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Order in the tremendous advance in the price of paper, and the high price of provisions of every kind, we are compelled herewith to raise the price of Subscription to the ARGUS to \$2. We regret this, but there is no help for it.

LAUS DEO.

Once more our arms have been victorious over our enemy. Fighting Joe Hooker has, in imitation of McClellan and Burnside, attempted the "on to Rabunwood," and his attempt, like theirs, has been a miserable failure. We know not the extent of our loss—we look with fear and trembling—we long, yet dread to see the list of killed and wounded. We are thankful that Stonewall Jackson is spared to the army. If it shall please the God he serves to restore him speedily to health and strength, though he has lost an arm, he will again lead his victorious troops to new and more splendid victories, if necessary, to secure the independence for which he has so nobly and successfully contended. We have lost a brave and experienced General—in Praxton. Gens. Heath and A. P. Hill are reported slightly wounded. We hope it may be so. This battle has been severe upon our Generals. It may be owing to immoderate exposure of their persons, or it may have been the precision of the enemy's marksmen, placed in position with orders to pick off the officers. We hope it will not prove to be worse than has been represented. Let us be thankful that it is no worse. Let us be thankful that the God of Battles has again declared for us—that he has vouchsafed another evidence that he is on our side. Let us trust him, implicitly for the future. He is able, and willing, we doubt not, to make us ultimately triumphant, and he will do it, if we are faithful to him. O, how the hearts of the people of the Confederacy should palpitate with gratitude to the Great God who has given them so many manifestations of his love—every throeb should be a prayer—every emotion one of gratitude. Yet how many there are who do not see his hand in all these events—who see him nowhere, and who attribute everything to chance. May the eyes of such be opened—for they are walking in darkness—opened to the true light—that lighteth the world—not the material sun, but the light of truth as it is manifested in the Gospel of God's son.

Since the above was in type, we have received news of the killed and wounded in the 14th, and have not felt like writing. Will some one furnish us with the casualties of the 23d.

List of casualties in the 14th North Carolina Regiment, in the late battle near Fredericksburg, Va. This list is furnished by R. B. Horton, a member of Company C, and is correct, as far as it goes.

COMPANY "C."

Killed; Fred A. Buchanan; Sterling Smith.
Wounded; E. F. Fenton, in left arm, amputated six or eight inches from shoulder joint—doing well. A. S. Morrison, O. S., slightly, in leg. Henry Napier, severely, in both hands. Ed. Billingsley, in right foot. Neal Lemmons, slightly, in head. Peter Morton, contusion in hand. George Stanback, contusion. Jas. T. Smith, severely in hand. J. L. Smith, contusion. McCaskell, slightly, in thigh. D. J. Ewing, severely, in head, leg, and foot. W. H. Sanders, slightly, in face, between the eyes. James Brigan, severely, in face. M. McKay, pretty badly. Henry Sanders, slightly, in hand. J. A. Henry, contusion of brain—doing well. H. B. Carpenter, very slightly, in arm. Ed. J. Smith, contusion—breast—up and about. B. K. Thredgill, contusion of back. J. W. McGregor, flesh wound in left leg.

COMPANY "D."

C. W. Ray, contusion on thigh. Lt. L. L. Luay, contusion on arm. J. J. Lewis, contusion on shoulder.

COMPANY "E."

Hinton Mole, contusion on shoulder. Thomas Norwood, slightly in shoulder and side.

COMPANY "B."

Joseph H. Moore, slightly on shoulder. Sergt. C. Lewis, slightly, in face and shoulder. Cpl. C. B. Ellington, slightly, in thigh. Jesse Anderson, slightly, in right arm. C. M. Aldred, slightly, in left arm. E. G. Fitchett, contusion on back and breast. W. A. Sowers, contusion on left arm. J. C. Smith, slightly, in hand. B. F. Bennett, contusion in back.

COMPANY "G."

A. Young, contusion in shoulder. H. Beagg, slightly, in hand.

COMPANY "H."

J. M. Edder, slightly, in hand. Daniel Lefter, slightly, in hand. E. L. Linder, slightly, hand and arm. E. H. Howell, slightly, in hand. W. L. Hall, contu-

sion in side. Ivey Ritchie, slightly in head. L. E. Melcher, slightly in arm. W. R. Bunnage, slightly in arm. J. F. Carter, on hip, slightly. J. A. Ledy, slightly in arm. W. M. Baldwin, slightly in foot.

COMPANY "Y."

J. J. White, slightly in hand. A. G. Green, slightly in hand.

As far as ascertained, there were 127 killed and wounded in the 14th.

DAVENPORT FEMALE COLLEGE—LENOIR, CALDWELL COUNTY, N. C.—REV. A. G. STACY, PRESIDENT.

A change in the Schedule on one of the Roads requires that the Presidents leave Charlotte on Tuesday, May 26th, at about six o'clock, A. M., and Salisbury the same day at about half past one o'clock, P. M., instead of the time heretofore published. The Institution offers nearly every inducement to parents and guardians.

CAMP NEAR HAMILTON'S CROSSING, FREDERICKSBURG, April 30th, 1863.

You are all, no doubt, anxious to hear how we are getting along as far as the fight has progressed at present. Yesterday morning early, under cover of a heavy fog, the Yankees attempted to cross the river at two places, one above Fredericksburg, and the other below, near Deep Creek. Near this latter point three Regiments of our brigade were on picket—the 2d, 4th and the 30th—having been on since Sunday morning. The 14th did not go on with them, in consequence of having just been relieved from heavy provost duty near Bowling Green.

Daylight yesterday unmasked the operations of the enemy, and every thing in connexion with the Army was soon put in motion, and on the defensive. Our regiment was sent down to support the other regiments of the brigade; and soon after arriving in the neighborhood of the river was subjected to a pretty heavy shelling. During the progress of the shelling Capt. Cherry, of Co. A, (Roanoke Minute Men) was mortally wounded in the head, and notwithstanding a large portion of his brains has come through the fracture in his skull, he was, when I heard from him at sundown this evening, still alive. Claude Shankle, Orderly Sergeant of Co. H, (Stanly Marksmen) and private R. Ruth, of Co. K, (Raleigh Rifles) were also wounded in the head, but slightly. These are all the casualties thus far in the 14th. I learn that two persons were wounded to-day in the 30th, but I could not learn their names, or the companies to which they belong.

It rained pretty heavy from yesterday afternoon until near noon to-day. And but for this, no doubt the fighting to-day would have been somewhat heavier than it has been. As it is, if the Yankees have crossed in heavy numbers, as it is reported they have, they have remained very quiet under cover of the river bank, while their artillery remaining on the other side, have amused themselves by firing at every moving thing and object within reach of their shot or shell. This afternoon, however, they had something else to do than firing fancy shots. Our artillery, which had been silent until about noon, opened upon them, and for a time, particularly about sunset until dark, the firing was quite lively. As to-night promises fair weather, to-morrow there is every probability that a heavy battle will be fought. It is reported to-night that the Yankees would try a flank movement to-morrow, from the lower crossing, and we who are remaining behind in the camp have orders to be ready to burn everything at a minutes notice, and leave instantly.

The brigade was moved this evening from the line it originally occupied near the river to a point nearer Hamilton's Crossing. I went down to see the boys soon after they were moved, and found the boys all in good spirits.

EL RADY.

STILL DECLINING.—Flour sold in this place last week at \$20 and \$25 per barrel. Holders are beginning to disgorge, and some of them are terribly frightened. This week, (Monday,) \$15 per bbl. is the highest bidden.—Charlotte Democrat.

The Richmond Enquirer says: "Everywhere, from the Rappahannock to Florida, we have accounts of the rapid decline in prices of breadstuffs, meats, and all the articles of necessity which the speculators have been dealing in. The country is full of provisions."

ELLSWORTH NOT CAPTURED.—George A. Ellsworth, Morgan's telegraph operator, was not captured by the Yankees at McMinnville, as reported. He made his escape to the woods on crutches, and lay there until danger was past.

(For the Argus.)

RALEIGH, May 4th, 1863.

[We omit that portion of the letter which more particularly alludes to the communication of Mr. Beard, as enough has been said upon the subject.]
Mr. Edgson: For the satisfaction of myself, and also for the satisfaction of our friends in Anson, (as you know Anson is pretty well represented in the 43d regiment,) know that we have been staying around Greenville for sometime, and we have never come as near living without food as your correspondent, Mr. Beard, says he has. We did not try to buy bacon, but fish we did buy, plenty of them, which we paid high for.

I can speak for the 43d Regiment. We have never drawn less than a half pound of meat per day, with the exception of one day, and then our Commissary did not have it, neither could he get it, at that time, but the next day he made that up to the men. We have one among the best Commissaries in the Confederate Army. He is not only a good Commissary, but is a good man and a perfect gentleman.

The health of our Regiment is not so good as it was when we left Kinston; but we could not expect it, as we have had some very hard marching to do since we left that place.

The Regiment has gone back to Kinston. I am one of the unfortunate ones and two others from your county, (three of us) who have been transferred to the Hospital, first to Goldsboro and thence to Raleigh. At Goldsboro, I found my old friend Dr. A. J. LeGrande, of our county. I cannot speak too highly of him, from what I could learn from his Assistants, and from those under his care and in his ward. I also took a great liking to his Assistant, Dr. Lyons. I think they will baffle, if not cure, any disease that is sent under their treatment, unless they have been kept too long at some Hospital or Regiment before they are sent to them. The Hospital at Goldsboro is receiving and transferring daily those that can travel, so myself and two others came on here yesterday, being transferred to the Peace Institute at Raleigh.

I have been here a very short time, but I think the sick are very well cared for. There are a few cases here that are very bad, but only one from Anson, Mr. Stegall, who is very sick with pneumonia.

I expect soon to be sent to my Regiment, as I am nearly well. If the men from Anson always get as much as they have been getting, I don't think they ought ever to grumble. I, for one, will not grumble much, although it goes very hard for me to live on cornbread. I have only spoken for the 43d Regiment—others can speak for themselves. I hope the people will raise plenty of bread and meat in Anson, and never, no never, let it be said that it will not support the families of the soldiers, who are enduring the hardships of camp life.

Very respectfully yours, &c.,

F. E. FLAKE, Co. K, 43d Reg't.
N. C. Troops.

NEWS GENERAL AND STATE.

FATAL DUEL IN CHARLESTON.—The Atlanta Confederacy learns that a duel was fought in Charleston on Saturday, 25th ult., between Lieut. Bellinger and Lieut. Rice, both of Lamar's regiment, which so distinguished itself in the Secessionville fight, in which the former was shot through the heart.

FORSYTH.—A meeting was recently held at Winchester at which many of the most substantial farmers of the State were present, at which resolutions were passed heartily concurring in the appeals recently made by President Davis and Governor Vance upon the patriotism of the country, and pledging themselves to raise no more tobacco than is necessary for consumption in their families. No county has shown itself more patriotic in this war than Forsyth.

A barrel of salt made by a company of our brave soldiers on the coast may be seen, and parcels obtained, at Bissell's Store, corner of King and Wentworth-street. This example is most commendable. We are always pleased on finding soldiers engaged and interested in making salt, catching fish, cultivating gardens, or improving any other opportunities of useful employment. How much better is this for themselves and the country than the conduct of some—who are glad to believe not very many in proportion—who not only avoid all useful work themselves, but endeavor by mischief and depredations, to destroy and discourage the labors and efforts of the farmers and gardeners in their neighborhood. The citizens at home are ever more ready and eager to aid and approve those soldiers who show the determination to help themselves, and respect themselves and others.—Chas. Courier.

Edward VII will be the name, title and style of the Prince of Wales when he ascends the British throne.

The Florida planters are plowing up hundreds of acres of cotton, and planting corn. We hope their example may be followed in other States.

Flour we learn may be had in abundance at Charlotte at \$20 to \$25. We hope the Jew and Gentile speculators, monopolists and extortioners of that section may catch it.

The detective police in Richmond, Va., have arrested James Seaton, Thomas Kerr, and C. F. Irvine, associates of John Brown, who were to a large amount. John Brown was caught, but afterwards escaped his hands, and is still at large.

Excursion on the 20th.—The well known band of the 20th regiment was in this city on Saturday on its way to the brigade, the members having been on furlough to their homes in Salem, and on Saturday night they entertained a large audience in the Town Hall with some excellent music. The clever pianist, Geo. Rich, a member of the band, exhibited some of his best talent of hand.—Progress.

Wonderful Escape.—On Saturday morning last an excursion party, consisting of the children belonging to the Baptist Sabbath School in this place with many of their parents and friends, went up on our Railroad for a day of amusement in the country. About eight intelligence reached town that the train, on the return of the party, had been thrown from the track by running upon some cattle on the road. The accident occurred some miles up the road, and all that could be learned of the result was, for several hours, vague and indefinite—such as rumors manufactured out of excited imaginations from those who first leave a scene of disaster. Three fat cows, on which a hundred or two of persons were seated, a large part of them children between five and fifteen, had been torn to pieces; what more natural than to suppose that many lives had been lost? Such was the confident assertion of persons on the street and the names of some were given who had been torn and mangled. The excitement was intense. The friends and kindred of those on board, with many sympathizers, repaired to the depot and waited with the greatest anxiety the return of a train that had been sent up the road with physicians. About 3 o'clock, A. M., on Sunday morning, this train returned, relieving the minds of the anxious crowd at the depot. Though three cars were a complete wreck, not a life had been lost. A son and a servant of Mr. P. Taylor had each a leg broken. These were the only very serious injuries received though a number of others were considerably bruised. Surely there is a very special Providence, watching over little children. [Fayetteville Presbyterian 9th.

A creature in Virginia lately bought a little farm for \$700. About one half of the wood on it was taken for army use and the creature asked and received \$2000 for compensation.

FROM THE RAPPAHANNOCK. GENERAL LEE'S SECOND DISPATCH—ANOTHER BATTLE AT FREDERICKSBURG—THE ENEMY REPULSED AND DRIVEN ACROSS THE RIVER.

Richmond, May 6.—The following dispatch was received this evening from General Lee:

NEAR FREDERICKSBURG, May 6, 1863.
TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT DAVIS:—At the close of the battle of Chancellorsville, Sunday evening the enemy was reported advancing from Fredericksburg in our rear. Gen. McLaws was sent back to arrest his progress, and repulsed him handsomely. That afternoon learning that his force consisted of two corps under Gen. Sedgwick, I determined to attack, and marched back yesterday with Gen. Anderson, and uniting with McLaws and Early, in the afternoon, succeeded, by the blessing of Heaven, in driving Gen. Sedgwick over the river. We have occupied Fredericksburg, and no enemy remains South of the Rappahannock or its vicinity.
(Signed) R. E. LEE, General Commanding.

FROM TULLAHOMA TENN. OFFICIAL DISPATCH—FORREST'S BRILLIANT SUCCESS CONFIRMED.

TULLAHOMA, May 5.—OFFICIAL.—"Gen. Forrest, after five days' rapid marching, without provisions or forage, captured, on the 3d instant, a party of the enemy, sixteen hundred strong, near Rome, Ga., with several hundred Enfield rifles, horses and side arms."

Many persons do not understand the cause of the high prices which the \$15,000,000 bonds command as compared with those of the \$100,000,000 loan. The export duties on cotton cannot be paid in Confederate notes, as any one may see by the conditions on their face. They must be paid in gold or silver or the coupons of these \$15,000,000 bonds. These latter are therefore sought after by blockade runners as eagerly as specie, and prices have run up accordingly.

Is it Possible?—The Milton Chronicle is deeply pained to hear that but few comparatively of the planters of Caswell are disposed to favor the restriction of the culture of tobacco the present season. That paper says the great mass of the planters "are going in for a large crop of the weed." Sorry to hear it.

FROM MISSISSIPPI. LATEST FROM THE MISSISSIPPI—THE ENEMY REPULSED AT ANDERSON FERRY—FIGHTING SEVERE.

JACKSON, Miss., May 6.—The enemy are reported in force near Edward's Depot, four miles this side of Big Black River. They captured one hundred of our pickets.

JACKSON May 6.—LATER.—The enemy were repulsed yesterday at Anderson's Ferry; on Big Black River, after four hours' severe fighting.

A special dispatch to the Appeal says twelve houses were burnt at Byhalia, Miss. The Yankees camped last night at Grand Mills, seven miles above Byhalia, and have since been establishing a permanent camp. In their raid on Holly Springs on Sunday, Capt. Mitchell ambuscaded them as they went out, with 300 men, and killed Col. Jenkins, capturing his horse, papers, &c.

The Chicago Times, of the 1st inst., received here, contains a dispatch dated Milliken's Bend, 24th ult., which says that "Grant's whole army is ordered to move with six days' rations."

Another dispatch says: "Four out of six transports attempting to run past the Vicksburg batteries were sunk. The rebel firing was terrific."

The New York papers state that the editor of the Atlanta Confederacy has been arrested at Port Royal, Virginia.

Richmond May 6.—Two trains with wounded soldiers arrived this morning on the Fredericksburg Rail Road. Direct communication with the army is being again established. Some reliable details of the recent battles will probably be received during the day from correspondents of the press.