

SATURDAY, September 5, 1863.

### CARRIERS WANTED.

Several smart boys are wanted to sell the *State Journal* on the trains and elsewhere. Active, intelligent boys can make from fifteen to twenty dollars per week.

The Editor of this paper is now into the "service" and is ordered into camp, it is rumored, for three months. Print of Gen. Order No. 1, "by order of Governor Vance," signed "Dan'l G. Fowle, Adjutant General," and bearing date "Aug. 18, 1863," amongst the persons exempt from duty in the guard for 'Home Defence,' except from drill or service within their counties, when invaded by the enemy," are the following: "one Editor to each newspaper, and all necessary compositors." An ordinary understanding would learn from this that except when the enemy invades the county in which "Editors" and the "necessary compositors" reside, they are not called on to do duty. On the faith of this order we continued our business as usual. Now, however, by the decision of Governor Vance we are called out at a moment's notice, and have to leave our business to take care of itself or finally to close our doors and let our presses rot with rust and other material go to ruin generally. This is the *Editor's* personal consideration, however. It is quite a different matter when considered in the light of a public grievance. Does Governor Vance mean to stop the entire press of the State, and do what the Confederate Congress and every other State of the Confederacy refused to do, out of some stupid notions of theirs, perhaps, that the press is essential to the successful administration of all human affairs? If he does, let it be fully understood. And if that be the determination, then we and every hand in our employ prefer to go at once into the Confederate service and stay there till the close of the war. We have sent from our office enough volunteers to form a large company, at a time, too, when every one of them was exempt. Every man we now have in our employ has been from one to two years in the regular service, and they prefer that service now, if the printing offices are to be all closed, and so do we. Our case will shortly be that of every other Editor and Proprietor of a newspaper in the State, and it becomes a serious matter to consider whether the State of North Carolina shall be without a single newspaper.

If Editors are to be required to close their business they should at least at once know it, and not be taken by surprise by incomprehensible General Orders as we and others have been.

We append the order to put others on their guard:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT NORTH CAROLINA, }  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }  
Raleigh, Aug. 15th, 1863. }

GENERAL ORDER, }  
No. 1. }

I. The following persons are exempt from duty in the Guard for "Home Defence," except from drill or service, within their counties when invaded by the enemy:

FIRST CLASS.—All physicians who now are and for the last five years have been practising in their professions; Railroad officers and employees, not to include laborers, (except two expert track hands for each section for eight miles, who are exempt,) porters and messengers; one miller to each mill; mail carriers; the commanding officer of each Brigade, Regiment and Company of the Militia, and Adjutant of the Regiment. Where any of these officers have accepted a commission in the Guard for "Home Defence," the next officer in rank will be exempted. This class is also exempt from drill.

SECOND CLASS.—Contractors with the State or Confederate Government and their necessary employees; one Deputy Sheriff in each county where there is no Tax Collector; one Editor to each Newspaper, and all necessary compositors; Professors in Colleges and Teachers in Academies.

III. The Commanding Officers will order Company drills once every week, on Saturday afternoon, and Battalion drill once a month.

By order of Governor VANCE: DAN'L G. FOWLE, Adjutant General.

P. S. We "mustered" to-day, and were detailed for six hours to get out our paper—we and our compositors. Six hours per day is quite sufficient to enable us, the Editor, to get out our paper—that is, to furnish copy—and to read proof, if we can get it. But we are satisfied that there is no office in the Confederacy to-day whose printers can "get out" their paper in six hours, and therefore that part of the order is "useless." We do hope Gov. Vance will take another view of this matter. Newspapers are essential, and more than that, there are precious few of that rollicking, profligate class called printers, left out of the army. We used to be and now are one of them, and we glory in saying so. And take them all in all—and magnifying their faults as extensively as you choose, they are hard to beat. We venture nothing in saying that, compared with every other profession or trade, of equal numbers, there are two printers to one now in the service. Those of them we employ are a good sample of the whole. Let them know that they have to fight and they will do it. But they want no half measures. It is the "service—the Confederate service"—or no more service than they have seen.

We trust Gov. Vance will settle this matter finally. If we are to have no newspapers, there will be no printers in the Home Guard—from this office.

P. S. No. 2.—The detail for six hours was a mistake. We were ordered back to duty, and our paper might go to thunder for what the "authorities" cared. Still, by hard driving and by the faithful exertions of our compositors, we succeeded in making up a tolerable paper, in spite of all.

It appears, then, that not even a "detail" will be permitted for even six hours. Very well, then, if the Home Guard should be called into camp, there can be no paper issued in this city—except the *Standard*, whose Editor we saw strutting about whilst better men were in the ranks. But for at least one more week we shall be in a position to expose traitors and scoundrels, for we are dismissed till Monday week.

In the interim we hope Gov. Vance will consider the expediency of having a press in the State under all circumstances. We believe his course is now governed by a desire to be impartial, but he will see that even if he succeed in that, it may be pernicious.

IMPROVING.—Capt. A. P. Woodall has just received a letter in which he learns that his son, Lieut. Marion J. Woodall, Co. D, 26th Regiment, has had the ball extracted from his knee and he is now doing very well. This will be gratifying news to Lieut. W.'s many friends.

THE MAIL.—We have received at least one hundred letters during the last three weeks complaining of the non-delivery of the *State Journal* to subscribers. On the lines of railroad these complaints are most numerous. We once more assure our subscribers that their papers are regularly mailed from this office, and that as much care is exercised as possibly can be in having the mailing done correctly. A subscriber writing from Hillsboro' says, "sometimes your paper is not received at this office at all. In the last eight days I have received only three papers." Now it has so happened, in consequence of the absence of one of our clerks, that we, curse, have put up the mail for the West, including that for Hillsboro', and we are sure it was correctly sent.—So, too, of the other portions of our mail, and we cannot resist the conclusion that there is gross neglect either in the route agents or in some of the post-offices. We very much dislike to make these public complaints, but there is no other course left open to us. We trust more care will be exercised by all concerned; but we have reason to believe that there is no hope in some quarters short of the removal of the officers, and we shall be compelled to take steps to have that done unless there be some amendment.

### Spies in our Midst.

Our community cannot be too vigilant against the great danger of spies in our midst. It is generally believed that we have several among us and that there are disaffected persons here, ready and willing to give them all the information they need. One of the villains was recently arrested and sent to Richmond. Long ago, before he left the command of the army at Newbern, Gen. Burnside boasted that he had daily communication with this city, and if he had desired it could make a successful demonstration on the very heart of the State whenever he chose. It will not do to rely solely on the local police, or even the Confederate authorities here, but the citizens must assist both in the detection of these villains and their friends in this city. Some of these latter are known and will be caught when they least expect it. In the meantime let all our true citizens be vigilant. There is danger in delay.

### The Salem Press.

We classified the SALEM PRESS amongst the doubtful papers of the State, because we had not seen evidence enough to class it with the straight-out traitorous papers, and we complained that that paper lacked nerve to define its position fully. The Press thinks it has clearly defined its position. We think not; but to put the matter beyond cavil we propound the following interrogatories to the Press:

Is the SALEM PRESS in favor of a re-construction of the Union with the Yankees under any circumstances?

Is it not in favor of the unconditional independence of the Southern Confederacy as a Government, and for continuing the war to that end, in the language of the Raleigh STANDARD, to the "last man and the last dollar?"

The answers to these questions will settle the question as to the position of the Press.

### Let us Pause and Think.

Ten men, deserters from the 13th N. C. Regiment, recently captured in Fincastle county, Virginia, by a party under command of Adjutant Mallett, 46th Regiment, who was killed by one of them, will be executed to-day, in accordance with the verdict of a court martial! Ten men to be shot dead to-day by their own comrades! Great God, what an awful responsibility rests upon those who have been the cause of this desertion and this resistance to their commanding officers! Whose responsible for this blood?

### [For the State Journal] Tribute of Respect

TO THE LATE MAJ. JOHN H. WHITAKER, 1ST N. C. CAVALRY

The officers of the 1st N. C. Cavalry met on Aug. 21st, and called Capt. McLeod to the Chair; Lieut. Foard was appointed Secretary. The Chair appointed Capt. Andrews, Lieut. Henry and Borden, as a Committee to draft resolutions expressing the regrets of the officers in the loss of the late lamented Maj. John H. Whitaker. The following preamble and resolutions were read and unanimously adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, It hath pleased Almighty God, in the dispensations of His allwise Providence, to remove from our midst our much beloved and respected brother officer, Maj. John H. Whitaker, therefore be it

Resolved, 1st. That, in his death, we recognize and bow submissively to the eternal will, and overruling Providence of a just and merciful God.

Resolved, 2nd. That in the death of Maj. John H. Whitaker, this Regiment has lost a brave and efficient officer, the cause of independence a gallant and wholesome defender, and his country one of its purest and brightest ornaments.

Resolved, 3rd. That his noble and chivalrous daring and invincible heroism on the field of battle, and his generous, upright and habitual deportment in the daily routine of duty in camp, though lost as an example to us, shall not be forgotten as a precept; that while we cherish the memory of our beloved friend, we will not lose sight of, but strive to imitate his noble demeanor, and disinterested patriotism.

Resolved, 4th. That we tender to the disconsolate widow and orphaned children of our deceased comrade in arms, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, and offer them the only consolation admissible in domestic sorrow—our sympathy and our tears.

Resolved, 5th. That the Secretary of this meeting be requested to furnish a copy of these proceedings to the family of Maj. Whitaker, also a copy to the *State Journal* and *Wilmington Journal* for publication, and that the North Carolina papers be requested to copy.

N. P. FOARD, Secretary.

CAMP NEAR CULPEPPER C. H. VA., }  
Aug. 27, 1863. }

At a meeting of Company E, 1st North Carolina cavalry, on motion, Lieut. Cad. J. Irdehl was called to the Chair, and after explaining the object of the meeting, on motion, a committee of three was appointed to draft resolutions relative to the death of our much beloved Lieut. Jesse H. Person, who fell on the 3rd of July while gallantly leading his men in a charge at Gettysburg, Pa. Whereupon Lieut. J. H. Fuller, Sergt. J. J. Batey and Corp'l J. P. Davis were appointed, when the following resolutions were offered.

Resolved, 1st. That while we bow in humble submission to the will of Almighty God, and would not murmur at His decree, yet, we cannot but lament the early death of one so young and promising, cut off in the bloom of manhood. Long shall his acts live bright in our memory—and should we ever meet again the insolent foe, slaying the many bright ornaments of "Carolina," will we strike to "his memory," and bear our breasts to purchase THAT FAREWELL for which he so nobly fell.

Resolved, 2nd. That the conduct of Lieut. Person as an officer, is entitled to the highest commendation, and that by his impetuous bravery on the battlefield, his vigilance on the out-post, his fortitude and endurance on the scout and march, his kindness and impartiality to the men in camp, and his genial and generous disposition, he has set us an example well worthy of imitation.

Resolved, 3rd. That in his death our country has lost a gallant defender of "North Carolina" one of her most promising sons, and his Regiment one of its best and bravest officers.

4th. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, also to the *Raleigh State Journal*, *Raleigh Register* and *Christian Advocate* with a request for publication.

The foregoing resolutions after being read were unanimously adopted by the meeting, when on motion the meeting adjourned sine die.

CAD. J. IRDELL, Chrm.

W. G. WILLIAMS, Sec.

The Yankees continue pegging away at Battery Wagner, but with what effect is not known. Let them "rez." Christian has not "gone up" yet.