

JOURNAL OFFICE.

WILMINGTON, N. C., OCTOBER 16th, 1862.

The Fever.

The physicians report 86 new cases of Yellow Fever yesterday. Few make reports of deaths, but from the best information we can obtain we are led to the belief that the deaths yesterday (Wednesday) will not differ much from those of the two days last preceding them.—
1875 15 or 16.

From appearances we are constrained to think that every person resident in Wilmington during this epidemic has had or will have it in some form, more or less malignant. It was our painful duty yesterday to record the death of Rev. Dr. Drane, of the Episcopal Church. To-day we find the very estimable pastor of the Catholic Church here, Rev. Thos. Murphy, prostrated by the disease; also Rev. Dr. Corcoran, of Charleston. Both we trust and believe, are in a light form, and will soon pass off.

Some of our best men pass off daily. When we say "best" men we do not mean our wealthiest or most distinguished, or those who stood highest in the opinion of that very potential but very arbitrary something known as "society." We mean those who tried to do good in this emergency. One of those, Mr. George Seely—we think this is the spelling—died yesterday morning or during the night before. He was a man of feeble frame—in a measure a cripple, but he went day and night, and died a martyr to his devotion. We saw him first attending on our poor friend Durbin. We saw him ever since where help was needed. There are others,—quiet, humble men, in private positions, who are doing much good. These brave, self-sacrificing men are, after all, our *best* men, let the world say what it will.

The fever does not abate, but we are now in the third week in October, and in the natural course of things we must soon have cooler weather, and some relief in that way.

—We announce to-day that Captain William J. Houston, of Duplin, is a candidate for re-election to the position of Solicitor of the 2d Judicial District.

It needs not that we should say anything for Captain Houston. He is known as a sound lawyer, an eloquent speaker, a brave soldier, a devoted patriot, one who has risked and is willing at any time, his life for his country. We do not speak as a partisan. We have no such feeling in this matter. Captain Houston deserves and ought to have the office, and we think will have.—We have that much confidence in any Legislature that North Carolina could elect. If the members differ in some respects from Captain Houston or ourselves, we believe they still keep their eyes open to the claims of a good and suitable and proper man.

WIL. & WELDON R. R. Co. }

OFFICE CHIEF ENGINEER & SUPERINTENDENT.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Oct. 13th, 1862. }

Editors of the Journal, Wilmington—

Gentlemen: I regret that you should have been misinformed in the extent of the absence of the substitute freight agent that I had placed here in the absence of the regular ones. There was certainly no want of an agent on Monday and Tuesday, or on Thursday, Friday or Saturday of the week to which you allude.

I was present a part of the time and the President was here on Thursday. Unfortunately sickness in the family of the agent kept him away on Wednesday.

As the responsible head of the Department of Transportation, Machinery and Roadway, I take upon myself the blame of the absence, tho' I had made the most ample (as I thought) arrangements for one person here all the time. All I can say is, my hands have been full of engagements here and elsewhere in the service of this Company, and in trying to relieve the sick and needy. If I have been so unfortunate as to merit the censure of the suffering, I shall never cease to regret it.

I make this explanation for the information of my friends.

Yours truly,

S. L. FREMONT,

Chief Eng. & Sup't.

P. S. I was absent from town and on duty from Tuesday to Saturday, which has delayed this note.

—We are happy to assure our friends of the *State Journal*, that neither we nor our paper can be classed among the dead. We are still alive, and hope to live for our friends and our enemies. We are not in the habit of forgetting either, and don't expect to.

From Chattanooga.—Bloody Battle in Kentucky!
Awful Carnage!!

CHATTANOOGA, October 14.—A gentleman who came through from Franklin, Kentucky, states that he read a *Louisville Journal* of the 10th, in which was the following:

"A battle occurred at Perryville yesterday, over which Kentucky will mourn for many years. The Federal loss is twenty-five thousand in killed, wounded and missing."

Prentice says it was a drawn battle.

Another man, a paroled soldier, just arrived at Murfreesboro' from Kentucky, says the battle commenced Wednesday, October 8th, on which day he was taken prisoner. On that day our forces fell back six miles through the valley, planting artillery on either side, and the fight was resumed on Thursday morning. Our army mowed the enemy down, and the slaughter is represented as awful.

Stuart again on the Circuit.—A Ride into Pennsylvania.

WINCHESTER, VA., Oct. 14.—Gen. J. E. B. Stuart has just returned from one of his grand rounds, having passed into Maryland and Pennsylvania, and gone through McClellan's lines.

Among other places visited and captured, were Mercersburg and Chambersburg, Pa. He destroyed a large amount of ordnance stores and army supplies, and captured many prisoners and horses.

On his return he cut his way through Gen. Stone's division without the loss of a man.

Northern Reports of Stuart's Round.

RICHMOND, October 14.—Northern papers give great space to Stuart's late raid into Pennsylvania. They assert that he crossed the Potomac at Hancock, and marching rapidly across into Pennsylvania, captured Mercersburg, St. Thomas and Chambersburg. The affair caused great excitement and alarm in Pennsylvania. The latest accounts from Philadelphia gave some relief, as it was stated that the "rebels" were falling back, and no men were needed to meet them.

From Mobile.—Our Army in the Southwest.

MOBILE, Oct. 14.—A special dispatch to the *Mobile Advertiser* and Register from Holly Springs, Oct. 13, says: "The Yankees have not attempted a pursuit of our army. Scouts from Ripley report that Gen. Rosencrans, with a brigade, occupied that place, but retired again on Sunday in the direction of Rienzi and Pochontas. They destroyed the Court House and County records, and are reported to have committed several rapes."

"Our army is in good health and spirits, and reinforcements are constantly arriving. It is now fully as strong as before the battle."

"The Mobile and Ohio Rail Road will be held against any odds. A considerable force now holds it, and reinforcements have been sent to their assistance."

Yankee Reports from Kentucky.

RICHMOND, October 14.—The *New York Herald* has a dispatch of the 10th from Louisville, claiming a great victory for the Yankees at Perryville. Other dispatches of the same date state that the reports of a great Union victory cannot be traced to any authentic source.

DIED.

In this town, to-day, Oct. 16th, 1862, Mr. B. BAXTER, aged about 64 years. A true man and a sincere Christian. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock, from his late residence on Princess street.

—WE ARE AUTHORIZED to announce Captain WM. J. HOUSTON, of Duplin, now of Ransom's Cavalry, as a candidate for re-election to the position of Solicitor of the 2d Judicial Circuit of North Carolina.

Oct. 16th, 1862—d5w-ts.

NOTICE.

At a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the town of Smithville, October 14th, 1862; owing to the prevailing epidemic now raging in Wilmington.

Resolved, That no citizen remaining in Wilmington the over night will be allowed to come within the corporate limits of the town of Smithville, under the penalty of One Hundred Dollars for each offence. It is the request of the Board of Commissioners that the military authorities curtail the travel between the two places as much as possible.

A. M. GUTHRIE, Mayor.

Oct. 16th, 1862.