Staunton Spectator.

STAUNTON, VA.

TUESDAY, : : : : : : MARCH 22, 1864.

☞ From this date, we will not receive, in payment of accounts, notes above the denomination of five dollars.

INSTRUCTION NEEDED.

The tax act passed by Congress on the 17th day of February 1864, entitled an "*Act* to levy additional taxes for the common defence and support of the Government," provides that a tax of five per-cent. shall be levied "upon the value of property, real, personal and mixed, of every kind and description not hereinafter exempted or taxed at a different rate," and that the value of such property "shall be assessed on the basis of the market value of the same or similar property in the neighborhood where assessed in the year 1860, except in cases where land, slaves, cotton or tobacco have been purchased since the 1st day of January, 1862, in which case the land, slaves, cotton and tobacco so purchased shall be assessed at the price actually paid for the same by the owner."

The instructions of the Commissioner of taxes to the assessors and collectors, given in section 16 of his instructions, seem to conflict with the tax act, which levies five per-cent. on the assessment of 1860, as they seem to instruct the assessors to assess the property at its value in 1864, instead of 1860. The 16th section of his instructions reads as follows:

"*All property*, currency, credits, income and profits and every article or object subjected to taxation shall be estimated, valued and assessed at the value thereof *at the time of assessment*, in Confederate Treasury notes."

The people would like the instructions to be somewhat more explicit.—They understand the tax act, but don't think the 16th section of instructions to be consistent with the tax act.

PROVOST GUARD.

It will be seen by reference to the advertisement of Capt. Avis, Provost Marshal of this place, that he is desirous of receiving recruits between the ages of 45 and 50. Those between these ages liable to military service would do well to apply at once, as by being members of the Provost Guard they would be kept near home where they could see to the interests and welfare of their families, and have an opportunity to give some supervision to their farming operations.

FUNDING.

Those blessed or cursed with funds have been rapidly funding during the past week. Up to Saturday last, the Depositary at this place had received fifteen hundred thousand dollars ($1,500-000). The funding tide is just now at its flood, and as much more will be funded before the ebb will occur.—Those who need 4 per cent bonds or *tax* money should lose no time.

McCLELLAN'S LOSS.

Gen'l McClellan's official statement of the Yankee loss in the battles around Richmond from the 26th of June to the 1st of July, 1862, inclusive, was as follows:

Killed 4,583, wounded 7,700, missing, 5,958 aggregate 15,249.

TAXES

As all of our readers will have taxes to pay, they will be interested in the instructions of the Commissioner of taxes to the Collectors and Assessors of Confederate taxes published on the first page of this paper.

The communication from the army, signed "many voters," calling upon Lt. Jos. N. Ryan to become a candidate for clerk of the circuit court, is not published for the reason that he has already anticipated the wishes of his friends in the army by announcing himself a candidate.

☞ Capt. J. W. G. Smith, Provost Marshal and C. S. Enrolling officer at Harrisonburg, has been transferred to the Trans-Mississippi Department and appointed Enrolling officer in that Department. The best wishes of his friends will attend him to his new field of duty.

☞ The want of space this week necessitates the postponement of the publication of several communications on hand.

The communication signed, "Members of Company D, 52d Va. Infantry" is unaccompanied by the name of the author, and is therefore declined.

The contributions to the Fund for the relief of the family of the late Dr. Wright, the Norfolk hero and martyr, have reached the sum of twenty thousand dollers.

The contributions thus far received by the Society for the relief of Maimed Soldiers amount to more than fifty thousand dollars. The Society has a great work to do, and will need vast sums.

Chase has written a letter to his friends in Ohio, to say that he will not be a candidate; and requests them to make no further use of his name as such for the Yankee Presidency.

The price of gold, which had been up to twenty-eight for one in Mobile, had fallen on the 6th to seventeen for one.

Major Gen. J. Patton Anderson has assumed command of the entire forces in Florida.

BALTIMORE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Ministers of the Baltimore Conference in Virginia were convened in Bridgewater, Rockingham county, on the 10th inst. There were over 50 Ministers present. The Rev. Norvel Wilson presided. An anniversary missionary meeting was held on Saturday, the 12th, which was addressed by Revs. Norvel Wilson, J. Ball, and J. Landstreet, after whose addresses the sum of $2,000 was subscribed for missionary purposes. The proceedings of the Conference were very harmonious. The Conference adjourned on Monday, to meet at New Market, in Shenandoah County, on the 2nd Thursday of March, 1865.—The following is a list of the appointments:

Roanoke District.
S. Register, P. E.

Salem—J. F. Liggett.
Christiansburg—F. C. Tebbs.
Blacksburg—L. R. Jones.
Jacksonville—J. F. Bean, W. McDonald.
Newport—A. Q. Flaherty.
Roanoke—To be supplied.
Fincastle—J. B. Etchison, R. N. Pool, E. G. Jameson, Supt.
Covington—C. A. Joyce.

Lexington District.
J. S. Martin, P. E.

Lexington—To be supplied.
Rockbridge—J. J. Engle.
Fairfield—W. R. Stringer.
Augusta—H. A. Gaver, E. H. Jones.
West Augusta—W. D. Rippetoe.
Churchville—T. Hildebrand, J. N. Gray.
East Rockingham—J. P. Hyde, (one to be supplied.)
Millboro'—J. Leaf.

Lewisburg District.
J. R. Gardner, P. E.

Lewisburg—P. H. Whisner.
Frankford—J. W. Ewan, (one to be supplied.)
White Sulphur—L. C. Miller, M. May.
Blue Sulphur—J. E. Wasson, (one to be supplied.)
Clintonville—[to be supplied.]
Levelton—A. A. P. Neal.
Green Bank—J. W. E. Graham.
Monroe—L. D. Nixon, G. T. Dillard.
Gap Mills—J. P. Chittim, (one to be supplied.)
Petersburg—P. S. E. Sixeas, L. Butt.

South Branch District.
S. H. Griffith, P.E.

Franklin—[one to be supplied,] J. Crickenberger, J. Temple, Sup.
Moorefield—J. Beatty.
South Branch—O. P. Wirgman.
North River—S. Smith.
New Creek—H. Hoffman.
Monterey—S. B. Dolly, J. L. Snyder.
Highland—(to be supplied.)
Warm Springs—T. Briley.

Rockingham District.
E. R. Virtch, P.E.

Staunton J. C. Dice.
Mt. Sidney—R. Smith.
Rockingham—J. A. H. Moore.
Bridgewater—Geo. R. Jefferson, C. L. Dameron.
New Market—A. P. Bonde, A. Weller.
Woodstock—J. E. Armstrong.
Front Royal—R. R. S. Hough.
Luray L. Lenz.
Wesleyan Female Institute—Wm. S. Baird, Principal and member of Staunton Quarterly Conference.

Winchester District.
W. G. Eggleston, P.E.

Winchester—J. R. Wheeler.
Winchester Circuit—J. W. Wolf, E. F. Hetherick.
Berryville—Wm. Hedges.
Berkeley—J. W. Tongue.
Jefferson—J. Gibson, J. H. March, Sup.
Shepherdstown—E. L. Kreglo.
Springfield—C. L. Torreyson, [one to be supplied.]
Wardensville—D. Harris, [one to be supplied.)
Hillsboro'—J. H. Waugh, B. Hough.
Shannondale—J. H. Wolff.

Loudoun District.
S. S. Roszel, P.E.

Loudoun—F. H. Richey, A. Robey.
Leesburg [to be supplied.]
Warrenton—D. W. Arnold.
Fairfax—[to be supplied.]
Fredericsburg—[to be supplied,]
Stafford—(to be supplied,]
Rehoboth—[to be supplied.]
N. Wilson, D. Trout, J. W. Kelley, Superannuated preachers.
G. G. Brooke, Chaplain Confederate States Army, member Covington Qr. Conf.
D. Ball, Missionary to Confederate States Army, member Salem Qr. Conf.
J. Landstreet, Chaplain C. S. Army, member Loudoun Qr. Conf.
J. M. Grandin, Chaplain C. S. Army, member Staunton Qr. Conf.
C. F. Linthicum, Chaplain C. S. Army, member Front Royal Qr. Conf.
F. M. Carson, Chaplain C. S. Army, member Winchester Qr. Conf.
P. B. Smith, Chaplain C. S. Army, member Blacksburg Qr. Conf.
S. Rodgers, Caplain C. S. Army, member Lewisburg Qr. Conf.
L. W. Haslup, Chaplain C. S. Army, member Staunton Qr. Conf.
M. G. Balthis, Chaplain C. S. Army, member Winchester Qr. Conf.
S. F. Butt, Chaplain C. S. Army, member New Port Qr. Conf.
W. R. McNeer, Chaplain C. S. Army, member Monroe Qr. Conf.
Geo. H. Zimmerman, Chaplain C. S. Army, member Woodstock Qr. Conf.
J. T. Maxwell, Chaplain C. S. Army, member New Port Qr. Conf.
W. G. Coe, left without an appointment.

For the Spectator.

Capt. Wm. A Balthis:

Sir:—A number of the citizens of Staunton desire you to become a candidate for the office of Seargent of the corportaion. It is a matter of public notoriety that within the past year a number of horses have been stolen in the streets, many meat houses have been plundered, and other robberies committed. A general sense of insecurity of the rights of person, and property, prevails throughout the community.

The people desire to see these evils corrected, many of us believe that if you were entrusted with the administration of the police, they would be corrected. Your intelligence and high character as a man and your gallantry as a soldier give the best assurance that you will not shrink from the discharge of your duty in the enforcement of the laws.

As you have been disabled from active military service in the field, by serious wounds received in the defence of your country, it is proper that your countrymen should testify their appreciation of your courage and capacity by electing you to this position of honor and responsibility. We therefore ask that you will declare yourself a candidate.

MANY VOTERS.

The Havanna correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce," says:—General Preston, of the Confederate States, is residing here at the house of Colonel Charles J. Helm. He awaits the arrival of the Emperor for Mexico, and will probably go down to Vera Cruz to assist in the honors of investing the new dignitaries. It is probable he will be recognized as Minister from the Confederate States"

Gov. Harris, the fit representative of the indomitable spirit betrayed by Tennesseans through all this war, was with Gen. Johnston during the recent engagement near Dalton.

Vice President Stephens was serenaded in Augusta, on Friday night, when he made a short speech. We are glad to learn that he is recovering from his recent serious indisposition.

Major General Bate assumes command of Breckinridge's Division, in Johnston's army.

FOR THE SPECTATOR.

CAMP IN ORANGE COUNTY, VA., Army N. Va., Feb. 27, 1864.

The Young Men's Christian Association of J. M. Jones' Brigade, Johnson's Division, A. N. Va., have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of much valuable religious literature from the ladies of Bethel, Protestant Episcopal and Augusta Churches of Augusta County, Va., for which the Association desire to express to those ladies through this Committe their profound thanks. This is but one of the many testimonials of that earnest regard which the ladies of our country have exhibited for the encouragement and spiritual improvement of its brave defenders, and we value it the more, because it comes as a token of remembrance from the gentle and faithful hands of those whose softening influence has been exerted as a stay and a bulwark to our country's cause.

Reading of this kind is sought with an avidity by the soldiers which is indicative of their appreciation of the value of time and importance of working while they have the means and opportunity to improve it; and we most devoutly hope and pray that the spirit of God will continue to increase in its manifestation here and everywhere until His holy will is known and acknowledged among men. We invoke this spirit to enable us, not only to fight the good fight of faith, but to battle successfully for the Liberty and Independence of our beloved country.

With renewed assurances of high esteem, we are truly, &c.

N. COBB,
ED. D. CAMDEN, } Committee.
R. J. JORDAN,

FOR THE SPECTATOR.

Camp 14th Va. Cavalry, Monroe Draft, March 15, 1864.

Mr. Editor:—Echols' brigade and the 14th Va. Cavalry, were to-day reviewed by Major-Gen'l John C. Breckinridge. After the review the troops were addressed by the Maj. General, of which address the following is an imperfect synopsis:

He said that the Brigade Commander had requested him to speak to the troops, that he acceded to the request; but that he should be very brief; and what he had to say should be spoken in a conversational manner; that he had not made a speech since the beginning of the war, and didn't expect to make one until it was ended. He had come here to assist in the defence of Virginia, and hoped that we should get along well together—that he was pleased with the troops here, and believed they were good soldiers—that physically speaking, he had never seen better; promised that on the day of battle he would be visible. He considered the prospects of the South brighter at present than at any previous time since the beginning of the war. That whereas, at the commencement of the war, we were divided, now we were united and determined in the defence of the rights, liberty and honor of the South. That we now had larger and better disciplined armies in the field than ever before, and whilst he would not say that the war would end this year, yet he believed it would. Considering the enormous debt of the Yankees—two thousand millions of dollars—he believed that their finances would break down, which would end the war. At the beginning that banner, (pointing to the Confederate flag) was called "the secession rag," now it commanded the respect and admiration of the world. Whether the war ended this year or the next, or the next, it was our duty and determination to lay down our arms only when the liberty and independence of the Southern Confederacy is recognized and acknowledged.

Three cheers were then called for by Brigadier General Echols, and three rousing cheers made the welkin ring in honor of the great hero of Murfreesboro. Everbody is favorably impressed by the new commander of the Department of Western Virginia and no one more so than

MILES.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY N. VA., 12th Nov., 1863.

To the President of the City Council, Richmond, Va.:

Sir—My attention has been directed to a resolution reported in the newspapers as having been introduced in the body over which you preside, having for its object the purchase by the City of Richmond of a house for the use of my family. I assure you, sir, that no want of appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by this resolution, or insensibility to the kind feeling which prompted it, induces me to ask, as I most respectfully do, that no further proceedings be taken with reference to the subject.—The house is not necessary for the use of my family, and my own duties will prevent my residence in Richmond.

I should, therefore, be compelled to decline the generous offer, and I trust that whatever means the City Council may have to spare for this purpose may be devoted to the relief of the families of our soldiers in the field who are more in need of assistance and more deserving of it than myself.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your ob't servant,
R. E. Lee, Gen'l.

Yankee Prisoners.—The Rockingham Register says that thirteen Yankee prisoners were committed to the guard-house in Harrisonburg, on Thursday evening week. They came up the Valley, and were a lot of New York cavalry captured at Snickersville, in Loudon county on Saturday week. The capture was made by a portion of the Clarke cavalry at home on furlough in connection with a couple of Mosby's men. We had 21 men, and the Yankees 21. We killed 4, wounded 4, and brought off the 13 unhurt prisonersr, with their horses and fixments. We had one man killed, and one wounded. The Clarke cavalry at home on furlough "picked up" these Yankees by way of keeping their hands in.

Under date of March the 14th, Lincoln made a call for 200,000 men, in addition to the 500,000 called for Feb. 1st, 1864. Glendower is still "calling spirits from the vasty deep." "The more the merrier." Nobody in the South is alarmed. Lincoln is still calling for help. He needs more than will be granted.

Gen. Wool has published in one of the Albany papers his plan of subjugating the South. He would have two hundred and fifty thousand men under Gen. Grant, and as many more under Gen. Meade, moving upon the enemy at once and with irresistible power.

Fifteen home guards of Madison county, N. C., had a fight recently, with thirty five tories, under the lead of the notorious Kirk, of Green county, Tenn, and six of our men were killed. Four of the enemy, including Kirk, were killed.

A number of the leading and public citizens of South Carolina have begun the noble task of raising a fund, by contribution, for the establishment in Charleston, of a Home for the widows and orphans of soldiers who have died during the war.

There is not at present a single cotton spindle in operation in the city of Lowell, Massachusetts. The mill, which formerly gave employment to about thirty thousand females, are now as silent as the tomb.

Gen. Patton Anderson has been ordered to the Trans-Mississippi Department.

PROCLAMATION:

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

The Senate and House of Representatives of the Confederate States of America have signified their desire that a day may be recommended to the people, to be set apart and observed as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, in the language following, to wit:

"Reverently recognizing the Providence of God in the affairs of man, and gratefully remembering the guidance, support and deliverance granted to our Patriot Fathers in the memorable war which resulted in the Independence of the American Colonies, and now reposing in Him our supreme confidence and hope in the present struggle for Civil and Religious Freedom, and for the right to live under a Government of our own choice, and deeply impressed with the conviction that without Him nothing is strong, nothing wise and nothing enduring; in order that the people of this Confederacy may have the opportunity, at the same time, of offering their adoration to the great Sovereign of the Universe, of penitently confessing their sins and strengthening their vows and purposes of amendment in humble reliance upon His Gracious and Almighty power:

"The Congress of the Confederate States of America do resolve, That it be recommended to the people of these States, that FRIDAY, the 8th day of April next, be set apart and observed as a day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer, that Almighty God would so preside over our public counsels and authorities; that He would inspire our armies and their leaders with wisdom, courage and perseverance; and so manifest Himself in the greatness of His power, that we may be safely and successfully led through the chastening to which we are being subjected, to the attainment of an honorable peace; so that while we enjoy the blessing of a free and happy Government, we may ascribe to Him the honor and the glory of our independence and prosperity."

A recommendation so congenial to the feeling of the people will receive their hearty concurrence; and it is a grateful duty to the Executive to unite with their representatives in inviting them to meet in the Courts of the Most High. Recent events awaken fresh gratitude to the Supreme Ruler of nations. Our enemies have suffered repeated defeats, and a nefarious scheme to burn and plunder our Capital, and to destroy our civil Government by putting to death the chosen servants of the people, has been baffled and set at naught. Our armies have been stregthened; our finances promise rapid progress to a satisfactory condition; and our whole country is animated with a hopeful spirit and a fixed determination to achieve Independence.

In these circumstances it becomes us, with thankful hearts, to bow ourselves before the throne of the Most High, and while gratefully acknowledging so many mercies, confess that our sins as a people have justly exposed us to His chastisement. Let us recognize the suffering which we have been called upon to endure, administered by a fatherly hand for our improvement, and, with resolute courage and patient endurance, let us wait on Him for our deliverance.

In furtherance of these objects, now, Therefore, I, JEFFERSON DAVIS, President of the Confederate States of America, do issue this my Proclamation, calling upon the people of the said States, in conformity with the desire expressed by their representatives, to set apart FRIDAY, the 8th day of April, as a day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer, and I do hereby invite them on that day to repair to their several places of public worship and beseech Almighty God "to preside over our public counsels, and so inspire our armies and leaders with wisdom, courage and perseverance; and so to manifest Himself in the greatness of His goodness, and in the majesty of His power, that we may secure the blessings of an honorable peace, and of free government; and that we, as a people, may ascribe all to the Honor and Glory of His name."

SEAL. Given under my hand and the seal of the Confederate States of America, at the City of Richmond, on this 12th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

By the President:
J. P. Benjamin,
Secretary of State.

FOR THE SPECTATOR.

Major John B. Watts:

In the course of a few weeks it will devolve upon the people of Augusta, to elect some person to fill the office of Clerk of the circuit Court. The gentleman whose name heads this article is eminently qualified for the position and in a time like the present, when the services of old gray haired men are neither expected nor required in the army, his election would be especially appropriate. Major Watts is a lawyer by profession and has been a citizen of the county for many years—he is thoroughly identified with the people—is a man of close business habits and enlarged experience and withal polite and courteous in his disposition. His election would secure to the public a Clerk, familiar with the duties of the office, and a public servant, honest, capable and efficient, and one accustomed for more than thirty years to the transaction of business in all of its details. Let Major Watts announce himself at once for the position and rest assured of the cordial support of

1t MANY FRIENDS & VOTERS.

The Atlanta *Confederacy* learns from scouts and citizens immediately from the Federal lines, that the enemy's strength at Ringgold and Chattanooga is under 20,000 effective men.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION SALES.

BY PECK & TAYLOR, Auctioneers.

We will sell at our Auction Store, on Bickle's corner, on Friday, 25th instant,
400 yds 4-4 bed cotton,
Cotton yarns,
Candlewick,
Irish Linen, Colored Cambrics,
Black Alpacca, Black Calicoes,
Spool Cotton, Hooks and Eyes, Needles,
MANUFACTURED TOBACCO,
Black Pepper, Over-Coats,
Horse Shoes,
and a variety of other articles.
March 22—1t PECK & TAYLOR.

CATLETT & ALBY, Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALE, MONDAY, MARCH 28th, (Court day.) we will sell, in front of our Auction Room, a lot of Furniture, consisting of Chairs, Tables, Washstands, &c., also, 1 Two-horse Wagon and Harness.
Terms Cash in the old currency if paid down.
March 22—1t CATLETT & ALBY.

GOODS AT AUCTION. I will sell, on Saturday, March 26th, at public auction, at my store, (Brandeburg's old stand), opposite the Virginia Hotel, without reserve, my entire Stock, consisting in part of Cotton Cloth, Osnaburgs, Woolen Goods, English Towels, Irish Linen, Hats, Ladies' Shoes, Nails, &c. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.
March 22—1t* C. W. TURNER.
Vin. copy.

$50 REWARD—HORSE STOLEN.—Stolen from my stable, near Brownsburg, Rockbridge county, Va., on Thursday night, the 30th of December,

A Large Bay Horse,

with some white about his hind feet, heavy gear marks, blind in one eye, and is an excellent farm horse. I will pay the above reward for the recovery of said horse. J. BROOKS.
Staunton Spectator insert to amount of $4, and charge Register office.—*Rock. Register.*
Mar 22—2ts

JACK, 'BILLY." The members of the Churchville Farmers' Club, to whom the Jack, "Billy," belongs, hereby inform the public that he will be used to subserve the interests of the public. Those who may wish to learn the character of his colts are referred to any of the members of the Farmers' Club or to any others who may have any of his colts. He will stand at the house of Mr. John Sanderson, two miles above Churchville. The charge for insurance will not exceed $25.00. FARMERS' CLUB.
March 22—4ts*

MANUFACTURED TOBACCO FOR SALE. I have a large lot of Manufactured Tobacco for Sale privately. The old issue received, if Sale be made by 26th instant.
March 22—1t H. H. PECK.

WANTED to hire a Negro Woman who is a good cook. She can get a good home in the country near Staunton. Apply to
March 22—2ts P. H. TROUT.

MARRIED.

By the Rev. Robt. J. Taylor, on the 10th ult, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. GEO. S. ARMENTROUT, of Alleghany county, to Miss ELIZABETH, of Rockbridge.

On the 16th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Dice, Mr. JOHN W. BUTLER, and Miss ADELINE BATEMAN, of Augusta county, Va.

On the 15th of March, by Rev. Jacob Hildebrand, of the Tunker Church, at the residence of the bride's father, near Hermitage, Augusta county, LT. ELISHA WILFONG, of Pocahontas county, a member of the 31st Va. Vols., and Miss MAGGIE RUCKMAN.

On the 10th inst., in Greenville, by the Rev. Mr. Gaver, Mr. GEORGE FITCH, of the 5th Va. Infantry, and Miss HESTER A. McGILVRAY.

DIED.

Died, at Clover Creek, Highland county, on the 15th inst., WM. McCLUNG SIEG, infant son of Jas M. and Frances V. Sieg, aged 2 years, 2 months and 15 days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

TO THE PEOPLE OF AUGUSTA.

In response to the call made upon me in the last number of the "Spectator," by "Many Voters," and at the urgent solicitation of a large number of my fellow-citizens, I announce myself a Candidate for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Augusta co. I am fully aware of the responsibilities that attach to the position; but trust that I do not over-estimate my capacity when I express the hope that I will be able to fulfil the duties of the office to the satisfaction of the public.

To those with whom I am not acquainted, it may not be out of place to say, that I am a disabled soldier, having lost a leg while in command of a company from this county, (the "West Augusta Guard," 5th Va. Regt.,) at the battle of Chancellorsville. Being permanently disabled from further service to the country in the field, I am induced to turn my attention to civil pursuits, and promise if elected to the position I now seek, to devote to its duties all the energy and industry, and whatever of talent I may possess.

With this brief statement, I respectfully submit my claims to the people of Augusta, to whose arbitrament, whether favorable or unfavorable, I will cheerfully submit. JOS. N. RYAN.

MY experience in last Summer's campaign, and in the few short marches I have made since, warns me that my efficiency in my present capacity, as Captain of Co. E, 31st Va. Infantry, is greatly diminished on account of a severe wound in left shoulder, the effects of which seem to be lasting; and fearing that I will be unable to render the service likely to be required of me in the field, I, in compliance with the request of many of my friends, announce myself a Candidate for the clerkship of the Circuit and County Courts of Highland, State of Virginia.
Mar 8—tde. J. C. MATHENY.

WE are authorized to announce WILLIAM A. BURNETT, as a Candidate for the office of Clerk of the County Court of Augusta, at the ensuing election in May next. Feb. 16—tde

WE are authorized to announce JOHN J. LAREW a candidate for the office of Sheriffalty for Augusta county. Feb 16—tde*

WE are authorized to announce Mr. SAMUEL PAUL, as a Candidate for the office of Sheriffalty for Augusta county. Feb 23—tde*

TO THE VOTERS OF AUGUSTA.—I hereby announce myself a Candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of this county. A. F. KINNEY.
March 15—tde

WE are authorized to announce JEFFERSON KINNEY, as a Candidate to the clerkship of the County Court of Augusta county.
March 22—tde

WE are authorized to announce ELI CLEEK, as a candidate for the Sheriffalty of Bath county.
March 22—3ts*

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

OFFICE PROVOST MARSHAL, Staunton, March 10th, 1864.

I hereby give notice to all persons between the ages of 45 and 50, *who are now required to go into service*, that I am prepared to receive recruits within the above named ages for local duty as Provost Guard.—Persons within the prescribed ages who desire to remain near home would do well to apply at once.
JOHN AVIS, Capt. and Provost Marshal.
March 22—tf

AUGUSTA COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE, to wit:

Estray—Taken up by Wm. N. Mcorman, on his land in the county of Augusta, near Staunton, the 1st day of March, 1864, of the following description:

A Horse of bay color, about 16 hands high, three white feet above the pastern joint, white spots on back—caused from saddle; also, a small white spot on the near side caused by the girth, supposed to be seven years old, and appraised at $300 by James Crawford, Thornton Berry and I. J. Parkins.

Extract—Teste,
Mar 22—3ts W. T. JEWELL, D. C.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. By virtue of the 35th paragraph of instructions from the Office of the Commissioner of Taxes in Virginia, authorizing Joint Stock Companies to pay the five per cent. *ad valorem* tax upon their capital stock, assessed under the Tax of February 17th, 1864, the Board of Directors of the

CENTRAL BANK OF VIRGINIA,

have determined to pay said tax of which the Stockholders hereby have notice. They will therefore withhold said stock in giving in their lists of taxable property. W. H. TAMS,
March 22—6ts Cashier.

$100 REWARD.—HORSES STOLEN. On Saturday night, the 19th inst., there were two Horses stolen from the stables of the subscriber, about two miles from Middlebrook, in this county, of the following description: One is a bay mare about 15 hands high, about 15 years old, with a star in the forehead and a dent or indentation in the skull below the star.

The other is a gray horse, about 15 hands high, and 9 years old. The hair is rubbed off of his sides by the gear, and also rubbed off of the rump in a spot nearly as large as the hand. This horse paces, and prefers pacing to trotting. A reward of $50 will be given for the recovery of each or such information as will lead to their recovery.
March 22—2ts* PETER ROWE.

$50 REWARD.—On the 18th of February, the servant boy named "Pleasant," whom I had hired from the Demaster's Estate, runaway.—He is seventeen years old, gingerbread color, of slender frame. I will give a reward of $50 for his recovery or such information as will enable me to get him. R. B. PADGETT.
March 22—3ts*

BOND LOST.—About the middle of February last, the subscriber lost or mislaid a bond executed by Dr. J. E. Arbogast to Henry Lewris for five hundred dollars. Any one finding said bond will please notify the subscriber of the fact.
Mar 22—tf. JAS. T. EUBANK.

MISCELLANEOUS.

$50 REWARD, Runaway from the Elizabeth Furnace, on the 1st of March, a Negro man, named

HARTWELL,

belonging to E. J. Baker, of Louisa county. Said boy is about 5 feet 10 inches high, of a bright ginger bread color, with full whiskers and mustache, and is about 30 years old. He was hired to Mr. J. R. Timberlake last year, and we have no doubt but that he is now lurking about Staunton, or Mr. Timberlake's chopping, near Staunton. We will pay the above reward for the apprehension of Hartwell if lodged in Jail so that we can get him.
Mar 15—4ts* D. & H. FORRER.

AUGUSTA COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE, to wit:

ESTRAY MARE.

Taken up, by Mrs. Nancy Wiseman, on her land in Augusta county, the 15th day of February, 1864, of the following description, to wit:

A MARE, of Sorrel color, with a blaze in the face, left fore and right hind foot white, about 14 hands high, supposed to be six years old, and appraised before B. F. Hailman, J. P., by John Sellers, Alexander McComb and Jacob Baylor, at $300.

[Extract Teste]
March 15—3t WM. A. BURNETT, D. C.

$25 REWARD.—We will pay the above reward for the apprehension of HENRY, who left the Elizabeth Furnace on the 5th inst. Henry is about 5 feet, 8 or 9 inches high, of dark ginger-bread color, rather slender, and has a free, open countenance. He worked with Mr. J. R. Timberlake last year in his wood chopping, and has a wife in Staunton, where we have no doubt he will go very often.
March 15—4t* D. & H. FORRER.

SINGING CLASS. At the request of several parents, I propose to teach a Singing Class, at the Lecture Room of the Episcopal Church, if 20 pupils can be obtained from the ages of 8 to 16.

TERMS:—25 cents per lesson, payable at the end of each month. Further particulars will be made known on Monday, April 4th, at 5 P. M., when the first lesson will be given.
March 15—3t* E. LOUIS IDE.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A MEETING OF THE BANKS.—At a meeting of the Banks of the town of Staunton, held on Tuesday, February 23d, 1864, the following resolutions were adopted and ordered to be published in the papers of this town:

"*Resolved*, That public notice be given that the Banks located in this Town will find it necessary to give to their depositors, including Banks, in exchange for deposits at their credit on the 1st of April next, and in payment of certificates of deposits then outstanding the four per cent. Confederate States bonds authorized by the 1st Section of the act of Congress entitled "an act to reduce the Currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds" approved February 17, 1864; unless said depositors or Banks, or any of them, give proper notice in writing of their wish that said deposits at credit shall be invested at their cost in the new issues authorized by said act at the rate fixed therein; *provided* said notice be given by the 21st day of March next—on and after which day and until 1st day of April next the Banks will decline to receive deposits.

"*Resolved*, That on and after the 1st day of April next the present issues of Confederate Treasury notes will only be received and paid out at the value given them by said act of Congress; but the new exchanged currency, indicated and prescribed in said act will be received and payed out at par.

And, at a subsequent meeting of the same Banks held on Monday, February 29th, 1864, the following resolution was adopted and ordered to be puplished in the papers of the town.

Resolved, That the Banks located in this town will decline to pay checks drawn upon them, on any date prior to the 1st of April next, or any claims against them, due prior to that date, except in the currency now existing, and as now rated and valued—and all holders of such checks and other claims are requested to collect the same forthwith.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—The attention of the public is respectfully called to the above resolutions of the Banks located in this town, and notice is hereby given that the course therein prescribed will be pursued by said Banks.

EDV/IN M. TAYLOR, Cashier of the Valley Bank, Staunton.
W. H. TAMS, Cashier of Central Bank of Va.
Mar 1—5t

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, C. S. A., Richmond, Feb. 20, 1864.

TREASURY NOTICE AS TO FUNDING UNDER ACT OF FEB. 17, 1864.—Notice is hereby given to all holders of Treasury Notes not bearing interest, that they may exchange the same immediately, at the office of the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, or of any Depositary, for certificates which will entitle them to four per cent. bonds; and that the said privilege will continue until the 1st of April ensuing, after which all notes over the denomination of five dollars can be funded only at 66 2-3 cents to the dollar, except one hundred dollar notes, which, after that date are no longer receivable for public dues and can only be funded at an additional reduction of ten per cent. per month.

The certificates issued, together with the Bonds for which they may be exchanged, are receivable for taxes of the year 1864 at the full amount expressed on the face without interest, *and are not subject to the tax imposed for that year on other bonds and credits.*

The short time allowed should admonish all holders promptly to present the notes, and not risk the chance of exclusion by the pressure which will occur at the end of the month of March.

(Signed) C. G. MEMMINGER, Secretary of the Treasury.

DEPOSITARY'S OFFICE, Staunton, Feb. 26th, 1864.

I am prepared now to receive money for *four* per cent. bonds under the provisions of the foregoing act. Persons will facilitate business very much by arranging their notes into denominations before coming to the office. A. F. KINNEY, Depositary.
March 1—5ts

VIRGINIA HOTEL, Staunton, Va.

FR. SCHEFFER, PROPRIETOR,

Would respectfully inform his friends and the travelling public generally, that he has re-opened the above named Hotel in the

European Style,

and is prepared to furnish comfortable Rooms, with good and clean beds, by the

Day, Week or Month.

The former Dining Room of the Hotel is kept by Messrs. Smith & Beard, as a Restaurant, where Meals are served, at all Hours, in the day and night, thus giving travellers the opportunity either to carry their own provisions or call for what their appetites may desire.

☞ The Stables of the Hotel are also rented, and kept open for feeding horses.
Feb. 23—1m Rock. Register and Lex. Gazette copy and send bill to Proprietor.

HORSES TAKEN UP.—On Sunday, the 24th day of February, the subscriber took up three estray Horses, on the farm of Mr. Geo. Miller, near Summerdean, Augusta county, of the following description:

1st, Dark Bay,

16 hands high, shod all around, a few white spots caused by the saddle.

2d, Dark Dappled Dun,

black mane and tail, about 14 hands high, shod all around.

3rd, Light Bay,

a pony, some white in the face, shod all around.

The owners of these horses can get them by paying for keeping and cost of advertising, if they prove the ownership of them.
March 1—3ts* ISAIAH M. MAYS.

LAND FOR SALE PRIVATELY.—As agent for Judge L. P. Thompson and brother, I have heretofore sold near 4,000 acres of land situate on Birch river, in Webster, Braxton and Nicholas counties, and wishing to close out my agency, I offer for sale two other tracts, one of 2,500, the other 4,000 acres, both having improvements thereon, situate on said river, and also two tracts of wood land; one on Anthony's and the other on Howard's creek, Greenbrier county, Va. Address
March 8—3ts* J. H. CALLISON, Middlebrook, Augusta county, Va.

NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the Commissary Department for supplies contracted for prior to the 17th day of Feb., 1864, will present them for payment before the 25th inst. If they are not presented by the time specified, they will be paid in the present currency at par, or its equivalent in the new issue, WM. M. TATE, Major & Commissary, 34 Dist. Va.
OFFICE SUBSISTENCE, Staunton, Mar 7. March 8—3ts

NOTICE.—The creditors, and legatees of the following named estates which I represent, viz: James Lucas, dec'd; John Armstrong, dec'd; Hugh T. Harris, dec'd; Samuel Lucas, dec'd, and Wm. McChesney, dec'd, are hereby notified to call on me on or before Saturday the 28th inst., and receive the amounts due them, or I will fund the same according to law before the 1st of April next.
March 8—3t* J. H. CALLISON, Middlebrook, Va.

SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.—Will be sold upon the farm of the late William Kinney, near Staunton, on Tuesday, the 22d day of March inst., the following personal property, to wit:

11 head of cattle, including several milch cows;
2 horses and 2 colts;
20 hogs,

and all the farming implements upon the farm. TERMS, CASH. Sale to commence at 11 o'clock.
Mar 15—tds ADMINISTRATOR.
Vindicator copy 1t

$100 REWARD.—Runaway from my residence, near Waynesboro', on Sunday night, the 28th of February, a negro woman named "KIT," belonging to the estate of Jacob Harnsberger, deceased. She is of ordinary stature, copper colored, about 23 years of age, and had on a home-made cotton dress. The above reward will be given if taken out of, and $50 if taken in the county.
March 8—3t GEO. HARNSBERGER, Ex'or.

TO FARMERS AND OTHERS.—I wish to purchase for the use of the Richmond and Fredericksburg Railroad Company,

BACON, LARD and TALLOW,

for which I will pay the market price in Confederate money, or specie, if preferred. Apply at store next door to D. A. Kayser, Main Street, Staunton.
Mar 15—2t* PAUL BARGAMIN, Agent R. & F. R. R. Co.

JUST bought, and am receiving 18 tons of prime plaster, a large lot of cotton cloth, cotton yarns with the original numbers on, machine oil, a large lot of tobacco of various grades, dye stuffs and many other articles not necessary to mention. Also, eighty sacks of salt. Come on with your old issue of Confederate money. D. A. PLECKER.
March 15—tf

NOTICE.—Persons having claims against my Department, contracted before the 17th of last February, are notified to present them *before* the 25th instant, for payment, if not they will be paid in the new issue with the depreciation of the old.
Mar 15—3ts R. TURK, Capt. & A. Q. M.

FRESH GARDEN SEEDS of all kinds, from the Quaker settlement in London, for sale by GARBER & PRICE.
March 15—3ts Vindicator copy.

THE LAST CHANCE!—ALMANACS—Another supply of Dutch English Almanacs, for sale by ROBT. COWAN.
March 8—

NOTICE.—Persons having GARDEN SEEDS for sale, can sell them at Dr. Young's old stand