

Mr. Harmony, Sept. 14, 1861.

Mr. Bruner as President, the Ladies of this neighborhood met at Mount Harmon Church, and organized a Ladies Aid Society, for the benefit of the Rowan soldiers.

Mrs. M. S. McKenzie was elected the Chair and Miss Lizzie Klutts acting Secretary. Mr. C. L. Partee, by request, stated the object of the meeting, whereupon the following ladies were elected as officers of the Society: Mrs. B. Schuler, President; Mrs. M. S. McKenzie and Mrs. C. L. Partee, Vice Presidents; Miss Lizzie Klutts, Secretary; Miss Ellen Shuster, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. C. H. McKenney, Treasurer. When the following Resolutions were adopted, viz:

Resolved 1st. That we, the ladies in the neighborhood of Mt. Harmony Church, agree to form a Society for the benefit of the Rowan soldiers, who have volunteered and gone in defense of our rights, etc.

Resolved 2nd. That each member of this Society agrees to become an active member in sending donations for the soldiers, now in the service from Rowan county.

Resolved 3rd. That this Society call on the Mt. Harmony Ladies Soldiers Aid Society, and that it meet once every two weeks, or oftener, if necessary, &c.

Resolved 4th. That we appoint Mr. C. H. McKenney our agent, to receive all contributions to this Society, and forward the same to the Rowan soldiers.

PLEASANT RETREAT, N. C.

Sep., 13th, 1861.

Mr. Editor: Having had a bad cough for a long time, and finding no relief from many things, quite an intelligent old lady recommended the following, which effectively puts me at my ease. I send you the receipt, if you think it worthy, for your many readers have it, and old Abe can keep his at home:

Elecupain, 6 oz; Conifrey, 6 oz; Horseradish, 2 oz; cut the roots up fine and boil in one quart of water until reduced to a pint—strain—add one pint of honey, one of strong apple vinegar and a little Alum, boil this to one pint.

I used it freely—kept it by my bed and used it whenever I coughed, when warm from exercise I thought it most effective.

Yours respectfully,

S. W. M.

FOR THE WATCHMAN.

REVIVAL.

Amidst the calamity and distraction of our once happy and peaceful Country, the Lord still is willing to hear and answer prayers. We commenced a protracted meeting at St. Matthew's Church, for the Davis Mission field, six miles West of Mocksville, Davie County, on Thursday night of the 5th of September. The Lord poured out His Spirit upon His people, and sealed His truth upon the hearts of sinners; many, like the jailor of old, were made to cry out, "Sir, what must I do to be saved?" during the meeting, which lasted eight days. Between forty and forty-five persons were hopefully converted to God, and publicly professed Christ before the world, and went on their way rejoicing. "Oh sing unto the Lord a new song;" for we feel that "he hath done wonderful things; his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory."

M. M. Miller, Pastor.

SALISBURY, Sept. 13th, 1861.

Mr. BRUNER:—Please allow me, through your paper, to beg my kind friends to accept this as an assurance of my sincere appreciation of their generous and cheering favors. To the Ladies of the Methodist Church and others with hearts like theirs so kind and tender the gratitude of a heart that will not forget them. My thoughts of all my friends in Salisbury shall be many, and they shall be the sweet memories of home.

My address at present will be

A. W. MAGUM, Chaplin;

6th Infantry, N. C. State Troops, Camp Jones, Madison, Va.

Strikes Report from Mattoon.—We were startled and shocked by the statement which we copy from the Washington (N. C.) Dispatch, that citizens at Mattoon were taking the oath of allegiance to Lincoln. We are informed, however, that they are rebels, and if so, though their information may be exceedingly useful to the enemy, we doubt whether their morale will add much to the character of his army, even in comparison with the Zouave portion of it.—*Fay. Observer.*

The promise of the sugar crop in the South are said to exceed those of all former years. If no premature frost damage production of the South will, in all probability, amount to 500,000 bushels, which is eighty thousand more than ever was produced before; 250,000 more than the consumption of the Southern States, and very little short of the entire consumption of the old Union.

WILSON, JAMES

BACKING UP SPAIN.

Capt. Riddle of the Royal Navy of England, at Fort Royal, says: "we are ordered to observe strict neutrality; and little attention will be paid to those who would receive the same attention paid to United States ships."

Se. Louis Mo., Sept. 16.

Governor Jackson has publicly announced his intention of moving the capitol to Lexington, which is doubtless in preparation of Gen. Price. Whether the Legislature, which adjourned in May to meet in July, will be ready to proceed to business, cannot be ascertained.

Louisville, Sept. 17.

Gen. Zollicoffer is fourteen miles in Kentucky, strongly posted at Cumberland Ferry and Dog Mountain.

Bentonville was again postponed.

Monroe, Sept. 18.

The Dog River Cotton Factory accidentally took fire to-day, and was totally destroyed. Loss \$100,000; insured for \$45,000.

FROM RICHMOND.

Richmond, Sept. 18.

Dispatches received here to-day announce that Gen. Lee had taken Gen. Reynolds prisoner at a place called Snipe, 10 miles from Cheat Mountain.

It is believed Reynolds and his Army were taken prisoners, and hearing a letter to Gen. Rosecrans, stating that the Federal force on Cheat Mountain had only one day's provisions and urged prompt relief.

The Federals on Cheat Mountain were 4,000, and the Confederates 1,000, of this number having been captured.

All the Federal forces in Western Virginia are placed in a peculiar perplexing predicament.

Another Report, just received, intimates that General Lee has captured, during the past four days, 1,000 Federals, and 100 were also captured.

The above is given as received.

THE LATE ENGAGEMENT ON THE GAULEY RIVER.

The city was filled yesterday, and on Saturday, with the most lively and exaggerated rumors of the late affair on the Gauley, between General Floyd and a detachment of Rosecrans' forces.

Reports of various characters and extent were collected by us, that the Postmaster at Lewisburg had written to the Postmaster of Hagerstown, Maryland, a brief message, stating some facts of the engagement, before General an officer of Gen. Floyd's command. The following is the statement referred to:

Gen. Floyd had another engagement with the enemy at Gauley on the 10th, and killing 600, wounding 1000 and taking some prisoners. A few hours after the engagement he heard that the other wing of the enemy had crossed the river a few miles above him on this side of the river. He then fell back. This report is reliable, as it was brought by an officer engaged. Our loss, one killed and eight wounded.

We have not been able to confirm the apparently extravagant statements of this report except in a very partial measure. Up to yesterday the War Department had received no dispatches of the action.

The protection of full information of the affair was ascribed to an officer of the Government, who was reported to have received dispatches. On inquiry, that information was ascertained to have been derived from a postscript hastily written on the back of a private letter, agreeing in its main statements with those that had reached us from Lewisburg, and also confirming those accounts of the extent of the enemy above, but stating that the loss on our side at about 250 men.

It was also stated that Gen. Floyd had fallen on his back, on account of his flank being threatened by a detachment of the enemy.

There is no doubt but that there are extravagances in the accounts on both sides, of the proportion of their loss.

It was further reported last evening in the accounts brought by passengers from the West, that General Floyd had effected a junction with General Wise, had re-crossed the Gauley, given battle to Rosecrans, and driven him back, with an immense loss. It is not unlikely, that if there has been another action since last Tuesday, the accounts of the results of the two affairs may have become mingled and confused. The general fact, however, of our successes in the West is not beyond question by the concurrence of all the testimony that has yet reached us.—*Rich. Examiner.*

Rich. Enquirer.

The direct tax will be apportioned to the people of Kentucky, under the provisions of the defense of the Lincoln Government, will be \$500,000 for one year, besides binding herself for her share of \$750,000,000 already expended in the war.

It will be recollect that a great outcry was raised by the submissionists and tories of Kentucky about the fatal expense of a struggle for independence, when the Legislature, in a former session, proposed to vote three millions of dollars for the State defences. The interest on this debt, the contraction of which was as strenuously and malignant denounced, would only have been \$180,000. Those who have recommended the economy of submission to the rule of Abraham Lincoln will now have to welcome his tack-gatherers and accept the burdens along with the protection of his Government.

Rich. Enquirer.

RESIGNATION OF THE SECRETARY

OF WAR.

We learn that the Secretary of War, Hon. L. P. Walker, of Alabama, on Saturday resigned his office and sat in the Cabinet, in pursuance of an intention of resignation entertained for some time past.

He will probably leave Richmond today for his home in Alabama. Gen. Polk, late a Bishop in the Episcopal Church, and at present in command in the Mississippi Department, is generally spoken of as the probable successor to Mr. Walker's seat in the Cabinet and his important public office, as Secretary of War.—Rich. En.

Rich. Enquirer.

The first Testament printed in the South.—This friend the Rev. Mr. Hamm, of the Biblical Recorder, showed us, a day or two since, a copy of the first Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, printed in the Confederate States.

It is a small, handsomely printed volume, and bears the imprint of Graves & Marks, Nashville, Tennessee. Copies are sold, we learn, at \$12 per hundred, or 12 cents each.—*Raleigh Standard.*

Don't be in a great hurry, girls, to fall in love with the young men. It often happens that your hearts are no sooner theirs than theirs are no longer yours.

GENERAL DESIGN OF THE ARMY.

We have been informed by a gentleman who has just arrived from New York and Philadelphia, the most important operations are being made in all the ship yards and docks of home and abroad for the fitting out of a large naval expedition, well known in this country.

Every vessel who can be obtained is employed and more are being altered into war ships, and all the foundries are hard at work making and fitting engines for steam-powered of the largest size, as well as gun-boats.

It was openly talked among the mechanics that this immense fleet of war ships was destined for New Orleans.

It would seem that the present design of the enemy is to effect a ruse, by illuring us to take Washington city, which is in the way to New Orleans.

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