

Particular Notice.

Not having time to call upon the subscribers to the Virginian in this place and county, to collect dues, we hope they will call and pay us. We need the money. Our expenses are heavy and have to be met promptly in cash.

Examine your receipts and see how the account stands.

We hope our subscribers at other points will regard themselves as under some obligation to forward to us amount due on subscriptions.

Those who subscribed and paid for 6 months, will please renew their subscriptions by forwarding amount for 6 months or longer, as they may prefer.

Another Change.

We have for several weeks been debating in our minds whether we should raise the "Virginian" to a living price, or continue at our present rates. Paper and personal subsistence is from 5 to 10 prices over and above former rates, and we must either break in our efforts to continue the Virginian or raise the price of subscription to a living rate.

We have concluded, as we have weathered the storm thus far, to see of what sort of material our subscribers are made—those particularly who are receiving the very tallest prices that can be obtained for everything they have to sell.

Our old patrons who may feel unwilling to pay our advanced rates, can withdraw their names from our list by paying up old scores.

The News.

Our columns are so fully occupied with important events connected with the movements of our army in Pennsylvania, that we have no room, except merely to refer the reader to them. It is certain that Gen. Lee has achieved a most signal victory over the enemy upon his own ground, but at a fearful cost of life.

But, now we turn to Vicksburg, upon which, in the estimation of almost every body has depended the length of the sanguinary conflict in which we are engaged.

Since writing the above, we have received a telegram from C. W. Button, Esq., Editor of the Lynchburg Virginian, dated the 8th, which says:—

Gen. Johnston telegraphs the Secretary of War that the garrison at Vicksburg capitulated on the 4th inst. Officers to retain their side arms and personal baggage.

Call for Cavalry.

See, in this paper, the card of Col. R. P. Carson, for a Cavalry Regiment for home defense. It isn't worth while for us to commend Col. Carson, as he is well known throughout this county as one of its best qualified field officers, as was attested by his long service as Lieut. Col. of the 37th Regiment in its campaign in the Northwest and the Valley.

Col. Carson, it seems to us, with his qualifications, and the immunities to be enjoyed by the character of the service he proposes to enter, can have but little difficulty in organizing a regiment. For those who feel incumbent upon them to be at and near home as much as possible, a service of the sort here proposed, is certainly the very best they can enter.

Those, therefore, who may prefer the home cavalry service, will have to act at once, otherwise they will be enrolled in the militia the 1st of August, and then choice of service with them is at an end.

The Rains.

For the last three weeks, scarcely a day has passed without a heavy rain—and some days incessant. This week the rain has fallen in torrents several days, and it bids fair to continue.

Moccasin Gap—leading from Abingdon to Hansonville, was visited Tuesday evening by one of the most destructive rain storms that has ever passed over any portion of this country.

passed over the road yesterday, that the scene of destruction is indescribable. It must be seen to be realized. From the manner in which the earth is scooped out, in large holes three feet, and upwards, deep, a dozen water-spouts must have been "playing riot" in that locality.

Martha Washington College.

We have frequently been asked when the next session of this institution would commence, and what of its appointments and prospects. The sessions regularly commence the 15th of August, but as the 15th comes on Saturday this year, we presume it will commence on the 13th.

For full particulars, see advertisement in another column.

Interesting Exhibition.

We had the privilege of attending, on Friday night last, at the Methodist Episcopal Church, the exercises of the pupils of the Abingdon Male Academy, consisting of declamation, dialogues and comic speeches.

There were two prizes for declamation, two for reading and one for spelling. The first prize for declamation was awarded to Connally L. Dunn, and the second to Connally F. Trigg.

Altogether, the exercises were exceedingly interesting, rendering the large audience present satisfied with themselves and with each other.

We had not an opportunity of attending the examination the day previous, but learn from those who were present, that it gave evidence of faithful teaching and commendable application.

Capture of Col. Caudill at Wise Court House.

Tuesday morning last, about 4 o'clock, Col. Caudill, with about 100 of his command were surprised and captured at Wise Court House, Va. The remainder of the Colonel's "Army" made its escape.

The Colonel and his "army" taken off by the captors. Nobody killed. Seven of the enemy—3 dangerously—wounded. Four of ours slightly wounded.

Egyptian Corn.

F. E. G. Lindsey, has presented us a ear of his Egyptian Corn heretofore advertised in our paper. The ear is about the size of a ear of Pop Corn, and has a solid grain.

Good.

A private letter to one of the Editors of this paper, written from the vicinity of Chambersburg, Penn., on the 23th June, states that Gen. Ewell had destroyed the Iron Furnace of that vile Abolition member of Congress from Penn. Thad. Stephens, and that Thad. had contributed 20,000 pounds of Bacon to Gen. Ewell's Commissary Department.

Salt! Salt!!

It will be seen by an order of the County Court, which we insert in another column, that an arrangement has been made with Col. Clarkson, the Superintendent of the Salt-works for a supply of salt for the county.

Hogs! Hogs!! Hogs!!!

We are requested by Capt. Barker to notify owners of hogs now running at large, that

they must be put up, or they will be impounded. If impounded, they remain in pen 5 days and are sold the 6th. The cost to the owner, if taken out within that time, is \$1 for taking up, and 25 cents per day for keeping.

We insert the following particulars of the brutal murder of Dr. Baker, at the request of Col. Jas. L. Davis, the uncle of Mrs. Dr. Baker. Various erroneous accounts having been published, this was written by the Rev. Mr. Park, for the purpose of giving the facts of the case. We copy it from the Knoxville Register.

Doctor Harvey Baker.

I am induced by the various reports in circulation in reference to this case to give you a statement of the facts for publication. Dr. Baker was my nearest neighbor, and as good and true a friend as ever I had.

On my way home from this place on last Friday afternoon, I met a Confederate scouting party under Captain Wiggs, about four and a half miles of Knoxville and was informed by him that the Federals were approaching, and that his party had fired on their advance guard in the road in front of Dr. Baker's house.

The Federal soldier who found him thus, stopped his horse and presented his gun. Dr. Baker called to him. "Don't fire, I am a citizen." The Federal cocked his gun and put it to his shoulder, when Dr. Baker presented his gun and fired first, but without bringing it to his shoulder.

The Federal fired immediately after Dr. Baker shot, and although there was not more than eighteen feet distance between them, it seems neither shot took effect. The Federal fell back to the main road, and Dr. Baker went into his house, and said to his wife: "It is too late; I can't get away."

He told Mrs. B. to take the children and go up stairs. She insisted on his going also, to which he consented. The whole family then at home, consisting of Dr. Baker, wife, two small children, Mrs. Baker's little sister about ten years of age, with three or four little negroes, were in a room up stairs. The enemy surrounded the house and called upon the men to come down and surrender.

Mrs. Baker standing at the head of the stair-way begged them to desist and promised that her husband would then come down. They cursed her and threatened to shoot her if she did not go back.

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With a fixed bayonet pointed at her, and within a few inches of her bosom, the soldier swore he would have it. Another called out, "here's the pistol, it's got it."

Lower down, General Taylor, son of old Zac, has taken Berwick's Bay on the Gulf coast, together with all the Yankees and their guns. West Louisiana is ours to the river bank.

don't abuse a dying man; you have killed him, be satisfied." They attempted to drive her away by threats, but just then an officer, (an Ohio man,) entered and ordered them to stand back.

At Mrs. B's request the officer cleared the room of all but two or three, when the Dr. asked him to protect his family; which he promised to do. Dr. B. said to him, "Sir, you have command of a cowardly set of creatures."

Mrs. Baker expressed some surprise at Dr. W. B. not coming down when Mr. Williams took his horse and started down, but met Dr. W. B. about half way.

These are the material facts of the case. And thus did Harvey Baker come to his death on Friday, 19th June, 1863. I suppose the Federals regarded the attack as coming partly from Dr. B's house, when in truth the fire was from the scouting party on the hill South and back of the house.

Dr. Baker was born in Garrard county, Ky., in 1811. He has resided in this county for 30 years or more. He was a true man, impulsive, bold, but not reckless. He was kind and generous. Indulgent to his family, he was devoted upon by children and servants.

This statement is made from the only reliable sources of information, to stop the unwarranted rumors circulating in regard to it, and as an act of justice to the memory of one who was true in all the relations of life, and who is now beyond the reach of human hate.

For the Virginian.

The undersigned, having attended the recent examination of the students of the Abingdon Male Academy, and seen satisfactory evidence, that Mr. Farmer, the Principal of the Institution, aims to make his pupils thorough in the various departments of study, that he is successful in doing so, and that he pays special attention to the fundamental English branches of education, cordially commend the school to the patronage of the community.

JAMES McCHAIN, A. J. DUNN, D. C. DUNN.

From the Knoxville Chronicle.

The Situation.

The news brought by telegraph and our various exchanges, is, upon the whole, very encouraging. We have to record no disaster to our cause, envolved, though it is, by perils by land and sea.

TENNESSEE.

From Bragg's army, the accounts, for some days, have been various and conflicting. Without alluding to them in detail, we may say that, taking them in their very worst aspect, they do not temper the safety of that fine army, nor the certainty of its holding Rosecrans at bay.

We close our view of the situation at this point, with the following from the Chattanooga Rebel of the 4th. It says:—

Passengers report the evacuation of Tullahoma by our troops. Whilst we are not positively advised of this, beyond the rumor of the hour, we have no doubt of its correctness. If it be true, the movement is a good one, and will meet the sanction of the rank and file of the army, and of all who know anything of the nature of that region of country.

Our first and last duty is to whip Rosecrans. That the mind of Gen. Bragg has this intent, no more, seems clear; and whether the thrashing comes at Tullahoma, or some other point involving a better position, is a question to be determined by those Generals who compose the military family of the Commander-in-Chief.

MISSISSIPPI.

Vicksburg yet stands firm, and resists all Grant's efforts by assault, bombardment, or attempting to storm it into submission.

Port Hudson resists and slaughters Banks' Yankees, white and sooty, as Vicksburg has done to Grant's.

The Marauding bands of robbers and house-burners that have infested the State of Mississippi for some time, have, it seems, been swept out, and the people have comparative quiet in that quarter.

BETWEEN THE RIVER.

In Arkansas, the hero, Price, has taken and holds possession of Helena, center of the richest portion of the State.

Our best information is that, Gen. E. Kirby Smith holds Milliken's Bend, fifteen miles above Vicksburg, on the west side of the river, and that Yankee navigation is thus pretty well closed from the Hill City up to Memphis.

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Zac, has taken Berwick's Bay on the Gulf coast, together with all the Yankees and their guns. West Louisiana is ours to the river bank.

We have confident assurance that our condition and prospects beyond the Mississippi are bright and cheering indeed.

A New Yankee Commander for the South Carolina Coast.

WARM WORK TO BEGIN.

The Abolition Major General Hunter has been relieved of his command of the Department of the South. General Gilmore, the captor of Fort Pulaski, takes Gen. Hunter's place. The N. Y. Herald in commenting upon the change, pitches into Hunter savagely and adds:—

It is very likely that we shall hear of warm work in South Carolina before long. Gen. Gilmore is not the man to waste time in experiments with negroes or writing silly and blood-thirsty letters to Jeff. Davis, threatening to hang, draw and quarter everybody within reach, if some proclamation be not withdrawn, Charleston ought to have been taken long ago, and now that Gen. Gilmore leads the troops we shall probably soon hear that the cradle of the rebellion is as closely invested as Vicksburg and Port Hudson by land, while our iron clads bombard it from the harbor.

Great Capture in Louisiana.

NATCHEZ, July 3.—The Louisiana Democrat states officially that Gen. Taylor, Morton and Green surprised the federal fortifications at Brashear City, on the 29th of June, and captured 1800 prisoners, 33 commissioned officers, \$3,000,000 commissary stores, \$1,500,000 Quartermaster stores, \$250,000 ordnance and \$100,000 medical stores; also 23 garrison and regimental flags, 10,000 tents, 2,000 horses and mules, 7,000 stands of arms, 16 siege guns, and a position as important as Port Hudson or Vicksburg.

Other important movements of Gen. Taylor are progressing.

Private letters from Kenner's Battery states that Gen. Walker, 12,000 strong, had left Delho en route to Lake Providence, which was garrisoned by Federals and negroes. Before leaving they hung two officers commanding negroes.

Nothing from Port Hudson.

From the Southwest.

NATCHEZ, July 4th, via MOBILE 5th.

Gen. Lamar, of Texas, says that Smith and Magruder are fast augmenting their forces.

Gen. Taylor has captured many Yankee planters and overseers, and holds them as hostages for the return of the hundred men confined by Banks, for the shooting of Mr. Dermitt. He, also, held all Southerners, who have taken the Federal oath as prisoners.

Logan and Powers alarm the Federals by their boldness.

The Raid on Decherd.

On the night of the 30th of June, about 1,500 cavalry made an attack upon Decherd, a railroad station on the Nashville and Chattanooga railroad, 13 miles this side of Tullahoma. We have the particulars from a lady who was there and witnessed it all. It was intended to be a monster destruction of railroad cars, engines, and property, but it was a failure. They did not catch the trains. Notice of their approach had been given and everything was kept out of their way.

The enemy burned up the depot and destroyed one of the tanks, but did no other serious damage. They failed to find the government supplies which were stored there. There were a few ladies in the place, whom they threatened and tried to bully to make them tell where the Government stores were, and how many Confederate troops were at several points near by, but failed. They all left about midnight.—Confederacy.

The Raiders not Gone Yet.

It is frequently talked of on our streets and in the country, that the late Yankee and Tory raiders left a good many of the East Tennessee renegades in this section as spies, and furnish important information to the enemy across the mountains. We have heard this repeated, and from so many different quarters, that we cannot believe it destitute of foundation. Besides it is very reasonable to suppose that many of Bird's regiment who have either wives or relations in this country should remain among them, and that their Col. would give them leave of absence or a furlough for this purpose. When they return to their command they will be able to carry much valuable information to the same or another set of raiders to penetrate into our country.

A Grand Train.

The Richmond Examiner says:— A Gentleman who came from Stanton yesterday says that there arrived there Sunday evening about one hundred of the Yankee wagons captured at Winchester. Each wagon was drawn by four splendid Yankee horses, was loaded with Yankee muskets, and had a Yankee cannon hitched behind.