

SECOND MANASSAS.

Today is the forty-ninth anniversary of one of the most important battles fought and one of the most brilliant victories won by the Confederates during the war. On the 30th of August, 1862, was fought the battle of Second Manassas, as it was called by the Confederates, or Second Bull Run, as it was called by the Federals. It was called Second Manassas or Bull Run because it was fought on nearly the same battlefield on which had been fought the battle of First Manassas or Bull Run on the 21st of July, 1861. This was quite a remarkable coincidence, that these two battles should have been fought on nearly the same ground, over a year apart, and both were two of the most complete victories won by the Confederates during the war.

The number of men engaged in the second battle were many more than those in the first battle, and the Federals lost in killed, wounded and prisoners in the second battle nearly as many men as they had fighting in the first battle. In the first battle of Manassas the troops on both sides were raw volunteers, who had never been in a battle before, but in the second battle they were nearly all seasoned veterans, who had fought in many battles, particularly in the seven days fights around Richmond. The Federal commander was Gen. John Pope, who had been appointed in place of Gen. McClellan, who had been displaced because of his disastrous defeats around Richmond, a few weeks before.

This change of commanders proved most unfortunate for the Federals, for Gen. Pope proved to be utterly incompetent, notwithstanding his boastful proclamation or general orders issued when he assumed command of the Federal army. His disastrous defeat soon after issuing his boast made him the laughing-stock of both armies. He announced that his headquarters would be "in the saddle;" that he expected to see only "the back of the rebels," and that he would easily march his army not only to Richmond but through to New Orleans. And yet in the first battle fought by Pope his headquarters and valuable papers were captured, his army utterly routed and panic-stricken and flying to the breastworks around Washington for safety. By this victory a large amount of valuable property fell into the hands of the Confederates, the most important of which was 25,000 stands of small-arms, twenty-three pieces of artillery and a large amount of medical stores which were greatly needed by the Confederates, whose sources of supplies were cut off by the blockade of all the Confederate ports.

In this battle the Confederates fought with their usual vigor and bravery and in some instances there were clashes with the bayonet, and at one point, after the Confederates had exhausted their ammunition they used stones in repelling the enemy. Most of the fighting was done by the men of Jackson's and Longstreet's corps, and the artillery under Col. (afterwards General) Stephen D. Lee was admirably handled and contributed greatly to the success of the Confederates. Gen. Pope, in order to have a scapegoat and excuse his own incompetency, laid the blame of his defeat on Gen. Fitz John Porter whom he accused of not obeying his orders. A court martial was organized to try Gen. Porter for alleged failure to obey Pope's orders and, of course, was convicted and sentenced to be cashiered and forever debarred from holding any office or place of trust under the government of the United States. This was a most shameful and disgraceful proceeding, and, after Gen. Porter had for many years suffered under this unjust sentence, he was finally vindicated and the sentence annulled.

It is quite a coincidence that the day after this battle was a stormy and very disagreeable,

just as was the day after the first battle of Manassas, and this weather impeded the pursuit of the enemy. It was no uncommon occurrence, however, for a heavy rain to fall the day after a battle, caused, as was said, by the explosions of shells and the firing of cannon.

So decided was the defeat of the Federals in this battle that Gen. Lee considered Richmond to be in danger no longer and determined to march his army into Maryland. Heretofore our army had been on the defensive, protecting Richmond, but now it assumed the offensive and marched across the Potomac into Maryland. This Maryland campaign we will mention later.

THE record made by the Democrats at the recent extra session of Congress should be a source of pride and gratification to their party throughout the United States and should be commended by their constituents regardless of party. The chief praise for this record is due the Democratic leader of the House, Hon. Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, who proved himself to be worthy of his position, his course and conduct being distinguished for wisdom, prudence, statesmanship and patriotism.

After the adjournment of Congress Hon. Champ Clark, the Speaker of the House, briefly but clearly set forth a summary of what had been done at this extra session, from which we copy the following:

"We redeemed every promise made in order to carry the elections in 1910. We have economized; we passed the reciprocity bill, the wool tariff bill, the free list bill, the cotton bill with the Senate amendments, which included the iron and steel schedule and the chemical schedule; we submitted for ratification a constitutional amendment providing for popular election of Senators of the United States; we passed a bill for the publication of campaign expenses before the election; we liberalized the rules, making the committees elective by the house; we passed a resolution to admit New Mexico and Arizona, and we passed a large number of other bills of more or less importance. It is a record of which we may well be proud and on which we will sweep the country in 1912."

President Taft evidently is afraid that this record will enable the Democrats to "sweep the country in 1912" (as predicted by Speaker Clark), for he has already started on a speech-making trip of several thousand miles, hoping thereby to check at once the good impression that this record has made on the people of this country. We confidently predict, however, that his efforts will be in vain.

At last the Private and the Public Local Laws of the last Legislature have been published and are ready for distribution. This is quite a long delay, as the Legislature adjourned nearly six months ago. Shortly after the adjournment the Public Laws were published, comprising a small volume.

The volume of Private Laws contains 1118 pages and the volume of Public Local Laws contains 1324 pages. The volume of Public Laws, published last spring, contains 404 pages. It will thus be seen that while there are 404 pages of Public Laws, there are 2442 pages of the other laws, which are not of general interest.

Whips Wrong Man.

Special to the Charlotte Observer.  
Durham, Aug. 28.—In the recorder's court this morning Dr. C. A. Adams paid the costs in an assault and battery case that had an amusing but tragic misunderstanding. Some days ago Whit Taylor, a character about the city, who is disposed to be mouthy when intoxicated, "cussed" Dr. Adams. The doctor said he would pass it over then, though the ugliest of names had been called him. "I will whip you when you are sober," yesterday he met Whit's double, John Neatherly, a fellow-painter. The physician drew off his gloves, pitched into Neatherly and men passing wished him well. They were divided in their encouragement. Some thought it Whit, others John, all cheered him on. Neatherly soon convinced the doctor took him into the drug store, fixed him up and paid all the costs, administered to the man and felt pretty sorry for it all. The costs and fine went above \$10.

Destructive Storm at Charleston.

Charleston, S. C., Aug. 28.—Seven persons known to be dead, many injured and property damage of more than \$1,000,000 seems to be the sum total of the damage wrought by the terrific storm which struck Charleston Sunday afternoon isolating that city from the rest of the world.

Great relief was felt when it was learned late today that the people on Sullivan's island were all safe, having been taken off by the ferryboat Lawrence, which tied up over night at the Mount Pleasant wharf.

The harbor is filled with the wreckage of small boats, schooners and launches, many piers are washed away along the water front and in the city the streets are strewn with fallen trees, roofs, fences and other debris. Among the principal buildings damaged are the customhouse, postoffice, St. Michael's church and the Wappoo fertilizer mills. The street car, electric, telephone and fire alarm systems are entirely out of commission.

All trains tonight are leaving the city from the old depot, the new station being entirely under water. The Southern Railway officials expect to resume schedules tomorrow, but no mail trains were operated in or out of the city today.

At the height of the storm, the wind reached a velocity of 94 miles an hour, while the tide rose eight feet or more at the Battery, in front of the city.

SAVANNAH IN DARKNESS.

Augusta, Ga., Aug. 28.—Passengers who have just arrived from Savannah and the crews of the Central of Georgia train, say the damage from the storm was not so great in that city as was at first feared. The greatest injury to the city is in being completely cut off from all wire communication. No loss of life has been reported, though the wreckage among the houses along the river has been extensive. The streets are littered with debris and all today business was at a complete standstill.

The electric lighting plant and power house was seriously damaged last night and the city is in total darkness.

WILMINGTON SAFE.

Wilmington, Aug. 28.—Except for very high tides at Wrightsville Beach, a summer resort, 9 miles east of this city, and the consequent scurrying of residents and hotel guests to this city, Wilmington and this section felt very little effect of the severe storm that raged along the South Carolina coast Sunday and today.

Talked With the Dead.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 24.—Atlanta has had a message from the dead, according to R. B. Harrison, president of the local Psychological Research Society, who says he has established actual communication with the other world, while Thomas Edison and the late William James and Lombroso had been striving in vain.

Harrison claims to have established communication with a dead friend through a peculiarly sensitive, but not professional, natural medium, a woman of this city. Prior to the friend's death, he and Harrison had agreed that the one who died first would strive, if conscious in some other world after death to establish communication with earth. Shortly after the death Harrison went to see the medium, taking with him a little knife that the deceased had frequently used and always carried. He put the knife in the medium's hands. She went into a trance, and, according to the investigator, was soon speaking in the voice of his dead friend, saying that the shock of death had been great, but that he was afterward at peace. The dead friend sent word to his wife, through the voice, that it would be well for her to burn all his books on psychology, if they worried her. Then the voice ceased and communication could not be re-established.

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Taft's Long Journey.

Beverly, Mass., August 28.—Twenty-four of the United States will be visited by President Taft on the swing around the circle, according to a partially completed schedule announced today. The president will start on Sept. 15, and with the exception of five States and Arizona and New Mexico, he will pass through every commonwealth west of the Mississippi.

Sixty Persons Hurt.

Middletown, Conn., Aug. 27.—Sixty persons were injured tonight, eight of them seriously, when an express train on the Valley division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad was wrecked by spreading of the rails. The train runs Sundays to various resorts and returns at night. The train consisted of the engine, two baggage and eight passenger coaches. The engine was thrown on its side into a sand bank; the two baggage cars went down a 35-foot embankment and the first passenger coach ran into the tender of the engine and was badly splintered.

It was in this car that most of the injured were found. The engineer was caught in the cab of his engine and had to be chopped out but escaped with a dislocated hip and bruises.

Attempted Incendiarism.

From the Chapel Hill News.  
A few nights ago Mr. W. A. Allen's wood-working shop was discovered on fire. His daughter discovered the blaze from her room window and gave the alarm. The blaze was started in the rear of the building on the outside. The fire was extinguished without much damage. A lightwood torch and a guano sack saturated with oil were found partly burned under the building. There is not a shadow of doubt about the fire being of incendiary origin. Mr. Allen lives near Mann's chapel church, Chatham county, and his shop is located only a short distance from his residence. He has no clue as to the guilty party or parties who attempted to burn his shop. This is the sixth or seventh fire to occur in this section in the past month.

An ordinary case of diarrhoea can, as a rule, be cured by a single dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. This remedy has no superior for bowel complaints. For sale by all dealers.

Killed His Wife.

Alexandria, La., Aug. 27.—Because she would not get out of bed and prepare his supper Mrs. Mary Boatwright, aged 22, was shot and killed about midnight last night by her husband, C.W. Boatwright.

At the inquest Boatwright said he prepared to retire and took the pistol from beneath a pillow, snapping it at his wife, but not knowing it was loaded.

A well known Des Moines woman after suffering miserably for two days from bowel complaint, was cured by one dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by all dealers.

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While the crop of apples on the Cone estate at Blowing Rock is light, taken as a whole, the yield is roughly estimated at 6,000 bushels.

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The extreme drought is having its effect upon the railroads and in many places it is difficult for locomotives to get sufficient water.

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Oil Mill For Sale.

The Chatham Cotton Oil Mill at Pittsboro, N. C., is offered for sale privately, and if not sold privately it will be sold at public auction on the premises at 12 m., on Saturday, the 30th of September. A rare bargain is here offered. For further information apply to Chatham Cotton Oil Co., Pittsboro, N. C.

A Fatal Panic.

Canonsburg, Pa., August 27.—Twenty-six dead from suffocation, twenty-five seriously injured, thirty suffering from minor hurts, is the human toll exacted last night, during an inexplicable panic at a moving picture show in the Canonsburg opera house. The moving picture machine developed a slight defect. A small boy shouted "Fire," at the same time starting for the narrow exit. Bolus Dubrowski, a foreign miner, one of the dead, a giant in proportions, jumped from his seat and ran wildly for the same exit. In a moment there was a fighting, struggling mass after him. At the head of a narrow stairway, which led to the street, the foreigner tripped. As he rolled down the stairs he swept others before him who were waiting for their turn to enter the theater and soon there was an indescribable pile of human beings at the foot of the steps, battling like mad. With the exception of three persons all of the dead are local people.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as the executor of the last will and testament of Rosanna Gaines, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said deceased to exhibit the same to me on or before August 30th, 1912. This August 30th, 1911. D. W. TALLY, Executor. Hays & Byrum, Attorneys.

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