

The Press Association agent at Charlotte has been put in possession of Augusta papers of the 20th. We make a synopsis of the news extracted therefrom: Forrest has been placed in command of all the cavalry in the district of Mississippi, East Louisiana and West Tennessee. His first general order promises reorganization, discipline, and threatens extermination to stragglers, robbers and deserters. Thomas' troops are being mounted for a supposed march through Alabama.

Raiders have been made from Hernando, Miss., towards Senatobia. Many complaints are made of Gen. Kirby Smith in the West. Wofford is in command at Atlanta. Reorganization in Georgia has already commenced.

Reinforcements from northern Mississippi have been sent to Grant. Large bodies of troops are moving in the West, and important movements are reported.

Gov. Brown's message to the Georgia Legislature is decidedly Joe Brownish. He finds fault with everybody but himself. Animadverts severely on the generalship of President Davis, and says that Georgia was abandoned to her fate by the authorities, while her sons were held for the defence of other States. Says that our Government is a military despotism, and that the country is fast drifting into anarchy. Is opposed to reconstruction with or without subjugation. As a cure for existing evils recommends the repeal of the conscription laws, and a return to the constitutional mode of raising troops by States; observance of good faith with soldiers, prompt pay, abandonment of impressments and secret sessions, and no more representation without constituency; and finally to take from the President his power as Commander-in-Chief. He closes with a recommendation for a convention of the States to amend the Constitution.

On Friday afternoon last, the steamer Schultz, commanded by Captain D. J. Hill, was destroyed by running foul of a torpedo in James river, between Cox's landing and Chaffin's bluff.—Dispatch, 29th.

The Louisville Press of the 10th says that Quantrell, the noted Kansas guerrilla, who has long been supposed to be dead, is now operating in that State.

Rev. K. H. Boykin, of Norfolk, Va., was recently found murdered in the street. No clue to the murderer has been discovered.

Conscription Office.

KALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 17th, 1865.

REGULAR, No. 8. THE ATTENTION OF ENROLLING OFFICERS is called to the following General Order from Headquarters Armies of the Confederate States:

HDQRS ARMIES OF THE C. STATES, 11th February, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 2.

In entering upon the campaign about to open, the General-in-Chief feels assured that the soldiers who are so long and so nobly borne the hardships and dangers of the war, require no exhortation to respond to the calls of honor and duty.

With the liberty transmitted by their forefathers, they have inherited the spirit to defend it. The choice between war and abject submission is before them.

To such a proposal, brave men with arms in their hands can have but one answer. They cannot barter manhood for peace, nor the right of self-government for life or property.

But justice to them requires a sterner admonition to those who have abandoned their comrades in the hour of peril.

A last opportunity is offered them to wipe out the disgrace and escape the punishment of their crimes. By authority of the President of the Confederate States, a pardon is announced to such deserters and men improperly absent as shall return to the commands to which they belong within the shortest possible time, not exceeding twenty days from the publication of this order, at the headquarters of the department in which they may be.

Those who may be prevented by interruption of communications, may report within the time specified to the nearest enrolling officer or other officer on duty, forwarded as soon as practicable, and upon presenting a certificate from such officer showing compliance with this requirement, will receive the pardon offered.

Those who have deserted to the service of the enemy, or who have deserted after having once been pardoned for the same offence, and those who shall desert, or absent themselves without authority after the publication of this order, are excluded from its benefits. Nor does the offer of pardon extend to other offences than desertion and absence without permission.

By the same authority, it is also declared that no general amnesty will again be granted, and those who refuse to accept the pardon now offered, or who shall hereafter desert or absent themselves without leave, shall suffer such punishment as the Courts may impose, and no application for clemency will be entertained.

Taking new resolution from the fate which our enemies intend for us; let every man devote all his energies to the common defence.

Our resources, wisely and vigorously employed, are ample, and with a brave army, sustained by a determined and united people, success with God's assistance, cannot be doubtful.

The advantages of the enemy will have but little value if we do not permit them to impair our resolution. Let us, then, oppose constancy to adversity, fortitude to suffering, and courage to danger, with the firm assurance that He who gave freedom to our fathers will bless the efforts of their children to preserve it.

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RECENT APPOINTMENTS—THE COMMISSARY GENERAL.

General Stephen Deatur Lee and Wade Hampton, recently appointed Lieutenant Generals, have been confirmed by the Confederate Senate. The promotion of General Hampton makes him rank General Wheeler, and puts him in command of all our cavalry now operating against Sherman. The very best effects may be expected to result from this appointment. General Hampton's presence will not fail to inspire confidence and enthusiasm.

Colonel Isaac M. St. John, at present Chief of the Nitro and Mining Bureau, has been appointed Commissary General. His appointment has been sent into the Senate but not yet confirmed. When confirmed he will, under a recent act of Congress, have the rank, pay and allowances of a Brigadier General. Colonel St. John is by profession an engineer.—Rich. Dis.

Rev. Preston Williams, a baptist minister of Kentucky was sometime ago drafted for the Lincoln army. He would not allow his congregation to get a substitute for him, but resolved to lead as many as would follow him into the Confederate army. About 225 followed him.

Henry S. Foote, late member of the rebel Congress, sailed for Europe recently in the steamer City of Cork. The report that he had been incarcerated in Fort Warren was without foundation.

Died.

In defence of Fort Fisher, HUGH MCKENZIE MAY, 40th N. C. Reg't, of Anson county, aged 38 years. He was amongst the first to volunteer, being attached during the first year of the war to Co. B, 31st N. C. T. A good and brave soldier, a firm and devoted friend, an upright and intelligent citizen, a most kind and affectionate husband and father, and that noblest work of God, an honest man, he has passed away, falling at the post of danger and honor, esteemed and lamented by all who knew him. Peaceful now be his rest; glorious fruition attend the hopes he cherished of happiness beyond death!

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GENERAL ORDERS, No. 3.

The discipline and efficiency of the army have been greatly impaired by men leaving their proper commands to join others, in which they find service more agreeable.

This practice, almost as injurious in its consequences as the crime of desertion, by the Articles of War, exposes the offender to a similar punishment, and subjects the officer receiving him to dismissal in the army.

It is therefore declared that the provisions of General Order, No. 2, of this date, from army headquarters, apply to such men as have left their proper commands and joined others without being regularly transferred. They will receive the pardon promised in that order, upon complying with its conditions, or suffer the consequences attached to neglecting it.

The names of such absentees will be forthwith reported to these headquarters by the officers with whom they are serving, and immediate measures taken to return them to their proper commands.

As soon as practicable, an inspection will be made, and charges will be preferred against those who neglect to enforce this order.

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RAGS! RAGS!!

HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR CLEAN COTTON and Linen rags at the Argus Office, or by R. P. SIMMONS, our Agent at Ansonville.

Headquarters, Reserve, N. C.,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Raleigh, Feb. 13th, 1865.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 3.

ENROLLING OFFICERS IN THE STATE OF North Carolina will make diligent inquiry in their respective counties for the arms, &c., called for in Gen. Lee's appeal of January 25, 1865.

They are required to receive all arms brought forward under this appeal, and report them to Capt. A. W. Lawrence, Ordnance officer Reserve, N. C. By command of Lt. Gen. Holmes.

JOHN W. HINSDALE,

Asst. Adj't General.

HEADQ'S ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA,

January 25, 1865.

To arm and equip an additional force of cavalry, there is need of carbines, revolvers, pistols, saddles, and other accoutrements of mounted men. Arms and equipments of the kind desired are believed to be held by citizens in sufficient numbers to supply our wants. Many keep them as trophies, and some with the expectation of using them in their own defence. But it should be remembered that arms are now required for use, and that they cannot be made so effectual for the defence of the country in any way as in the hands of organized troops. They are needed to enable our cavalry to cope with the well armed and equipped cavalry of the enemy, not only in the general service, but in resisting those predatory expeditions which have inflicted so much loss upon the people of the interior.

To the patriotic I need make no other appeal than the wants of the service; but I beg to remind those who are reluctant to part with the arms and equipments in their possession, that by keeping them they diminish the ability of the army to defend their property, without themselves deriving any benefit from them. I therefore urge all persons not in the service to deliver promptly, to some of the officers designated below, such arms and equipments (especially those suitable for cavalry) as they may have, and to report to those officers the names of such persons as neglect to surrender those in their possession.

Every citizen who prevents a carbine or pistol from remaining unused will render a service to his country. Those who think to retain arms for their own defence, should remember if the army cannot protect them, the arms will be of little use. While no valid title can be acquired to public arms and equipments except from the Government, it is reported that many persons have ignorantly purchased them from private parties. A fair compensation will, therefore, be made to all who deliver such arms and equipments to any ordnance officer, officer commanding at a post, officers and agents of the Quartermaster and Commissary Departments, at any station, or officers in the enrolling service, or connected with the Nitro and Mining Bureau. All these officers are requested, and those connected with this army are directed, to receive and receipt for all arms and equipments, whatever their condition, and forward the same, with a duplicate receipt, to the Ordnance Department at Richmond, and report their proceedings to these Headquarters. The person holding the receipt will be compensated upon presenting it to the Ordnance Bureau. While it is hoped that no one will disregard this appeal, all officers connected with this army are required and all others are requested, to take possession of any public arms and equipments they may find in the hands of persons unwilling to surrender them to the service of the country, and to give receipts therefor. A reasonable allowance for their expenses and trouble will be made to such patriotic citizens as will collect and deliver to any of the officers above designated, such arms and equipments as they may find in the hands of persons not in the service, or who will report the same to those officers. A prompt compliance with this call will greatly promote the efficiency and strength of the army, particularly of the cavalry, and render it better able to protect the homes and property of the people from outrage.

R. E. LEE, Gen'l.

The officers receiving arms or accoutrements under this appeal are requested to state upon the face of the duplicate receipts given by them the condition of the articles, whether in good order or otherwise; and if not in good order, the percentage which should be deducted on that account.

These receipts may be presented for payment to any one of the following named officers:

Capt. J. M. Stevens, Richmond Arsenal, Richmond. Major R. Randolph, Staunton, Va. Major E. S. Hutter, Danville, Va. Capt. G. S. Getty, Lynchburg, Va. Capt. Chas. Sempie, Wytheville, Va. Capt. A. G. Brenizer, Salisbury, N. C.

By order of J. GORGAS, Brig. General, Chief of Ordnance. Official, J. W. HINSDALE, A. A. G. Feb. 13, 1865-320-22.

Adj't and Insp'r Gen's Office,

RICHMOND, Sept. 11, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 122.

III. The following act of Congress is published for the information of all concerned:

Every person, not subject to the rules and articles of war, who shall procure or entice a soldier of the Confederate States to desert, or who shall purchase from any soldier his arms, uniform, clothing, or any part thereof, shall, upon legal conviction, be fined, at the discretion of the Court having cognizance of the same, in any sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, and be imprisoned not exceeding one year.

By order of the Secretary of War. (Signed,) S. COOPER, Adj't and Insp'r Gen'l.

HEAD-QUARTERS RESERVE N. C.,

RALEIGH, Feb. 10, 1865.

Official: JNO. W. HINSDALE, A. A. General.

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\$500 Reward.

STOLEN FROM THE SUBSCRIBER'S PREMISES, near Morven, on Monday night, the 13th inst., a Medium SIZED BAY MARE, five or six years old, with a small scar on one of her front knees—so far as I recollect on the right knee.

She was traced a short distance as going towards Cheraw. I will pay the above reward for the recovery of the animal delivered to me near Morven, or for information leading to her certain recovery.

RICHMOND BUCHANAN, Morven, Anson, N. C., Feb. 15th, 1865-319-21.

Headquarters, Reserve, N. C.,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Raleigh, Feb. 13th, 1865.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 4.

MAJOR G. S. STRINGFELLOW, ASSISTANT Adjutant General, U. S. P. A., will relieve Capt. John W. Hinsdale, Asst. Adj't General of Reserve of N. C.; and the latter officer will proceed to join the 3d Regiment Reserves of N. C., as its Colonel, he having been duly elected to that office on the 3d of January, 1865.

The Lieutenant General Commanding, in taking leave of Col. Hinsdale, tenders his warm congratulations on his promotion and earnestly hopes that the intelligence, zeal and gallantry, which has characterized his service as a Staff Officer, may be matured by experience into greater usefulness in his new and more extended sphere.

(Signed) TH. H. HOLMES, Lieut. Gen. Commanding. Official: CHAS. S. STRINGFELLOW, Major and A. A. General. Feb. 13, 1865-320-25.

\$25 Reward.

STRAYED FROM THE PREMISES OF the Subscriber a BLACK COW, with one horn shorter and rougher than the other.

The above reward will be paid for her delivery to me, or for information leading to her recovery. E. F. ASHE. Wadesboro', Feb. 10, 1865-320-22.

Gould's Fork Academy.

THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THIS SCHOOL will commence on MONDAY, February 27th. Instruction thorough. Terms reasonable. Board can be obtained in the vicinity for any number, on reasonable terms. For particulars apply to J. C. McLAUCHLIN, Proprietor. Feb. 6th, 1865-319-22.

Condemned Stock for Sale.

WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, to the highest bidder, at the Court House in Wadesboro', on TUESDAY, the 14th day of March, 1865, THREE HORSES and ONE MULE, condemned Government Stock. GEO. COX, Capt. & A. Q. M. Feb. 11, 1865-319-22.

To whom it may Concern.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CERTIFICATE No. 84, for Four Per-Cent. Confederate Bond, to the amount of \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) issued to me by H. B. Hammond, C. S. Depository, Wadesboro', N. C., and dated March 14, 1864, has been lost, and that application will be made for a Duplicate. WM. ALLEN. Lanesboro', Feb. 13, 1865-319-324.

Lost or Mislaid.

A CERTIFICATE, NO. 181, DATED 15th MARCH, 1864, issued to me by H. B. HAMMOND, Depository, at Wadesboro', N. C., for \$500, Four Per Cent. Confederate Bonds. Said Certificate is without my endorsement. This is to notify the public that I have made application in due form of law, to Mr. Hammond, for a Duplicate Certificate. J. E. KELLOR. Newwood's, Feb. 10, 1865-319-24.

Certificate Lost.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CERTIFICATE No. 521 for Four per Cent. Certificate to the amount of \$500, issued March 28, 1864, to me by H. B. Hammond, C. S. Depository, Wadesboro', N. C., has been lost, and that application will be made for a duplicate. W. T. WILLIAMS. January 20, 1865-316-21.

Black Hawk Messenger!

THIS CELEBRATED HORSE WILL STAND this the SPRING SEASON, at WADESBORO', and at other points to be determined hereafter. Those desiring to patronize him will make up their Clubs and notify THOS. H. THREADGILL, who is our regular Agent.

Terms—\$15 in specie, or its equivalent in produce or Confederate currency. HALL, SMITH & CO. Jan. 17, 1865-315-23.

ARMAGEDDON, OR U. S. IN PROPHECY.

LOST OR MISLAID, A BOOK BEARING THE above title, with the subscriber's name in it, written with pencil. Any information concerning said Book will be thankfully received—besides, a liberal reward will be paid for its delivery at the Andrus Office. O. P. BENNETT. Feb. 13, 1865.

Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL TAN HIDES AT HIGH MOUNT TANNERY for ONE-THIRD of the LEATHER or its equivalent in money, if the Hides are brought in in time. J. C. CARAWAY. Jan. 2, 1864-313-25.

The highest price given for RAW HIDES—paid for either in PRODUCE, CONFEDERATE MONEY, GOLD or SILVER. All Hides must be brought in by the first of April. February 13, 1865—319

MASONIC NOTICE.

THE REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS OF KIL-winning Lodge, No. 64, F. & A. M., will hereafter be held at 3 o'clock, P. M. J. C. McLAUCHLIN, Sec. June 13, A. L., 5864. 274-1f

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JOB WORK NEATLY EXECUTED AT THIS OFFICE.

ing Officers will make every effort to give to this important order, and will urge all of their respective counties to aid them in its design successful. It is observed that this is the last offer of pardon for the famous crime of desertion that will be made. Officers are made responsible, under a penalty by Court Martial, that every possible effort be made to apprehend all such as do not report. Officers will allow such as voluntarily report the specified time to go direct to their furnishing them transportation and the certificate. One of every certificate thus given will be sent to this office. Order of the Commandant: E. J. HARDIN, Adjutant. 1865-321-22.