GAYLE

D. D. HOCOTT.

L. M. BOSWELL.

April 3

The following ticket is offered as in every particular capable of guarding the interests of the town as Intendant and Wardens of Camden:

For Intendant.—JNO. K. WITHERSPOON.

For Wardens.—I. B. ALEXANDER

J. M. GAYLE.

L. McCANDLESS.

F. McLARNON.

April 3

MR. EDITOR: Please announce the following gentlemen for Intendant and Wardens of the town of Camden, at the ensuing election in April:

For Intendant.—JAS. DUNLAP.

For Wardens.—L. M. BOSWELL.

F. McLARNON.

JOS. M. GAYLE.

E. G. ROBINSON.

And oblige

March 13

MANY FRIENDS.

Special Notices.

HEADQUARTERS 224 REGT. S. C. M.,
CAMDEN, S. C., March 28th 1863.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 4.

IT APPEARING THAT IN SOME OF THE COMPANIES of this Regiment there has been a failure to organize, in accordance with General Order No. 8, from the Adjutant and Inspector-General, and of Order No. 2 issued from these Headquarters, either by not holding elections in pursuance of said orders, or by returning as elected persons who are not eligible under the act of the General Assembly. It is hereby ordered that the commanding officers of all such beat companies of this Regiment do forthwith order elections to be held on the 7th day of April, 1863, between the hours of 10 a. m., and 4 p. m., in all cases where such failure has occurred. Officers commanding beat companies are hereby required to return a roster of the officers in their respective beats, with the date of their election, also a complete roll of all persons in their beats between the ages of 16 and 50, and 16 and 60, liable to militia and patrol duty, to these Headquarters on and before the 9th day of April, 1863.

It is to be hoped that there will be no unnecessary delay in completing the organization of these companies under these orders.

Officers in command of beat companies are required promptly and faithfully to execute these orders in every particular.

By order Col. JONES:

J. M. GAYLE, Adjutant.

April 3

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TO THE FRIENDS OF DECEASED SOLDIERS.

THE SUBSCRIBER HAS RECEIVED, THROUGH the kindness of Capt. T. J. WARREN, copies of the proper affidavit and forms of application to the War Department, for the payments due deceased soldiers. It has been found that many applications (justly due) have been refused, on account of the informality of the applications. The War Department has had printed proper forms of application, copies of which have been sent to me by Capt. Warren.

I will attend to all applications at my office.

J. K. WITHERSPOON, Magistrate.

March 27

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

THE FOLLOWING GENTLEMAN ARE APPOINTED Managers at the ensuing election to be held on the 1st Monday in April next, for Intendant and four Wardens for the Town of Camden: W. D. Anderson, Chas. A. McDonald and J. S. Meroney.

ROBT. M. KENNEDY, Recorder.

Council Chamber, March 27, 1863.

MEDICAL NOTICE.

DR. W. R. SIKES TENDERS HIS SERVICES as practising physician to the citizens of Camden and vicinity. Office on main street, in the rooms formerly occupied by Dr. T. J. WORKMAN.

February 27

MEDICAL NOTICE.

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

May 30

SPECIAL NOTICE.

ENROLLING OFFICE, HEADQUARTERS, }
KERSHAW DIST., CAMDEN, S. C., Feb. 7, 1863. }
IN PURSUANCE TO ORDERS FROM COL. JOHN S. PRESTON, commandant of conscripts, Columbia, S. C., all white male residents of Kershaw District, and all transient persons between the ages of eighteen [18] and forty [40] not in the military service of the Confederate States, are ordered to report forthwith to the Enrolling Officer of this District or be considered and published as deserters.

All officers, non-commissioned officers and privates absent from their commands without leave or on expired leave, will also report at these Headquarters, or will be published and arrested as deserters.

All exemptions and discharges previous to the 11th of October are not considered valid.

All persons in the employment of the Government will forthwith report their names, ages and nature of their occupation; and all persons following professions and trades entitling them to exemption, will present the evidence of the same.

Under General Orders No. 43 of the State Adjutant and Inspector-General, all Militia Officers are ordered to furnish forthwith rolls of all persons in their Beat liable to conscription.

Persons claiming to be exempt should report promptly, that their cause of exemption may be properly enrolled.

The office will be opened on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, between the hours of 9 and 2, at Dr. D. L. DESAUSURES office in Camden.

E. B. CANTEY,

Capt. and Enrolling Officer of Kershaw District.

February 13