

Tuesday Morning, January 20, 1863

AGENTS FOR THE INTELLIGENCER.

Major James Vanhook, of Sweet Water, Tenn., and R. H. Caldwell, of Philadelphia, Tenn., are authorized Agents for this paper.

R. W. Moore, Esq., of LaGrange, Troup county, Ga., has kindly consented to act as Agent for the "ATLANTA DAILY AND WEEKLY INTELLIGENCER" at that point. His receipts for advertising and subscription will be duly recognized at this office.

Chas. L. B. Wilkinson, of Newman, Coweta County, Ga., has kindly consented to act as Agent for the "ATLANTA DAILY AND WEEKLY INTELLIGENCER" at that point. Those of our friends in that County and its vicinity, who desire to subscribe for, or advertise in, this paper, will please call upon Col. WILKINSON.

THE BATTLE OF MURFREESBORO.

3d Georgia Battalion.

Mr. Editor:

Occupying a position in the army not strictly military, it is not unfair to presume that I can, to some extent, approximate a correct account of the actions and doings, in the battle of Murfreesboro, of those with whom I have the honor of being associated.

As far as I have seen the Georgia papers, sufficient notice has not been taken of the 3d Georgia Battalion. Composed of select men and accomplished officers, and entering the army almost at the commencement of the war, this command has seen service in North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky, and endured hardships, suffered privations, and braved dangers, with as little murmuring and as great heroism as any other.

At four o'clock on the morning of the 31st of December, after the muttering thunders of artillery in the distance had, for several days, announced the approaching conflict, the Confederate forces near Readyville were put in motion, and, although it was pitchy dark, and the rain descended in torrents, reached Murfreesboro, a distance of twelve miles, by ten o'clock the same morning, ready and eager to mingle in the dangers, and share the honors of the impending struggle. Our line of battle, already engaged, extended from the Lebanon pike on the right, across the Nashville pike, in the centre, to the Triune road, on the left, a distance of from five to six miles, the field being selected about two miles beyond Murfreesboro. Along this line our infantry were stationed, the division of Gen. Breckinridge on the extreme right, and that of Gen. McCown on the left. From day to day our gallant cavalry, under its heroic leaders, Gen. Wharton and Wheeler, slowly retired before the advancing columns of the enemy, dealing heavy blows at every step, and gradually cutting them forward until within point blank range of our infantry, who, in the mean time, were anxiously but quietly awaiting their approach.

At length, on the 30th, heavy skirmishing and continual cannonading in the morning, furnished conclusive evidence that the fearful struggle had actually commenced. In the afternoon the firing gradually extended along down our lines, passing the centre, and terminating at the left. During the entire evening the contest grew warmer continually. The rattle of musketry, the sharp cracking of the rifle, and the heavy booming thunders of the artillery, literally became incessant. Often the shouts of our men would rend the air with tones of terror as they gallantly repulsed a charge from the enemy, or in turn charged themselves. About sunset the scene heightened to one of the most frightful sublimity. The enemy having felt carefully our entire line, concentrated a heavy force, supported by many pieces of artillery, against the Division commanded by General Cheatham near our centre. Here the demon of war turned loose his anger, and vented his rage in all his fury. Here Robertson's

plunged through the heart, fell a magnificent spectacle of self-sacrificing heroism. By some means soon after this sad loss the brigade became separated, Col. Stovall, commanding the 3rd and 9th Georgia battalions, the latter commanded by the gallant and chivalrous Major Smith, and Col. Vance the remainder of the brigade. With his reduced command numbering not more than four hundred men, Col. Stovall resolutely encountered a whole brigade of the enemy sheltered behind trees and rocks in a cedar forest, and after sustaining a loss of forty men, killed and wounded, finally dislodged the enemy from their strong position and gallantly pressed forward in pursuit. Through the entire day he maintained his position keeping his column unbroken and unscattered and at all times by his presence, calmness, courage, and perfect ease in manoeuvring his men, animating them to deeds of daring glory. In his support his Adjutant Lt. B. M. Turner, did his whole duty, cheering forward the men by an example of patient courage and fearless daring, recklessly exposing himself to the greatest danger. At one time—a critical moment—when our men were falling around him, he dashed gallantly forward waving his hat and telling his men to follow him. His horse was shot from under him, but he and Col. Stovall both fortunately escaped unhurt.

It would consume too much space to report the deeds of gallantry and daring performed by the officers and privates of the different companies. Be it sufficient to say what I know in general terms. Each officer was at his post, and each did his duty. During the several days through which the battle was protracted, the men and company officers all set a most noble example of patient forbearance in the midst of privation and hardship, and self-forgetting courage when engaged in the fearful struggle of death. Of the soldiers of the 3d Georgia Battalion too much cannot be said in praise. Kept constantly on the field day and night for about one week, without shelter, with a limited supply of blankets, with short rations, in the rain and on the frozen ground a part of the time, without fire, they murmured not, but patiently awaited the hour and then taught the ignominious such lessons as brave freemen alone can teach.

As to the results of the battle as a whole, the Government and the country must judge for themselves. With an army of scarcely forty thousand men, Gen. Bragg received undiminished the shock of, and hurled back the Federal forces, seventy thousand strong, with a reserve estimated at from twenty-five to forty thousand, under command of Gen. Rosecranz. "In the contest, long and bitter as it was, the achievements of our arms and the exploits of our chieftains place this struggle side by side with the great battles of the war. The classic ground around Murfreesboro will not be forgotten so long as the soldier has a friend, or freedom a home.

But it is painful to think of our fallen comrades, whom we love and whose loss we mourn. Among these, fell W. J. Pryor, 1st Lieutenant Company G, pierced in the right breast by a minnie ball, penetrating through the upper lobe of the lung, and inflicting a wound from which he died on the 3d of January. His gentlemanly deportment as an officer, his daring as a soldier, and his unflinching courage in battle, will not be forgotten by his associates, his company, or the battalion, while the classic fields of Murfreesboro live in memory. All our fallen braves deserve a monument to their memory, and the lasting gratitude of all lovers of freedom.

R. B. GARDNER, Sur. 3d Ga. Bat.

Editors Atlanta Intelligencer.

P.S. Augusta Constitutionalist will please copy.

SECRETARY NOTICE.—The lady members of the Atlanta Dorcas Society are requested to

GEORGIA SALT MANUFACTURING COMPANY.—The President and Board of Directors have declared the second dividend of the G. S. M. Co., as follows: Sixty-five pounds of salt per share, at 10 cents per pound—the distribution to commence immediately. Some few counties, not having received salt, from want of proper information in regard to Agents and Depots, will address B. Phillips in Atlanta.

A. F. PLUMB, Secy and Treasurer, Augusta. B. PHILLIPS, General Collecting and Distributing Agent in Atlanta.

Jan. 8, 1863. d2w
Macon Telegraph copy two weeks, and send bill to this office.

NOTICE.
The Express Company have kindly offered to bring to this City, free of charge, all articles sent to the Hospitals for the sick and wounded Soldiers. Provided all such articles are directed to the care of Post Surgeon J. P. Logan or Colonel F. W. Lee, Commandant of the Post.
Atlanta, Ga, Jan. 18, 1863. dtf

BANK NOTES.—Five Thousand Dollars, (\$5,000), for sale by B. H. WRIGLEY, Commission Merchant, Macon, Ga.

January 18, 1863.—dtf

WANTED TO BEH.—A desirable lot of Rio Coffee, 10 Sacks, at EDWARDY'S.

Jan. 18, 1863. dtf

2000 lbs. old and new Cast Steel Saws for sale at EDWARDY'S.

Jan. 18, 63.

GROUND NUTS!—171 Sacks Ground Nuts, on consignment, and for sale by R. M. PARKS & CO.

January 15, 1863.—d1w

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY POST, Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 15, 1863.

Special Order, No. 8.
This is hereby published for the information of all persons, that all date, all combustible materials, such as cotton, hay, straw, fodder, &c., which is now stored in buildings, and is the property of any description, be immediately removed to such a distance as to secure the safety of all such Government property in case of fire. This order is imperative. The removal must not be delayed.
By order, G. W. LEE, Commanding Post.

ON CONSIGNMENT.
65 MILLSAWs and two Circular Saws, 27 Anvils, Painted Kegs, Horse Shoe Nails, &c.

ROBERT J. LOWRY & CO., Commission Merchants, Johnson's Black, White Hall Street.

January 7, 1863.—dtf

NOTICE.
LEFT Mr. O'Halloran's Eating House on the 1st of January, ALFRED, a tall black athletic negro. He had been employed there as a cook, in which department he was most efficient. As it is supposed he may have been pressed into Government service or is working on his own account, any information which will lead to his recovery shall be suitably rewarded by Dr. R. A. KADORG, Corner Hunter & Lloyd Streets, Atlanta.

Jan. 15, 1863. dtf

Sugar.
30 Hhds. Choice Sugar, in store and for sale by M. S. COHEN.

Jan. 9, 1863.—dtf

FOR SALE.
2 VERY DESIRABLE business and residence lots on White Hall Street. Call on me at Tom Eble's old stand.
November 1863.—dtf

MAROUS A. BELL, Real Estate Agent.

WANTED.
25,000 FEET of Walnut Plank two inches thick, 12 edged, to be cut by the twentieth of February next. Cordons are to be made by those delivering the same. The plank to be delivered at the "Georgia Armory," Millidgeville. Contractors will please send their proposals for furnishing the above to the Office, LACHLAN H. MCINTOSH, Ordnance Officer, State of Georgia.

Jan. 15, 1863.—dtf

BY TELEGRAPH.

Expressly for the Intelligencer.

Capture of Yankee Transports on the Cumberland River.

CHATTANOOGA, Jan. 18.—Official information received here, says that Gen. Wheeler has captured four transports, freighted with valuable stores for Rosecranz, at Hotwell's Shoals, on the Cumberland River.

A gunboat, pursuing our cavalry was also captured by Wheeler.

Four hundred prisoners were paroled, and all the transports destroyed except one which was bonded and sent off with the prisoners.

Yankee Thieves Captured.

SAVANNAH, Jan. 17.—Eight Yankee prisoners have been captured near St. Augustine, by Capt. Dixon's guerrillas, and arrived this evening at Oglethorpe Barracks, Savannah, under charge of Capt. S. W. May. Among the prisoners are the Provost Marshal, sutler, and three merchants. The party were mounted on borrowed horses, on a visit to a sugar boiling in the vicinity of that ancient city. The horses are valuable. The prisoners are to be sent to Gen. Beauregard.

Death of Gen. Jones.

JACKSON, Jan. 17.—Major General D. H. Jones died here yesterday.

From Fredericksburg.

FREDERICKSBURG, Feb. 18.—The demonstration of the enemy indicate that early attempts will be made to cross the river above and below town. It is believed the attack may be expected at any time.

Northern dates to the 16th has been received. News unimportant.

The Yankees still claim a victory at Springfield.

Gen. Grant is constantly expected at Memphis with his army.

The 109th Illinois Regiment has disbanded. The Lieut Colonel has gone over to the Confederates.

The steamer Marsillum, from White River, was captured by the Guerrillas and burnt. The officers and crew were paroled.

The passage proposed by the Legislature was introduced by a former member of McClellan's staff.

Reports of Stanton's probable resignation are again current at Washington.

Confederate Officers Captured to be Closely Confined.

CHATTANOOGA, Jan. 17.—Rosecranz has sent the Confederate officers captured at Murfreesboro to Alton, Ill., to be closely confined because of the recent proclamation of President Davis denying paroles to Federal officers.

Gen. Mitchell, Commandant of the Post at Nashville, orders that all property of rebel sympathizers found within one mile of where a bridge or car is burned by guerrillas, shall be destroyed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

A GRANTABLE by an order from the Court of ordinary of DeKalb County, Ga., will be sold before the Court House door, on Wednesday, Dec 23rd next, the legal share of sale, on the 1st Tuesday in March next, the following property of the estate of Richard How, deceased, to-wit:

The dwelling house and lot in the town of Stone Mountain one and a half acres, the store house and lot and one dwelling house and lot adjoining the store, the whole lot on which is a Blacksmith Shop, all well improved. Also part of lot of land, No. 150, containing 102 acres, No. 10, sixty-five acres, No. 20, one hundred and twenty acres, No. 20, 100 hundred, two and a half acres, No. 29, one hundred and twenty six acres, No. 31, sixty acres, all more or less in the 15th district of originally Henry, now DeKalb county. Also part of lot No. 20, one hundred and fifteen acres in the 15th district of a 1400, 1400, a good portion of the above lands are very desirable and well improved. Also one hundred and twenty acres, No. 29, 29 years old; Balsy, 24 years old; Greer, 24 years old; Tanner, 21 years old; (1 Barber); Green, 24 years old; Hill, 24 years old; (Blacksmith); Harrell, 16 years old; Harsh, 30 years old, and her two children; Jensen, 24 years old and her two children; Melissa, 10 years old; Boutwell, 10 years old; Emaline, 8 years old; Isaac, 6 years old. Sold for the benefit of the heirs and creditors of said deceased. Terms cash.

JOHN W. BRIGHT, Administrator, N. K. JUDAN, January 17, 1863.—dtf

DEKALB COUNTY, GA.

