

The Shreveport News.

JOB PRINTING of every description, plain or colored, executed on as reasonable terms as the times will admit.

Attention!—Persons arriving with, or receiving, late southern or northern papers, will oblige us and benefit our readers, by loaning them to the editor, if only for an hour.—Items of news is also solicited.

The Measles has made its appearance in this place.

Potatoes sold in market the other day at five dollars per quart. Count us out at those figures.

We were pleased to meet in town our old friend Capt. A. W. Hyatt, Co. D., Consolidated 18th La. Regiment, of the firm of Shields & Co., New Orleans. The Captain was wounded in the battle of Mansfield, and is so far recovered that he is preparing to rejoin his command, and try it again. At Shiloh he was also wounded, being a brave and gallant soldier he knows the importance of being in the field ready for action; he does not loiter.

We have never seen as many flies as in Shreveport this season. We pronounce them a nuisance and will give our share to any body who will come and get them.

Taylor is said to have taken an other lot of prisoners in the neighborhood of yellow bayou, which we believe empties into the Atchafalaya. He keeps taking them in.

Per contra. Taylor it is said was driven back by the Federals. This report, we learn, was received at this place by letter. Our readers will have to be their own judges in the matter.

Gen. Lee is reported to have drawn Grant into a trap, and captured a large number of prisoners. Lee fell back until he got the position to suit him, and Grant supposing him to be attempting to get away, followed and learned when too late, that he miscalculated.

We have the New Orleans True Delta of the 4th. Its columns are principally devoted to the proceedings of the State Convention, and changed hands. It is now owned and edited by W. R. Field. In reviewing the situation, the editor says:

While the general situation remain unchanged, it is true that we have met with a few small reverses, all of which are fully detailed in our news columns. Gen. Grant has put an embargo on intelligence from the army of the Potomac, and we shall probably know nothing until after the movements have been made. The New York papers have some reports who are as keen fishers when a secret is to be discovered as ever was St. Peter, and they can find out nothing.

The affair at Plymouth has resulted disastrously, and the Federal forces have been forced to surrender.

Upon the Yazoo, we have lost a gunboat. In both these cases the news is that men were slaughtered in cold blood. Either as being colored soldiers or officers of the Corps d'Asique. Although upon the Yazoo the man hung had quit the service. If ever there was any truth in the doctrine of "murder will out," or justice meted out in this world, then these fiends must meet a terrible doom. It becomes the government to be up and doing, and that right speedily.

The governor of many Northern States are marshalling their militia for post and garrison duty. It is said that Gov. Garrison will command in person.

The inactivity of Thomas and Johnston is something wonderful, and we are unable to comprehend the cause. Whatever it may be, it must be something potent.

The Girls of '76.—The following has been rescued from a newspaper published at the time of the Revolution:

The following droll affair lately happened at Kinderhook, New York. A young fellow, an enemy to the liberties of America, going to a quilting frolic, where a number of young women were collected, and the only young man in the company, began his aspersions on Congress, as usual, and held forth some time on the subject, till the girls, exasperated at his impudence, laid hold of him, stripped him to the waist, and instead of tar, covered him with molasses, and for feathers took the downy tops of flags, which grow in the meadows, and covered him well, and then let him go. He has prosecuted every one of them, and the matter has been tried before Justice Schoonmaker. It is said Parson Buel's daughter is concerned in the affair.

The Buckleys say that the newest and the most fragrant is the negro.

NEWS ITEMS.

It is reported that Gen. Shelby captured Dardanelle on the 17th, taking 150 negroes, 170 yankees, 26 wagons, 100 caulked rifles, 150 mny revolvers, 2 store houses filled with commissary, quartermaster and large quantities of medical stores. The negroes were returned to their owners, and the yankees were paroled. Gen. Shelby continued his march on the 18th. Richmond, May 8.—The enemy in Chesterfield county have withdrawn from the rail road to their entrenchments. Smith Guimer is commanding the expedition with headquarters at City Point, where a negro brigade is entrenched. No fighting at Waltham junction today. The enemy's loss yesterday was one thousand killed and wounded. Butler made a narrow escape from five of our pickets near City Point on Friday evening.

A telegram from Gen. Lee says the enemy has advanced his position and is marching towards Fredericksburg. The news is favorably construed in official circles. At Chester, on Saturday, between Richmond and Petersburg, the Yankees were repulsed with a loss of one thousand wounded. All the Yankee officers, one thousand in number, were sent to Danville on Saturday. Before leaving they became very refractory. Richmond, May 8.—The following official dispatch from Gen. Lee has been received here:

Near Spottsylvania Courthouse, May 8. I. To Hon. Jos. A. Seddon.—After a sharp encounter with the 6th Army Corps, Warren and Torbert's divisions of cavalry, under R. R. Anderson, with the advance of the army repulsed the enemy with heavy slaughter and took possession of the Courthouse. I am more than gratified to the giver of all victories that our loss is small. [Signed] R. E. LEE, General.

Richmond, May 9.—An interruption in the telegraph communication between Richmond and Weldon, with the business expectation of the line being ascertained, caused an accumulation of news reports at this point, the material point of which are subjoined: Orange C. H., May 7.—Ewell again repulsed the enemy yesterday. The yankee loss is terrible, and especially in the early part of the engagement. Ewell's loss was small. Last night our men held possession of the enemy's battle field on the left and centre, capturing a number of wounded. Our success is very great but not decisive. The charge of Gordon's brigade is reported to be the greatest of the war. Our loss thus far is five thousand, of whom a large portion are slightly wounded. The fight occurred in a densely wooded country, and hence little or no artillery was used in the fight. Richmond, May 8.—The following is received this morning: Headquarters, Army Northern Virginia, May 8. I. To the Secretary of War: General Gordon turned the enemy's extreme right yesterday evening, and drove him to his rifle pits. Among the prisoners captured are Gen. Seymour and Challenger. A number of arms were also taken. The enemy has abandoned the German Ford road and has removed his pontoon bridges towards Ely's. The enemy has abandoned the German Ford road and has removed his pontoon bridges towards Ely's. The enemy has abandoned the German Ford road and has removed his pontoon bridges towards Ely's.

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Col. L. P. Lane.

While chapters of honor are being wrought for heroic brows, while batons are being made the guardian of chivalric conduct and zealous devotion, justifying in their dispensation of "gifts" should not overlook the claims of her "honored sons," because claims are modest and unpretending in urging their merits and redress, rather than encourage aspirations, save the exercise of spring spontaneously in the exercise of duty. Among the list of heroes and valorous spirits of this revolution, whose prodigies of gallantry have often challenged the admiration of our inveterate foes, stands conspicuous the name of Col. W. P. Lane. Being a participant throughout the struggle of Texas and the Mexican wars, Major of a battalion of Texas Rangers, he stood forth at the inception of this war, and "old veteran" (bright honors ennobling his brow) the Hero of twenty battles. Could the weight of his blade, at that time, attest to his deeds of prowess, truth would be fiction of its coloring and romance of its staining narrative. The Roman d'armes of the renowned Texian Captain Jack Hayes, the exciting and stirring adventures of the two, remain inseparable. The individual praises of these two Patriotic celebrities rival the best Knights of old in chivalric and personal daring.

When the wrongs sustained by the South provoked separation and revolution, true to his southern principles and the impulsive patriotic spirit, he was among the first to offer his services to his country. At the organization of the 1st Cavalry, Texas, he was elected Lt. Colonel of the Regiment, as a tribute of respect for his former gallant services, which was amply sustained in his arduous engagements through which he assisted in conducting it. Those who have served under him derive with pleasure in referring to the series of terrible charges through which he has led them, and feel that while speaking of his glorious deeds, they baffle themselves in the radiant splendor of his own past exploits. At the battle of Red Bank, he was severely wounded, but he still his undimmed courage controlled by discretion and penetrating foresight. The daring onset he conducted in the battle of Teasdale, and that of the battle of the Mississippi, while under Gen. Beauregard, his highest admiration for his gallantry, efficiency, and in consideration of his brilliant charges and his ready response to the orders of the General, before the entire army. As a testimonial of their regard Gen. Grant and Beauregard presented him a commission as Major in the 1st Cavalry, Texas, which he accepted with a grateful heart. He needed without difficulty in taking a Regiment; entered service in Arkansas; was transferred from there to Gen. Taylor in Louisiana, during Gen. Banks' first raid. Since that time his Regiment, composing a part of Gen. Meade's Brigade, has done eminent service, making part in all the fighting of Gen. Taylor's campaign.

Those of his friends who are cognizant of his qualifications as an officer, and all those who have served under him, frequently make the inquiry, why Col. Lane has not been promoted? The Hero of twenty battles, gallant and successful, efficient and successful, he has long been overlooked, while others less able, less energetic, less patriotic, and less deserving, have been promoted. It is urged that he has not the military talents or ability to command a large body of men, this argument is refuted by the only safe criterion of the future advancement—that of referring to a man's past antecedents, his success and the results of his former labors.

Though Col. Lane may not be a polished tactician of the West Point school, yet his manly virtues of the field, his successful resist, hand superseded to a great extent, and deficiencies of theoretical knowledge. A man of his judgment, he has mastered it by his experience. Representing and making his own, he has a position, position as he will remain unsullied by him, and patriotic duty be his incentive to action. "Honor to those to whom honor is due." SEQUIN.

Gen. Lee issued a congratulatory address to his troops on receiving news of our success in various parts of the Confederacy. Grant's loss is estimated at sixty thousand. Atlanta, May 16.—Since the repulse of the enemy at Dalton, he has been moving round our left, closely pursued by Johnston.

The Ladies of Minden, La. The following thoughts suggested during a short sojourn at Minden Hospital, are due to, and only a poor recompense for the kindness of its kind and beautiful Ladies. Indeed— "Man is the man who no'er can bestow. A leaf of laurel to the female brow. When sterling sense and tonal diction joined. Are the twin offspring of true virgin mind. It is claimed by one of wisdom's sons, and without presuming to dispute, that we doubt, we claim that woman was God's second best gift to man, at least, no soldier who has ever passed a few days at Minden will for a moment question the veracity of our statement, unless, perhaps, some misanthrope, whose heart is indeed callous, whose humble affections have never been warmed into life by the purifying, refining and elevating influences of her gentle nature. 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