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## The 43d N. C. Regiment During the War.

### Whiffs from My Old Camp Pipe.

It was a beautiful bright Sabbath morning, and our Division being in front the skirmishers engaged were in full view. Gradually the cracking of the rifles grew more rapid and occasionally the enemy's artillery would chime in. Our regiment was filed to the right along a ridge and halted. Between us and our sharpshooters was a smooth, open valley about a half mile in width, and as they occupied the crest of the ridge beyond it was apparent to all, that if forced to fall back, they would of necessity suffer greatly in crossing this valley, where every foot of it could be raked by the enemy's fire. But we had only time to survey the situation, for a heavy line of the enemy advanced for the evident purpose of gaining the hill occupied by our boys and thus secure a great advantage. Immediately the quick eye of our sagacious leader, Gen. Rhoads, discovered the situation and their purpose, and ordered our commander, Capt. Whitaker, who was then in charge of the Regiment, to deploy the Regiment and gain the hill. Instantly our gallant Regiment sprang forward to the relief of our sharpshooters, who were now hard pressed by overwhelming numbers, and were gradually yielding. The struggle by both lines now was, for the possession of the ridge, for each well knew that whichever gained it, would inflict heavy damage on the other.

The general direction of their line was oblique to the hill, with their left advanced, and our right met it face to face on an elevated, but comparatively level space where neither line had ever the advantage of a rock, or stump, to protect it.

Our line had gained all the advantage of position to the left of this point, and the engagement was general and spirited, the full length the line, but on the ground at our right, where the two wings met it was severe for a few minutes. But three of our companies were engaged in this almost hand to hand contest. Both sides felt that to yield the ground, and undertake a retreat, across open ground, right under the muzzles of guns that would pour upon them murderous volumes of shot and ball, was too hazardous, and the struggle for the mastery was terrible, but only for a few minutes. As soon as the enemy realized this unexpected shock, another force was sent in on their left, which outflanked us and must have forced a retreat on our part, had not the timely arrival of the 21st Ga which burst from the woods on our right, swept them from that position. In this short but desperate struggle our Regiment lost of the three companies eleven killed and thirty-four wounded, among them some of the bravest and best officers and men of the Regiment. Many of the fallen of both sides were but a few feet from each other.

Our line was now established along the crest of the ridge which gave us a decided advantage, for although our men could not raise their heads

without great risk, so constant heavy, and accurate was their fire, yet our position was such that but few were struck during the day. By the arduous labors, and heavy and constant fighting to which we had been subjected, our Regiment had lost nearly all of its officers and by the wounding of Capt. Whitaker, it was now placed in command of Lieutenant Morris. The enemy on our front that day exhibited such coolness and bravery, that we were somewhat curious to know to what command they belonged, and from prisoners, taken, we learned that it was a portion of 6th Army Corps. It was a singular fact that in almost every engagement, of any importance, during the remainder of that campaign our Division was face to face with troops of that command, and we always found them vigilant and brave. The firing was kept up, incessantly, by both sides all day, and at night-fall, we were withdrawn, hungry and greatly exhausted, by the labors, and excitement of the day—having for ten hours been exposed to the scorching rays of a hot July sun.

To give the reader, who was never subjected to the ordeal of a protracted battle, an idea of the indifference, with which the veteran soldier, often regarded its dangers, excitements, and perils, we will mention the case of a man of Co. A, of our Regiment who was killed late in the afternoon of that day.

Having exhausted the contents of his cartridge box, and being worn down with the heat, and excitement, he stretched himself out, with his head resting on his knapsack, and drawing his cap over his face, and folding his hands across his breast, he was soon in a sound sleep, notwithstanding the constant whizzing of bullets and shells in dangerous proximity to him. Little thought, did he give to the chances, that he was preparing to "sleep the sleep, that knows no waking." Soon a ball struck, what was thought to be his knapsack, from the peculiar sound. Not a muscle stirred—he was perfectly motionless—and upon raising the cap, his face wore the same calm, peaceful expression—but the ball had penetrated the head—and he was dead. So accustomed, did men become to dangers, horrors and carnage in all forms, that they could even sleep soundly, on the wet ground, in the wild rage and roar of battle, with the dead and dying all around them.

(To be Continued)

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.—The prospect before our College has never been so bright since the war as now. Bro. Taylor, after spending six or seven months in the general endowment turned to his work for the "Raleigh chair." The endowment of this chair is steadily approaching completion and may be considered an assured success.—Biblical Recorder.

We learn that an installment of colonists from Western Massachusetts, numbering twelve families, will soon be on their way to Burke county, N. C. where they will settle some seven miles from Morganton. The colonists have the refusal of 24,000 acres of land.—Wt. Star.

Wake is the largest tax paying county in the State; Mecklenburg second, and New Hanover third.

## SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dec. 18, 1876.

A general feeling of depression appears to pervade the city, and the stagnation in business of every kind is really deplorable. The meeting of Congress is generally the signal for the beginning of gayeties which only have their full swing during and after the Xmas holidays; but the preliminary festivities have as yet failed to put in an appearance. Good, honest old weather has set in in earnest and fur caps, over coats, and gum shoes are at a premium.—The river is one sheet of ice as far down as Maryland Point, thirty five miles below the city.

Were the cold weather and lack of social festivities all we had to complain of, our cause of grief would be light; but far graver matters than these demand the consideration of every citizen. He who thinks that the institutions of this country are not seriously threatened simply mistakes the signs of the times. No bolder attempt at the subversion of the rights of any people were ever made than are now being made by the plotters who made the false counts in the three States and now expect to thrust that falsehood down the throats of the people. They have triumphed over the counts and common decency and now they expect to triumph over Congress and the people. Whether they will succeed, time alone can determine.—I, of course, can only give you what are accepted here as fixed facts. It is currently stated that the Radical program has all been arranged and that it embraces the counting in of Mr. Hayes under any and all circumstances. It is stated that the time-honored custom of counting the votes in the Hall of the House, on this occasion, will not be followed, but that the ceremony will be performed in the Senate Chamber.—The members of the House will simply be notified that the counting is to take place and seats will be provided for them in the Senate Chamber. But no more attention will be paid to the members than to the visitors in the gallery. Grant is fully aware of all that is in contemplation.

He is reported to have told Col. Mosby that he considered Hayes elected; and that he should be inaugurated if it took the whole army and navy to do it, and he took occasion to inform Mosby that if any such military extremity arose, he (Mosby) should have a larger command than any he had had during the war. Mosby himself is authority for this statement having repeated it to four gentlemen in the lobby of the National Hotel. According to the latest advices quiet reigns in Columbia—not exactly the same, but nearly similar to that which reigned in Warsaw. In Warsaw it was a quiet bathed in blood, but in Columbia it is a quiet wrapped in the mantle of Wade Hampton's great good sense and self abnegation. A movement is on foot here to subscribe a fund as a testimonial of the high esteem in which he is held by the people. Hon. George Bancroft, the historian, started the project, some days since, by subscribing \$100. Mr. W. W. Corcoran followed with \$1000, and Mr. Columbus Alexander added another hundred. I have no doubt Gen. Hampton will feel deeply grateful for their kind appreciation of his course, but it is doubtful if he will accept anything in the shape of a gift. He begged the ladies to desist in their recent attempt to raise the necessary funds to purchase or build him a house. Mr. Zengeroff, though a Republican in politics, commands in the highest terms the conduct of Gen. Wade Hampton during the recent canvass in South Carolina. The Republicans groaves, over the Oregon Elector, are long and deep.

They have long since decided that they cannot go behind the broad seal of the Governor of a State and the Oregon matter stands thus. Three electors were chosen and when they applied to the Governor for certificates, he knew that one of them was ineligible by reason of holding the position of U. S. Postmaster. The law directs that the Governor shall issue his certificate to the person or persons holding the highest number of votes. Watts the Post Master, had been repeatedly warned that he was ineligible, but, being the only man who could beat Cronin, he determined to run. He got more votes than Cronin, but they were so many votes thrown away and might just as well have been given to a man of straw. Cronin then being the only eligible man who received a vote in that District was fairly elected, and Governor Greve's action in giving him a certificate is sustained by overwhelming authorities and well established precedents without number. D M

## SENSIBLE TALK.

### A Chat with the Girls about Marriage—Peep Behind the Matrimonial Curtain.

[Sunny South.]

I now ask a place in your columns to talk awhile with the young ladies. Marriage is the topic of all topics most interesting to them, and 'tis about this selfsame subject I wish to speak. I know how girls are, for it has not been very many months since I was one myself. More than half the time, my brains were filled with merryming—just such thoughts as these; whom I should marry, what I would do and where I would live after marrying. O, I had quite a nice little castle loftily built in my imagination and peopled with my king and me, who would always love each other to distraction, and never, never fuss. This would be unalloyed happiness I decided. You see girls I was like the rest of my sex; and like me, you will one day find marriage the most responsible, matter-of-fact existence in the world. So don't build castles in the air about it, but "enjoy your own" while you may, for when you give up your maidenhood romance is gone and reality begins.

When you have good homes and kind parents, stay with them as long as you can, I mean until your "day of grace" in the matrimonial market has nearly waned. But I advise no woman to live as old maid. For at some time she might be left all alone, dependent on herself for support, and there is no end to the jeers and scoffs a woman has to endure when left alone in this world. Yes girls, marry, all of you, but don't be in a hurry about it. Consider the sleep long and well before you take it. It is no child's play; remember you are resigning freedom, girlhood and a heart free from care, for the trials and burdens of a double life. The responsibility of a family is attended with vexations and trouble which the caresses of a kind husband may lighten but not remove.

Marry for love, but be sure to love an industrious, temperate man. And when you are preparing to marry, prepare yourselves also for work. This you cannot escape, unless your suitor happens to be wealthy, which is rarely the case these critical times. For the last eleven years, Southern women have been forced to toil. Many a dainty creature who was raised in affluence and luxury, has sunk into a mere-household drudge, with scarcely an idea, beyond the wash tub and cooking stove.

A young man marries on a salary of seventy five dollars per month, with no other income. He pays forty or fifty dollars per month board for himself and wife. Out of the balance of his salary the washer-woman, clothing

and doctor's bill, have to be paid. The result is, the end of the year finds him in debt. He sees no other way of getting things straight, so he goes back to live with the old folks at home, and many years may pass before his wife can possess that which is the greatest treasure of woman's heart—a home of her own. Her family increases. She does all her home work and merrig burden. She scrubs at the wash tub or kneads her bread while her baby, clings to her skirts fretting to be taken on her lap. And when night comes, heart-sick and weary, gladly would she seek her couch, but the cries of her teething child keep her busy, half the night walking and trotting him. Many a care-worn mother will silently affirm that this is a true picture of her own life, to which the premature wrinkles in her face bear testimony. I present facts without coloring. I have given you a peep into the matrimonial home, young ladies. Of course, there are exceptions; the woman of wealth has no necessity to toil like her less fortunate sister, though her cares are about as numerous. For all women who have children have cares. Children, especially babies, are troubled with many diseases, and what mother can bear her child crying with pains, and remain unmoved? She spends many a sleepless night watching over the little sufferer, and only a mother knows how her heart is rent and torn by anxiety.

Enjoy your youth, young girls. Get all the fun you can out of every hour. Your troubles are only imaginary. Be as merry and happy as larks; and if you grow wary of your lot murmur because you see no way of changing it, think of the thousands of married women who sigh to rest their over-worked bodies and minds from the wear and tear of their humdrum existence. W. W.

## The Inauguration.

Grand preparations are being made for the inauguration of Governor Vance on the 1st of January. In publicity and imposing surroundings, it will surpass anything known in our State history. Owing to the immense crowd to be present, the ceremonies will take place in the open air, within the Capitol square on the South side of the Capitol. A platform large enough to seat three hundred people will be erected enclosing the Statue of Washington and covering the railing, so that the effigy of the father of his country, suggestive of patriotism and devotion to the constitution, will form a part of the august group which takes its part in this happy inauguration of a new era for North Carolina.—Hillsboro Recorder.

## One Way to Get Rich.

Nothing is more easy than to grow rich. It is only to trust nobody, to befriend none, to get everything and save all you can get; to stint ourselves and everybody belonging to us; to be the friend of no man and have no man for your friend; to heap interest upon interest, cent upon cent; to be mean, miserable, and despised for some twenty or thirty years, and riches will come as sure as disease and disappointment. And when pretty nearly enough wealth is collected by a disregard of all the charities of the human heart, and at the expense of every enjoyment save that of wallowing in filthy meanness, death comes to finish the work; the body is buried in a hole, the heirs dance over it, and the spirit goes—where?

Mrs. Henry says that if her John stays out night another week, waiting the returns from Florida, there's going to be a change either in the United States constitution or in hers.—Cincinnati Times.