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WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 13, 1863.

TO OUR PATRONS.

It becomes our duty, however long we have struggled against the necessity that has now come on us, to make such new terms as will secure the continuance of our publication. The high price of paper, and the difficulty of procuring it at all, has been felt throughout the country, and now it becomes necessary for us to follow suit with the other papers of the State. The price of subscription to the ENQUIRER will hereafter be Three Dollars per annum, in advance, and of advertising \$1 per square, of ten lines, for each insertion, and nothing counted less than a square. Clubs of five or ten will be received at \$2. The size of our paper is as large as any in the State, and our columns are not crowded with useless advertisements—the matter is studiously chosen with reference to the times; and we have spared no labor to make the paper what the District requires. We have held on as long as justice to ourselves would allow it, to our old terms—now we rest our claims on the friends of the paper for continued support, assuring them that none are so anxious, as we will be found, to return to old prices, and old dimensions.

These terms go into effect for the future; the fact may not be known, but it is so, that the unprinted sheets costs us almost the price charged for the paper, and the article is not falling in price: under such circumstances, an increased subscription might not be sought, but we are willing to labor for the public who have encouraged us heretofore, and as our advance is but small, we still can urge our claims on public favor. Suspension would be our only alternative.

APRIL 22, 1863.

THE CROPS.

The weather having settled most beautifully, we can now promise more fully of our wheat crops, which are the finest ever grown in this section. Corn and Peas have also been abundantly planted, and the fields are beginning to show their keeping. The fruit crops will be an average one, except the apples, which are said to be short, if not a failure, in most directions. This last is rarely the case, and it is strange that it should occur now, when the distiller had been building on it the largest calculations; as it is, dried fruit will be rare next season—the pumpkin will best be substituted, as we learn they do well dried, though we confess "pumpkin pie" is rather Yankeeish.

SALE OF NEGROES.

At an estate sale in the upper part of this District, on the 4th instant, the following negroes were sold (S. G. Brown, Esq., Auctioneer), at the prices annexed, or a credit to the 1st January, 1864, with interest from date—they were the property of Charles Hopper, deceased:

Judy, (unsound) 51 years old	\$ 125
Betty, 31 "	1,200
Dolph, 25 "	2,425
Griff, 22 "	2,300
Philo, 28 "	2,175
Bruce, 12 "	1,700
Dave, 14 "	2,010
Bill, 10 "	1,800
Harriett, 18 "	2,700
Reid, 7 "	1,200
Cely, 2 "	500

As the average is about \$1,800, from unsound 51 to precious 2, we can hardly attribute the high prices to a plethora of currency.

DEATH OF GEN. T. J. JACKSON.

Though the public mind was not altogether unprepared, the news of the death of this distinguished man has fallen most startlingly, and painful on the general ear. He died at Guinea Station, some fifteen miles distant from the bloody field so recently the scene of his prowess, at a quarter past 8 o'clock, p. m. on the 10th inst.; he died from the combined effects of his wound, and an attack of pneumonia.

Among our many great and distinguished Generals, there are none who so completely filled the public heart as "Stonewall" Jackson. The enemy, even, were forced to esteem as they had been taught to fear him, and it will now be their boast, as it is our misfortune, that a great and shining light has been extinguished. It is a terrible dispensation of Divine Providence, one that calls for the exercise of all our philosophy, to these trying times. The patriot soldier has fallen with the notes of worldly triumph sounding in his ears, but the country whose idol he was, feel assured from his past life, that a greater triumph awaits him in another and a better world.

Gen. Jackson was, we think, a Virginian by birth, we have not the material at hand for any lengthy sketch of his life—his services are too fresh to be yet forgotten—to other sources we leave the mournful duty.

OUR WOUNDED OFFICERS.

The *Carolinian* is indebted to friends for the following casualties of South Carolina volunteers in the recent battle near Fredericksburg:

Killed—Col. James M. Perrin, Capt. C. Boyd, Private T. J. Perrin, Lieut. Pinckney Seabrook.

Wounded—Arthur Wardlaw, seriously; Gen. Edwards, Gen. McGowan, Col. J. L. Miller, slightly; Capt. Cuthbert, severely; Capt. A. C. Haskell, painfully in foot.

We will doubtless have fuller returns in a few days.

GEN. VAN DORN MURDERED.

TULLAHOMA, May 7.—The following dispatch was received here to-day, dated Columbia, Tenn., May 7th:

To the Provost Marshal:—Gen. Van Dorn was murdered to-day by Dr. Peters. Peters is about six feet high, dark complexion, dark iron grey hair, black eyes, and whiskers on the chin a little grey. Arrest him.

S. W. WHITFIELD, Provost Marshal.

The ink is not dry in our pen, when we are called on to announce the death of another of our Generals—EARL VAN DORN, and that by the hand of an assassin. Like Gen. JACKSON, he, too, filled a high place in public estimation, though his field of glory has been mostly confined to the far West—yet his name was a terror to his enemies, and a watchword for deeds of noble daring. We doubt not that Yankee gold has been employed in this hellish business, for they have ignored all civilized warfare; yet we await, impatiently, further particulars.

The above turns out to be a sort of "Sickles affair." The *Richmond Sentinel* says Van Dorn died, it is understood, the victim of a man, whose conjugal happiness he has ruined. It is said to be his first similar offence. His fate will excite no sympathy, while a cause such as ours will sustain no loss.

The Chattanooga *Rebel* confirms the above in the following remarks:

Dr. Peters, who killed him, was formerly State Senator from Hardeman County, in this State, and is a gentleman of wealth, position and influence, whose family connections rank with the first in Tennessee. He is said to have approached Gen. Van Dorn in the street, and presenting a pistol shot him in the head.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States, met in the Presbyterian Church, at Columbia, on the 7th instant, at 11 o'clock a. m. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., Moderator of the last Assembly. After the sermon the assembly elected Rev. J. A. Lyon, D. D., of Mississippi, Moderator, and Rev. John W. Baker, temporary Clerk.

Threat Without Carding.

The Columbia *Guardian*, of Friday, says:

"We have received from Dr. John Wallace a brochure of thread which was spun by a neighbor of his in Newberry, from raw, uncarded cotton. The thread is tolerably even, and strong. It suggests the possibility of dispensing with cards, altogether. Will our lady friends experiment upon this idea, and report the conclusions to which they come? We believe that the old-fashioned spinning jennies dealt directly with the raw material."

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

In the fall of Col. James M. Perrin, (says the *Charleston Courier*) this estimable young citizen adds another honored name to the roll of "martyrs" from the South Carolina College! *Este Perpetua!*

The hail storm elsewhere mentioned, seems to have been very general, in sections—though narrow; in some pigs and lambs have suffered, but the wheat crops not materially.

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