

SHOOTING THE SKULKERS.—While awarding full praise, as far as can be given, to our true soldiers and brave defenders in arms, it is the duty of all observers and witnesses to pull off the lion's robe wherever it is stolen to hide a calf's skin or to disgrace a coward. All good officers should note and report all clear cases of cowardice or imposture. Such occasions we hope will never be numerous, but for all such we commend to all commanding officers or competent observers the following order and notice:

BIVOUAC 19TH GEORGIA VOLUNTEERS,
NEAR GAINES' MILLS, VA.,
June 10th, 1864.

As Privates J. C. Hardin and T. F. Rainey, of Company C, 19th Georgia Volunteers, are at home in Campbell County, Ga., at this time, deriving the sympathy of the people as being wounded soldiers from the late battle of Drewry's Bluff, I wish it distinctly understood and known that they skulked out of said battle and inflicted their wounds upon their own persons themselves, in order to avoid further danger of battle.

R. B. HOGAN,
Captain Commanding Company.

Gen. Johnston is represented as having withdrawn his army from its late position with so much deliberation that not even an old bucket was lost. From the beginning to the end of the campaign he has played the game of war as coolly as if he were seated at a chess-board. This last move, we think, will be his final one—his next will be to deliver battle upon the banks of the Chattahoochee, if Sherman should dare to take up the gauge he will there throw down.

North Carolinian.

We have been favored with the following extract of a letter from Richmond. The writer is an officer of the army. A want of supplies being the only thing we had to fear, we may henceforth dismiss all doubt as to the triumph of Lee:

Lee's gallant troops have been supplied with everything that the Government could lavish upon them. Full rations of vegetables, coffee and sugar have been abundantly dealt out to them, and several brigades have experienced such an "embarras de richesses" that they are sending their surplus rations to feed the poor of this city. This is no claptrap or newspaper story; I know the fact. General Fry's brigade was one of the first, if not the first, to inaugurate this novel charity.

GOLD.—A gentleman who left New York three weeks ago, says that when gold was quoted in the papers at 190, he had to pay 250 for a sum requisite to pay his expenses to the Confederate States.

AN INCIDENT.—The following incident from an article in the Atlanta Register, on the situation in Rome and vicinity, is worth recording:

A struggling Yankee, armed with an Austrian rifle, was seen to pass an old gentleman's house early one morning, coming his way towards Rome. The old gentleman was informed that the Yankee had just gone by, and that he was all alone. He says that either patriotism, or the devil, or some desperate thing took possession of him, and he vowed that no one Yankee should pass his house. He had neither gun nor pistol nor pocket knife, but mounting his horse started in pursuit. Getting up pretty near he followed "stony stranger"—stop, for the Logic take let me have your gun a few minutes—the dogs are killing my sheep over the hill like blazes. The old man's earnest manner at once disarmed the Yankee of all suspicion and of his rifle at the same time. Says the old man as he took it, "is it loaded?" "Yes." "Will it shoot?" "Yes." "Well, it's all right my friend—you are the dog I was lookin' for—'bout face," and he marched him nine miles without stopping, and delivered him to our soldiers. This incident is literally and strictly true.

A Northern paper says that the following is the number of men who have re-enlisted to serve Lincoln for the war up to 1st April. From Maine there were 3427; New Hampshire, 1252; Vermont, 1557; Massachusetts, 5934; Rhode Island, 893; Connecticut, 3490; New York, 16,894; New Jersey, 2,838; Pennsylvania, 16,640; Delaware, 404; Maryland, 178; West Virginia, 2283; District Columbia, 138; Ohio, 18,320; Indiana, 8257; Illinois, 19,789; Michigan, 4678; Minnesota, 1057; Wisconsin, 4063; Iowa, 6529; Missouri, 1107; Kentucky, 2306; Kansas, 297—making a total of 118,077.

ANOTHER MURDER BY DESERTERS.

The *Ipswich Express* contains an account of the murder of Mr. J. F. Woodard of Alexander county, by a gang of deserters, who waylaid him on his own premises, and shot him, three balls having entered his person, of which he died on the 23rd ult. A short time previous, as a member of the Home Guard, he went with his company into Wilkes county in search of deserters, and in the discharge of his duty he shot at a notorious desperado and deserter named Jo. Younger. It was made known to them that Mr. Woodard was the man who shot. This was on the 22d, and on the 24th ten deserters secreted themselves on his premises and took their vengeance as above described. Mr. Woodard was a very worthy citizen. His friends have sworn that ten deserter's lives shall be the ransom.

MR. YULEE'S HOUSE BURNED.—The Yankees and deserters went up to Mr. Yulee's place at Homosassa, Fla., with two steamers; carried away what they wanted, and consigned to the flames his fine dwelling. His place is entirely abandoned.

We learn that a telegraphic dispatch has been received from the Postmaster at Wilmington, stating that mail communication with Richmond has been resumed—the railroad between Weldon and Petersburg having been repaired.

MAIL RESUMED.—We learn from the Southern Citizen, that the Piedmont Road has resumed carrying the mail from Greensboro' to Davville, the mail train arriving at Greensboro' at 11 o'clock, A. M., and leaving at 3 P. M.

VERMIN RIDDANCE.—Half an ounce soap boiled in a pint of water, and put on with a brush while boiling hot, infallibly destroys the bugs and their eggs. Flies are driven out of a room by hanging up a bunch of the plantain or clewroot plant, after it has been dipped in milk. Rats and mice speedily disappear by mixing equal quantities of strong cheese and powdered squills. They devour this mixture with greediness, while it is innocent to man. When it is remembered how many persons have lost their lives by swallowing mixtures of strychnine, &c., it becomes a matter of humanity to publish these items.

Hall's Medical Journal.

FROM THE SOUTHWEST.

SEVERE FIGHT ON THE CLINTON ROAD.

JACKSON, MISS., July 7, via MOBILE, July 7.—The enemy, estimated at four thousand strong, occupied this place till four P. M., yesterday, when they evacuated, moving back on the Clinton road. Our forces are in their front and flank. A severe fight took place four miles West of here, the fight lasting from daylight seven o'clock this morning. Since then all has been quiet. No particular damage was done to the citizens, with the exception of negro stealing. Negroes of all ages, regardless of sex, were carried off by force. Many citizens were left without a single servant. No damage was done to the railroad of telegraph offices.

Delegates have left New Orleans for the Chicago Convention. Over one hundred men, deserters from the Yankee army, have been arrested while on their way to go to Mexico and join Maximilian's army.

THE NORTH IN A FERMENT.

Northern papers of the 7th, state that Martinsburg, Harper's Ferry, and Point of Rocks have been taken by Early, with much booty. Also that Hagerstown has fallen into our hands. Gold 255. Baltimore and Ohio railroad badly damaged. The Alabama and Kearsarge have had an engagement—the former sunk. Great excitement at Washington from the report that 20,000 Confederates were approaching the city. Militia called. A report says that Breckenridge has whipped Seigle. It is said Price has captured Little Rock with all Steele's army except 4,000.

RICHMOND, July 7th.—It is reported that nine hundred Yankees were surprised and captured at Martinsburg last Sunday, four pieces of cannon, and stores including extensive preparations for 4th July dinner also taken.

ANOTHER TORY RAID.

A band of Tennessee Tories, numbering 50, made a descent on Cataloochee, in Haywood county, on Sunday night last. They captured and carried off young Bennett, Esq., and his son, and Mr. Levi Caldwell and his son, all respectable citizens. They also carried off quite a number of horses. Henry's scouts, at last accounts, were on their trail, and were to be the rascals if they overtake them.—*Asheville News.*

At a Meeting of the members of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, held in this City on the 4th inst., the following gentlemen were elected directors for the year ending May 1st 1865: Charles E. Johnson, N. D., W. H. McKee, M. D., and Messrs. Albert Johnston, Quentin Busbee, Everard Hall, H. W. Husted, W. S. Mason, W. H. Jones, K. P. Battle, J. G. Williams, C. B. Root, P. F. Pescud, and R. H. Battle. At a meeting of the Directors held after the adjournment, all the old officers were re-elected.

IN MEMORIAM.

Killed in the action near Bethesda Church, on the evening of the 9th May, **ELI FREEMAN**, Captain commanding Co. C, 14th N. C. Troops.

In the death of this brave and accomplished officer, a great affliction has befallen the company which he commanded and the community at home, of which he was one of the most useful citizens. Although many friends will mourn his loss, ours is the peculiar grief experienced by soldiers, on account of the death of an officer who was kind and generous almost to a fault. Capt. F. had been in service ever since the commencement of the war, and by his conspicuous gallantry, had distinguished himself on several hard fought fields, one of which was Spotsylvania where nearly all of the cannoneers had been killed from a gun, the use of which was very essential to the dislodgement of the enemy from a strong position which they had occupied. The undertaking was a very perilous one; but he, as ever, ready to place himself where most needed, regardless of his life in comparison with the cause which he had espoused, volunteered his services and under a most murderous fire assisted in getting the gun into position by the aid of which the enemy were eventually expelled. Capt. F. though a man of remarkable mechanical genius, with every incentive and opportunity for personal aggrandizement, scorned all wars as unsanctified; which swerved one hair's breadth from duty to his country, and although he had for a number of years been Captain of a holiday company, at the commencement of hostilities he entered the service as a Sergeant in the Company of which he was Captain when killed. He was a defender of Southern rights and as true a soldier as ever tramped to the strains of martial music. Although he has gone from us forever, his example remains, and he is one of—

"The dead but scepter'd sovereigns, who still rule
Our spirits from their urn!" R. B. H.

In this county on Friday morning June 24th, **LILLIAN WELLINGTON**, daughter of M. S. and M. A. FOLK, aged six months and eighteen days.

She has gone from earth to heaven. A little while she was loaned to earth. Transplanted, now, to a more genial soil, the bud that blossomed here, is blooming, ever fresh and fragrant, in the presence of God.

Parents, meet her there.

[Communicated.]

Miss SOPHIA A. GODFREY (fall asleep in Jesus) June 22d, 1864, at Camden, S. C. She was a native of Marlborough District, but for many years resided in Union County, N. C., and for a few years at this place [Camden].

This lovely Christian lady drew around her a circle of admiring friends wherever she moved. Her sequestered country home was embosomed in flowers, which seemed to flourish more beautifully under her gentle touch. Here the weary minister found a day's sweet repose, and here the poor found open arms, and better still, a heart touched with the gentlest sympathy. Truly, none knew her but to love her. Kind, sweet, spirited and devoted, industrious, intelligent and high minded, these charms were heightened and sanctified by a Christian devotion that showed no abatement of zeal, even in anguish, up to the very hour of death. However lovely the woman, the Christian was lovelier still. For six months she was prostrate from paralysis, often suffering excruciating pain with the patience of hope full of joyful immortality. Jesus was precious; and her death was a triumph. In the bosom of a devoted family, bewailed by the church of which she was a member for many years, and respected by the community she gave her spirit back to God. "He giveth his beloved sleep." J. T. W.

A CARD.

HEADQUARTERS 43D N. C. REGT.
June 18th, 1864.
To my fellow citizens and brethren in arms of Anson County:

I am a Candidate to represent you in the House of Commons at the next Session of our General Assembly. The active and laborious duties of the past eight weeks have prevented me from addressing you either in person or by letter, and I would refrain, even now, while stricken hearts are bleeding and homes are draped in mourning for those who have so recently fallen by my side, were it not probable that circumstances will, in a few days, place me where I cannot communicate with you, it may be, for several weeks or months. As you are aware, I was unanimously nominated by the men composing the three Anson Companies in our Regiment. This was not of my seeking, and when asked if I would accept the nomination if tendered me, I replied, that it would then be time enough to answer—that I came into the service to stay, if left to my own action;—and that my honest opinion was, that the people at home should select and recommend two old men over the conscript age, and that we should support them. But they persisted in the argument that at least one of the Representatives should be from the army, and you have their proposition before you, and I am happy to learn that it meets the general approbation of our comrades in arms. The candidates are all known to you and it is for you to decide between us.

Honored with this responsible trust once, and at a time when the energies, resources, and patriotism of the country were summoned to withstand the convulsions of a mighty revolution, I endeavored to discharge those duties with honesty and fidelity, as the journals of the House will show. It is impossible to define any specific line of conduct while events, of a magnitude involving the existence of the country, are thickly crowding upon us, and which we cannot now anticipate. Daily and increasing demands are made on the patience, the charities, the patriotism, and the blood and life of the people, and the readiness with which they are met shows our devotion to our cause, and exhibits the highest virtues that can adorn the character of a nation. These demands and sacrifices will continue to be made, and none but the demagogue would attempt to delude the people with the vain hope that they can be avoided while the country is writhing under the dreadful effects of a fierce and bloody war.

It is a painful truth that too little regard is paid our civil rights, in the enactment of unjust and oppressive laws, which are frequently placed in the hands of incompetent and inefficient men to execute. The shield of the constitution should always protect our civil rights and liberties against the encroachments and usurpations of military power.

The exemption law, although regulated chiefly by Congress, has created more discontent, perhaps, than any one law on our statute books. Its sweeping provisions, designed to bring in all from the youth of seventeen to the grey haired father, are evaded and dodged by many under frivolous if not false pretences, while its execution is entrusted to men, not unfrequently, whose incompetency would render even better laws repulsive and objectionable to the people. These are plain and incontrovertible truths, and the evil should be remedied, if possible. The country and the cause call loudly for the help of able bodied men, and it would be bitter for them, for the country, and the cause, if they could be substituted for the old men whose services could be of benefit at home, but whose physical inability almost invariably, renders them worthless as soldiers.

I am opposed to the calling of a Convention, and uncompromisingly opposed to anything that looks to a withdrawal of North Carolina from the Confederacy, for the reason that her destiny is inseparably bound up with that of her sister Southern States in this struggle; and because, in that event, it would add ten fold horror, if possible, to the misery and suffering which now stalk in ghastly form, a through the land, and bring lasting disgrace on the fair name of our old mother State, which is now encircled with wreaths of glory won by the heroic deeds of her noble sons.

I shall support Gov. Vance for re-election cordially and heartily, for I believe him to be the right man in the right place. I have seen enough of service to teach me, I hope, to appreciate the wants, and interests and necessities of the soldier, and he who can best subserve these, is doing most good for the country. I have no vain boasts to make of my attachment to the soldier, of my interest in his welfare, since I flatter myself that no better evidence could be given of it than my unanimous nomination by those with whom I have served in camp, shared their hardships on the march, and their perils on the battle-field. And whether elected or not, it will always be a source of pride and gratification to be thus endorsed by my brave comrades, who have the right to know me best.

If elected, I shall endeavor to discharge my duties faithfully and honestly, always looking to the great end we all have so much at heart,—the independence of our country—and the return of a lasting and honorable peace. I shall ever feel grateful for the honors bestowed upon me, and should I again be the recipient of the favors of my fellow citizens, my greatest effort will be, to prove myself worthy of them.

I am, most respectfully,
Your humble servant,
L. L. POLK,
Jr. 2d Lieut. Co. I, 43d N. C. T.

Conscript Office,
RALEIGH, July 4th, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS,

No. 23.
THE SUPREME COURT HAVING DECIDED in the case of Walton, that the principals of substitutes are liable by law to military duty, all such persons as were bound by any Judge to abide the decision in Walton's case, are required to report immediately to the Enrolling Officer of their respective counties, or they will forfeit their bonds and be arrested and sent to camp.

District Enrolling officers will hold their Local Officers responsible for a strict execution of this order.

By order of the Commandant,
E. J. HARDIN,
Adjutant.

We are authorized to announce JAS. W. HENLEY as a Candidate for election to the Commons, in August next.

MASONIC NOTICE.

THE REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS OF KILWINNING Lodge, No. 64, F. & A. M., will hereafter be held at 8 o'clock, P. M.
J. C. McLAUCHLIN, Sec.
June 18, A. L., 5864. 274-1f

\$30 Reward.

RANAWAY FROM MY PLANTATION MY BOY SCIPIO, about 19 years old, copper colored, large eyes and when spoken to stutters a little, especially when scolded.

I will give the above reward for his delivery to me or confinement where I can get him. I have reason to believe that he is harbored by some white persons. I will also give an additional reward of \$80 for evidence that convicts any one of so doing.

July 12, 1864-278 1f
P. RATLIFF.

CARD.

TANBORN, N. C., June 14th, 1864.

To the Voters of Anson county at home and in the army.

At the repeated and earnest solicitations of many friends, both at home and in the army, I declare myself a Candidate to represent you in the House of Commons in our next General Assembly.

My position in regard to the absorbing questions that now agitate the country are too well known to require me to enter into them elaborately. I can only say, that if elected, I will support all measures that may be introduced in that body sustaining the State of North Carolina and the Confederate Government in securing to us our independence, upon the basis of eternal separation from the Yankee nation.

I will also support any measure looking to an early and honorable peace by the legally constituted authorities, upon this basis. And believing that Gov. Vance has shown by his past conduct a determination to accept of no terms that do not include in them these great principles, I will cheerfully support him as our next Governor.

My official duties may prevent me from meeting my fellow citizens at the various precincts of the county between this and the day of election; besides, I was announced in the Argus by the names of several soldiers for this office, and I am disposed to take no advantage of their absence by making a thorough canvass of the county.

With these views I cheerfully submit to your decision in August. Respectfully,
W. F. HARLEE.

We are authorized to announce Gen.

ATLAS J. DARGAN as a Candidate for election to the Commons, in August next.

We are authorized to announce Col. Wm. C. SMITH, of Anson, as a Candidate for re-election to the State Senate, from the Counties of Anson and Union, at the election in August next.

June 16-1d

[For the Argus.

MOYNOX, N. C., June 14, 1864.

DEAR SIR: Please announce Col. S. H. WALKUP a Candidate for the Senate, from the counties of Anson and Union, at the election in August next, and oblige
HIS FRIENDS.

FOR THE COMMONS.

We are authorized to announce Col. EDWARD R. LILES, as a Candidate for a seat in the House of Commons of the next Legislature.

June 8th, 1864 1d

We are authorized and requested to announce Lt. L. L. POLK, 43d N. C. T., as a Candidate to represent the people of Anson in the House of Commons of our next Legislature.—Election in August.

We are authorized to announce Capt. J. C. CARAWAY, as a Candidate for election to the Commons, in August next.

March 29, 1864-273-1d

We are authorized to announce R. H. BURNS, as a Candidate for re-election to the Commons in August next.

April 19 1864.

GOULDS' FORK ACADEMY.

THE FIFTH SESSION OF THIS SCHOOL WILL commence on Monday, July 25th inst. The rates of tuition are necessarily advanced; for this session they will be from \$30 to \$50 according to advancement, payable half in advance. I hoped to be able to reduce the rates of tuition, this term, but a little reflection will convince any one that the present advance is necessary.

J. C. McLAUCHLIN, Proprietor.

N. B.—Those owing tuition for last term will please come up and settle their accounts.

July 1st, 1864-287-90] J. C. Mc

Bacon for Soldiers' Families.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT,
RALEIGH, June 27, 1864.

TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

I AM PREPARED TO SELL, AT COST, TO ANY of the counties in this State, for the use of indigent families of Soldiers, a portion of the Bacon accumulated for that purpose. County Commissioners, who are in need of Bacon will communicate with me.

THOS. D. HOGG, Maj. & C. S.
June 30, 1864-287-90.

Carolina Female College.

THE EXERCISES OF THIS INSTITUTION WILL be resumed on Monday, the 1st day of August, and continue ten months without interruption, except a short vacation at Christmas.

For Circular apply to
REV. J. B. GRIFFITH,
Ansonville, N. C.

June 2, 1864-283-90

We have on hand a few hundred copies of the "Confederate Primer and Speller." This School book meets the wants of the times. It is just the thing. Any child mastering the contents of this book, is fitted to go into the Reader. It is cheap, and that is a recommendation these times, independent of the intrinsic worth of the book. Supply yourselves while you can.