#### THE LATE GEN. EMORY.

A Soldier Whose Deeds Brightened the Middle Era of American History.

The recent death of Maj. Gen. William Melmsley Emory removes the last or almost the last noted soldier of that galaxy which brightened the middle era of American history, the heroes of two wars. But Gen. Emory was not only a veteran soldier and a good one; his fame as engineer, explorer and skillful manager of public works and bound- Ba ary questions was such as to cause many to Be overlook his military career. On the Mexi-B can and British boundaries alike he rendered his beloved country invaluable service. He Co wrote "Notes of a Military Reconnoissance in Ca

Missouri and California," "Notes of Travel in California" and some minor sketches; but most of his work was in the line of official reports.

He was born in 1812, in Queen Anne county, Maryland; was appointed to West Point in 1827, and graduated in 1831



GEN. W. H. EMORY.

with such high honors that he was at once assigned to service as Pe lieutenant in the Fourth artillery, serving in Ri Charleston harbor during the nullification troubles in South Carolina. In July, 1837, he Ra was made first lieutenant in the topographical Rd engineers, and as such did the principal work Sa in fixing the boundary line between the United States and British America. He next Sl served as assistant adjutant general of Gen. Si Kearney's expedition to California, bore an Ta active part in the battle of San Pasqual, Dec. W 6, 1846, and was brevetted captain. For W gallant services in the bat les of San Gabriel and Plains of Misa he was brevetted major. Later he commanded part of the troops in the Mexican capital; in 1849 he was chief astronomer of the Mexican boundary survey; in 1854 he was commissioner and astronomer to run the new line south of the Gadsden purchase, and for the next seven years did active service on the frontier as major in the first United States cavalry. Then came the achievement which gave him national fame. When the war began he was on the Texas line; he concentrated the government troops at Forts Cobb, Smith, Washita and Arbuckly; captured a Confederate force sent against him-the first prisoners taken by the Federals in the warand with prisoners and public property effected a safe retreat to Fort Leaver worth. Thereafter his acts were of national interest. He took part as brigadier general in Mc-Clellan's campaigns of 1862. That autumn strictly for he was sent to New Orleans to command the Third division of the Nineteenth army corps and won high honors in several battles. He repulsed Gen, Dick Taylor at Donaldsonville and Lafourche Crossing; commanded his division in the battle of Sabine Cross Roads: assisted in gaining the battle of Pleasant and conducted the Nineteenth Hill the retreat to New Orcorps on Transferred again to the Poleans. tomac he took part in all the battles of the Shenandoah valley, was promoted major general of volunteers, and served with credit to the end of the war. He thereafter held many important positions till 1876, when he was retired, after which he lived quietly in Washington till his death at the age of 75. He leaves a widow, two daughters and one son-the latter Lieut. W. H. Emory of the Arctic expedition.

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