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THE EFFECT OF MR. DAVIS' SPEECH.

As might have been expected opinions differ on Mr. Jefferson Davis' speech at Montgomery on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the Confederate Monument to the Alabama soldiers who fell in the war between the States. As far as we have read the Southern journals are solid in passing unqualified encomiums on the performance, excepting the Louisville Courier-Journal which has recorded its exception and has "thrown a sop to the Northern Cerberus." We characterized the speech, in our last issue, as a rather brief one, and that what Mr. Davis did say neither speaks bitterness, nor breathes treasonable sentiments, nor glows with novelty, while there was a vein of commendable moderation pervading the whole which finds expression in his concluding words, which the Charleston News-Courier remarks were uttered in the same spirit as those in which Gen. Grant closed his eyes upon a reunited country:

GRANT.—As I have stated, I am thankful for the providential extension of my time to enable me to continue my work. I am further thankful, and in a much greater degree thankful, because it has enabled me to see for myself the happy harmony which has so suddenly sprung up between those engaged but a few short years ago in deadly conflict.—*Gen. Grant's dying words at Mount McGregor.*

DAVIS.—In conclusion permit me to say that, though the memory of our glorious past must ever be dear to us, duty points to the present and future. Alabama having resumed her place in the Union, be it yours to fulfill all the obligations devolving upon all good citizens seeking to restore the general government to its pristine purity, and as best you may to promote the welfare and happiness of your common country.—*Speech of Ex President Davis at Montgomery, Ala.*

The New York Sun in its somewhat fulsome notice of the speech,—or what appears so to our mind, says:

The speech of Mr. Jefferson Davis possessed every quality which could add to the distinction of the day. It was elevated in feeling, strong in reasoning, dignified in manner and powerful in its effect. Considered as an intellectual effort, it is not too much to say that it was a great speech.

Secretary of Interior is Lamar, said to be "much concerned" in regard to the Davis speeches and the Davis orations. He is reported by the Philadelphia News as having said:

"The effect in the North will, he thinks, be to rekindle hostile feelings, which had almost died away, and he fears the sparks fanned into life again by Davis will be blown into a blaze for campaign purposes by Republican politicians. The terms in which Davis is denounced by Northern Democrats exhaust all the vigorous Anglo-Saxon phrases of indignation and anger."

"One of the queerest Southern idioms used by Attorney General Garland in giving his evidence the other day was the substitution of the word 'rock' for 'stone.' He said he would rather jump into the sea with a 'mill-rock' about his neck than do something or other that he had been accused of doing. 'Stone' is a tabooed word in the South. It is not read in the Southern Bible that St. Stephen was stoned to death, but that he was 'rocked to death.' The people live in rock houses; never in stone ones. A bit of mineral no bigger than one's thumb-nail is as much rock to the Southern as Gibraltar itself."—*Buffalo Express.*

The Wilmington Star is commenting on the above says:

"There is something in this. But it is a mistake to suppose that there are not thousands of educated Southerners who know the difference in the two words and who use them correctly. It is very easy to show Northern 'idioms' as well as Southern. Many of the old English words are preserved in the South of which the North knows nothing.

But in the Scriptures both words are used. Stone and rock are Bible terms. Does the Express know the difference between *petra* and *petros*? If it does not it should investigate. But how large does a stone become before it is a rock? Or where is the line to be drawn when you may say rock instead of stone?"

We think that mere mass or bulk does not define the difference between the words rock and stone. We would say that a rock is a large mass of stone matter, either jumbled in the earth or lying on its surface; and when it becomes broken up as in blasting, and removed for building, for example it is called stone. It is true, however, that in popular language, very large masses of stone are called rocks, and small masses are called stones whether lying in their natural position or not. Mineralogists, however, class all mineral substances under the term rock, whether they are speaking of a bed of coal, or salt, or iron ore, or a roadside pebble. As the Star remarks many old English words, or meanings of words have been preserved in the South of which the North knows nothing that have been lost in the old country. The same may be said of old English meanings of some words among which may be mentioned the word *likely* as applied to external appearance, in which instance likely is equivalent to handsome; as a likely man, a likely woman. Webster does not seem to have known that this meaning of *likely* had been introduced into America. He gives pleasing as one of the meanings of this word, and remarks that the English and their descendants in America differ in the application. The English apply the word to external appearance, and with them *likely* is equivalent to handsome; as a likely man, a likely horse. "In America the word is sometimes applied to the endowments of the mind, or to pleasing accomplishments."

Advices from Athens, Greece, May 7, state that:—All the foreign ministers excepting the Russian have embarked on the vessels of their respective nations to depart from Greece. The Russian minister has not yet received his instructions. The powers have given orders to their fleets to blockade the Greek ports.

This withdrawal of the foreign ministers fore shadows a war in which all the powers of Europe will be involved. The Raleigh News-Observer says:

The present attitude of billigerency, after all that has been said and done, leads to the conclusion that a war is about to occur which will involve all Europe. Greece will attack Turkey. The powers will undertake to coerce the little kingdom into obedience to their will. Russia will call a halt and France will advance to the support of the Czar. Then will ensue a contest between the two great powers already named on the one side and England, Germany and Austria on the other. The whole world will feel the shock, but we in America will look on with a certain degree of equanimity in view of the fact that we shall have to feed and clothe the contending armies at a rate of payment altogether satisfactory.

CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARY.

Since our last issue the Senate passed May 4, the Postoffice Appropriation bill. The House made an adverse report on the Female Suffrage bill, and passed the the River and Harbor bill May 6. The House committee on Alcoholic Traffic has recommended the rejeotive of the Senate bill providing for a commission on the subject of the liquor traffic. A bill to deprive Collectors of Internal Revenue of commissions on taxes collected on distilled spirits was favorably reported to the House by Mr. Morrison, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. Senator Mahone introduced an amendment to the Sunday Civil Appropriation bill to enable the Secretary of War to lay a submarine cable from Cape Charles to Cape Henry. It appropriates \$20,000 for the purpose.

The Supreme court of Virginia last Saturday affirmed the judgment of the lower court in the case of T. J. Cliverius, convicted of the murder of Fannie Lillian Madison. His counsel has entered a motion for a rehearing, which will not be allowed, however, unless one of the judges who concurred in the decision is dissatisfied with it and desires a rehearing.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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State News.

Washington N. C. has a soap boiling factory with a capacity of 4000 lbs. daily.

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Wilmington Star: We neglected to state that Capt. S. H. Manning exhibited the first strawberries of the season at the Star office on April 27. They were raised on his place at Wrightsville sound.

Henderson Gold Leaf: Prospects are good for a fine fruit crop. We are assured that peaches, pears, plums, &c., are safe.—The Gold Leaf would warn its friends—those who are going to cultivate tobacco—against planting too much when they come to put in their crop. There is an over production of common tobacco in the country.

Raleigh News-Observer: It has been decided to hold the next State fair during the week beginning October 24th. The prospects for a first-class fair were never brighter. The State gives \$1,500 in cash for premiums. The State Board of Agriculture contributes a like sum. The Board has also promised to make a very extensive and of course handsome display of the State's resources.

Milton Advertiser: Rev. L. L. Nash, of Leasburg has been assisting Rev. Dr. Starr, of the Main Street Methodist church in Danville, Va., in conducting a protracted meeting the last present weeks.—The devastating low prices of tobacco will cause a considerable curtailing of the tobacco crop this year in Person county. The people are planning more corn than usual. Wheat and oats are looking very well.

Raleigh Chronicle: The Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States, will meet to-morrow morning at 9.30 o'clock the First Presbyterian church.—Messrs A. J. Hart & Son, of Flat Rock, near Hendersonville, are putting up canned peaches. A shipment was made to Messrs. Brown Wedington, of this city, in order to introduce the goods here. To all appearance they are superior to foreign canned goods.

Greensboro Workman: The election for Mayor and Commissioners here yesterday resulted in the defeat of the prohibition candidates. The vote stood: R. R. King, anti-prohibitionist, 306; W. T. Waite, prohibitionist, 200.—We understand that a colored applicant, and the only licensed man in this place, proved a good moral character before the authorities of Graham yesterday, and obtained license to sell liquor, in the face of testimony to the effect that his bar had been open to sell whiskey no Sunday.

Clinton Caucasian: A few days ago Messrs. J. B. Robinson and C. G. Robinson caught 98 shad at one haul of the seine near Lisbon.—Strawberries were shipped from Warsaw Tuesday morning. We regret to learn that the crop is partially cut off.—David Reeves was born March 26th, 1816, in Wayne county, North Carolina, and died near Salisbury, Hardean county, Tennessee, Jan 22d, 1886. The subject of this notice was of Highland Scotch ancestry.—We learn that Mr. W. J. Watson and Allen Howard, one day last week, were attacked by a species of snake called the coachwhip, which fought with desperation for about half an hour before he surrendered to his captors. It measured full eight feet in length and eleven inches in circumference.

Salisbury Watchman: A contract has been let for sinking the main, or Randolph shaft sixty feet deeper. The present depth of this shaft is 740 feet. The Bolliston mine, in Henderson county, to which the Watchman called attention some time ago has been stocked by a syndicate at \$100,000. Cabarrus county has more than sixty-five known mineral localities. Probably only four or five are active just now.—There are to be several parties organized for the summer to go in search of gem stones in Alexander and some of the transmontaine counties. Emerald and the brighter shades of beryl, ruby, sapphire and the finer colored garnets and amethysts will be especially sought.—The Burns mine in Moore county is reported as going on the English market soon. It has been worked with some success recently, with old fashioned chilian mills. After all this slow process seems the most reliable in North Carolina. Some of the largest mines in the State have not paid so well since their exchange for faster processes.—Mr. C. A. Kraus has just finished a large painting which will be greatly sought when lithographed, as he intends that it shall be. It is a bird's eye view of the old federal prison, or Salisbury garrison, as it was sometimes called, as it looked in '86.

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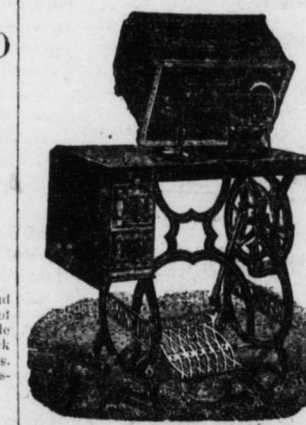
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