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Battle Day Reminiscences

The great battle of Chancellorsville was fought on May 2nd and 3rd just 36 years ago.

A bit of reminiscence here may not be amiss.

Gen. Lee was encamped in front of Fredericksburg where he had defeated Gen. Burnside on December 13th, '62. (this writer's first experience in battle). Gen. Longstreet with his corps was sent to Tennessee where troops were greatly needed. Gen. Meade then in command of the Federal army concluded to strike a blow.

He undertook to do too much at once. He left Gen. Sedgwick in front of Fredericksburg while he crossed with the main army some miles above the city. He sent almost his entire cavalry towards Richmond. This left his right flank open for Gen. Jackson to make his famous detour. Gen. Lee did a most daring thing in confronting the whole Federal army with a weakened force, only 60,000 in all, with a small force at Fredericksburg and Gen. Jackson's corps away. But we see how it worked. "Stonewall" suddenly burst upon the enemy on his right flank and rear. Meade changed his position to meet him when Lee fell upon him from his original front and the battle raged with dashing onslaught by the Confederates.

The Confederate troops were drawn upon from Fredericksburg to help in the terrible struggle. Gen. Sedgwick discerning this threw his corps across and took the coveted Mary's Heights and practically the whole line and threatened to do for Lee just what Jackson had done for Meade, fall upon his right flank and rear. With that ability for which that hero had no peer, Gen. Lee stopped his advance placed his lines in order for defense and turned upon Sedgwick with force sufficient to crush him. Had Meade been a Lee or Jackson and entered upon a bold aggressive attack it might have proved fatal to the Southern army. Indeed there is an apology for him. While standing on the veranda of the Chancellorsville House leaning against a post watching the progress of the battle a cannon shot struck the post and stunned the general for two hours.

The results were, Gen. Meade had quite enough of the blow he hoped to strike Lee and withdrew. Sedgwick was glad to get back across the Rappahannock whole or with what was left. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart had fought to save Richmond like a lion at bay and had scored a grand victory over the whole fine body of Meade's cavalry under Stoneman.

It was victory complete but cost us, besides many noble heroes from the ranks, the left arm of Gen. Stonewall Jackson and in his death the right arm of Gen. Lee, in the latter's own words.

If a humble personal reference will be pardoned the writer will say that in the fight at Fredericksburg he was captured with a very narrow escape from death which gave him the only opportunity thus far to see Washington City, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Wilmington and Fort Delaware.

LOVERS DREAM REALIZED.

An Octogenarian Couple Die On the Same Day and Are Buried in the Same Grave.

How often in the effusion of young affection lovers will indulge the wish that not even death shall separate them after a matrimonial union but that both may die on the same day. The wish even generally vanishes with the honeymoon and the realization has rarely been recorded, yet it is matter of news that such did occur near Scotland Neck, Halifax county, a few days ago. A Mr. W. Hackney, a farmer of 80 years, and his wife were on a visit each at the home of a different daughter. The wife died suddenly and a message came to Mr. Hackney. His son-in-law started to take him to the dead wife but soon after starting found the old gentleman sick and started to return to his house. Before he arrived, however, Mr. Hackney died in the buggy. The husband and wife were buried in the same grave. He had expressed unwillingness to survive his wife.

They Play "The Little Rebel."

On Friday night the members of the play, "The Little Rebel," will render that operetta in Salisbury for the benefit of the Episcopal church there. This play which was rendered here some months ago drew a good crowd and the audience was well pleased with our home talent. A number of others will probably accompany the players to Salisbury.

Dragged from His Buggy.

The Salisbury correspondence to the Observer says:

"Mr. J. S. Marable, a Salisbury butcher, was badly beaten up Tuesday morning. He says that he was hunting sheep for market near the Cabarrus line, on a country road below China Grove, and that he was dragged out of his buggy by two white men and beaten. Mr. Marable got home badly hurt. His version of the affair is that he did not know either of the men nor the cause of the assault upon him. He was not robbed."

Badges Have Come.

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ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Matters of that kind attended to by the Commissioners at Their Last Meeting—County Superintendent of Health Elected—Mr. A. B. Young to Have An Oversight of the Chain Gang.

On account of the road questions, the county commissioners were unable to finish this month's work until Tuesday afternoon. Several questions which have been agitated for several weeks have been put in shape for further developments.

Mr. W. F. Cannon was ordered to be paid \$8.00 towards building a good bridge, which is ordered to be built on Aston's Run at the Boyd place on the Statesville road.

A petition was presented for a road commencing at Flowe's store and running southeast by the most direct and best route to the great road from Albemarle to Charlotte, crossing said road at Muddy creek, running southeast about one mile further, connecting with a new public road at Mill Grove church that runs from said church to Rocky river at Garmon's and Green's mill and crossing said river through Stanly county. Publication of the petition was ordered.

It was ordered that the superintendent of the county home discharge the nurse now in charge on account of mistreatment of some of the inmates, various complaints having come to their notice, and that he procure another instead.

H. O. McAllister, E. D. Leutz, L. J. Foil and others offered a petition for a change in the public road leading from Ed. Hurllocker's place by Geo. D. Bost's and others to Mt. Pleasant. Said change was allowed to be made free of cost to the county.

Dr. Robt. S. Young was elected as the superintendent of health for the county.

A contract was made by several persons of the county for the expense of a jury to lay off a road from Robt. Phifer's land to R. R. Holdbrooks' unless the expense of the road is more than the commissioners will be willing to pay.

The use of the court house was granted Mr. Holland Thompson for commencement exercises on Friday, May 26th.

They ordered that a jury be appointed to lay off a road from Pharr's mill to Rocky River church, on condition that the road is to be located where the jury decides upon the most suitable place, all expenses of damages, laying off and putting said road in good condition and building a good wooden bridge across Rocky river at Pharr's mill to be located by said jury, according to the plans of Mr. Dan Kriminger. The county agrees to pay \$375, and also agrees to pay \$25 towards building a bridge across Back creek on the above new road.

Mr. A. B. Young was selected to visit and have general overcharge of the chain gang. This is not, as some think, a new office, neither does it imply extra expense to the county. The commissioners feel

that they have not the time to keep posted as to this matter, and hence the amount that is ordinarily paid them will go to Mr. Young for his services.

Attention, Veterans!

I have secured the promise of two cars on the siding at the Concord depot to take the Veterans and others to Charleston on Tuesday, the 9th. The train that will take us is due at 7:19 in the morning. The fare is \$4.80 to all alike, and to save annoyance and rush it is desirable that each have the exact change.

This train will stop at China Grove, but not at Harrisburg.

Please be on time, wearing badge, and know that your name is on the rolls of Camp 212, M. C. V., by having paid your ten-cent per capita fee to the general fund for this year.

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mrs. Joe Person is here.

—Messrs. Dillon Brown and J. J. Kennedy, of Salisbury, and Mr. Elbert B. C. Hambley, of Rockwell, are here today.

—Miss Ada Welsh, who has taught at Sunderland for the last six years, will leave tonight for her home in Grove City, Pennsylvania. Miss Welsh is driven to severing her relation with Sunderland on account of failing health.

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