

MARYLAND CAMPAIGN.

This week is the forty-ninth anniversary of the beginning of the Maryland campaign, the Confederate army having crossed the Potomac river on the 5th of September, 1862. This was the first time the Confederates had crossed that stream, previous to that time they having remained on the Southern or Virginia side of that river.

After the defeat of Pope's army at the battle of "Second Manassas," the week previous, Gen. Lee determined to remain no longer on the defensive but to cross the Potomac and assume the offensive. The Federal forces had retired to the defenses around Washington after their recent defeat and were more concerned about defending that city than about capturing Richmond. By crossing the Potomac Gen. Lee hoped that the presence of his victorious army in Maryland would arouse the Southern sympathizers in that State and would so alarm the Federal authorities that they would draw their troops from every quarter for the defence of their capital and thus relieve, for awhile at least, Virginia from being the seat of war.

Although thousands of our troops were barefooted and had gone through a most fatiguing and bloody campaign, fighting many battles, with McClellan near Richmond and with Pope at Manassas, yet they entered upon this Maryland campaign with joy and high hopes. As they forded the Potomac bands played and the men sang "Maryland, My Maryland" as if on a picnic or holiday excursion. Strict orders were issued and rigidly enforced against pillaging and plundering, in most pleasing contrast to the conduct of the Federal soldiers when in Virginia.

Upon arriving at Frederick, several miles across the Potomac in Maryland, Gen. Lee ascertained that there was still a large Federal garrison at Harper's Ferry, and as it would be imprudent to leave so large a force of the enemy in his rear (which might cut off his lines of communication) he determined to send part of his army to capture that place. Accordingly he sent Stonewall Jackson with a large force to capture Harper's Ferry, while he and the greater part of his army moved to the neighborhood of Hagerstown. This was a dangerous movement, this division of his army when a much larger force was near, and great celerity and rapidity of movement was necessary for success.

Jackson with his troops by rapid marches hastened to Harper's Ferry and invested that place, cutting off all avenues of escape or reinforcements. His troops and artillery were posted on the heights surrounding the town on all sides and a most destructive fire was poured upon the beleaguered garrison, which consisted of nearly 13,000 men. Orders had been received by the commander of the garrison to hold out to the last and not to surrender, as several thousand Federal troops were hastening to the rescue, but at the end of two days (on the 15th of September, 1862) the white flag was raised and the entire garrison surrendered. This was the surrender of the largest body of Federal troops that occurred during the entire war, the total number surrendered being nearly 12,000. The Federal official report shows that their loss in killed, wounded and captured was 12,737. The prisoners were all paroled. In addition to so many prisoners our troops captured at Harper's Ferry 73 pieces of artillery, 13,000 stand of arms (that is, muskets, rifles, &c.) 200 wagons and a large quantity of military stores.

This surrender caused great rejoicing at the South and created quite a panic throughout the North. Great indignation was expressed by the government at Washington at this surrender, which was denounced as "most disgraceful" and a military commission was appointed to investigate it. That commission was

in session several weeks and examined many witnesses, and finally reported that the incapacity, "amounting to almost imbecility," of the Federal commander "led to the shameful surrender of this important post." The commission also reported that "Gen. McClellan could, and should have relieved and protected Harper's Ferry." The commander of the garrison, who was so severely censured was Col. D. S. Miles, who was mortally wounded just after the white flag had been raised and before the actual surrender had taken place.

This capture of Harper's Ferry was one of the most notable events of the war and the circumstances connected with it make most interesting reading. The day before its capture (on the 14th of September) was fought the bloody battle of Boonsboro or South Mountain, when Gen. D. H. Hill withstood with a small force nearly all of McClellan's army, but of this battle and the battle of Sharpsburg we will write next week.

A CAMPAIGN of much interest is being carried on in Canada upon the question of reciprocity with the United States. Our readers will remember that our Congress at its recent extra session passed, after much discussion, the Canadian reciprocity bill, and now the same question is being vigorously discussed in Canada.

An election will shortly be held for members of the Canadian Parliament and the only issue discussed is the reciprocity matter. Strong opposition to it has been aroused and it is being bitterly fought. One argument urged against it is that it is a step toward the annexation of Canada to the United States.

JUDGE J. Crawford Biggs, of Durham, has resigned, his resignation to take effect on the 18th of this month. He will be a professor of law at Trinity College, for which position he is admirably well equipped. He was one of the best superior court judges in this State and his resignation will be very generally regretted by the lawyers who have practiced in his courts. Among those spoken of as his successor is Mr. Howard A. Foushee, of Durham, who would make a most worthy and acceptable judge.

A Balloonist Drowned.
Charlotte, Sept. 2.—His parachute failing to work at the proper moment, H. C. Brown, a balloonist, of Saginaw, Mich., abandoned the usual method of descent tonight and dropped from his balloon several hundred feet into the shallow pond at Lakewood park, where he drowned before help could reach him.

Brown has been giving exhibitions at Lakewood, a suburban resort, for several weeks, and was advertised to give an ascension tonight with a pyrotechnical display at a high altitude. The ascension and the display of fireworks from the air craft were carried out according to program but when he started to descend the parachute failed and Brown decided to abandon his balloon and dropped, falling into the lake. His cries for help were heard by thousands of people and a number of boats put out to the rescue, but the aviator disappeared before help could reach him.

Alamance Preacher Joins Army.
From the Alamance Gleaner.
Last week Rev. John S. Thomas, the youthful pastor of the Baptist church at this place, went to Norfolk on an excursion and failed to come back, but word and messages, so report says, were sent that he had joined the hospital corps of the United States army. Be that as it may, it mystifies and puzzles us and we are not much inclined to write about the affair. Mr. Thomas is quite handsome, talked fluently, and is easy mannered, and could have wielded an influence for great good. His people had rallied to him. It's a great pity—this mysterious conduct.

Many Thousands Drowned.
Hankow, China, Sept. 4.—The American mission at Wuhu has received a report that one hundred thousand persons have been drowned by the floods caused by the water flowing over the banks of the Yang-Tse-Kiang river. The floods are the worst that have been experienced in many years. It is estimated that over 95 per cent of the crops have been destroyed.

A Wheelbarrow Wager.

Special to the Charlotte Observer.
Greensboro, Sept. 4.—J. W. Friddle, a well-to-do business man of Stokesdale, arrived in the city this morning at 10 o'clock, pushing in front of him a wheelbarrow. He had rolled the wheelbarrow from the town of Stokesdale, which is about twenty miles from Greensboro on the railroad to Mount Airy. Saturday morning he rolled the wheelbarrow a part of the way and went back home and did a day's work. This morning he left home at 3 o'clock, came down to where he had left the wheelbarrow, picked it up and rolled it into Greensboro, coming by the court-house just as the clock struck 10. Mr. Friddle is no slouch when it comes to avoirdupois, and when he came into the city he was perspiring freely.

Mr. Friddle had made a wager with a townsman of his, Mr. Friddle supporting the Greensboro Patriots and the other man the Winston Twins in the race for the pennant. If Greensboro had won, Mr. Friddle's opponent was to have rolled the wheelbarrow to Winston. When the season closed Mr. Friddle was game and rolled the wheelbarrow into town. He was happy and seemed to enjoy the novelty of the thing as much as anybody. He said he would be ready again next year to stand by the Greensboro ball team.

67 Years in the Poor House.
From the Monroe Enquirer.
There is in the county home a woman who has been its inmate since its establishment about 67 years ago. Her name is Lynn Anderson.

When Lynn entered the county home she was four years old, and she knows no other home than the one provided by the county and has not in all the long years since she entered it spent a night from under its roof, and she has never in all these years been more than half a mile from its walls, except when she made the trip more than fifty years ago from the site out in the country to Monroe when the county home was moved to town. Lynn is a remarkably strong woman and has done an immense amount of hard work. She has drawn and carried enough water from the well out in the yard at the county home, before water works was put in, to float a gunboat, and if all the wood she has carried in her arms from woodpile to house could be put in one stack it would be higher than the court-house.

Three Hurt in Runaway.
Special to the Charlotte Observer.
Yorkville, S. C., Sept. 4.—A pony attached to a buggy in which Mrs. J. Harry Foster of this place, her infant son and older son, Joseph, and a negro nurse were riding, ran away today and threw Mrs. Foster, the infant and the nurse violently to the ground. Mrs. Foster and the nurse were painfully bruised and the infant seriously injured, its skull being fractured, but its recovery is expected. The older son, who was sitting in the rear of the buggy, jumped and escaped injury. The pony is said to have run away without provocation.

Conference Denounces Mormons.
Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 2.—A resolution denouncing the Mormon Church and urging the Department of Justice to bring action to recover to the nation property of the church alleged to have been fraudulently secured, was passed today by the Colorado conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Deaths from Cholera.
Chiasso, Switzerland, Sept. 5.—Since the beginning of the present year the total number of deaths from cholera in Italy has passed the thirty thousand mark. Terror and superstition are causing violent outbreaks among the population.

Mr. J. W. Fitzgerald, a wealthy farmer of Linwood, Davidson county, has agreed to donate to the trustees of Greensboro Female College the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of erecting a dormitory, on the condition that other friends of the college contribute \$15,000.

A total production of 12,918,200 bales of cotton as the final yield this year is indicated by the Department of Agriculture's official report on the condition of the growing crop August 25.

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Poisoned by Toadstools.
New York, Sept. 4.—Angelina de Salvo, a 5-year-old girl, is dead and seven other persons are in a critical condition as a result of a birthday feast given in her honor last night in which twenty-four persons ate toadstools in mistake for mushrooms. A physician found the eight persons in convulsions and apparently at death's door when called in today. The dead girl's mother and three sisters are not expected to survive. A search is being made for the other sixteen persons known to have eaten the fungi.

The commissioners of Durham county have decided to build a new court-house on the site of the old Parrish tobacco warehouse. It will cost \$250,000.

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From the Greensboro News.
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As announced previously the train is to start September 28 at about 7 o'clock in the morning and travel over the Southern railway to Sanford, thence over the Seaboard to Aberdeen, thence over the A. & A. railroad to Pinehurst, Carthage, Jackson Springs, Biscoe, Troy and Ashboro, thence over the Southern to High Point to Lexington, thence over the Southbound to Winston-Salem, thence over the Southern to Rural Hall and via Walnut Cove back to Greensboro, stopping at all intermediate points on the entire route, including a side trip down the factory branch road from Climax to Ramseur and return.

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