

The State Journal.

WEDNESDAY, September 3, 1862.

Public Document.—We return our thanks to Hon. A. H. Arrington, for a pamphlet copy of President Davis' message and valuable accompanying documents.

In the postal department, the receipts for ten months ending June 30, 1862, exceed those of the United States, for the same time, \$69,921, and the cost of service was reduced by the amount of \$1,515,823.

In the Treasury, up to the 1st of August, 1862, receipts were \$302,555,196 and the expenses \$228,748,890—the difference of \$73,806,306 being made up of various balances to the credit of disbursing officers, which are not yet paid.

Under these circumstances it will be necessary to change many of the plates and to make new issues. The changes would be more complete by dispensing with the variety of signatures by the same hand to the other notes.

A PATRIOTIC OFFICER.—Lieutenant James W. Drayton, of Edgecombe, formerly of Capt. Mayo's artillery company, like many other very excellent officers, failed to be re-elected by his company when it organized under the Conscript act.

This is an example worthy of imitation, and having heard of no other instance, we record this with special commendation.

DEATH OF HON. WARREN WINSLOW.—Many of our citizens were startled on Saturday morning last by the announcement that this distinguished member of our community had departed this life during the previous night.

GENERAL STUART'S LATEST BRILLIANT ACHIEVEMENT.—The Richmond Whig of Aug. 28, has the following account of General Stuart's late brilliant achievement:

On Friday last, Major General J. E. B. Stuart crossed the Rapidan river, at Wolfden's Ford, with about three thousand cavalry, and proceeded to Waterloo bridge.

VALLEYBIRMINGHAM SPEECH.—The last great speech of Vallandigham, says the Mobile Register, has exceeded the whole people of the West.

FROM THE UPPER RAPPAHANNOCK.—Intelligence from this section Thursday was very limited. The Enquirer learns from a gentleman who left Rapidan in the morning, that the result of the engagement at Salem, Fauquier county, near Cattlet's Station, on Tuesday, was the utter rout of the enemy.

The Conscript Bill.

The new measure for increasing the army is occupying the attention of Congress. In the Senate an addition or amendment to the former law has passed.

The object of this amendment is to cause to be enrolled every man between the ages of 18 and 35, without exception. The language of the law is as follows: We are glad to see that our militia officers will be compelled to take the field either as militia or as soldiers.

Whether the House of Representatives will be satisfied with this law will shortly be seen. The Senate has the question of substitutes before it. A very dangerous amendment was attempted to be put upon the bill—giving the owners of fifty negroes exclusive privileges over those not owning so many or none at all, under the plea that so large a body of negroes should not be left without a head.

The Battle of Cedar Run. A correspondent of the Richmond Enquirer, writes from Gordonsville, August 14, as follows: I send you a short note of the battle, fought on Saturday, the 10th of August, between our forces under Gen. Jackson, and the Yankees under Pope.

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FROM CUMBERLAND GAP.—The Knoxville Register of Saturday last, says the Federals are, by degrees, and in small parcels, evacuating Cumberland Gap, via the Harpersville and Kentucky, and that, unless they are about five to one the Yankees cannot allow themselves to be overtaken by our army.

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Vote of the State.

We publish to-day the detailed official vote of the State for Governor. It foots up:

Vance, 62,823; Johnston, 20,174. Vance's majority, 42,649.

At the first glance this may appear to be most extraordinary vote, when it is considered that some of the unscrupulous supporters of Col. Vance made the secession of the State and the war against the Yankees the chief issue.

Col. Vance has not received as many votes as Gov. Ellis got two years ago, by 6,840; nor yet as many as John Pool received (though he was beaten) by 800.

That one-third of the votes of the State had no hand in the contest, though a "Statesman" was involved. And that nearly one-half of the soldiers did not vote for the "hero."

Col. Vance will therefore take notice that the clique that put him into office and out of the army, are not the people of the State, do not compose a majority of them, and cannot keep him in office.

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From the Rappahannock.

The news from the army on and beyond the Rappahannock is meagre and conflicting, but highly encouraging. The Lynchburg Virginian of Saturday says: "Whilst we could get no positive information by the train last evening, we heard that a strictly private dispatch had been received to the effect that Jackson, Stuart and Trimble had gained a success more brilliant than any reported. The telegraph is under restraint, or we should have more."

Since writing the above, the Virginian has come into possession of information considered perfectly reliable, to the effect that Gen. Stuart, with his cavalry, had occupied Centerville and beyond.

A heavy force under Gen. Trimble occupied Manassas Station, having taken a large amount of commissary and quartermaster's stores. A large number of prisoners have also been captured.

Reports from different sources seem to confirm the capture of 2,000 negroes by Jackson, who is said to be near Salem. Some of the negroes are said to be runaway from Lynchburg.

The Lynchburg Republican of Saturday has cheering intelligence from our army in Fauquier up to Friday night. A signal victory by Jackson over a portion of the Yankee vandals near Waterloo is confidently proclaimed.

The Lynchburg Virginian of Monday says: "Passengers by the Orange train Saturday night brought rumors of three severe engagements between the forces of Gen. Ewell and the enemy at Bristow Station, on Friday. It is represented that in the two first we gained no advantage, but in the third our forces achieved a splendid success, whipping the enemy very badly and capturing several thousand prisoners."

There are also reports of a severe battle at or near Bristow station, four miles this side of Manassas, on Friday, between the division of General Ewell and the enemy. General Ewell is reported to have been twice driven from his position with severe loss, but being reinforced, finally drove the enemy from their position, capturing several batteries and five thousand prisoners.

Reports vary as to the locality of this fight, one placing it at Bristow Station and the other at or near the Plains, on the Manassas Gap Railroad. If the fight really occurred, as stated, we are of the opinion that the latter is the correct location.

THE FOLLOWING DISPATCH WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT DAVIS THIS EVENING, ABOUT 6 O'CLOCK: HEADQUARTERS, N. W. VA., GROVETON, AUG. 30, 10 P. M. (Via Rapidan Sept. 1st.)

THIS ARMY ACHIEVED TO-DAY, a signal victory on the plains of Manassas, over the combined forces of Generals McClellan and Pope. On the 28th and 29th, each wing under Generals Longstreet and Jackson repulsed, with valor, attacks made on them separately.

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF OUR GALLANT DEED IN every conflict, yet our gratitude to Almighty God for his mercies rise higher each day. To Him; and to the valor of our troops, a nation's gratitude is due. (Signed) R. E. LEE.

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Capture of a Railroad Train Between Winchester and Harper's Ferry.

On Wednesday week Captain Baylor's company of cavalry, under the command of Lieutenant House, was ordered from camp at Harrisonburg, to Mount Jackson, in Shenandoah county, for the purpose of performing picket duty at that point.

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