

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

From Gen. Lee's Army.

ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA.

Jan. 6th 1864.

Standing on the threshold of the new year, I am deeply imbued with love for our cause, and deeply anxious to contribute according to our humble mite whatever may lie in our power to insure its final success.

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and their right administration, sanctioned by Heaven for success, than to spasmodic and class legislation, to carry us through the perils that environ us.

One word more and I have done, for I shall submit no observations on the currency for the reason that I am not enough of a financier to say anything that would be valuable.

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Effect of Light.—A tadpole confined in darkness would never become a frog; and an infant big deprived of heaven's free light would only grow into a shapeless idiot.

We wonder if every body who smug themselves under warm blankets at night ever say their prayers in that position, and if they remember, in their prayers, the blanket sleepers around Dalton?

For Sale or Rent. Notice.—Will be sold on Monday, the 15th day of February next, at the residence of the late E. J. Green, next to the residence of the late E. J. Green, next to the residence of the late E. J. Green.

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Miners Wanted.—Wanted immediately at Lockville, in Chatham county, N. C., a number of good Miners, who understand working Copper Mines.

Dr. D. F. Arrington Respectfully offers his professional services to the citizens of Raleigh and surrounding country in the practice of Operative Dentistry and treatment of the various diseases of the mouth pertaining to the Dental Structure.

Taken up and committed to the Jail of Lenoir county, on the 19th of July, last, a negro boy aged about 11 or 12 years, who says his name is Calvin, and that he belongs to Samuel Woodley of Washington, N. C.

Mendenhall & Jones. GREENSBORO, N. C. Have on hand, and to arrive, the following desirable goods, which they offer at prices to suit the times, either wholesale or retail.

Hillsboro Military Academy. The Sixth Academy term of this institution will commence on Wednesday, February 3rd, 1864.

Almanacs! Almanacs!—The subscribers will offer for sale in a few days, the Southern Almanac for 1864.

A Wet Nurse Wanted.—I want to hire a good Wet Nurse for next year, her services to commence Dec. 30th, 1863.

Caroline Belle Snuff. 1500 TO 2000 BOXES MORE. At the earnest solicitations of our many patrons, we have been induced to manufacture about 1500 boxes of our snuff.

Executive Department (N. C.) ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Raleigh, Dec. 15th, 1863. GENERAL ORDER. THE FOLLOWING ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of North Carolina is published for the information of all concerned:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That neither the Governor of this State, nor the officers acting under an act ratified on the 7th day of July, 1863, 63, entitled "An act in relation to the Militia, and a Guard for Home Defense," shall call out for drill or muster the persons enrolled under said act of 1863, or once a month in company drill, or of ten or more than twice a year in battalion drill, which battalion drills shall take the place of the company drills for the month in which they are appointed, unless when called into actual service to repel invasion or suppress insurrection, or to execute the laws of the State.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, That the Governor shall have the power to use the Guards for Home Defense for the purpose of arresting conscripts and deserters; Provided, they shall not be ordered to any duty beyond the limits of the counties in which they reside or the counties adjacent thereto.

Section 3. Be it further enacted, That in addition to the commissions contained in the act to which this is an amendment, there shall be from county commissioners appointed under an act entitled "An act for the relief of wives and families of officers in the army," regular millers, blacksmiths, shoemakers, saddlers, and other necessary trades in factories and foundries, the Attorney General, Solicitors of the several circuits and counties, physicians of five years' practice, contractors with the State or Confederate government, one editor to each newspaper and the necessary compositors, mail carriers, professors in colleges and teachers in academies; Provided, that this exemption shall not apply to the drills specified in this bill and not to service when the Guard for Home Defense is called into the field.

Section 4. Be it further enacted, That for failure to attend at battalion or regimental drill each field officer shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars, each Captain and other officers who shall fail to muster and drill their companies the times appointed, shall forfeit and pay for each failure fifty dollars, and if a non-commissioned officer or private shall fail to attend at any drill, he shall forfeit and pay not less than five nor more than twenty dollars for each failure; and every absentee shall be allowed until the next muster to make excuse. The fines shall be adjudged by regimental and company courts martial, and judgments are to be entered up and the fines collected in the same manner as in accordance with the provisions of the Military Law of North Carolina, passed at the second extra session of the General Assembly, 1862.

Section 5. Be it further enacted, That the Surgeon General by and with the advice and consent of the Governor, may appoint surgical boards, not exceeding three, composed of two physicians each, to examine and certify to the physical condition of every person who shall be exempt from service under the act to which this is an amendment, on account of mental or physical disability, and they shall report to the Adjutant General. That when the pressure of public danger shall not prevent the observance of such a rule, the said Guard for Home Defense shall not be called into service en masse, but a convenient number of men from each convenient company, so as to make up the aggregate force required.

Section 6. Be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force and take effect from and after its ratification, and the provisions hereof shall be read three times and ratified in General Assembly, this 14th day of December, A. D. 1863. R. S. DONNELLY, S. H. C. GILES MEMBERS, S. C. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. I JNO. P. H. RUSSELL, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in this office.

Notice.—On the first day of every month I shall send a special agent to the Army of Northern Virginia. All packages, etc., sent to me at this place will be promptly forwarded free of charge. EDWARD WARREN, Dec. 22, 1863-43m Surg-Gen'l N. C.

Headquarters Examining Board, 1st and 2nd Congressional Districts, Tarboro, N. C., Dec. 4th, 1863. The undersigned, Chairman of the Examining Board for the 1st and 2nd Congressional Districts of North Carolina, hereby appoint the following times and places for the examination of Conscripts of the following counties:

- 10th N. C. Militia—Williamston, Martin county, Tuesday, December 16th.
11th N. C. Militia—Windsor, Bertie county, Friday, December 18th.
12th N. C. Militia—Windsor, Bertie county, Saturday, December 19th.
13th N. C. Militia—Surfresboro, Hertford Co., Monday, December 21st.
14th N. C. Militia—Jackson, Northampton Co., Wednesday, December 23rd.
15th N. C. Militia—Tarboro, Edgecombe Co., Saturday, December 26th.
16th N. C. Militia—Tarboro Edgecombe Co., Monday, December 28th.
17th N. C. Militia—Greenville, Pitt county, Wednesday, December 30th.
18th N. C. Militia—Snow Hill, Greene county, Saturday, January 2nd.
19th N. C. Militia—Kinston, Lenoir county, Wednesday, January 5th.
20th N. C. Militia—Wilson, Wilson county, Wednesday, January 6th.
21st N. C. Militia—Halifax, Halifax county, Thursday, January 7th.
22nd N. C. Militia—Halifax, Halifax county, Friday, January 8th.

Chief Enrolling Officer, 1st and 2nd Congressional Districts, Tarboro, N. C., Dec. 4th, 1863. Enrolling Officers (or the commanding officers of Militia Regiments, in the counties in which there are no Enrolling Officers) will enroll all white males between the ages of 18 and 45 years, who have their respective names (whether previously exempt or not) and consent thereon to appear at the above times and places for examination. J. C. PIERCE, Captain and Chief Enrolling Officer, 1st and 2nd Congressional Districts, Dec. 5-10-11.

Provost Marshal's Office, Raleigh, Dec. 14th 1863. All persons residing in the City of Raleigh holding substitute papers will present the same at this office as early as possible for examination, as all irregular papers are to be sent to the Bureau of Conscription at Richmond, Va., for approval. SAMUEL WATKINS, Provost Marshal, Capt. & E. O. for City of Raleigh, Dec. 15-13-17

Physicians' Notice.—At a meeting of these Physicians practicing in the City of Raleigh, whose names are subscribed to this publication, held Dec. 13th, 1863, it was agreed that the enrollment of the 23d inst. was agreed to and determined upon. It is probable that the present Congress will extend the ages of conscription, and that it will authorize the conscription of all who have furnished substitutes.

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