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THE COLUMBIA FAIR.

Gov. Vance's Address—The Crowd—The Exhibition—The Grand Military Display on Thursday—The Governor's Guards of Columbia, win the Prizes.

The report of the Columbia Fair published yesterday morning closed, with a brief allusion to the splendid address of Gov. Vance on Wednesday, and with the promise that it should appear in the OBSERVER, in full, to-day.

Governor Hampton, introducing Gov. Vance, said: My friends of South Carolina, the duty has been assigned me, and I need not say with what pleasure I assume it, to present the gentleman who will follow the distinguished speaker from Illinois.

He needs no introduction to the people of South Carolina. His name and his fame are dear to us of the old South State—almost as dear to us as they are to his own countrymen in the old North State. He is known here as he is known there—as a true soldier, a tried patriot, an incorruptible statesman.

Then he introduced Gov. Vance, who spoke as follows, after a humorous and telling exordium, in which he carried away his audience completely, and which we are unable to report with justice to the eloquent speaker:

There is a destiny reserved for the people of the older or Atlantic Southern States. The part they will be required to perform is, in my judgment, of prime importance to the future of not only our common country, but of the English speaking race. That part consists in what is called—sometimes with a sneer—conservatism; the checking and steadying of the extravagant and precipitate tendencies of our Anglo-American Democracy.

Occupying the broadest and most fertile strip of this earth which spreads beneath the temperate belts of the sun, between the two great oceans, an empire of more than 3,000,000 square miles in extent, not yet more than half subdued to civilization, the field of wealth and grandeur which the vista of the future discloses is grander than any which ever old Roman or Spanish gazed upon.

of these high functions, and to ask you to contemplate with jealous pride the grand position you really hold in the economy of our American politics, is my task to-day. I can learn you little in regard to the science of agriculture proper. I cannot tell you how to grow more cotton with the same or less means, and I would not if I could.

But there is a class of our population whose occupation is the production of cotton, whose welfare should engage more of your attention now than the product of their labor. But lately your slaves, and poorly fitted for the duties of citizenship, the problem of their future position is among the most difficult which we have to solve.

In my opinion the proper solution depends also on the agricultural people of the South. It is for you to determine whether they shall or shall not become active and efficient factors in the preservation of free government and the promotion of our material prosperity.

Such, my friends, are the duties which press upon the rural populations of these States. Check and hold steady the rash tendencies of our Democracy; to represent both the cause and effect of disorders growing out of overcrowding population; to adjust our relations with the black race and make it a useful and contented element of our civilization.

Now, that is all I have to say upon that subject. I repeat how much pleasure it gives me to stand before an audience of South Carolinians, redeemed, regenerated and disenthralled, myself being a representative of a State that has had a like experience with yours. I will only say further, in the language of Tiney Tim, "God bless us every one."

The address, delivered in the Governor's own captivating and magnetic manner, made a splendid impression, and he received the most flattering evidences of approval from all of the distinguished personages present.

Thursday night trains brought crowds to the city from all parts of the State, and from Georgia and North Carolina. The military contest was the chief feature of the day and all interest centered on this. Early in the morning the crowd began to move toward the grounds to secure desirable positions for witnessing the great contest, and it is estimated that fully three thousand people were on the grounds.

It will be remembered that two prizes were offered for the best drilled companies; one of \$400 by the citizens of Columbia, open to the United States, and another of \$100 open to the companies of the State.

At 10 o'clock the soldiers began to take position, and were finally formed in the following order, with the right of the column resting on Washington street: Clark Light Infantry, of Augusta, Georgia, Captain J. O. Clark; 1st Lieutenant, John J. Cohen; 2d Lieutenant, W. F. Bone.

Walker Light Guard, of Richmond, Va., Captain Chas. W. Binford; 1st Lieutenant, W. B. Burgess; 2d Lieutenant, Joe Lane Stern.

Carolina Military Institute Cadets, from Charlotte, N. C., under command of Col. J. P. Thomas.

Governor's Guards, of Columbia, S. C., Captain Hugh S. Thompson; 1st Lieutenant, Willie Jones; 2d Lieutenant, Winthrop Williams; 3d Lieutenant, W. G. Childs.

Lee Light Infantry, from Chester, S. C., under command of 1st Lieutenant J. K. Marshall; 2d Lieutenant, M. H. Hunter.

Ninety-Six Rifles, under command of Lieutenant M. S. Bonham, Jr. Butler Rifemen, from Hodges, S. C., Captain W. Z. McGhee; 1st Lieutenant, G. M. Hodges; 2d Lieutenant, A. B. Ellis; 3d Lieutenant, J. M. Mosely.

Newberry Rifles, under command of Captain O. S. Shempert; 1st Lieutenant, P. S. Pope; 2d Lieutenant, E. Brown; 3d Lieutenant, J. M. Mosely.

Detachment from the Carolina Rifle Battalion of Charleston, S. C., commanded by Captain W. St. Julien Jerry; 1st Lieutenant, Joseph P. Lessene; The Richland Volunteer Rifle Club, of Columbia, commanded by Captain R. O'Neal, Jr.; 1st Lieutenant, Rowland Keenan; 2d Lieutenant, R. N. Richburg, who was acting as 2d Lieutenant.

Columbia Flying Artillery, Captain T. T. Moore; 1st Lieutenant, W. B. Lawrence; 2d Lieutenant, T. W. Screeven; 3d Lieutenant, M. A. Bridges.

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