WESTERN DEMOCRAT, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

The Battles in Virginia.

We have gathered together all the accounts we can find in relation to the late battles in Virginia. From received no mail from Richmond.

nish our readers with as connected an account of affairs as it is possible to do under the circumstances. we commence with the items concerning the first day's fight.

ORANGE, C. H., May 7. About 12 o'clock yesterday the enemy having previously attacked Heth and Wilcox and driven them back, Longstreet planned and was in the act of executing a flank movement on the enemy's left wing, when, by the mistake of our men he was (comparatively) have been small. Among the enemy is directed. fired upon Lieut Gen. Longstreet and staff were wounded are Brig-Gens Hays and H H Walker. The Latest from the severely though not mortally wounded. Gen Longstreet was wounded in the shoulder. Brig. Gen. Jenkins, of South Carolina, was killed at the same time.

Our troops continued to press the enemy, until Rapidan river to the plank road, and is about twenty five miles east of Orange Court House. The weather is bot and sultry

Gordon's Georgia Barade and Johnston's N. .C. Brigade, of Ewell's Corps, turned the enemy's extreme right flank, about four miles above Germanna Ford, last evening, between subset and dark, capturing 400 prisoners, including Brigadier Generals Seymour and Shaler The enemy, completely surprised, hastily fled on finding their breastworks turned and stormed. Our loss very elight.

A negro soldier, an infantry man, the first ever captured by this army, was taken near Brandy Station yesterday, and brought in here to-day. He says that he belongs to the 27th Ohio, Burnside's COTDS.

The enemy have been fortifying all day, as if to provoke Gen. Lee to attack him.

ORANGE C. H., May 8.

Advices from the front to suprise this morning through mistake by our own men. report that there was no general engagement yesterday, only heavy skirmishing The impression

tinued and final success.

taken about 2.500 prisoners, according to reliable more than 300 prisoners, most of whom are from Ewell's corps.

RICHMOND, May 11 .- An official dispatch from Gen. Lee, dated Spottsylvania C. H., May 10th says that Grant is entrenched near that place, and that there is frequent skirmishing along our lines Gen Stafford, who was wounded in the first day's fight, has since died.

From the Richmond Sentinel of the 11th.

THE RAID ON THE CENTRAL RAILROAD,-There was a report last evening that Gen. Bradley T Johnabout four o'clock, driving back their left and cen- son had met the raiders in Hanover county, and tre some two miles-our left standing fast in its driven them back; and that Gen. Lomax was also position. The battle ground extends from the in pursuit of them. The train from Hanover Junction last evening brought down 8 prisoners belonging to the raiding party. They report the strength of the enemy making the raid at one thousand. We understand the damage at Beaver Dam Station was not so great as at first reported. The large quantity of bacon reported to have been destroyed had not reached that point, and was therefore saved from destruction.

> THE LOSSES IN THE BATTLE .- No estimate, for obvious reasons, can now be made of our loss in the battles on the Rapid Ann. General Lee, in his official dispatch, says that "our loss in killed is not large," (little artillery being used on either side) and that "many of our men are but slightly wounded." As far as known, we have lost three brigadiers-General J. W. Jones, of Virginia, General Jenkins, of South Carolina, and General Stafford, of Louisiana. Several of our prominent miles below Fort Drewry. It commenced yesterofficers are wounded, General Longstreet among day evening, across Swift Creek; our troops checkthe number. As in the case of Stonewall Jackson, ing the advance of the eneny, and driving them Generals Longstreet and Jenkins were shot, back from the opposite bank. This morning it

The enemy's loss is very large. All accounts Gracey's brigades, and raged with great obstinacy. say that the carnage was terrible. The Yankees Our forces made the attack, and drove the enemy's prevailed last night that the enemy were falling fought with more desperation than ever before left for some distance, with heavy loss, but were back towards Culpeper on Fredericksburg. The during the war. A gentleman who was in the arrested, and finally found it advantageous to renegro troops occupying Brandy Station advanced fight tells us that as the men approached the for- tire before superior numbers, to our original posiout to Cubeper C H Friday and occupied it ces of A. P Hill, the Yankees cried out, "Come tion, within the entrenchments of Drewry's Bluff. Yesterday they went back to Brandy Station, set on you d-d rebels We will teach you how to The battle was a sanguinary one and the loss fire to the stores (principally quartermaster's) and fight. We are Western men." And here came was large on both sides. Barton's brigade sufferthen marched to join Grant. Scouts say that the the fight in earnest-hand to hand and man to ed severely. Lt Col Cabell, of the 36th regiment, 3 P. M .- Skirmishing commenced early this enemy have abandoned the line of the Orange man. But our men proved too much for the Yan- was shot through the breast, and was reported dy- morning, on Cleveland road, on the right. The railway, and no cars are running on it. It is sup- kee, and after a desperate struggle-such, prob- ing a few hours since. Captain Pritchard, of the 10th Confederate cavalry charged the enemy, who,

are in fine spirits, and perfectly confident of con- lines, a battle was joined by the opposing forces, effect that she struck her colors ! A party was and continued with great fury for some four or then sent to board and take possession of her, Yankee prisoners received here represent six five hours. The enemy fought with great stub- which was quickly done; but two ironclads, which different corps, showing that Grant was largely re- | bornness, and showed a resolute purpose to reach Saturday night the 7th to Monday the 16th inst., we inforced. They say little hope is entertained of the railroad. Our forces, under command of Gen. Grant's success, and if he does not get to Rich- Bushrod Johnson, resisted their advance most gal-"The news is rather "scattering," and in order to fur- mond some other column will. Thus far, we have lantly, and about six o'clock, after a spirited engagement, drove back their infantry. The artilleestimates. We have not lost, up to this time, ry continued to fire slowly, but the enemy made no attempt to recover the ground they had lost.

During the night, for prudential reasons, General Bushrod Johnson fell back upon Swift Creek bridge, a most important structure on the railroad. a mile and a half from Petersburg, and about the same distance from Port Walthall junction, against were made prisoners-our men capturing five offiresulting favorably to our side. Our casualties which it is well known that this advance of the cers, twenty-two scamen, and one negro. The

> The Latest from the Enemy on the South Side. -The latest information received at headquarters last night, stated that the enemy about Port Walthall junction had retired to his fortifications, and that all was quiet up to the latest advices. . The enemy are reported to be entrenching themselves between the James and Appomattox rivers, and will hardly venture another advance soon, after their repulse on Saturday. In their retreat, on Saturday, they left their dead and wounded on the field, and sought refuge under cover of their gunboats. Here they remain, and, up to a late hour last night, all was reported quict. A detachment of our forces had been ordered to drive in their pickets, and ascertain, if possible, in what strength Examiner of Tuesday says : A dispatch was rethey are about Port Walthall. The railroad, up ceived last night, about 12 o'clock, from Gen Bushto our latest accounts, had received no injury, and the enemy was held in check in the narrow neck of land reaching from Bermuda Hundreds, on the James River, to Port Walthall, on the Appomattox river The fight on Saturday seemed to have satisfied them, at least for the present.

From the Richmond Sentinel, of the 11th.

SOUTH OF JAMES RIVER, May 10.

The battle took place near Chester, three or four was renewed by Gen Ransom, with Barton's and

had been shelling our men on the river bank in the meantime, seeing this movement, began to bear down on her. Seeing no hope of saving her the order was given to fire her, and the men aboard were made prisoners and taken ashore. In a short while she was blown up, and was left a perfect wreck under the very eyes of the Yankees.

On going aboard of her our men found five dead Yankees, killed by our fire from the shore. The officers and crew, excepting one or two who may have escaped in the confusion of the movement, prisoners arrived in the city yesterday. The gunboat was named the "Shasheen."

The captain was shot by one of our sharpshoot ers, and leaped overboard and was drowned. lieutenant was taken among the twenty-seven prisoners. This gunboat was the same which had an hour before anchored oppesite Barnes', and disembarked a party which burned Mr Taylor Barnes corn crib, with a considerable quantity of corn, and other houses. They then went about, reported the magnificent feat to the commanding General, and were doubtless ordered to Tarkey Island to do the same. But Maj Starke had a just retribution in store for these thieves and incendiaries.

ANOTHEE GUNBOAT BLOWN UP .- The Richmond rod Johnson, at Swift Creek, stating that a gunboat on the Appomattox was destroyed yesterday by artillery fire from Fort Clifton. She was disabled, and the enemy burnt her to prevent our forces getting her. The other gunboat engaged in the attack on For

Clifton retired from the conflict.

FROM JOHNSTON'S ARMY

DALTON, May 9 .- The enemy advanced 2 miles yesterday morning, within range of our position at Mill Creek Gap, three miles from Dalton. Maj Austin's sharp-shooters drove back the enemy's skirmishers six times, who had advanced to the tune of "Hail Columbia." The enemy failed to take the lower end of Rock Face Ridge. Heavy skirmishing last evening in front of Mill

Creek Gap, four miles southwest of Dalton. They were repulsed three times by the 1st and 2d Arkansas, of Menair's Brigade, which captured twelve prisoners. There was heavy shelling on both sides until dark. The enemy's loss is 200 killed and wounded. Our loss is slight.

our rear is supposed to cover an assault in front.

FURTHER NAVAL SUCCESSES.

his tender. The result was encouraging.

their dead and wounded in our hands.

THE EXPEDITION TO NEWBERN. From the Goldsboro Journal, 10th May.

We (the Junior) returned on Sunday morning from the "front" at Newbern, whither we had been to see and record the result of the expedition commanded by Maj Gen R F Hoke. The result is now generally known, and in the few remarks we ourpose making, it is our intention merely to record a few details.

The main body of Gen Hoke's troops encamped on the north side of Trent river on Wednesday night, the 4th inst. Before going into camp, however, a force was sent to Deep Gully, from which three companies of Yankees were quickly ejected. On Thursday morning the troops crossed to the south side of the river and early in the afternoon arrived on the south side of Newbern.

The main body was preceded by our cavalry under command of Brig Gen Dearing. They crossed Brice's Creek in two bedies-at Evan's Mill and at a point higher up, nearly opposite Croatan staion. At the former place they encountered a omewhat formidable block house with necessary outworks, garrisoned by fifty to one hundred Yankees, who immediately opened on our cavalry with one piece of artillery. They fired but two shots when one of our batteries was put into position and vigorously replied. One more shot from the Yankees and they fled, taking their gun with them but leaving one of their number pierced through the head by a musket ball from the cavalry. At the latter crossing the chemy's pickets were encountered and four of them captured. The advance columns shortly afterwards passed over by Evans' Mill uninterrupted.

Gen. Dearing has made an attempt to cut off the train going down from Newbern to Morehead City, but in consequence of an unexpected delay in cutting his way through a swamp, was too late. He then turned his attention to the destruction of

of smoke too truly attested. He next pushed forward to Creatan where he found a considerable fort or block-house garrisoned by a pretty heavy force. He had this work surrounded and then made a demand for its surrender, in terms more emphatic than polite.

They refused, however, and a section of artillery was immediately applied for to Gen Hoke--the jaded horses, we presume, not being in a fit condi-tion to "storm" the works. Before the artillery arrived, however, the Yankees surrendered to the horsemen. Fifty-nine prisoners were taken with their arms, accoutrements, &c. On our side nobody hurt.

Whilst this was going on, the main body was pushed on towards the railroad along the road leading from Evans' Miil. The exploits of Gen. Dearing had by this time attracted the enemy's

open up to ourselves and our children a highway to national greatness and individual happiness.

Our soldiers in the field have done their whole duty, and nobly sustained our cause in the mider of rrivations, dangers and death-every thing has been accomplished by them that military skill and personal valor could do, and the God of battles on many bloody fields has been pleased to enable them to triumph over their haughty and vainglo-rious foes. We have no fears, but in the future as in the past, they will be found at their posts. with stout hearts and strong arms and unconquer. able wills, driving back the invader and teaching them by many bloody lessons, how vain is the ef fort to conquer those who are determined to be free. Then, cheer and encourage the soldier-let no words of despondency and discontent reach him from home. Let him have no enemy in the rear, he has enough in front to engage his whole attention. Whenever it is in your power, send him from home articles of food and clothes, with words of encouragement and confidence-these will be appreciated by him far above their real value, as kind mementoes from those he loves and for whom he is standing nuawed on the bloody frontiers of our land.

We have duties at home which ought to claim our attention in these times of excitement and distress, and the first of these duties is the maintenance of good order and the supremacy of the law. We deem it to be the duty of every eit. izen to lend his personal influence to preserve peace and quiet and good order in the country. and bring all offenders against the law to justice. We likewise deem if to be the duty of all who have a surplus of the necessaries of life, to distribute among those who are in need, and to relieve the wants of the distressed as far as possible. It would be a shame to our country and justly subject us to reproach, if we should permit any one to suffer with hunger, if there is enough of the railroad, with a success which dense columns food in the country to supply the wants of all, Humanity, charity and kindness are debts which we owe to one another at all times, but more es. pecially in those evil days through which we are passing.

We deem it to be the duty of all loyal and true men to sustain and encourage our authorities with the support and confidence of the country. No doubt that they often fail to accomplish all that we may expect, and may sometimes do things of which we disapprove. But we should remember that imperfection is the lot of humanity, and that the best devised schemes often miscarry; and where honesty of purpose, industry and energy are all employed in the public service, by men whose all, as well as our all is at stake, they are entitled to our confidence, and should be exempt from captions and frivolous objections to their confuct and actions. In the last place, we should al feel our dependence on and acknowledge our obligations to Almighty God. We have looked to foreign nations for intervention and aid. We have looked to divisions among our enemy, with the hope that they would produce diversions in our favor, but our past experience has shown that we have been leaning upon broken reeds. Our only dependence is upon God and ourselves. We have had many tokens of His favor in times past, which we acknowledge with gratitude, and if we commit ourselves with humanity and faith to His guidance, and penitently implore His aid we have no doubt He will carry us safely through. Nor do we deem the occasion inappropriate to tender to his Excellency Z. B. Vance our noble and patriotic Governor, our grateful acknowledgements and sincere gratitude for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office. Especially do we regard his efforts in providing for the real wants and substantial comforts not only of the soldiers and their families of our own county, but of the whole State, as being beyond all praise.

posed that Grant now intends to make Fredericksburg his base.

to recross the river to Culpeper if they wish. and he was in full retreat to the cover of his forti-Stuart was yesterday engaged with the cnemy on fications. our right, and it was reported he was compelled to give back until Hampton joined tim, when he Major-General Wadsworth, of New York, killed, forced the enemy to retire

The enemy's losses thus far are estimated at 18,by is reported killed. Twenty-four hundred priteen hundred, chiefly in tront of Hill and Longing to bury our own and the Yankee dead.

Mosby captured two wagon trains, heavily la- iner, 9th den, and borses attached, near Martinsburg, on Thursday.

From the Richmond Enquirer of the 10th.

ORHNGE C. H., May 7, 1864.

I telegraphed to you last night of the result of the fight yesterday, with some casualities among the prominent officers. The enemy, after crossing at Ely and Germanna, were harassed by our cavalry until they made the attack on our infantry On Thursday the gallant Rosser, with his command, encountered and drove back three brigades of the enemy's eavalry, but suffered severely on account of the disparity of numbers. The fight occurred on the "Catharpen Road," and was witnessed by a large number of ladies, reside ts of the vicinity, who emerged from the houses, and greatly exposed themselves for the purpose. An officer who witnessed it expresses surprise that several were not killed.

Y a have already heard that the enemy attacked our infantry in the centre Thursday, about 5 meroing This continued until about 10 A. M., when it was again resumed in the afternoon with the same result as on the previous day. The attack began on the left, but being driven back, they made an effort to turn our right wing, but with as little success.

The slaughter of Yankees has been immense, but ours has also been very severe, including many valuable officers. The character and face of the ground is such, that while little artillery has been brought into play on either side, our officers were compelled to go in the fight on horseback, and thus became conspicuous marks for the enemy's sharpshooters At this writing Gen. Longstreet is en route here in an ambulance, and will probably go to Lynchburg, where his wife is. It is a singular coincidence that Generals Longstreet and Jackson were both wounded by our own men, at the same locality, and in the opening battle of the campaign of the last and present year

Our wounded are constantly coming is from the f. id. It is singular that most of them are wounded in the arms and hauds, and that the large mafority of wounds are slight. Surgeons say they have never, on any previous occasion, seen so large a proportion of slightly wounded. Many will soon be ready for service again, and about four

but the enemy is said to have two fords by which heard for miles. They had repulsed the enemy, present. Passengers report that we saved half of The enemy also advanced on our left centre and were put into position by the side of the railroad

Even by our accounts, the Yankees have lost troops.

and Major-Generals Seymour and Shaler captured. Wadsworth was a prominent citizen of New York, 000 Ours will reach 7,000 The Yankee Gen- and once ran for the Mayor of that city, and was fell back without disorder before a force that complicated and deceptive. A demonstration in eral Hayes is certainly killed. Wadsworth is subsequently a candidate for Governor, in opposiwounded and a prisoner; he may recover. Ogles- tion to Governor Seymour. Gen Seymour is said to be the same man who commanded the expedivates and one hundred commissioned officers thus | tion in Florida, and who created such bluster with far have been registered here, not including the his negro troops. It is reported also that Major-Yankee wounded, of which we captured some fif- General Foster, of North Carolina notoriety, has Bushrod Johnson was the senior Brigadier in combeen captured. It is plain that the Yankees have street on Friday. Our men began yesterday even- suffered terribly in this battle, and that Grant's ar- Gen D H Hill was on the ground, and seemed to my has been badly worsted .- Richmond E.cam. court the most dangerous positions.

MOVEMENTS of THE ENEMY BETWEEN PETERS-BURG AND RICHMOND.

From the Petersburg Express of the 7th

Sharp fight at Port Walthall Junction .---- A sharp fight occurred at Port Walthall Junction on the afternoon of the 6th, commencing at 5 and concluding at 6 o'clock, which resulted in a decided repulse of the enemy. Port Walthall Junction is on the railroad, five miles from Petersburg and two from Swift Creek Bridge. At 5 o'clock two Brigades of the enemy, which moved out from Bermuda Hundreds sometime during Thursday night, and were slowly and cautiously advancing during Friday, attempted to cross the field of Mrs Howlett's farm, immediately at the Junction, but were met with a deadly fire from six hundred of the 21st and 25th South Carolina volunteers, commanded by Col Graham. Three times the enemy essayed to reach the railroad, coming with a yell, but our men, unawed by such music and unintimidated by such apparent ferocity, met them with a P. M. and that the fight continued at intervals steady fire, causing them to recoil and stagger until night, the enemy being repulsed at all points. from the bloody reception. They finally retreatwith heavy loss on both sides Gen. Lee occupied ed in some confusion, and retired about a mile and the field Thursday night, and the enemy renewed a half distant, in the direction of Port Waltball the attack ten minutes before 5 o'clock Friday landing. The disparity of numbers was too great for us to pursue, but a gentleman present informs us that he never witnessed more gallant conduct on the part of any troops than was displayed by the intrepid South Carolinians.

The enemy had artillery, but used it with poor ffect. Our casualties were 25-two killed and twenty-three wounded. We had no artillery. Repulse of the Enemy on the Blackwater.-A body of Yankce cavalry, under the command of Blackwater river yesterday, at Broadwater Bridge, | pending attempt. near Ivor. They were handsomely repulsed by a portion of Gen Clingman's brave North Carolina troops, and retired out of sight. Our scouts from that section report this body of cavalry as being quite formidable in numbers-some estimating it as high as 3,000. At last accounts they were heading around towards the source of the Blackwater in Prince George, and may endeavor to effect a junction with the enemy now at City Point. We fear that the Sussex and Prince George people will suffer greatly from the depredations of

these vandals. An Auspicious Beginning -We have great cause

ably, as was never before known in this war-the same regiment, is reported wounded in the arm being in ambush, killed and wounded thirty of our Yankees gave way and were soon in full retreat. and thigh. Gen Barton had a horse shot under men. Gen Wheeler's escort then drove the ene-Ewell holds the road leading to Germanna Ford, Here arose yells from our men which might be him. I am unable to learn further particulars at my back, with our loss avenged.

just arrived.

Signed.

front.

our wounded. The Yankees were commanded by were repulsed. Gilmore. Fifty-nine prisoners were taken by our ! A column of cavalry advanced toward Resaca

LATER -A person just from the battle field other side by Griggsby's gallant brigade.

says that Barton's brigade lost about twenty killed and one hundred and fifty wounded, and that it wards Rome. The enemy's manœuvres so far are the damage. proved to be of very superior numbers. The encmy cau do nothing against Drewry.

From the Richmond Enquirer of the 11th.

mand, and behaved with much coolness.- Lient Our loss in killed and wounded was about one

hundred and fifty or two hundred at the farthest, and we lost very few, if any prisoners.

The enemy's loss was represented, by the prisoners we captured, to be very heavy-not less than 2.000.

An intelligent servant who was held by the enemy at Mrs Dunn's, says that the officers and surgeons stated that their loss was 1,500 in killed and wounded.

The number of the enemy engaged was twelve or fifteen thousand.

Taken altogether, this is one of the most brilliant and successful fights that has taken place during the war. Too much praise cannot be awarded the South Carolina troops. They have covered themselves with glory.

In the engagement on Friday our troops were confronted by greatly superior numbers, but they held their ground manfully, and completely checked the enemy's advance. In this engagement we only had parts of two regiments engaged, viz : the 21st and 25th South Carolina Volunteers-but weak as they were, they were more than a match for the overwhelming Yankee force that were brought against them.

Our forces were commanded by Col Graham, of the 21st South Carolina Volunteers, of General Hagood's brigade, who behaved with conspicuous bemarle reports, that in her late fight with the gallantry.

The Richmond Sentinel of the 11th. says : The struggle on the south of the James has been relieved of all solicitude as to the result. It will not be amiss to say, for the public satisfaction, that Gen Beauregard, with a sufficient force, is now convenient enough to the field of operations to make us masters of the military problem. We trust we only one man wounded, and with a slight damage shall, in addition to the establishment of our securi- to the beat, which a few days will repair. The the notorious Col Spears, attempted to cross the ty, be able adequately to punish the enemy for his severest loss on our side was the sinking of the

> CAPTURE OF ONE OF THE ENEMY'S GUNBOATS Raleigh Confederate. IN JAMES RIVER .- During the afternoon of Saturday the agreeable news came that we had captured one of the enemy's gunboats in James river, but being pursued by the enemy's iron-clads, our men had been compelled to blow her up. On inquiry at headquarters, we were obligingly furnished with the following official dispatch from the officer commanding at Chafin's Bluff :

" CHAFIN'S BLUFF, May 7.

"I have the honour to report that Major gunboats in the Sound, at the mouth of the river to be thankful for the auspicious beginning which Stark hes just dispatched to me that one of the (Roanoke) waiting her approach. A most furious

attention and their railroad monitor was sent out to check our advance. Cen Hoke now ordered

forward a number of pieces of his artillery which Between these guns and the Yankee railroad monitor a spirited duel ensued, lasting for about one this morning, and were repulsed four miles the hour. Amongst the artillerymen on our side no injury was done to man, horse, gun or caisson. A column of infantry is reported marching to- On the part of the enemy we could not ascertain

During the progress of the duel, a fort on the river side, towards the mouth of Brice's Creek, Later reports say that the enemy made several heavy | threw a number of heavy shells in the direction of attacks on Johnston's troops and each time were re- the artillery, and the point at which the infantry THE BATTLE AT PORT WALTHALL .- Brig Gen pulsed. The enemy finally retreated, leaving many of was held in reserve. From this fire we suffered to the extert of five men killed and some twelve or thirteen wounded.

During the progress of the firing, Gen Hoke re-Dalton, May 9 .- The entire cavalry command of connoitered the works of the enemy and pronounced Col. LaGrange, composed of troops from Indiana them "pretty strong."

and Wisconsin, were captured near Varnell's sta-Next morning a demand was sent in by flag of tion to day by Gen. Wheeler. Col. LaGrange had truce for the surrender of the town. This request two horses shot under him. The prisoners have was politely declined, after a delay of three hours, and, as had already been decided upon, our troops A heavy cannonading is in progression on our then began to move off-their presence, in the language of the Yankee telegram announcing the evacuation of Washington, being required elsewhere. The retreat was conducted without the WILMINGTON, May 9.-Commander Cook, with slightest interruption, our men, however, being

the iron-clad Albemarle, engaged nine of the enc- much disappointed in their desire to drive the last my's gun-boats in Albemarle Sound on the 6th, Yankee from the State. and sunk one and disabled two. The fight lasted The question is much discussed by outsiders from 4 o'clock, p. m. till night. The following whether we could have captured Newbern, had official despatch has been received at headquarters: | time been afforded. We cannot really say. The WELDON, May 8 .- To Gen Sam Jones : Gen troops know they could, but we don't. The Al-Martin reports, on the 6th inst., from Plymouth, bemarlo should have been up to assist them on that the iron-clad Albemarle, with the enemy's Thursday night or Friday morning, but she did raised gunboat Bombshell, encountered yesterday, not come. With her we think the Yankees would at 4 p. m., two monitors from the mouth of the have been "dug out;" without her the attempt Roanoke, and nine of the enemy's gunboats, three | was very properly not made, and there the matter very large, from the blockading squadron. The must rest so far as our opinion is concerned.

The cause of the non-arrival of the iron-clad fight lasted till night. He sunk the largest gunboat of the enemy, and disabled at least two others. Albemarle is briefly this. On the 6th she passed without serious injury to the Albemarle, but lost down the Roanoke and within nine miles of its mouth encountered nine Yankee gunbonts. An engagement ensued, lasting during the whole afternoon, in which she sunk one gunboat, crippled THE IRON-CLAD .-- One of the crew of the Al three and run off the remainder, not, however, before they had captured her tender, the Bombsbell, laden with coal, &c. This compelled the Albemarle to return to Plymouth for another tender to insure her fuel, and this delay caused her nonappearance amongst the Yankce craft at Newbern. The Bombshell was a small Yankee transport recently captured at Plymouth. The Albemarle was not hurt.

We marched with our troops from Kinston to Newbern and back, and it gives us great pleasure to bear testimony to their spirit and discipline. Bombshell which had been captured by our forces Heavy marches of twenty-two and twenty-five miles at Plymouth, and was Tender to the Albemarle,-were accomplished without scarce a murmur, over dry, dusty roads, ill supplied with water. When

THE FIGHT OF THE ALBEMARLE .- The fight it is remembered that most of these men had then of the Albemarle ironclad near the mouth of the been marching for over twenty days, with sore and Roanoke River would appear to have been a most blistered feet, the patience of the brave fellows desperate affair-much more so, in fact, than most may be fully appreciated. We heard but one of our people have had any idea of. This will be murmur, and that was very general amongst men made apparent by the statement of a few facts and officers, and that was that they had to endure communicated to us in a private letter from Ply- so much suffering and fatigue without being permouth. The Albemarle started on the afternoon mitted to "finish the job." With such troops, of the 6th instant from Plymouth-her destination what may not be accomplished.

it is not now necessary to state. She found nine From the Greensboro' Patriot. ADDRESS OF GRAND JURORS.

G. T. BEAUREGARD.

The foregoing resolutions were unanimously adopted by the grand jury.

P. C. SMITH, Foreman.

[The above capital address is worthy of the consideration of the people of the whole State.

Common School Committee men.

At a meeting of the Board of Superintendents of
Common Schools for Mecklenburg county, the follow-
ing persons were appointed Committee-men in the sev-
eral Districts for the ensuing year:
Dist No. 1 C Overman J M Springs W J Haves

his	t. No	b. 1-C Overman, J M Springs, W J Hayes.
	44	2-J H Wilson, J H Carson, R M Jamison.
	55.1.1	3-B C Youngblood, Saml Knox, J P Mellon.
	42	4-J S Neely, Rich'd Smith, Raudolph Irwin.
	44	5-Jes Knox, R H Swan, I J Price.
	64	6-Z A Grier, A G Neel, T P G Faries.
	14	7-N B Taylor, J L Porter, G C Neel.
	84	8-Wm Suggs, A F Sadler, Wm Clark.
	4	9-Thos Hoover, E T McCord, W S Norment.
	16	10-R A Rozzell. P Cahill, Sidney Abernathy.
	n	10-R A Rozzen. P Canin, Siency Abernatoy.
		11-J M Potts, W K Bowden, J R Williamson.
	847	12-F G Simrell, Pringl Grier, J M Strong.
	65	13-Wm Marshall, W. Montgomery, WL Hoover
2	46	14-D McGee, J Y Reid, D F Glenn.
	48	15-T B Price, G W Williamson, B R Smith.
1	e 64	16-D F Cowan, C E Bell, S B Griffith.
	44-	17-M L Wallace, B F Morrow, Jas Hennigan.
	44	18-J B McDonald, Jno Cathey, A H Todd.
	46.	19-S J Farris, Ira Alexander, J C Nicholson.
	36	20-A A Kennedy, Jos A Frazier, Jas McLure.
	44	21-Rich'd Elliott, J C Frazier, Jas Prim.
	14	22-W P Little, Jas Henderson, A Wilson.
	44	23-A A Alexander, S C Pharr, Dr J I Wilson.
	44	24-W A Sample, Thos Gluyas, J F Harry.
		24-W A Supple, The Onlyss, or Harry.
	11	25-A B Davidson, R F Blythe, E C Davidson.
		26-J R Gillespie, J D Irwin, Rich'd Beard.
	24	27-R H Johnston, Wm Patterson, W G Potts.
	\$4	28-Hiram Hall, E P Hall, R J W Knox.
	35	29-B Cashon, Arthur Armor, Jas P Henderson
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-	44	31-W M Stinson, Wm Caldwell, W A Dewese.
	44	32-J C Hood, G W Houston, Saml Caldwell.
	28	33-H M Hunter, Rev J D McLaughlin, II Grier.
	24	34-Rev R H Lafferty, Thos Trotter, JA Cannon
	24	35-E P Cochran, J A Query, Silas Caldwell.
	44	36-Dr T C Neel, Edwin Alexander, John Allen
	44	37-Isaac Mason, Jas Flow, N Monteith.
	42	38-H Galloway, Jas Query, W B Cochran.
20	-11	39-D W Barnet, D T Thomason, Aud. Hunter
	84	40-R L DeArmond, N S Alexander, B F Me-
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	14	Whorter
		41-Jno Ochler, Saml Garrison, Jno Walker.
	**	42- Philip Fisher, S B Hall, A J Hood.
	45	43-J J Orr, J M Wilson, Bobt Wilson, Sr.
	45	44-A I Hood, Win Beaver, D W Miller
	11	45-D W Flow, J M W Flow, A C Flow.
	4.6	46-J M Pyron, Saml Biggers, Thos Smith.
	44.	47-Wm Maxwell, J B Morris, J R Morris,

enemy's gunboats in Albemarle Sound, she sent three of them to the bottom. The attack was fierce and prolonged. The gunboats would pass up and down the Iron-clad and deliver their broadsides, while others, attached by a seine to each other, cudeavored to entangle her. But her gallant commander brought her safe through, having

"Maj T O Chesney, A A G. &c:

enemy's gunboats was attacked and disabled, and

hundred were detained here yesterday on that secount.

The Richmond Ambulance Committee arrived here at daylight, yesterday morning. Their services have been invaluable to the wounded; indeed, it would be difficult to estimate the service they have rendered since their arrival. But for the badge on their hats, it would be difficult to recognize some of them, so bespattered are they with blood and dust, from their constant and unremitting attention to the wounded. There is great need, as the committee say, of additional surgical assistance.

Thus for, General Ewell, who covered himself with glory yesterday, has borne the brunt, his corps having been engaged both days. The whole army, with few exceptions, have been more or less engaged, but a portion only at a time. Gen. Kershaw, of South Carolina also distinguished himself yesterday. At one time, a portion of the 3d corps manifested signs of giving way, when General Kershaw came up, rullied them and drove

in this section, where our city is so seriously menaced. At the only two points yesterday, where

our forces came in collision, we repulsed the insolent foe, and did it most satisfactorily. They came in overwhelming numbers, and expected by encompassing us that we would fall an easy prey into their hands. They thought that we were too weak to guard more than any one point, but in this, thanks to our vigilant commander, they have been disappointed. Wherever they have attempted to approach the city, there they have found the bayonets of the Confederates bristling and ready to receive them.

Heavy reinforcements, and they among the best and the bravest in the Confederate States, were arriving hourly yesterday and all through last night. Their sturdy shouts, as they passed through our streets, was indeed music, such as our people delighted to hear.

LATER.

From the Richmond Examiner, of Monday.

On Sunday the enemy, after being reinforced, the enemy handsomely. In fact, our officers and renewed his attempt to advance, and about twelve men generally, have behaved with great gallantry, o'clock, after some sharp skirmishing along the

then boarded and burned by our forces. Two boats, which lasted from 4 p. m. till dark. Three ironelads bore down on our forces, and they re- thousand six hundred shot were fired at the ironturned. No particulars given. No loss on our side.

A later dispatch, confirming the above, stated also that we had taken twenty-six prisoners. Later accounts give us some particulars of the capture of this gunboat. Soon after hearing of largest of her opponents which attempted to run the enemy's fleet ascending the James river, an her down, and disabled at least two more. No expedition, consisting of two companies of the City Battalion under Lieutenant-Colonel Elliott, began between the North and the South. Comand some artillery, in command of Major Stark, was sent down the river by Gen Hunton to see The Albemarle returned to Plymouth to repair what they could do in the way of harrassing and disabling the enemy's gunboats. After proceeding down the river some distance, somewhere in ton Journal. the vicipity of Curl's neck, some eight or ten miles

below Chafin's farm, they saw the Yankee gunboat. and our artillery opened lire on her with such re- wounded from North Carolina, belonging to the disabled. Our infantry acted as sharpshooters, 5th, and 6th divisions of Winder Hospital, north- can reduce us will be spared.

and as a Yankee head appeared on board they west of Hollywood Cemetery. Those from South

fight occurred between the Albemarle and the gun clad from about fifty guns. She was struck in about twenty places. The first shot of the enemy

broke off the muzzle of one of her guns, which rendered it useless except at short range. She fought mainly with one gun and sank one of the such fight on water has occurred since hostilities man in the State.

mander Cooke's report will be highly interesting. damages from which she could hardly be expected to escape in such a terrible encounter .- Wilming- religion, will all be preserved and handed down unimpaired to our children. If we fail, we will

be reduced to slavery, without mercy or compass-OUR SICK AND WOUNDED .- The sick and markable accuracy and effect that she was soon army of Northern Virginia, are in the 2d, 3d, 4th, humiliation and degradation to which their malice the office of the Chairman of the Board, where they

We confidently belive that success is within our would let him have it. They continued to pour Carolina, are in the 4th division of Jackson Hos- reach, and that by united and vigorcus efforts we conveniently can. their fire into her with such teirific rapidity and pital, southwest of Winder Hospital. ; can achieve our independence and freedom, and May 2, 1864

48-R B Wallace, P A Hodges, M B Wallace. We, the grand jurors, of the county of Guilford, 49-W Wallace, John Wolf, John Walker. at Spring Term, A. D. 1864, deem it not improp- 50-Leroy Phillips, Jos Blair, Wm McCombs.
51-W C Morris, J P McGinnis, E C Wallace er in us, coming as we do from every section of the 52-WP Robinson, RevR Z Johnston, W Taylor 53-I N Alexander, S H Kirkpatrick, S Wolf county, to address a few words of encouragement to our fellow-citizens throughout the country. 44 " 54-C Brown, J C Kirkpatrick, Stan. Sturgeon We look upon the successful issue of the pre-54-C Brown, D S Coffey, J R Cunningham 55-J C Ross, D S Coffey, J R Cunningham 56-H H Peoples, JB McLaughlin, JA Caldwell 57-Arthur Grier, Jno Reid, A G Reid sent war and the achievement of the independence of the Southern Confederacy as the great and par-58-J E Sample, Wm Rea, Wm McKee 59-Jas McLeod, W P Houston, J Sievens amount object which ought to take hold on the heart and soul and feelings of every man and wo-60-Jos Woodside, H D Ewart, Jas S Morris 61-L Hunter, Dr J W Ross, J B Stewart Every thing that we have and every thing that 62-Jno Rigler. W M Matthews, Dr M M Orr we hold dear is involved in the issue. If we suc-63-J L Brown, A C Williamson, E H Rritton ceed, our lives, our property, our liberty, and our " 64-S W Caldwell, Hend'r Query, R McConnell 65-Jno Beard, D O McRaven, E Alexander.

The law requires the School Committees, within one mouth after they are appointed, to report the number ion from our relentless foes, who by their past con- and the names of all children in their districts over six duct towards us, have abundantly shown that no | and under twenty-one years of age. They will call at will be provided with blanks. In my absence, Win Maxwell, Esq, will hand out the blanks. The committees will please make their reports as soon as they G. W. McDONALD, 'Chairman.