

A Military Execution.
A correspondent of the Atlanta Constitution gives the annexed account of a military execution which recently occurred at Dalton:
I have witnessed a scene the horrors of which can never be forgotten. It was this execution of fourteen men by sentence of a court-martial.
When arrived upon the ground, I found a division of Maj. Gen. Stevenson drawn up in lines, forming three sides of a hollow square; in front were sixteen stakes, with a coffin at the foot of each, and in the rear of these a long line of yawning graves.
In a few moments afterwards, the arrival of four wagons containing the unfortunate men filed slowly through the lines and approached the fatal spot.
The men, with one exception, appeared unmoved, and calmly looked around as though they were unconscious of the fearful end which they were approaching.
By direction of Gen. Reynolds, they were drawn up in line, and a number of chaplains approached them and besought them to give the few remaining moments of their lives to prayer, which was followed by the reading of the twenty-third Psalm and an eloquent prayer, which affected the prisoners very much.
Gen. Reynolds then asked them if they had anything to say, and addressed them in an impressive manner for a few minutes. Two of them said they had no intention of deserting the service; one said he was cut off from his command at Missionary Ridge, and did not know where to go, and went home; the other said he had deserted on account of his family.
Several of their regimental and company officers now came forward and bade them farewell. The men, with one exception, were very much excited, several having lost all control of their feelings.
Gen. Reynolds turned to them and said, "May God have mercy on your souls," and turning hastily away, the guard stepped forward, and taking each one to a stake, tied them fast and then bound a cloth over their eyes.
All began to pray, and some were shouting and clapping their hands. Austin made no demonstration save the swaying back and forth of his broad white lips, which moved as if in prayer.
The shooting detail, consisting of 120 men, were now marched in front of them, and an officer stepped aside and raised a handkerchief; then the ominous clicking of the locks was heard, which thrilled through the bystanders and caused the unfortunate men at the stakes to shudder and tremble as though a galvanic battery had been applied to each.
One moment, and a hundred tubes are leveled at their breasts. We hold our breath in suspense, and a sickly fainting feeling takes possession of us. Whilst our eyes are riveted upon the handkerchief—the fall of which is to send these unfortunates men to an untimely and dishonored grave. The officer turns from the condemned to the detail, hurried along the line, drops the handkerchief and turns away.
A ragged volley followed by straggling shot, and two of the men are lifeless; others are screaming in their agony and imploring aid beseeching the men to finish the work so badly done. A struggle to a half-reclining position, suspended by the rope which connects the stakes, and expire. A young soldier rushes up to shoot a poor wretch who is crying in agony for death, and presents his gun, but sickening with the horrid sight, turns away, then wheels, and quickly aiming his gun, sends a ball through his breast. At last the provost guard arrives and despatches the few who are yet struggling.
With a sad and sickened heart I turned away, and even after I had mounted my horse I heard a shot fired at some poor fellow who had lingered for ten or fifteen minutes.
The affair was badly managed, and the horrors of such a scene were made revolting by the blundering manner in which the execution took place. No reserve was on hand to finish the horrible work, and instead of dropping a handkerchief as the signal, the regular commands should have been given, for the men who were to fire watched the handkerchief, and when it dropped, fired without aiming their pieces.
Let us hope that this fearful example will prove of lasting benefit to our men, and that such a scene may never occur again during our struggle for independence.

Surrender of Fort Donelson.
A correspondent of the Appeal perpetuates the following reminiscence:
I see the enemy have failed to dislodge Forrest from West Tennessee and Kentucky yet, notwithstanding their boasts, and the fact that reinforcements have been sent them from Chattanooga. Forrest is too much for them. He is the hardest nut they have cracked as yet. By the way, speaking of this gallant officer, I have heard an interesting account of the capture of Fort Donelson, in which he figured prominently, and which, if true, entitles him to great credit for his daring enterprise and determination. My author is a prominent member of Congress, who was one of the investigating committee on the Fort Donelson disaster. Although I would by no means give his name, yet I do not hesitate to give these unpublished particulars, as they are bound to leak out some day or other.
On Saturday night before the surrender a council was called. Pillow, Floyd, Buckner and a number of brigadiers composed this body. There was much confusion and an exciting debate for a while. Some thought it necessary to surrender, and some didn't. It was midnight, and no definite understanding was come to. General Floyd seeing this, dismissed the council, requesting Pillow and Buckner to remain. The three sat down gloomily by the fire, to ponder over the sad aspect of affairs. A long silence ensued. At last Floyd said:
"Well, gentlemen, it remains with us to decide this matter, and we must do it at once. It is now midnight, and, if we retreat, we have not a moment to lose."
"I say retreat," said Pillow.
"I say surrender! We have shed enough blood already to no purpose," said Buckner.
"Well, gentlemen," said Floyd, "I see you are still divided, and as I have the casting vote, I will settle the matter at once. I favor a surrender myself, provided the duty does not devolve upon me. I can't surrender, because the United States Government have indicted me for treason, and the probability is that if they were to get me they would hang me. So you see the thing is impossible. I transfer the command to you, General Pillow."
"Well, General," said Pillow, "I'm in the same fix as yourself. The Yankees have got me indicted for shipping guns and munitions of war to the Confederate Government. So you see I can't surrender either; they would hang me as quick as they would you, and if you are excusable, I guess I am too. So I transfer my right of command to you, General Buckner."
Gen. Buckner bowed, but said nothing. At that moment a noise was heard without. The door opened and a courier announced an officer who desired admittance. He was ordered to show him in, and the next moment Col. Forrest, all splashed with mud and water, with high topped boots and an old slouched hat, made his appearance. He walked to the fire place and seated himself without saying a word. After a few moments, Floyd said: "Well, Colonel, have you anything important to communicate that you came here at this late hour, or has your curiosity led you to pay us this visit in order to find out what we had decided upon?" "Both," replied Forrest, "dryly, then rising from his chair he said: "But it is possible, gentlemen, as I have already heard whispered this night, that you intend to surrender?"
"Yes," was the reply; "we have just arrived at that conclusion."
"But," said Forrest, "there is no occasion for it, gentlemen, the whole army can easily escape without the loss of a man; not an hour ago I crossed the river on my horse where it was not waist deep. I crossed it going on horseback, and walked it coming back. It is free from Yankee pickets, also, and there is no danger to be feared."
"Yes, but Colonel," said General Floyd, "my scouts have reconnoitered the entire river, and an officer, who arrived not half an hour ago, told me that he had tested the river everywhere, and no spot had he found that was fordable."
"I don't care, General, if he did," said Forrest; "he told you a damned lie, as I am ready to swear that I waded the river not half an hour ago, as my wet clothes will testify. And now, gentlemen, as it is getting late, it is high time you should be acting. Will you take my advice, and make your escape?"
"No," was the reply, "it is too late."
"I have one request to make," said Forrest. "I have a fine regiment of cavalry here, and I want permission to take it out. Grant me this much, and I am off."
Gen. Buckner nodded his head, when Forrest bolted out of the house, took his command, crossed the river at the aforesaid place, and made his escape without the loss of a man. More anon.

Another Royal Joke.
Our North Mississippi correspondent says he has been told by a gentleman who was lately in Washington City, that in a conversation between the Royal and his Secretary of the Navy, on the subject of raising the Monitor sunk in Charleston harbor, by means of a "coffer dam." Old Abe told him he had "no faith in it—not a single grain. It reminded him of one of his neighbor's cows in Illinois, which he saw swallow a thistle and coffer-dam head off."
"MACARIA."—This title of the novel of Miss Evans is puzzling some of the people. It is a Greek name and of mythological origin. Lempiere's Classical Dictionary thus refers to it:
"Macaria L., a daughter of Hercules and Dejanira. After the death of Hercules, Edrystheus made war against the Heraclidae, whom the Athenians supported, and the oracle declared that the descendants of Hercules should obtain the victory if one of them devoted himself to death. This was cheerfully accepted by Macaria, who refused to endanger the life of the children of Hercules by suffering the victim to be drawn by lot, and the Athenians obtained a victory. Great honors were paid to the patriotic Macaria, and a fountain of Marathon was called by her name."
Robert Lee, youngest son of the General, after serving fourteen months as a private in the Rock-bridge artillery, has accepted a place on his brother's staff. When his brother was taken prisoner, his father offered him a place on his staff. "Thank you," said Rob, "but I have discovered that I have no talent for Headquarters." And he went back to the artillery.

OBITUARY.
AMIDST the rude sounds of war the fatal hand of disease rests not. On Monday, May 16, in the city of Charleston, while the occasional boom of the enemy's guns resounded across the harbor, the soul of REBECCA F. LEE, wife of Mr. RICHARD T. WALKER, took its calm and holy flight to an everlasting and peaceful world. She was lovely in person, and yet more lovely in character. So amiable and unselfish, so generous and tender-hearted, so absorbed in promoting the happiness of others, so pious, guileless, joyous and pure:—alas, that earth has lost her! that the life and fragrance of such a character has faded away from our saddened homes and hearts forever! She had never expected to survive many years, but had expressed a fervent wish to live at least until the present war terminated, that she might behold her country delivered and at peace, and her loved ones all safe at their homes once more. But it was not appointed so to be; and God's thoughts must be believed to be wiser than our thoughts. We have lost a friend inexpressibly beloved; have given a citizen to the holy city of God and of the Lamb. In the burning thirst of her dying hours she eagerly exclaimed, "Soon I shall drink of the everlasting fountain, which can never fail me!"
And now her place is vacant forever. But it brings heaven much closer around us, to think that her bright and loving smile shall greet us, when we land upon the eternal shore.
T. F. D.



State of South Carolina.
ADJUT. & INSP. GEN'S OFFICE, Columbia, May 20, 1865.
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 6.
IN THE PRESENT SITUATION OF affairs, it is deemed proper to direct the attention of the people of the State to the section of an Act of the General Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for and for other purposes," heretofore published, and to call upon all male citizens capable of bearing arms, and who are not liable to Confederate military service, to organize themselves into companies in pursuance of its provisions.
I. Companies organized in accordance with said Act, upon presenting their rolls to be filed in this office, will be accepted for the service therein provided for, and will be armed and furnished with necessary ammunition.
II. The troops called into service under this Act will be subject to the orders of the Governor and Commander in Chief, and whilst in actual service, shall be subject to the Articles of War and Army Regulations of the Confederate States, and shall receive the same pay and allowances as Confederate troops of the same class are entitled to.
III. The commanding officers of companies and the corporate authorities to whom arms have heretofore been delivered, or who now have the same in custody, are charged with keeping them in good order, and any necessary expenditures made for that purpose will be paid by the State upon the accounts being duly certified and approved at this office.
By command:
[signed] A. C. GARLINGTON,
Adjutant and Inspector General S. C.
Official: G. A. FOLLI, A. A. G.

SPECIAL NOTICES.
Kingville Hotel.
THE SUBSCRIBERS BEG LEAVE to inform the travelling public that they have leased and reopened the KINGVILLE HOTEL, at the Junction of the South Carolina and Wilmington and Manchester Railroads; and that, henceforth, passengers on these roads may expect a GOOD MEAL at their House.
The subscribers are aware that, under its former management, the KINGVILLE HOTEL was allowed to suffer in reputation; but they have determined that, under their directorship, it shall be kept up to the standard of a FIRST CLASS EATING HOUSE, and they therefore, solicit the patronage of the travelling public.
Give us a call, and judge for yourselves.
May 11 BATES & MILLER.

EXCHANGE NOTICE NO. 8.
ADJUT. AND INSP. GEN. (OFFICE.) Richmond, February 4, 1864.
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 14:
THE FOLLOWING ORDER IS PUBLISHED for the information of all concerned:
C. S. AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT, Richmond, February 1, 1864.
1. ALL PRISONERS heretofore held by the United States authorities, whether officers, soldiers or civilians, received at City Point, before the 1st of January, 1864, are hereby declared exchanged.
2. All officers and men of the Vicksburg capture, who reported for duty at Enterprise, Miss., at any time prior to the 14th of November, 1863, and whose names were forwarded to me by Maj. Gen. John H. Forney, are declared exchanged.
3. All officers and men of the Vicksburg capture, belonging to the first Tennessee heavy artillery, who reported for duty at Marietta, Ga., and whose names were forwarded to me by Col. A. Jackson, are declared exchanged.
RO. OULD, Agent of Exchange.
By order: [signed] S. Cooper, Adj. and Insp. General.
April 6

ANNOUNCEMENTS.
FOR SENATOR.
MR. EDITOR: Please announce Major A. H. BOYKIN a candidate to represent Kershaw District in the Senate, and oblige April 20 MARY FRIENDS.
FOR THE LEGISLATURE.
We are authorized to announce Col. A. D. GOODWIN a candidate for Representative in the Legislature of South Carolina, at the ensuing election in October.
April 26 MARY VOYLES.
MR. EDITOR: You will please announce the following gentlemen as candidates for the Legislature, at the election to be held in October next, and oblige
Capt. W. Z. LEITNER,
Capt. W. L. DEPASS.
April 20
MR. EDITOR: You will please announce the following gentlemen as candidates for reelection to the House of Representatives, from Kershaw District, at the ensuing election in October, and oblige their friends:
Major J. M. DEPASSURE,
Capt. D. D. PERRY
April 20
FOR CLERK OF THE COURT.
MR. EDITOR: Please announce Lieut. JOEL A. SCHROCK as a suitable person to fill the office of Clerk of the Court for Kershaw District, at the ensuing election in October, and oblige
His Friends.
April 20
MR. EDITOR: Please announce Capt. WM. CLAYBORN as a candidate for reelection to the office of Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, for Kershaw District, at the next ensuing election in October, and oblige his
MAY FRIENDS.
April 6

To the Planters of Kershaw and Sumter Districts.
HAVING BEEN ASSIGNED BY Capt. James Sowers, Chief of Forage District No. 6, to procure corn and fodder for our army, I most respectfully urge upon you to throw open your granaries, and let me have all of your surplus for the use of our gallant defenders, as the cry is still for corn. I have the power to impress, but I hope I shall not have in a single instance the unpleasant duty of using it. I will not if it can be avoided, but corn I must have. Mr. D. McQueen, my principal agent for Kershaw, will have full charge in my absence. Mr. G. S. Douglas, my purchasing agent, will give you a call, and I trust you will respond heartily to his appeals in behalf of those now protecting your homes and firesides.
The opportunity here occurs of returning my thanks to the people of these Districts for the uniform courtesy and kindness I have received since my arrival among them.
R. H. OWEN,
3d Capt. and A. Q. M.
May 11 Sumter Welcome please copy.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.
CENTRAL BUREAU, Columbia, March 17, 1864.
THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION, UPON mature consideration, decline the Agency recently tendered by the Express Company for the transportation of Supplies to the South Carolina Soldiers. We will continue to forward to all points as usual.
M. LAPOUDE,
Chairman.
April 6
Papers of the State will please copy.

TO HIRE.
TWO WAGONS AND TEAMSTERS, four good mules to each wagon, by the month or year. For particulars address J. L. JONES, Liberty Hill, Kershaw District.
April 6

To the Planters of Kershaw, Sumter, Darlington, Chesterfield, Marlboro and Marion Districts.

IT IS WITH PLEASURE I MAKE my acknowledgments to you, for the noble manner in which you have sustained me, since my appointment to this large District, in furnishing me, as an officer of the Government, with corn for the support of our gallant armies. And now that the Tax in Kind is nearly exhausted, and the cry is still for corn, I must respectfully ask that you will, when called upon by agents, throw open your granaries, and spare to the last bushel, for the benefit of those who are defending your homes.
In my possession are orders to impress corn for army purposes, but I am proud to say, I have never been forced to resort to such painful means to secure a sufficient supply, and now I do beg you to come to my assistance manfully and nobly, that after the present campaign I may have the unspeakable pleasure of saying that I have not impressed any man's corn.
Corn however I must have, and I trust you will respond to my call with cheerfulness. Capt. Owen is the officer in charge of Kershaw and Sumter Districts, and will take pleasure in serving the planters of those Districts to the best of his abilities.
JAMES SOWERS,
Capt. and A. Q. M.,
May 11 Florence, S. C.
Darlington Southern, and Sumter Watchman will please copy three times and send bill to Capt. Sowers Florence.

TOBACCO, SEGARS, and WRITING INK,
Wholesale and retail, at
S. A. BENJAMIN'S.
April 4

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
ALL PERSONS HAVING DEMANDS against the Estate of Anderson Stucky dec'd., are requested to present them to the undersigned, and those indebted will please make payment of the same.
B. M. BROWN, Admr.
May 4

NAILS! NAILS!! NAILS!!!
40 KEYS & 10 NAILS, AT S. H. & J. H. OPPENHEIM, April 27 Next door to M. Baum & Bro.
800 LBS. SCOTCH SNUFF, 100 LBS. MACOBY SNUFF, AT S. H. & J. H. OPPENHEIM, April 20 Next to M. Baum & Bro.
JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE.
Extract Logwood,
Sup. Carb. Soda,
Spanish Brown,
E. I. Caster Oil,
Spt. Campher
For sale by
April 27 3 W. MCKAIN.

SLAVE LABOR FOR THE COAST. DIVISION NO. 2.
I. THE COMMISSIONERS OF ROADS and the Town Authorities within the Judicial Districts of Lancaster, Kershaw, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Darlington, Marion, Sumter, Clarendon, Williamsburg and Horry, will forthwith summon all slaveholders within their respective limits to deliver ONE-FOURTH of their slaves liable to Road duty on the Railroad Depots nearest their residence on WEDNESDAY, the twenty-fifth (25th) day of May proximo, at 10 o'clock a. m., there to await transportation to Charleston for Thirty Days' labor on the fortification.
II. Returns of Commissioners of Roads for several Districts of this Division are still incomplete. To avoid confusion and injustice, they will be sent in without delay, stating in all cases, names of owners, number of Road hands, TOTAL AMOUNT OF LABOR PERFORMED.
III. The amount of labor required, inclusive of present call, from this Division, is Forty-five (45) days to EACH Road hand.
R. B. JOHNSON,
Agent of State of So. Ca.
May 4
Charleston Weekly and Courier copy twice a week for four weeks; and papers in the Division four times.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES.
BEST SPANISH SWEET OIL, Quinine, Salt Petre, Alum, Es. Pyreperaint, Blue Mass, Calomel, Spirits Nitre, Sulphur, No Six, Borax, &c.
For Sale by W. MCKAIN, April 27

NOTICE.
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA. WAR DEPT., BUREAU OF CONSCRIPTION, Richmond, Va., February 28, 1864.
PARAGRAPH X OF GENERAL ORDERS No. 82 Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, of 1862, requires that application for exemption must in all cases be made to the Enrolling Officer. If the local Enrolling Officer has not the power to act, or is in doubt, he will, after investigation, under Circular No. 3, current series, refer such application, through the proper official channels, to this Bureau.
All such applications addressed to this Bureau will necessarily and invariably be returned for local investigation, and the applicants will thus have needlessly lost time and prolonged suspense.
Appeals from adverse decisions of the local officers, of the Commandant of Conscription for the States, will be forwarded by them for hearing, when any plausible ground of appeal is set forth.
By order of
C. B. CUTLER, A. A. Gen.
April 6

STOCKTON & CO.,
April 6 Augusta, Ga.
CHARLESTON COURIER,
PUBLISHED DAILY and Tri-Weekly. TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION. Daily \$30.00 per annum, payable half yearly in advance. Tri-Weekly \$8.00 for six months, payable in advance. April 6
ALLSPICE,
ON HAND, AND FOR SALE BY April 6 J. M. GAYLE.
MANSION HOUSE, Camden, So. Ca.
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THIS OLD AND FAVORITE ESTABLISHMENT is still in full blast, and the proprietor extends every accommodation and comforts to his guest who calls on him. His TABLE will be kept up, if provisions can be had at any price.
E. G. ROBINSON.
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GINGER.
A SMALL LOT ON HAND, AND FOR SALE BY J. M. GAYLE, April 6

ON CONSIGNMENT.
4-4 BROWN HOMESPIN, FOR SALE by the Bolt. J. M. GAYLE, April 6

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WILMINGTON WORKS SALT, BY the Sack, at J. M. GAYLE'S, April 6

BLACK PEPPER,
FOR SALE, AT A LOW PRICE, BY April 6 J. M. GAYLE.

MUTUAL Life Insurance.
THE SUBSCRIBER HAVING ACCEPTED the Agency of the MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY of Raleigh, North Carolina, for CAMDEN AND VICINITY, is prepared to receive applications for policies of LIFE INSURANCE, on the most reasonable terms. The Lives on SLAVES insured at moderate rates.
W. L. DePass, Agent, April 13

ALABAMA Fire Insurance COMPANY.
THE UNDERSIGNED, AS AGENT FOR the above Southern Insurance Company, is prepared to issue policies of Insurance against loss by Fire on all buildings, &c.
W. L. DePass, Agent, April 13

Rates of Postage in the Confederate States of America.
For the convenience of the public the following simplified statement of the rates of postage under the act of Congress of the Confederate States of America, has been prepared:
Rates of Postage.
Single letters, not exceeding a half ounce in weight, to any part of the Confederate States, shall be each 10 cents, not exceeding 10 cents additional single rate for each additional half ounce or less.
Drop letters 2 cents each.
In the foregoing cases, the postage to be prepaid by stamps or stamped envelopes. Advertiser letters 2 cents each.
On Newspapers.
Sent to regular and bona fide subscribers from the office of publication, and not exceeding three ounces in weight:
Weekly paper, 13 cents per quarter.
Semi-Weekly paper, 25 cents per quarter.
Tri-Weekly paper, 30 cents per quarter.
Four times a week, 55 cents per quarter.
Five times a week, 65 cents per quarter.
Six times a week, 78 cents per quarter.
On Periodicals.
Periodicals published oftener than Semi-monthly shall be charged as newspapers.
Periodicals published monthly, not exceeding 1 and one-half ounces weight, 1 cent on each number, and one cent additional on each additional ounce or fraction of an ounce.
On Transient Printed Matter.
The inland postage on every other newspaper, and on each circular not sealed, handbill, engraving, pamphlet, periodical, magazine or other paper, which shall be unconnected with any manuscript or written matter, and not exceeding 1 ounce in weight, shall be 1 cent, and for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce, 1 cent additional; and books bound and unbound, not weighing over four pounds, shall be deemed mailable matter, and the inland postage on them shall be at the rate of 2 cents an ounce or fraction of an ounce, and the postage on all such transient matter and books, shall be prepaid in all cases except when sent by officers, musicians or privates of the army.
Franking Privilege.
The following persons only are entitled the franking privilege, and in all cases strictly confined to official business.
Postmaster General.
His Chief Clerk.
Assistant of the Treasury to the Post Office Department.
Deputy Postmasters.

SOUTHERN FIELD & FIRESIDE.
THE PROPRIETORS HAVING MADE arrangements for an ample supply of paper, take pleasure in announcing to the numerous patrons of this paper.
FAMILY JOURNAL
That its publication was resumed on the 21 of January last. The first number will contain the commencement of "Gerald Gray's Wife."
An original and beautiful romance written by one of the most gifted female writers of the South.
Owing to the unsettled state of our country, subscriptions will be received for six months only.
TERMS:
Six Months, - \$ 8.00
Six Papers Six Months, - 40.00
Single Copies, - 40 cts.
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