

soldier and citizen—had done his whole duty, no Yankee foot would now press the soil so dear to us all. Should this article reach the eye of a single Virginian, who is not doing his whole duty, let a humble soldier beg for his assistance in repelling the foe from our own loved homes; for a united, energetic and vigorous effort will be all that is necessary to free our homes from the foul touch of the Yankee despot.

We have grown "weary with watching," and "eager for the fray," anxious to move "forward." May we expect your assistance, or shall we go alone to the contest and you reap the reward of our toils? Time will give the response.

SAMFORD.

November 21st, 1863.

At a large meeting of the citizens of Smyth county, held at Marion, on Tuesday, the 17th day of November, 1863, on motion, P. C. Buchanan, jr., was called to the chair, and Wm. C. Sexton appointed Secretary.

The object of the meeting being explained to be to request Col. Wm. E. Peters to become a candidate for the Senate of Virginia in the District composed of the counties of Wythe, Smyth and Washington: It was, on motion, resolved, unanimously, that Col. Wm. E. Peters be requested to announce himself at once a candidate for the Senate in this District.

On motion, a committee of three were appointed to inform Col. Peters of the action of this meeting.

On motion, the proceedings of this meeting were ordered to be published in the *Marion Visitor* and the *Abingdon Virginian*.

On motion, the meeting adjourned *sine die*.  
P. C. BUCHANAN, JR., Chairman.  
W. C. SEXTON, Secretary.

From the New York Herald.

### Sensation.

The letter from our London correspondent— which we publish this morning—discloses a programme of European intervention in behalf of Jeff. Davis and his Southern Confederacy, so very plausible and so perfectly consistent with the game of Louis Napoleon in Mexico, and the policy of England to break up and destroy the power of the United States, that the subject cannot fail to challenge the special attention of the reader.

The European Confederates in this new scheme of a spoils coalition against us are represented as the Holy Father of Rome—in behalf of the Latin church—Austria, Spain, France and Great Britain. Their projected intervention contemplates the recognition of a Southern Confederacy, embracing the thirteen slaves States represented in the rebel Congress (including Kentucky and Missouri,) and the withdrawal of the Union troops from Maryland, so that a free vote may be had in that State upon the question whether she is to adhere to the remnant of the old Union or to go over to the Southern Confederacy. All this is to be accomplished in behalf of Jeff. Davis by these European allies. The programme is magnificent, for it will be seen that it covers not only the Confederacy, claimed by the rebels, but in addition there to the State of Maryland, which involves the District of Columbia and the capital of the United States, for the destiny of Maryland is inevitably the destiny of Washington.

For this magnificent endorsement of Davis our correspondent says the rebel States are to expressly pledge themselves against any filibustering in Mexico, Cuba or Poto Rico, and are to resist, to the extent of their power, the annexation of any portion of the British possessions to the Northern Confederacy, and any attempt on our part to disturb the arrangements of this European coalition in Mexico or the Gulf.—Such are the rough outlines of this projected plot. In reducing it to a treaty it will probably embrace the cession of Texas and Louisiana and Arizona, to say nothing of California. That there is something in these astounding revelations we can hardly doubt, when simultaneously the programme divulged by our London correspondent is substantially promulgated through the *Richmond Enquirer* as the only admissible basis of a treaty of peace.

The leading rebel ambassadors now in Paris or concentrating there are Slidell and Mason, Alexander H. Stephens, the so-called Vice President of the so-called Confederate States, and Dr. Gwin, of California, late from Fort Lafayette. These desperate political adventurers will promise anything and sacrifice anything, to the extent of half the area of the slave States, in order to secure a Southern Confederacy under a European protective coalition. To enter into this coalition England has the powerful inducement of the destruction of an overshadowing commercial rival—an object for which she has been working to divide us on the slavery question for half a century. France is tempted by the bait of a powerful foothold on this continent; Spain, by promises of the protection of Cuba; Austria, by the glittering haub of the crown of Mexico, and the Pope by the spiritual and temporal interests of his church. Then there are the great inducements to England and France of monopoly of the trade in Southern cotton and tobacco upon their own terms. Surely, such arguments as these may be supposed to have been employed to some purpose by Slidell, Mason, Stephens, Gwin and their numerous Southern co-laborers in London, Paris and Madrid.

From the subsequent part of the article it appears that "the United States flatters itself there is going to be a 'Holy Alliance' of the decrepit monarchies of Europe against it, the Yankee nation:

"Hence the same common cause among these old monarchies, beginning with England, which arrayed them in a 'Holy Alliance' against the French republic and against the first Napoleon, invite the parties now concerned to a 'Holy Alliance' against the United States."

But the Yankee nation threatens them with its Russian Alliance:

"If the only difficulty in the way were a war with the United States, we might perhaps have a hostile Anglo-French fleet off Sandy Hook within sixty days. But, looming up in the background of this European projected alliance, stands the colossal power of Russia, quite as near an alliance with the United States, offensive and defensive, as Louis Napoleon, and his colleagues can be to their contemplated coalition with the rebellion."

This was while New York was running wild after the Russian barons and admirals; and before the discovery that said barons and admirals were merely reciting the antics of that strange people, as all polite voyagers humor the grotesque usages of every barbarous people their ships may visit.

### Affairs in the Valley.

We learn from the *Rockingham Register*, that about 500 Yankee cavalry, with two pieces of artillery, made their way up the Valley, as far as the bridge this side of Mount Jackson, on Monday week last, causing no little excitement in the country through which they passed. We had Major White in the enemy's front, with 150 or 200 men, who fell back to Rude's hill in Shenandoah co., when the enemy, after a short engagement, retreated down the Valley. At Mt. Jackson, or below that place, they captured 8 of our pickets. In Major White's engagement with the Yankees we sustained no loss, while we killed 6 or 7 of the enemy. The enemy came up about 12 o'clock, m., and retired about 5 p. m. We burst a Blakeley gun in the action.—As soon as the enemy showed a disposition to retire, he was followed by Major Charles T. O'Ferrall, of New Market, with 6 men, who succeeded in taking a wagon and team from their rear guard. Capt. Blackfort, who is raising a company for O'Ferrall's battalion, captured three of the enemy who came to Harrisonburg on Tuesday morning. These Yankee raiders, we learn, stripped and plundered the country as they went, taking horses, cattle, hogs, wagons, &c., from everybody who was unfortunate enough to live upon the line of their march. We have heard the names of some of the sufferers, among whom is Mr. Charles Moore, near Mt. Jackson, who has suffered considerably at the hands of the vandals.

The *Register* also gives an account of another most successful dash by the indefatigable McNeill. He dashed upon a train in Hardy county, capturing 80 wagons, 240 horses, and 30 prisoners. He had to destroy the wagons, but he brought out the horses and prisoners. We have learned no other particulars of this capture.—*Lynchburg Virginian*.

THE CITIZENS of Fairfield district, South Carolina, held a meeting on the 2d, and appointed a central committee, whose duty it is to appoint sub-committees in each election precinct, to call upon all the citizens within their respective limits and ask them to subscribe at least one bushel of corn for each negro they own, to be sold to the families of soldiers at one dollar per bushel, and to ask those who have the means, but do not plant, to contribute money in lieu of corn.

The Commissioners of the military fund of Clarke county, Miss., are ascertaining from the planters whether they will sell one-fifth part of their corn crop to soldiers' families at one dollar per bushel; and what merchants will sell merchandise and goods at reduced prices, and at what profit they will sell. The names of such as are willing, as well as such as refuse, are to be reported.—*Richmond Whig*.

The Baltimore "Sun" of the 11th says: "A large number of Confederate officers, including those captured on the 7th instant, leave this evening for Johnson's Island, in charge of Major Addicks, 157th Pennsylvania volunteers. They embrace all officers in the Old Capital."

### To be Shot as a Spy.

Captain Gordon, an officer of the Confederate army, has been tried as a spy by a court-martial at Fort McFerry, and found guilty of recruiting for the Confederate army within the Federal lines, and also of hanging about Federal camps in disguise, and is under sentence to be shot on Friday of next week.—The offenders are alleged to have been committed in Western Virginia, where he was arrested. The sentence has yet to be approved by the President of the United States.—*Baltimore Sun*.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger states that the next expedition against Texas will probably proceed by way of Brownsville: the vessels now loaded with troops being understood as bound for that city for the Virginian.

### To the Voters of Wythe, Smyth and Washington.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

Having determined to become a candidate to represent this district in the next Senate of Virginia, I have done so without pledges of any sort. I will not deceive the people by promising that I will have this, or the other bill passed, for this depends on the will of a majority of the body and not on my individual wish. My only promise is to devote my whole time to what I conceive to be their interests. I may be permitted to say what I will do. One important duty of the next Legislature, being to aid, if possible, in arresting the further depreciation of an already depreciated currency, I will not aim another blow by voting to increase the pay of its members.

Not being able to discuss any matter in a small circular like this, I will simply say that, my constant effort will be to preserve the character of our glorious old Commonwealth, pure and spotless in war as well as in peace, and to aid in no legislation purely selfish in its character. Her mines of salt and lead, the productions of which are indispensable to the existence of her sister States of the Confederacy, I will, by no act of mine, close again to their sons who are bleeding for her honor upon her own fields.

No bill will be favored by me authorizing the imprisonment of fuel, forage, hands, teams, &c., for the manufacture of salt, or authorizing the use of the Railroad for transporting the same, to the exclusion of other States, who have entered into contracts, and made heavy expenditures in good faith, that they should have the privilege of transporting their salt to their suffering citizens. This policy is illiberal and unjust, and altogether unbecoming the high character of Virginia for magnanimity and generosity, and will, under no circumstances, receive my sanction.

The election will be held on Thursday, the 3d day of December next, at which time, if you think proper to entrust me with your suffrages, I promise, if I know it, not to betray your confidence.

Respectfully, your ob't serv't,

JOHN H. ERNEST.

### Appointments for Good Hope Circuit.

Melrose, Sunday, November 29th.  
Saltville, " December 6th.  
Good Hope, " " 13th.  
Valley, " " 20th.  
GEO. R. BARR, Supt.  
Nov. 27.

We are authorized to announce Maj. M. B. Tate, of Smyth, a candidate to represent the counties of Wythe, Smyth and Washington, in the next Senate of Virginia, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Col. Wm. E. Peters.

We are authorized to announce Col. Jos. J. Graham, of Wythe, a candidate for the State Senate, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Col. Peters.

Died, at the residence of Mr. Hugh M. Campbell, in this county, on the night of the 23d inst., Mrs. JOANNA WARD, aged 82 years.

### AUCTIONEERS.

As there may be some misapprehension as to who are entitled to offer property for sale at auction, I think it proper to say that:

"Any person whose business it is to offer property for sale to the highest and best bidder at public outcry, is an auctioneer within the meaning of the act whether a neighborhood orier in the country, or a regular auctioneer in the city. But any person not registered as an auctioneer may cry the official sales of executive officers, personal representatives, &c., without being subject to the taxes on auctioneers. If an auctioneer 'purchases, rents, hires or sells real estate or 'negroes' privately, he will be chargeable with an additional specific tax as a commercial broker."

Any person offering property at public sale, whether sold or not, will be required to pay the usual tax upon sales.

JAS. C. CAMPBELL,  
Collector &c.  
Nov. 27, 1863—3w

### NOTICE.

THE Overseers of the Poor for Washington county, will meet at the Court House on Thursday, the 3d day of December, 1863. A full attendance is desired, as business of importance is to be transacted.

JOHN G. KREGER,  
Sec'y of Board,  
Nov. 27,—1t

### NOTICE.

THERE will be a Regimental Court of Enquiry held for the 164th Reg't Va. Militia, at Abingdon on Saturday, the 28th day of Nov., 1863, at the Sheriff's Office.

D. A. P. CAMPBELL, Lieut. Col.  
Comdg. 164th Va. Militia.

### NOTICE.

I HAVE been appointed by the County Court of Washington county, Agent to visit the 37th and 48th Regiments, and the Cavalry company from this county. Any person desiring to send clothing to their friends in the above named Regts. and Company, will deposit the same, plainly marked, with James C. Greenway and Brother, on or before the 7th day of December, 1863.

JAMES HENRITZE,  
Nov. 27, 1863—2w

### Sheep for Sale.

ON Wednesday, the 9th day of December, I will sell at my residence, 5 miles North of Abingdon, from 50 to 100 head of Sheep, Coarse and Fine Wool Breeds. Also 3 or 10 fine Stock Pigs, and a large yoke of Oxen.

A. M. SHULTZ,  
Nov. 27—2w

### Strayed or Stolen.

A LARGE light roan Cow, red about the neck, giving milk. She was driven from my stable, near the Abingdon Depot, on Friday last, by a boy dressed in brown jeans, and was traced as far as Shallow Ford on the Middle Fork. I will give \$25 reward for the return of the Cow, or information by which I can get her.

S. F. HURT,  
Nov. 27—3t

### NOTICE.

ON the 16th of Oct. last, an advertisement appeared in the *Abingdon Virginian* over the signature of Wm. W. Croghan, charging me with having purchased the chance of a stray horse from him, while the horse was in my possession. Knowing that my character would suffer nothing from my acquaintances, it may be that I have too long omitted the correction of the calumny. The following certificate, from Lieut. Samuels, who was present at the transaction between Croghan and myself, and heard me tell him his horse was in my pasture before I bought him, is amply sufficient to justify my purchase of the horse, and to brand Croghan's statement as untrue.

J. W. M. WITTEN.

I heard Col. Witten tell Croghan that he believed a horse which the said Croghan had lost was in his pasture. Croghan replied that he supposed not, as he had been hunting for him a day or two. Witten then proposed to buy the horse at the price of one hundred dollars. Croghan accepted the proposition. Col. Witten told Croghan, before the money was paid, that he had better come to his house, two miles from Jeffersonville, where the trade was made, and see the horse. Croghan declined to do so, and took the money, remarking that he had made a hundred dollars clear. This happened in the month of April, 1863, when horses were comparatively low.

LAFAYETTE SAMUELS, Lieut.  
Nov. 27—1t

### Arrest the Reserter.

REWARD of \$30 will be paid for the arrest and confinement in Jail, of Private Thomas Hare, Irishman, aged about 24 years, 5 feet 6 inches high, florid complexion, dark hair, dark eyes, heavy set, weighs about 160 pounds. Said Hare was, on the 4th inst., ordered to report to his company, by Dr. Woodville, Surgeon in charge of Hospital at Montgomery Springs. He was heard from at Wytheville, Va.

J. T. LEVI, Capt.  
Commanding Battery,  
Gen. Jackson's Brigade, A. of E. Tenn.  
Nov. 27, 1863.—4t

### \$500 REWARD.

I WILL pay the above reward for the apprehension and conviction of the thief who stole from my stable at Emory & Henry College, last Thursday night, the 19th inst., a small, trim Bay Horse, (pony,) about four years old, with roached mane, curved neck and roman nose. When stolen he was lame in one hind foot, (scratches,) and had on but 1 shoe. I will also make compensation for information directing to the thief, and for the return of the horse. He was started westward. A human, (inhuman,) female is suspected of the theft!

E. LONGLEY,  
Nov. 27, 1863—2t

1 BARREL Turpentine received and for sale. Abingdon, Nov. 27—2w  
WM. M. G. SANDOE.

### Russell County, to wit:

To the Clerk of the County Court of said County:

WE, M. G. GARRETT, E. B. GARRETT and John Alexander, three freeholders of said county, do hereby certify, that by virtue of a warrant to us directed by Joel Fields, a Justice of said county, we have this day, on our oaths, viewed and appraised one Cow, taken up by Wm. S. Garrett, on his premises, as an estray, and assess the value of said cow at Seventy Dollars. The said cow is about four years old, and is red and white speckled, and white pieded, marked with a swallow fork in each ear, and no other particular distinctions. Given under our hands, this 17th of November, 1863.

M. G. GARRETT,  
E. B. GARRETT,  
JOHN ALEXANDER.

A Copy.—Teste,  
G. R. COWAN, c. c.  
Nov. 27, 1863.—3t. Prs. fee \$7.00.

### Washington County, to wit:

To the Clerk of the County Court of said County:

WE, A. J. Taylor, Francis Smith and James M. Lee, three freeholders of the said county, do hereby certify, that by virtue of a warrant to us directed by Wm. Eastridge, a Justice of the said county, we have this day, on our oaths, viewed and appraised a bay Mare, taken up by B. S. Talbert on his land as an estray, and assess the value of the said estray at One hundred and Twenty-five dollars. The said mare has a lump on the right hind leg between the ankle and hock joint, no brand, dark bay color, supposed to be thirteen years old. Given under our hands this 12th day of Nov., 1863.

A. J. TAYLOR,  
FRANCIS SMITH,  
JAMES M. LEE.

A Copy.—Teste,  
JOHN G. KREGER, c. c.  
Nov. 20, 1863—3w. Prs. fee \$7

### DEPOSITORY, ABINGDON,

Nov. 20th, 1863.

PERSONS holding certificates issued from this office, are required to call forthwith and get their Bonds. JAS. K. GIBSON,  
3t Depository.

### Wanted Immediately.

AT our Furnace, near Marion, 30 laborers, men liable to conscription, but not now in the army, will be detailed if they will attend to their work closely. A. THOMAS & SON.  
Nov. 20, 1863—6w

### \$200 REWARD.

STOLEN from the subscriber in Watauga county, N. C., a Blue Roan Stallion, about 15 hands high, and rubbed on the neck. I will give the above reward for his delivery to me, or for information enabling me to get him.

ALFRED THOMAS.  
Nov. 20, 1863—8t.

### 37th Va. Regiment.

RECRUITS are wanted for this Regiment. All men owing military service, or young men about arriving at the age of eighteen, by reporting to me, will be assigned to any company in the command. A bounty of \$50 dollars will be given, and pay, commutation of rations and clothing from the day of enlistment.

Members of the Regiment, absent without leave, will do well by reporting to me. They will be furnished with the necessary papers to take them to the command without the attendance of a guard.

BEN. P. MORRISON, Capt.  
and Recruiting Officer 37th Regt. Va. Infy.  
Nov. 20, 1863—4t.

### Public Sale of

### CONDEMNED CATTLE.

BY order of a Board of Survey, appointed by the Commander of this Post, I will sell, at Public Auction, in Abingdon, on Saturday, the 28th day of November, 1863,

### 32 Head of Cattle,

belonging to the Confederate States Post. The sale will take place at 11 o'clock, at the Cattle Scales, near the Railroad Depot.

GEORGE W. ALDERSON,  
Nov. 20th, 1863—3t Capt. & A. C. S.

### NOTICE.

PERSUANT to a decree of the District Court of the Confederate States for the Western Division of Virginia, I will proceed to sell to the highest bidder at Abingdon, on the 28th day of December, 1863, in parcels of from one to two thousand acres, a large body of land lying chiefly on the White Top and Iron Mountains, sequestered as the property of George Douglas, William Douglas and H. D. Cruger and wife.—Plots of the land may be seen at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Washington county.

TERMS—Three equal instalments, the purchaser giving bond and security with interest from date, or cash at the option of the purchaser.

JOHN W. JOHNSTON,  
Receiver District No. 8,  
Western Division of Va.

Nov. 20, 1863—4w

### Washington County, to wit:

To the Clerk of the County Court of said County:

WE, Robert P. Carson, Absolom H. Ireson and A. C. Maxwell, three freeholders of said county, do hereby certify, that by virtue of a warrant to us directed by John F. Preston, a Justice of said county, we have this day, on our oaths, viewed and appraised a Horse, taken up by James L. Ireson, on his land as an estray, and assess the value of the said estray at One hundred dollars. The said Horse is a bright bay, black mane, tail and legs, about fifteen hands high, has a large lump on the left fore ankle, which disables the joint, has some white on the right hind foot, large saddle scar on the withers, and about eight years old, &c. Given under our hands, this 7th day of Nov., 1863.

R. P. CARSON,  
A. H. IRESON,  
A. C. MAXWELL.

A Copy.—Teste,  
JOHN G. KREGER, c. c.  
Nov. 20, 1863—3w. Prs. fee \$7

### Wanted.

AT my Factory, near Abingdon, a large quantity of Flax-seed, for which cash or Cotton Yarn will be paid. T. P. CLAPP.  
Nov. 13.—3t.

### Piano Wanted.

WANTED to purchase or hire a good Piano. A good price will be given. Apply at this office. [Oct. 30.—1t]