

The Celebration of the Surrender of Cornwallis. On the 19th day of October, 1781, Yorktown, Va., was the scene of the most memorable occurrence of the Revolutionary war.

On that day, and at that place, the besieged British army surrendered to General George Washington, commanding the combined French and American forces.

This event vitally terminated the struggle that had existed for eight years between Great Britain and her revolted American colonies in favor of the latter.

Soon after the news of this disaster to British arms reached England, Parliament, despairing of putting down the rebellion, stopped the further prosecution of the war in America, and entered upon negotiations for peace.

Of so great importance was the surrender of Cornwallis considered in this country that Congress, upon receiving the intelligence of this brilliant success, manifested its joy by a vote of thanks to the commander-in-chief and to the officers and men of the allied troops generally, and resolved that a marble column should be erected on the spot, bearing a suitable inscription, commemorative of the victory and surrender.

In addition to these acts, recognizing the importance of the events at Yorktown, Congress as a body moved in solemn procession to the Dutch Lutheran church, and returned thanks to Almighty God for crowning the allied arms with victory, and appointed a day of thanksgiving and prayer on account of this signal interposition of Divine Providence.

The public joy over this event, and the approbation of the conduct of General Washington, were displayed by bonfires and illuminations, and by the most flattering and affectionate addresses from State and municipal authorities, and from institutions of learning, to that great commander.

Another Virginian wishes not to be ashamed of his mother State.—Eskine Mayo Ross, brother of Dr. George Ross, of this city, and who went to California in 1858, there studied and practiced law, and who at the late election was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court of that State, writes to his brother that he is deeply interested in the contest now going on in Virginia, and anxious that his mother State should do nothing to make him ashamed of her.

By the way, Judge Ross is a remarkable one. He is only thirty-three years of age; yet his standing in the profession and as a man is such that he was fourth on a list of candidates numbering nineteen, and was less than 600 votes behind the third man, who was already one of the Judges of the Supreme Court.

Buchanan is about 1,000 miles above the sea-level, said "Chester's" letter yesterday. Governor Wise once made the same use of the word "miles" in a letter giving the height of a mountain in Brazil.

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The Great Leader of His Race, Fred Douglass, Comes Out for the McCulloch Bill. The following letter explains itself. It is a frank and manly recognition of the duty of the colored people in the contest now going on in Virginia.

Washington, D. C., October 13, 1879. Colonel James D. Brady and J. H. Van Auken, Esq.: Gentlemen,—I have received the petition presented by you this morning, numerous signed by the colored citizens of Petersburg favorable to the ratification of the McCulloch bill.

Not a citizen of the United States can contemplate the heroic deeds of the Revolution, and trace their results down to the present time, without feeling proud of his country. No Virginian with a spark of patriotism in his breast can recall to mind the brilliant exploits of Yorktown without being proud of his country and proud of his State.

Southampton County. Grand Rally and Barbecue at Franklin. FRANKLIN, October 11, 1879. Editors Dispatch: To-day a large and intelligent audience, composed of the citizens of Southampton, Isle of Wight, and Tangier counties, gathered to hear the State debt, as denominated by the distinguished gentlemen mentioned above.

Mr. Gayle began by bringing before the people a history of the State's finances for the last ten years. He referred to the compromise or funding bill of '71, and how it failed to give relief. He brought before the audience the Biscock-Fowler and Barbour bills, the objections thereto, how they were supported to the last by them; how a party of Radicals, by excluding Richmond, sought to settle finally the State debt question, called a convention to meet in Mozart Hall to oppose the settlement even before they knew what the settlement would be.

At the conclusion of Mr. Gayle's speech Barrett's cornet band struck up a lively air, while the audience attested its appreciation by prolonged applause. Colonel Griffin came forward and explained to the audience the absence of Hon. John H. Bogart, who being district superintendent of Franklin district was ex-officio chairman of the meeting, but his duties at the railroad office called him occasionally from the stand, so he could not preside.

Dr. Curry was then greeted with the applause of all eyes ever since his arrival, and he began to speak the entire crowd swayed around the stand that they might not lose a word of his burning eloquence. With a commanding figure, and a voice of great power and expressiveness, he held his audience from the very start subject to his will. I wish I could give you even a synopsis of Dr. Curry's exhaustive, masterly, and eloquent address; but while he was speaking I could take no notes.

At the conclusion of Mr. Thomas's remarks the crowd were invited to the great hall, and to which they did ample justice. Great good had been done by to-day's speaking, and our cause in this section has been greatly strengthened. As each of the three gentlemen concluded speaking he was presented with a magnificent bouquet, made and presented by the ladies of the city, and their appreciation of the efforts of these distinguished gentlemen in behalf of honesty and right.

Principle Edward County. The frost of the 20th ultimo was less disastrous to the tobacco crop than the burning sun on the fresh plant on Friday the 3d instant. On that day much tobacco was injured throughout the county. The ground was hot and dry, and unlucky was the farmer that did not scaffold immediately after the knife. With the above exceptions the weather has been good, and the plants could have done very well.

Roanoke County. Salem, Va., October 13, 1879. Editors Dispatch: Our people have been very much interested by some street preaching the past few days. A young man named Holder preached the Gospel Friday and Saturday nights in front of the Duval House, attracting quite a attentive crowd of listeners.

Buckingham County. Buckingham Court House, October 13, 1879. Editors Dispatch: An immense audience met here to-day. Our nominees—Messrs. Pettit, Ficklen, and Blanton—were all on hand. The opponents of the Conservative organization held a meeting early in the day, and nominated Col. W. H. S. K. K. as their candidate, and Mr. S. K. K. as their candidate. A Mr. Richardson of Southwest Virginia, arrived about this time to represent that side of the question. A conference was held in reference to a division of time for debate. They did not agree on time for the day. Messrs. Pettit and Richardson, then they were willing to allow to our speakers. On our side we proffered a discussion on equal terms—same time to each side; which was rejected.

Nansemond County. Suffolk, Va., October 13, 1879. Editors Dispatch: There has been a large crowd of people in town to-day to hear the discussion of the debt question. The Moderators declined to participate in the discussion with our speakers, and the audience the fate that awaited them in such a contest. At 12 o'clock the friends of the debt settlement repaired to the court-house, and the room below being well filled, while the ladies occupied the gallery.

Captain John H. Gayle, of Portsmouth, was introduced, who spoke for nearly an hour and a half, giving a most lucid exposition of the whole subject. Captain Gayle, without attempting any rhetorical or oratorical flourishes, expressed his views in a convincing and simple mode of speaking, and always captivated his audience by the evident sincerity of his statements, and retains their undivided attention to the close. He explains the subject in all its details, and any man not an absolute ignoramus can comprehend the subject fully from his hearing, strengthening the faith of those "who need no repentance" and weakening those of the opposite persuasion. While he was speaking Colonel D. J. Godwin, who came to speak for the Repudiators, was standing just outside the door, concealed from view, but listening.

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NEW STOCK, FALL GOODS. D. E. MITCHELL & CO., 527 Broad Street. will open on MONDAY the largest and best complete stock of DRY GOODS in the city. The choice New York and London goods, all goods at less than old prices. BLACK CASHMERE at 12 1/2, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290, 300, 310, 320, 330, 340, 350, 360, 370, 380, 390, 400, 410, 420, 430, 440, 450, 460, 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530, 540, 550, 560, 570, 580, 590, 600, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 670, 680, 690, 700, 710, 720, 730, 740, 750, 760, 770, 780, 790, 800, 810, 820, 830, 840, 850, 860, 870, 880, 890, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940, 950, 960, 970, 980, 990, 1000.

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