



Staunton Spectator. STAUNTON, VA. TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1863.

BLOODY BATTLE AND GLORIOUS VICTORY.

The battle between the armies of Gen. Lee and Gen. Hooker, which stretched in space from West of Chancellorsville, 12 miles from Fredericksburg, to East of that "old bog," and in time from Friday evening, the 1st, to Monday morning, the 4th, was one of the bloodiest and most hotly contested of the war, and resulted in one of the most glorious and decisive victories of our gallant army.

On Thursday, Hooker's right wing had reached a point near Spotsylvania Court House, his left resting on the Rapidan at the Ford, and his center on Chancellorsville, ten miles south-west of Fredericksburg. The hostile lines were at this time in close proximity and skirmishes were frequent on Friday evening, about six o'clock, Gen. Jackson attacked the enemy's right flank, and the first general battle ensued.

At midnight, on Saturday night, his men being drawn up in line of battle, a body of troops was seen at a short distance in advance of our line. It being doubtful whether they were friends or enemies, General Jackson and staff rode forward to ascertain. Whilst he was engaged in reconnoitering his men, he was engaged in reconnoitering his men, he was engaged in reconnoitering his men.

Since the above was in type we have learned by telegraph, the sad intelligence that Gen. Lee, the hero, patriot and Christian, is no more. He died of pneumonia at Guiney Station at a quarter after 3 o'clock on Sunday evening last.

This intelligence will cast a pall of gloom over the whole Confederacy. "The Lord's day, and the Lord hath taken away." His is one of the "few immortal names" that were not born to die.

After one of the most desperate and bloody battles of the war, which lasted until ten o'clock on Sunday morning, Hooker was beaten at all points, and fell back towards the Rapidan and its confluence with the Rappahannock, some sixteen miles above Fredericksburg. This was the battle of Chancellorsville.

The enemy's triumph was destined to be short-lived. General Meade being sent to General Early's assistance, in less than two hours defeated Sedgwick and drove him into the valley of the Rappahannock. General Lee, having pushed Hooker's army to keep him quiet for the balance of the day, turned his troops towards Fredericksburg, determined to drive Sedgwick beyond the river and get rid of him.

tain destruction awaited the army of Gen. Lee, it did not ungloriously fly. He was ordered to march on to the Camp near Falmouth, April 27th. General Orders No. 4.

It will be a matter of satisfaction to the commanding General, and to the army, that the operations of the last three days have demonstrated that our army must with confidence rely on our own resources, and not on the aid of our friends.

We have not been able to learn the names of the regiments from this country. We understand that in this respect there were only three slightly wounded. In the engagement, we have been informed that there were killed and wounded on both sides.

On Friday night, the 10th inst., a cavalry force of the enemy, between five and six hundred, attempted to surprise and capture the battalion of Lt. Colonel Edgar, 500 strong, at Lewisburg, Greenbrier county.

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was pressed forward until they came within range of the enemy's batteries, planted North of the Rappahannock, which, from the configuration of the ground, completely commanded the route. His army, therefore, escaped with the loss of a few additional prisoners.

Since the last issue we have had in direct news from the North Western expedition under the command of Gen. Saml Jones, under which is included the forces of Gen. Wm. F. Jones and Gen. Imboden. They have succeeded in frightening the Pennsylvanians considerably, and have destroyed a considerable portion of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

The statement that I was "made the special object of public honors by the obsequial of Richmond," is untrue. Some Union ladies of Virginia presented me with a wreath of flowers at Richmond, and the Union ladies of Staunton sent me a silver goblet.

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QUESTIONS ANSWERED. May 8th, 1863. A. VOTER. In the "Indicator" of the 1st inst., you ask me a number of questions, to which I reply as follows: Q. Did you vote for the 5th Va. Infantry in 1862 as a member of the Convention?

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slander has been organized, and my whole conduct, public and private, has been subjected to malignant criticism and misrepresentation. I am a patient man, and slow to seek controversy with any one, but assailed as I am by a gang of scoundrels, I feel that it is time for me to know that I am prepared to meet them with utter defiance.

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