

and if they have not what is needed, they will assist them to get it. Those in my neighborhood are doing as well as when their husbands were at home with them. There are too many men at home, speculating in provisions, corn, meat, flour, who ought to be in the front of the battle. The people talk of putting a stop to their trading. I should particularly, to the two horse speculation as they are called. Some, who, when the first call was made (the call for \$5) were 35 years of age, and at the call for \$40, discovered they were 41. Men who have deserted their fields—and left them to grow up in weeds—for the more profitable business of speculating in the necessities of life—in every thing. It is dangerous for a cock to crow or a hen to scratch, within their hearing—not that they would steal the eggs, Mr. Editor—I don't mean that—O no—but they will offer the owner such heavy prices for them, that it is impossible to resist them, and eggs and chickens become their property, to be sold at a tremendous advance.

There are ten or twelve thousand men in North Carolina, who ought to be conscripted. I mean the Militia Officers. I believe most of them are Speculators of the deepest dye. The Colonels, alone ought to be exempted. They can do all that is necessary, with the assistance of men from 45 to 50, who will gladly give them all necessary aid.

A FARMER.
THE WHEAT CROP.—Farmers from all parts of our country, and from surrounding counties, inform us that the growing wheat crop promises an abundant harvest. The oat crop too is looking well and, should nothing happen unfavorable, we may expect after harvest to have a full supply of food for both man and beast.

The reports from all parts of the Confederacy are very flattering and there is but little prospect that the Yankees will realize their hope of starving us into submission.

NEWS GENERAL AND STATE.

ROBBERY EXTRAORDINARY—A WARNING TO RAILROAD TRAVELERS.

The Savannah Republican relates the following particulars of a late robbery on the Georgia Central Railroad, which is fully up to the rascally spirit of the times: It appears that a gentleman from Sumter county was sitting for a supper at the Brown House, when a young man standing by observed that he had a considerable amount of money on his person. He soon commenced conversation with the stranger, ascertained that he was to take the Central Railroad cars that night, and expressed great satisfaction, as he was going that way himself. He became very cozy with his new and unwary acquaintance, went aboard the cars with him, and they took seats together. They chatted merrily along until the cars had passed Griswoldville, when the young man proposed to go to the hinder car, where he had left his carpet bag with a friend, and take a drink of liquor.

The Sumter county man, being "a little dry," readily consented. The two panicked out of the car whilst the train was going at full speed, and on reaching the platform and closing the door they were joined by a third party. The two, without warning, took violent hold of the stranger, evidently by preconcert, and dashed him from the train. The two rogues then quietly returned to their seats in the car. On reaching Gordon they left the train and footed back six miles to their victim, whom they found lying at the foot of the embankment with a ghastly wound across the face, his thigh broken, and wholly unable to offer any resistance. They went to work and robbed him of his pocket book containing \$1,000, his papers, knife, tobacco, and indeed everything except his clothing. The scoundrels then decamped, leaving him to his fate. Next day he was discovered and taken to Gordon, where medical assistance was called in and his family sent for.

Rice has fallen in Charleston from 20@22c. per lb. to 12@16c.

DECLINE IN GOLD.

Richmond, April 27.—Gold is heavy to-day and a Decline is from fifty to seventy-five cents. The premium on bank notes is also decidedly lower.

SAVED HER HUSBAND.—The Salem Press says: A soldier's wife, in Davie county, recently, one night, was aroused by some one attempting to rob her smoke house. She silently proceeded to the place and discovered a log removed where the rogue had entered, and quietly replacing and securing it, bagged the thief, and then raised the alarm.

DEATH OF A GALLANT OFFICER.—Major Henry McCracker, of the 8th N. C. T., died in Charleston on the 22d inst. He was aged 55, was a son of Gen. McCracker of Wilmington, and an estimable young man. We knew him well and know that he was much beloved. He was a good officer and held in high estimation by the 8th. His remains were buried in Oakdale Cemetery, Wilmington, on Friday last. [Progress, 30th.]

The Proclamation of Gov. Vance has had much more to do with the decline in flour and other articles than the funding of Treasury Notes. We learn that parties at Hillsboro who held flour a short time ago at \$50 and were very careless about sales, are now glad to get it off at \$40. There are large quantities of flour along the North Carolina Railroad in the hands of speculators and monopolists and if the government wants the article it could not do better than send an impressing agent that way. But for villainous speculators and forestallers flour would never have gone above \$16 or \$20. Monopolists have bought it up and kept it out of market and of course the price went up.—[Sul. Progress, 30th.]

THE SKIRMISH BELOW KINSTON—OUR LOSS

—Dr. LUTTERLOH KILLED, &c.
Goldensboro, April 28.—Three or four companies of the 56th N. C., were attacked yesterday at Gum Swamp, nine miles below Kinston by some six or eight thousand Yankees. Our boys fought them over two hours with the constancy and determination of veterans and only retired from their breast works when flanked and overpowered by numbers. Our loss is estimated at about forty killed, wounded and missing.

Among the killed in the brave Lieut. Lutterloh, of Fayetteville, of Capt. Lockhart's company, who died this morning of his wounds. The Yankees were expected to continue their advance this morning but evidently have not done so. Gen. Hill will give them a proper welcome when they come.

Inquest.—Yesterday, Coroner H. E. Perrin held an inquest over the body of W. C. Barber, found yesterday morning in the Cape Fear River opposite Mr. Beery's ship yard.

Mr. Barber fell overboard last week from the steamboat Grist, about four miles above town. Although a good swimmer he was drowned. It was on testimony that after falling in the river he came to the surface and called to those on board, "I am all right—back the boat." Whether his thick heavy boots and his clothes saturated with water, carried him down or whether some part of the boat struck him, could not be ascertained, at any rate he was seen no more, until the body was found yesterday and fully identified by his father, who lives on the margin of Waccamaw Lake, in Columbus county.

The verdict of the jury was "Accidental Drowning." [Wil. Daily Journal 24th.]

AN INCIDENT IN THE CARS.

In a car on a railroad which runs into New York, a few mornings ago, a scene occurred which will not soon be forgotten by the witnesses of it.

A person, dressed as a gentleman, speaking to a friend across the car said: "Well, I hope the war may last six months longer. If it does I shall have made enough to retire from business. In the last six months I have made a hundred thousand dollars; six months more and I shall have enough."

A lady sat behind the speaker and necessarily heard his remark; but when he was done she tapped him on the shoulder and said to him: "Sir, I had two sons, one of them was killed at the battle of Murfreesboro and the other at the battle of Manassas."

She was silent for a moment, and so were all around who heard her. Then, overcome by her indignation she suddenly slapped the speculator, first on one cheek, then on the other, and before the fellow could say a word, the passengers sitting near, who had witnessed the whole affair, seized him and pushed him hurriedly out of the car, as not fit to ride with decent people.

WHO IS HE?

The last Spirit of the Age, speaking of the profanity and drunkenness which have been produced or developed by this war, says:

"We heard a minister remark the other day, that he had an opportunity of making a fine speculation in whiskey, but he was afraid to engage in it lest it might offend some of the weak brethren. Little did he seem to think about the offence it would be to God, and the souls that would be sent to hell by the infernal spirit. Those solemn, awful consequences were not in his account. It was only the fear that his brethren might suffer with the pure and conscientious of his brethren whom he termed 'weak.' Now this minister we have always regarded and looked upon as a good man, and do still; but the greed for gain has so instilled itself into even some ministers of the gospel, that they have persuaded themselves that any sort of speculation is right and commendable. Alas, so we go! We wonder how this 'strong' brother would set about asking God's blessing upon his speculation in whiskey? We would like to hear that prayer."

Who is he? Let the public have his name. Such a minister may be a good man, it is barely possible that he is, but we do not believe he is. If the conclusions of our cotemporary are correct, as above set forth, then he is a bad man. Let the public know who this "wolf" is "in sheep's clothing."

CONFEDERATE STOCKS.—We learn that \$526,450 have been funded in Confederate Bonds, in this place, during the past 12 days. Up to the 22d inst., there was a perfect rush for eight per cent Confederate Bonds, and Mr. Williamson, the Depository, had just about as much work as he could manage. In addition to the above sum, about \$50,000 was sent from this section to Raleigh and elsewhere, before a Depository was appointed at this place.

At Raleigh about \$1,500,000 were funded; at Fayetteville \$500,000; at Greensboro \$800,000. At other points in this and adjoining States we hear of immense amounts having been funded. At Columbia, S. C., six millions of dollars were funded; at Petersburg, Va., three millions. Hereafter only 7 per cent Bonds can be obtained from the Depositories.

The withdrawal of such a large amount of money from circulation must have the effect of reducing prices throughout the country, and we hope it will have a tendency to stop speculation. The complaint has been that money was too plentiful; but we think the complaint will soon be that money is scarce.

It is a matter of congratulation that both here in the South and abroad, there is a decided increase of public confidence in the permanency of the Confederacy. It is well that it is so, for it is certain that if Confederate Bonds are not good, nothing that a Southern man has will be of any use to him. [Char. Democrat.]

AMOUNT TREASURY NOTES FUNDED.

In Montgomery, Ala., \$3,000,000; Columbia, S. C., 6,049,000; Petersburg, Va., 3,000,000; Augusta, Ga., 2,500,000; Columbus, do 1,407,300; Atlanta, do 1,284,000; Macon, do 1,000,000; Greenville, S. C., 1,000,000; Mobile, Ala., about 8,000,000.

The Senate, on the 23d, the Examiner says, confirmed as Generals, Samuel Cooper, Robert E. Lee, Joseph E. Johnson, and G. T. Beauregard; as Major Generals, Jubal A. Early and Isaac Trimble; as Brigadier Generals, William Smith (ex Governor,) and Prince Camillus Pögnac.

TORIES HUNG.

A letter from Jefferson, Ashe County, informs us that a notorious tyro named James Price, who has caused a great deal of trouble in the Western part of Ashe county, was caught last week, together with two of his sons and one of his nephews, and carried to Jefferson and delivered up to Capt. John Hartsog and some ten or twelve privates who were passing through the town in search of deserters. Capt. H. ordered the three young men to be confined in jail and had old Price, the father, carried out and hung. In the afternoon both citizens and soldiers became so much exasperated at the recital of the depredations committed by the ruffian gang that are lurking in the mountains, that they proceeded to the jail and took out one of Price's sons and his nephew and hung them also. [Charlotte Bulletin.]

Gov. Vance will renew his proclamation embargoing shipments beyond the State at the proper time.

TO THE PUBLIC.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED PRACTISING PHYSICIANS, OF ANSON COUNTY, are constrained by the high-prices of Medicines and the Necessities of Life, to advance our charges.

We will, from the 1st January, 1863, charge 50 cents per mile—with \$1.50 for Prescription and Medicine—extra for Quinine, Blistering, and costly Prescriptions, and 50 cents for each additional case. And we will require half yearly settlements, in January and July.

- Dr. W. C. RAMSAY,
- E. F. ASHE,
- WM. H. GLASS,
- H. Y. HOWZE,
- JOHN MCRAE,
- A. L. JACKSON,
- JAMES A. TILLMAN.
- C. B. COPPEDGE,
- WM. KENDALL,
- J. G. SMITH,
- J. C. SMITH,
- ALBERT MYERS,
- P. T. BEEMON,

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THE MURDER OF CAPT. FREEMAN.

A letter from a reliable gentleman in the army at Shellyville, gives the following particulars of the assassination of the noble and gallant Freeman:

"I wrote you in my last, an account of the assassination (as it may be truly called) of Capt. Freeman, commanding a battery in Van Dorn's command, and taken with a part of his battery, on the attack on Franklin, Tenn.

"Yesterday Gen. Polk sent a detachment of his cavalry to Van Dorn's camp, and on the 12th inst. the particular day when Capt. Freeman was killed, he and his subordinate officers, resolved to recapture the battery at all hazards. The Yankees, under the command of Capt. Freeman, refused obedience, and were killed by more than a hundred balls. The fact of this assassination immediately reached our men; and they instantly resolved, one and all, that no other prisoners, were to be taken—the black flag, in all its dreadful purport, was raised, and the gallant Freeman was avenged.

"I have it from an officer in Van Dorn's command, that not one prisoner was that day taken, and the hatred existing between our cavalry and that of the enemy has been greatly increased.

"Van Dorn is now anxiously, but patiently, awaiting the advance of Rosecrans' 20,000 Dutch, who have been recently repulsed, and that he may the more effectually command."

FROM FREDERICKSBURG.

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Our batteries replied, and the duel continued until dark. Reports of the firing were heard in the vicinity of Richmond.

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In Richmond on the 24th ult., Mr. R. E. Dixon, Clerk of the House of Representatives, was shot dead by R. S. Ford, of Kentucky, one of his assistants. The affair caused great excitement in the city. The verdict of the Jury of inquest was that the deceased 'came to his death by a pistol ball fired by Robert S. Ford, with intent to kill.' The evidence before the coroner showed a premeditated purpose on the part of Ford to kill Dixon. The cause was that Ford was discharged from his employ as 'journal clerk' in the House of Representatives, for neglect of duty. Ford demanded to be reinstated by a certain time. In the event he was not, Dixon was notified to prepare for a settlement on sight. The result was the homicide.

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Richmond, May 2.—A conflict occurred yesterday afternoon near Chancellorsville, between the advance brigades of Gen. Lee's army and the advance columns of the enemy, resulting in the Yankees being driven back several miles, with serious loss. Our loss about 100. Accounts from above of a cheering character, as to the spirit and position of our troops. Latest reports indicate that the Yankee cavalry have crossed the Central Railroad, in the vicinity of Hanover C. H., northeast of Ashland.

JACKSON, Miss., May 1.—Fighting began at Grand Gulf to-day. Enemy was repulsed. Battle renewed in the evening. Enemy took Wade's Va., battery, which was retaken, and they driven one mile from battle field.

TULLAHOMA, TENN., May 1.—Gen. Forrest met the enemy near Moulton, Ala., yesterday, and routed them in a hand to hand fight. Enemy in full retreat, and Forrest in full pursuit.

Richmond, May 2.—Congress adjourned, sine die, last night.

Highly Important from the Rappahannock.

ANOTHER GREAT BATTLE AT FREDERICKSBURG—STONEWALL JACKSON IN POSSESSION OF THE FORDS—CAPTURE OF FIVE THOUSAND PRISONERS—MORE COMING IN—RAID OF YANKEE CAVALRY FROM GORDONSVILLE.

Richmond, May 4.—The following official dispatch from Gen. Lee, has just been received. The fight was still going on at Fredericksburg. Gen. Jackson captured all the fords except Ellis, and has taken five thousand prisoners. More was coming in. Our troops are in good condition. None of the enemy are to be seen in Culpeper.

Some excitement was occasioned here this morning by a report brought by couriers that the Yankee Cavalry who were at Ashland yesterday are at Hungary Station this morning, within eight miles of the city. Their force is estimated at between two and three thousand. It is expected they will be captured or dispersed before noon.

OFFICIAL FROM GENERAL LEE.

ANOTHER GREAT VICTORY

FIGHTING JOE HOOKE RETREATING ACROSS THE RAPPAHANNOCK.

Richmond, May 4.—The following official dispatch from Gen. Lee, has just been received.

MILFORD, May 3.—To President Davis:—Yesterday Gen. Jackson penetrated to the rear of the enemy and drove him from all his positions, from the Wilderness to within one mile of Chancellorsville. He was engaged at the same time in front by two of Longstreet's divisions. This morning the battle was renewed. He was dislodged from all his strong positions around Chancellorsville, and driven back towards the Rappahannock, over which he is now retreating. Many prisoners were taken, and the enemy's loss in killed and wounded is large.

We have again to thank Almighty God for a great victory. I regret to state that Gen. Patton was killed, Gen. Jackson, severely; Gens. Heath and A. P. Hill, slightly wounded.

LATEST FROM THE SEAT OF WAR.

Richmond, May 4 P. M.—Nothing additional has been received from the seat of war since Gen. Lee's official dispatch. The Yankee cavalry have cleared out in the direction of Pamunkey River. The railroads will be repaired in a short time.

GOOD NEWS FROM ROME.

Just as we go to press, we learn that a private dispatch has been received from Col. G. W. Lee, stating that reliable news has been received that General Forrest has captured the entire Yankee force threatening Rome—numbering nearly two thousand. [Daily Commonwealth, 5th.]

PAY UP.

WHILE MONEY IS PLENTY, I WOULD BE pleased to see some of those old slow debts due the Estates of N. P. Liles and Elizabeth C. Liles, deceased, PAID, in Confederate or any other kind of money. E. R. LILES, Adm'r. Lilesville, May 5th, 1863—229-31

WANTED.

BY A YOUNG MAN, A SITUATION WHICH will afford reasonable compensation. He is not particular as to the nature of the business, so that it is respectable—whether it be outdoor or indoor. He will give satisfactory testimonials as to his qualifications, fitness, ability, &c., Address J. W. B. Ansonville, N. C. May 6th, 1863.

\$60 Reward.

RANAWAY FROM THE SUBSCRIBER, ON MON- day the 16th of March, my negro boy SAM. He is dark complexioned, medium height, 18 or 20 years old, and supposed to weigh about 140 pounds. He answers impudently when spoken to, and has a down look. He was raised by Mr. Leguel D. Bennett.

Also, on the 27th of April, my negro woman LIZ. She is yellow complexioned, 16 or 20 years old, weighs about 125 pounds and has an impudent look. She will probably be found about the premises of Mr. Henry Deberry; he owns her relations. A boy named Ben, hired of Mr. John Spence; left with the woman. He is of a black color, thick lip, medium height and size. He has a wife at Mr. Mial Wall's and is probably about there.

The woman and man, last mentioned, took with them a bundle of clothing &c. I will pay the above reward for said negroes delivered at High Mount, or confined in jail so I can get them, or \$20 for either. J. C. CARAWAY. April 29th, 1863—228-4

\$50 Reward.

I WILL PAY THE ABOVE REWARD FOR THE apprehension, confinement and delivery of my boy JACK, who ran away from me on the 18th of the present month. Said Jack is of a dark copper color, very quick when spoken to, five feet 10 or 11 inches high, weighs about 140 pounds and about 30 years of age. THOS. J. GARDY. Deep Creek, Anson co., N. C. April 28th, 1863—228-4