

THE WAR DAY BY DAY
Fifty Years Ago.

Feb. 1, 1864—An Attack Upon Newbern, N. C., Under the Direction of Maj. Gen. George E. Pickett, Failed After the Capture of a Federal Outpost at Batchelders Creek, Eight Miles from the Town—Lack of Co-operation Between Pickett's Forces.

(Written expressly for The Herald.)

Fifty years ago today an attack upon Newbern, N. C., under the direction of Maj. Gen. George E. Pickett, failed after the capture of a Federal outpost at Batchelders Creek, eight miles from the town.

Another force, consisting of a cavalry regiment and three regiments of infantry under Col. James Dearing, was sent down the north bank of the Neuse to make a demonstration against Fort Anderson, a heavy work that protected Newbern from that side of the river.

at 15,000 men, and as they were reinforced by only one regiment from Morehead City, they were apprehensive of the result should Pickett attack the works.

Pickett Orders Withdrawal.

As the Federals who had so well held the creek fell back, some of Pickett's troops followed, until they were within sight, across a flat stretch of open country, of the works of Newbern.

At this point Gen. Pickett was anxiously waiting to hear Barton's guns on the south side of the town. "We waited in deathlike suspense," he afterward wrote his wife. "Hour after hour of restless anxiety and impatience went by and yet no sound of a gun—no message to tell me why. The torture and suspense were unbearable. Newbern was ours—ours if well—hooped died out and the dejection and despair of the men cannot be told."

AMONG THE SOCIAL CLUBS.
Worley Class of Bethany Baptist Church.

The Worley Class of Bethany Baptist Sunday School held its annual social and lunch last Friday evening. It was "ladies' night" and the wives and sweethearts were out in goodly numbers. All wore the class flower, the white carnation.

The evening's entertainment was divided into four parts. The first was called "stunts," in which each class was expected to tell his three closest neighbors something that had happened to him, and the funniest thing he ever saw. The second was a burlesque on college athletic field events, the standing broad jump, running high jump, steeplechase, and foot race being open to all with appropriate comic prizes for the winners.

L. A. P. W.

At a special meeting of the League of American Penwomen, held Monday night at the Raleigh Hotel, Mrs. Belle Harpster, business of London, gave her lecture, "What was the 'Bethlehem'?" before a large and representative audience.

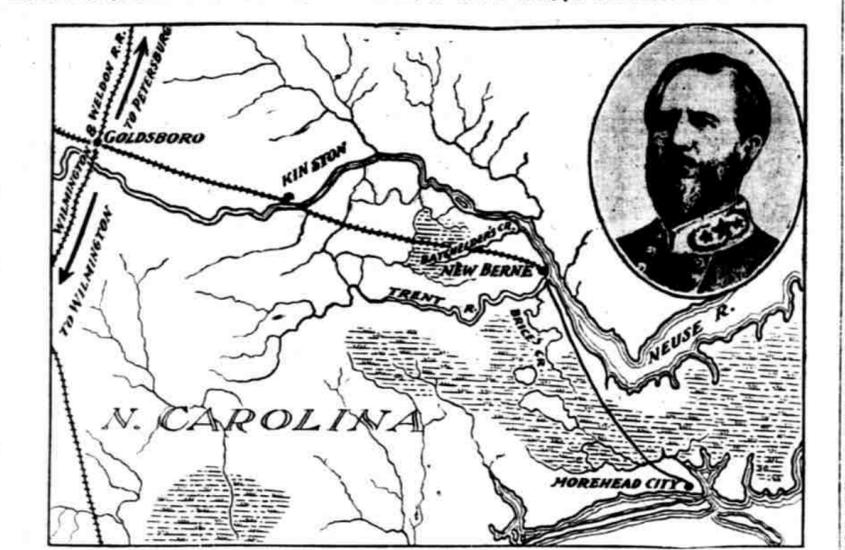
NOTES OF THE SCHOOLS

Tomorrow users in a new semester in the public schools when teachers and pupils turn a new sheet and start on the work of the second half of the year. Of the 70 eighth grade graduates who will enter high schools, by far the greater number have expressed their intention of taking a business training.

Commencements were the leading feature in public school activities last week and many people, prominent in public, social and educational life of the city made addresses or presented diplomas. Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, Mrs. F. C. Clanton, wife of the United States Commissioner of Education, Secretary Wilson, and Commissioner Newman were among the number.

Diagrams were presented by W. T. Gallier, member of the board of education, and musical numbers were given by Miss Lucy G. Lynch, with Miss Clara H. Burroughs as accompanist.

A dramatic club has just been organized at Business High School under the faculty advisement of Miss Stella Drake and Miss K. M. Kingsley. "Every Boy," a fairy play, written by Mrs. Lars Anderson, wife of the former Ambassador to Japan, has now a resident of Washington, was presented in Boston and was well received. It may be repeated here.



SCENE OF GEN. PICKETT'S OPERATIONS AGAINST NEWBERN AND ONE OF THE CONFEDERATE COMMANDERS, GEN. WILLIAM R. TERRY. (Map Based on the Official Records; Photograph from a War-time Negative.)

not delivered, owing to obstacles which Gen. Barton considered insuperable. The entire plan, therefore, fell to the ground, without anything having been accomplished except the capture of Federal outpost positions on Batchelders Creek, together with 28 prisoners and two rifles.

upon the 12th New York Infantry, Col. P. J. Claassen, which was defending a bridge across the creek. A dense fog prevented the defenders of the bridge from seeing their assailants, but the regiment made a stubborn resistance.

These works had proven misleading. His brigade commanders agreed with his opinion that the works were assaulted. After skirmishing on the creek through the First and Second, Gen. Barton decided to join Gen. Pickett.

In connection with the attack upon Newbern, a force of boats under Commander J. Taylor Wood, of the Confederate navy, proceeded down the Neuse River for the purpose of boarding any Federal gunboats that might be anchored in front of the town. They succeeded early in the morning of February 2 in capturing and destroying the Federal gunboat Underwriter.

One of the forces sent out by Pickett gained the railroad in the rear of Claassen's position, but the train had passed the point five minutes before and escaped into Newbern.

Meanwhile, his initial plan having failed, Gen. Pickett, on finding himself confronting strong works mounting numerous rifled guns, decided after remaining twenty-four hours in front of Newbern to retire to Kingston. The order was given on the night of February 2 for the retreat.

Newbern, by reason of its position upon a navigable river, was an important point in the territory along the North Carolina coast occupied by the Federals. It stood on a point of land between the Neuse and Trent rivers. It was about thirty-five miles above Newbern on the Neuse River, an arm of the Atlantic, with which it was connected by a railroad.

In order to save his command from capture, Col. Claassen abandoned his camp and after seven hours' fighting fell back rapidly to Newbern. His men went back to get their camp to get their effects, but this was not practicable. They lost all their extra clothing, camp equipment and many of their money. The regiment had been paid but a few days before.

Gen. Pickett reported, "I had had the whole force in hand, but had little doubt we would have gone easily, taking the place (Newbern) by surprise." He believed further attack inadvisable until an ironclad vessel that was building on the Roanoke River could join in it. This vessel was to be known in history as the Albemarle.

Move in Three Columns.

Gen. Claassen's loss was 5 men killed, 6 wounded and 60 missing. The total losses in the engagement at Batchelders Creek were 25 men, of whom 22 were reported captured or missing from the following commands: Seventh Massachusetts, 62 men; Second North Carolina, 57 men; Twelfth New York Cavalry, 6; Ninety-ninth New York, 62 men; 12th New York 89; Third New York Artillery, Battery K, 31.

The Federals had at Newbern about 2,600 men, under command of Maj. Gen. John J. Peck, commanding the Federal District of North Carolina. Gen. Peck was absent at the time of the attack, and the defense was conducted by Brig. Gen. I. N. Palmer. The defenders of Newbern estimated Gen. Pickett's force

The Anthony League.

The Anthony League held a delightful "at home" in its rooms, apartment 121, the Portman, last Tuesday afternoon.

Caledonian Club.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Caledonian Club, gave a reception last week in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the club.

M. C. E. F. S. A.

The Montgomery County Equal Franchise Suffrage Association, of Maryland, held its January meeting at the home of Mrs. J. W. Wright, of Forest Glen, Md., presided.

Circle des Precieuses Ridi-cules.

Mme. Becker's popular home for entertaining was again opened to the "Circle" for its January meeting last week.

Excelsior Literary Club.

The Excelsior Literary Club was entertained last Tuesday by Mrs. J. M. Jolmes at her home, 27 First street northeast.

Young Willing Helper's Club.

The Young Willing Helper's Club had a short meeting at Flynn's Hall last Sunday. The meeting was first presided over by Michael Clepach, retiring president.

DAMAGED LINER IN PORT.

Scandinavian Steamer United States Transfer Passengers. Greenock, Scotland, Jan. 31.—The Dan-danier United States steamer, which today in a badly crippled condition, has machinery had broken down shortly after she sailed from Christiansand for New York, but she proceeded to Greenock.

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Ever Hear of Such Things?

Vienna, Jan. 31.—One horse is worth ten men, according to the will of M. Bizon, a wealthy land owner, who bequeathed his fortune of \$60,000 to the S. P. C. A. on condition that it build an asylum for decrepit horses.

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NEWS NUGGETS FROM TELEGRAPH AND CABLE

Bremerhaven, Germany, Jan. 31.—An insane steamer passenger shot and killed P. Wendt, third officer of the North German Lloyd steamer Brandenburg, on the voyage to this port from Galveston, Tex., whence she sailed January 21.

Amarillo, Tex., Jan. 31.—Fire which for a time threatened to destroy one of the most important blocks in the business district of Amarillo early today did damage estimated at \$150,000. The buildings of the Amarillo Bank and Trust Company, C. O. Thompson Drug Company, and the Roach Drug Company were burned.

New York, Jan. 31.—A telephone call from a woman early today felled a \$1,000 safe belonging to the Cohan's paper box factory, but the vegans got away. The police found a kit of burglar's tools on the floor before the safe.

Redbank, N. J., Jan. 31.—Mistaking Nicholas of mercury for water, Rev. P. Monroe Van Sant, pastor of the First Methodist Church, today drank some of the poison.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 31.—Attractive medieval dwellings of brick and stone with bath, steam heat, and electric light for rent for not more than \$12 a month to workmen only, was a new project announced here today.

Aigiers, Jan. 31.—The liner Taurulus, which recently struck a reef on the Algerian coast, was pulled off today and brought here badly damaged.

New York, Jan. 31.—"Jim" Russell, younger member of the vaudeville team of Russell brothers, whose skill, "The Irish Servant Girl," was well known to the theatergoers died today at his home in Elmhurst, aged fifty-one.

Cardinal Gennari Dead. Served as Assessor of the Holy Office at Vatican. Rome, Jan. 31.—Cardinal Gasimiro Gennari died today, after a short illness, at the age of seventy-four. He "saw" both the ancient superstition that when one cardinal dies three die, Cardinal Oreglia and Rampolla recently passed away.

Cardinal Gennari was an Italian. He was born in 1840, and after a long career in Southern Italy was made bishop of Conversano in 1881. There his abilities came to the notice of Pope Leo XIII and he was called to Rome in 1897 and created Archbishop of Lepanto. At the same time he became assessor of the holy office, one of the most important offices in the Catholic Church.

Army Officers Given Warning. Army officers in the employ of the Philippine government are forbidden, by the terms of an order issued at the War Department yesterday, to have any connection with any commercial enterprise having business relations with the island government. Officers now interested in such enterprises will be required to dispose of their holdings.

Manager Ray Wise, of the baseball team of Business High School, has planned a trip for Easter week which is probably the most elaborate ever planned for a local high school team. The boys under Coach White are to visit several Southern cities and will be gone five days.

Officials report an unusual number of teachers and employes absent from their regular duties on account of illness. High school principals and supervisors say that the list of capable substitutes is almost exhausted.

Carter B. Keene, director of the new postal savings system, made an eloquent address at the graduating exercises of the fifth division last Friday morning.

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