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FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1879.

MAJ. ROBBINS' ADDRESS.

We suppose that all of the readers of THE OBSERVER have read the address of Hon. Wm. M. Robbins, delivered in this city on the 20th. Those who have not must not fail to do so. If their daily of yesterday has been misplaced they can be furnished with the address as it appears in THE WEEKLY OBSERVER of to-day. It was an oration such as it is rarely ever given to North Carolinians to listen to, or, for the matter of that, to read. It was scholarly; it indicated depth of research; it was polished and eloquent. It improves upon acquaintance; those who heard it delivered are those who will most enjoy the reading of it; those who read it a second time will be more struck with it than when they read it first.

The oration was entirely appropriate to the occasion, and yet "Fourth-of-July" oratory is conspicuous in it only by its absence. Maj. Robbins demonstrated that a speech may be made on an occasion of this kind and yet not necessarily be given entirely over to platitudes. It was patriotic to the last degree; it breathed a pure North Carolina spirit; it brings the listener or the reader face to face with the men and the deeds of 1775, and the best tribute that can be paid to it is to say that in the vividness of its so doing it proves its author's own declaration that "heroism is contagious."

In its historical value, in the deductions which it draws from the facts recited, in the manner of the statement of those facts, and in the common voice of those who heard and have read it is proved that the committee of gentlemen who had in charge the selection of the orator for the one hundred and fourth anniversary of our great day, builded wiser than they knew.

This notice of this oration is a day late. Yesterday our columns were much crowded. We could not at that time say so much as this and it would have been injustice to the distinguished speaker to have said less. But after all the best and most forcible comment upon the oration is the oration itself, and the perusal of its full text we again commend to the reader.

A MULATTO NOT A NEGRO.—A case in which the question of inter-marriage between the races had been raised, came up last week in one of the courts of St. Louis, and the presiding judge held that, the plaintiff being a mulatto, the legal prohibition did not apply. The judge thinks that a person whose blood is one-fourth of the negro and three-fourths of the Caucasian race cannot be classed as a negro, and he quotes in support of his views a statute in force before the abolition of slavery making a distinction between negroes and mulattoes, and defining a mulatto to be any person other than a negro, any one of whose grandfathers was a negro, and every person of one-fourth or more negro blood.

THE BALTIMORE SUN.—On the occasion of its forty-second anniversary the Baltimore *Sun* appears in an entire outfit of new type. To improve its appearance is all there was left for the *Sun* to do. To improve upon the character of the matter which fills it, it could not for it already contained each day *all* of the news, and in such pungent, pithy form as to always tempt the appetite of its readers. It is truly a model newspaper—able, conscientious, full of news and what is best of all, always reliable.

The ways and means committee of the House has indefinitely postponed the consideration of the resolution proposing an adjournment of Congress. All, therefore, now, as to when Congress will adjourn, is mere speculation. The session, however, will probably continue until the middle of June when the hot weather will put an end to it if nothing else does.

The knave of the Okolona *States* denies having written a recently published letter addressed to the chairman of the Ohio Republican State committee. He says it was a forgery. It may or may not have been. But even if he had acknowledged it the acknowledgement could hardly have brought him into greater contempt than he already enjoys. We use the last word advisedly.

EVEN THE SUPREME COURT.—The strong-minded females are a trifle severe upon the court of last resort. They were at the capitol, Tuesday, it is stated, urging their peculiar notions upon the congressmen, and presenting to them a set of resolutions one of which is this: "We demand an amendment to the constitution defining the rights of citizenship and suffrage so clearly that even the Supreme Court of the United States can understand them."

In a statement from the Secretary of the Treasury of "direct taxes" claimed to be due the national government from States of the South, the amount placed opposite the name of North Carolina is $199,000. The aggregate due from all the States which participated in the "late rebellion," is stated at $2,725,104.

The Atlanta *Constitution* thinks that "Zeb Vance made himself heard to some purpose." It adds that "his summing up of the Republican argument is an admirable synopsis of all the speeches that have thus far been made by the revolutionists."

The *Congressional Record* containing Senator Vance's speech has not yet reached us. It was held for revision and probably appeared in the *Record* of Wednesday. This did not arrive here yesterday owing to a loss of connection between Washington and Charlotte.

The public demand for the new four per cent. refunding certificates continues unabated. The subscriptions Tuesday amounted to $1,180,700—total to date, $17,754,820.

A HEAVY FAILURE.—The financial world has been much upset within the past few days by the announcement of the failure of Williams, Birnie & Co., of New York. Their liabilities are very heavy and the cause of the failure was, as may be supposed, future contracts. The senior member of this firm is Geo. W. Williams, of Charleston, but it is said that the Charleston house is is in no way affected by the suspension of payments on the part of the New York business.

TROOPS, HEALTH, SILVER.

THE MEASURES DISCUSSED IN CONGRESS YESTERDAY.

Progress in All and No Final Action in Any.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—SENATE.—McDonald asked leave to introduce a bill relating to the use of the army, of which he gave notice Tuesday.

Edmunds asked whether the bill was intended to enlarge or diminish the existing constitutional powers of the executive in the use of the army.

McDonald said it properly regulated the President's powers under the constitution. The bill would show for itself whether it enlarged or restricted those powers.

Edmunds wished to know if, in McDonald's opinion, its effect was to repeal or only define existing laws, and if he thought any legislation on the subject necessary.

McDonald said the first three sections under the title "insurrection," as they appear in the Revised Statutes, were in his mind in offering the bill. He desired to give his views at length on Monday.

Edmunds thought no such legislation necessary. It did not look to the abatement of any fault in the existing laws, but he would not object to the introduction.

The bill was received and laid on the table, and he gave notice that he would call it up Monday and speak thereon.

Wallace gave notice that he intended to speak on the same subject after the Senator from Indiana.

Edmunds gave notice that he would speak on the same subject when he could get the floor under the rules. (Laughter).

The Senate then took up the bill to prevent the introduction and spread of contagious and infectious diseases.

Harris stated that the present bill looked to the maintenence of the existing State health laws where they are efficient, and to the co-operation therewith of the national board as far as possible. He also said that the appropriation had been reduced from $650,000 to $500,000 on account of the removal of direction to the board to investigate the diseases of cattle.

Mr. Eaton thought the appropriation was too large and that $100,000 would be ample.

Mr. Harris replied that $500,000 was was little as the provisions of the bill could be carried out with.

Mr. Eaton said he wished to vote for the bill and hoped the appropriation would be reduced to $250,000. He thought this sum too large but would yield something to the opinion of others.

Mr. Logan moved to amend so that the money appropriated should be distributed under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury upon quarterly estimates of the national board, accompanied by statements of its operations and expenditures under the act adopted.

After some further discussion, Mr. Eaton's amendment to reduce the appropriation to $250,000 was rejected.

Mr. Conkling, in a speech of some length, then pointed out what he considered faults in the bill. Among the objections to it were, he said, first, that it makes offenses against State laws punishable in Federal courts; second, that such offenses are left so in the jurisdiction of the courts that a man may be twice punished for the same offense; third, that the fine imposed falls not upon the real offender but upon the innocent owner of the vessel. He said he should not vote for the bill because he believed the subject did not belong to national but to local legislation.

Mr. Harris replied that experience had proved local legislation to be insufficient.

After further remarks by Mr. Conkling, Mr. Edmunds, who wished to examine the bill further, moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow.

HOUSE.—Goode, of Virginia, introduded a bill authorizing the Secretary of the navy to place vessels and hulks at the disposal of the commissioners of quarantine, or other proper persons, at the ports of the United States. Referred to the committee on naval affairs.

The House then, at 12.30, resumed as the business of the morning hour, the bill to repeal and amend the laws relating to the transfer of cases from State to Federal courts.

The Republicans refused to vote on the demand for the previous question, thereby blocking business. Various propositions were thereupon suggested on both sides of the House but were not acceded to. Finally, as all efforts at a compromise failed, and as the Republicans declined to vote, the call of the House was proceeded with.

After the expiration of the morning hour the silver bill came up. The House agreed to the committee amendment to the eighth section which provides that certificates of deposit shall be in denominations of not less than $15, instead of $10, as originally provided. The next committee amendment provided that the certificates of deposit may be computed as part of the lawful money reserve of national banks.

It was then agreed to allow debate on the eighth section. Many members participated. Chittenden said, "If I borrow a good horse from the member from Illinois [Springer] and offer him a bad mule in return, he will say I am a damned scoundrel [shouts of laughter] and so I say. The government of the United States is a damned scoundrel if it pays me in depreciated silver the interest on the bonds which I hold as executor for a widow."

The amendment was rejected without a division.

Warner offered an amendment that gold or silver bullion which shall become the property of the government by a return of certificates to the treasury in the payment of dues, shall be coined and paid out. Adopted.

An amendment to strike out the whole section was negatived.

Several other minor amendments were offered but without making any further material progress a motion to adjourn at 5 o'clock prevailed.

The Durham Miners Pacified.

NEW CASTLE-ON-TYNE, May 22.—After considerable difficulty the obstinate section of the striking coal miners have been induced to accept the award of wages made by the judge of Durham county court last week, and all the pits in the Durham miners' union will be working to-day. The coal owners in Germany have taken advantage of the miners' strike here to push German coals into all the Baltic ports, and it is feared that a considerable portion of the ordinary summer trade in coals from the Tyne may have been forestalled.

Cotton Caterpillars in Alabama.

SELMA, ALA., May 22.—The cotton caterpillar has appeared in two different points in Dallas county—the earliest ever known.

STATE NEWS.

Moore's School History of North Carolina has been issued from the press.

The *Watch-Tower*, a paper published in Statesville, has passed in its little checques.

In Wadesboro one day last week a deputy collector seized two boxes of unstamped tobacco from Lanier's factory, Salisbury.

Judge Manly has been elected mayor of Newbern, and has resigned the chairmanship of the Inferior Court in order to accept the mayoralty.

Linville B. Hendren, son of Rev. L. L. Hendren, presiding elder of the Fayetteville district, died in Chicago, Ill., Tuesday, 13th inst., after many weeks of intense suffering.

At Christ church, Raleigh, yesterday (Thursday) morning, Mr. Leroy G. Bagley was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Haywood, the rector, Rev. M. M. Marshall, D. D., officiating.

Winston *Sentinel:* A card from a friend in Mt. Airy informs us that the result of the railroad vote was a majority of 345 in favor of the enterprise. Only 56 opposing votes were polled.

The Wilmington Light Infantry celebrated their anniversary by a parade and target practice. R. H. Beery won the prize, a gold medal, which he will wear until the next anniversary.

Shelby *Aurora:* We regret to learn that the Rev. Mr. Moss, of this county, is suffering from the effects of a dog bite and is not expected to live. It is supposed that he was bitten some weeks ago by a mad-dog.

The *Farmer and Mechanic* says Col. T. C. Fuller and R. C. Badger, Esq., of Raleigh, are at Jacksonville, Fla., the occasion being the Western North Carolina Railroad bond suits in the United States Court—the Littlefield cases.

Oxford *Torchlight:* Work on the Oxford and Henderson Railroad will be commenced at an early day. Our people know no such word as fail in this all-important enterprise. Only $10,000 is needed to insure the road, which our canvassers will surely raise in a few days.

At a late meeting of the Wilmington Historical and Scientific society, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. G. D. Bernheim; vice president, Col. J. G. Burr; corresponding secretary, E. S. Martin; recording secretary, J. D. Bellamy, Jr.; treasurer, A. S. Story.

The funeral services of the two little sons of Mr. J. M. Pool, of Raleigh, who were drowned in Mordecai's pond, near that city, Monday, took place at the First Baptist church, Tuesday, and, the *News* says, were very impressive. Dr. Pritchard's text was, "Joseph is not, and Simeon is not." A feature of the ceremonies was four hundred children of the graded school in the procession, each bearing a bouquet of flowers tied with a white ribbon.

THE VIRGINIA GOLD CASES.

The Trial Begun in the Circuit Court at Richmond.

RICHMOND, May 22.—What are known as the "gold cases" were taken up today in the United States Circuit Court, before Judge B. W. Hughes. These cases embrace about a dozen suits on the part of the United States government against ex-State officials who were in authority at the time of the evacuation of Richmond, for amounts ranging from $1,000 to $5,000, and aggregating about $20,000. It is claimed that the insurgent government of Virginia had in the treasury on the 2d of April, 1865, a quantity of gold and silver, with which the officers of that government paid themselves and their soldiers in advance, Governor William Smith taking $5,000. By the public law the conqueror is entitled to the property of the conquered, and to the rights of action of the conquered power due from its debtors. The United States government brings suit as the conquering power against these officers, but does not claim anything that belongs to the State of Virginia, as a State. The United States government claims what belonged to the insurgent government of Virginia, which was overthrown by its armies in April, 1865. This specie belonged to the insurgent government of Virginia, as such officers of that government, as such, took this money, and the United States government sues them as debtors of the insurgent government, overthrown by the Union army.

The case of ex-Gov. Wm. Smith was first put upon trial. The government put in all the proof deemed necessary to establish its allegations.

The ex-Governor, now nearly 80 years old, was then put upon the stand. He made an elaborate statement to the jury, reciting in a very interesting manner the history of his actions, doings and wanderings as Governor for weeks succeeding the capture of Richmond until his surrender to Gen. Patrick, provost marshal of Richmond. His story was amusingly told, and at times the judge, jury, lawyers and audience were convulsed with laughter.

Without getting through with ex-Governor Smith's testimony, the trial went over until to-morrow.

How the Veto of the Anti-Chinese Bill is Regarded in China.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—The following advices have been received here per ship North American, from Yokohama:

HONG KONG, April 9.—The news of the veto of the anti-Chinese bill by President Hayes excites various and conflicting comments. The Americans throughout China express satisfaction at the rejection of so summary a plan for disposing of the questions at issue. The European residents merely evince surprise, having in most cases anticipated different action. The Chinese take contrary views, even among themselves. In the immediate neighborhood of Hong Kong, which is the port of emigration, and where the friends and relatives of the Chinese now in America reside, much gratification is shown. An idea appears to prevail that future persecutions are impossible, but there are no indications of an increase in the number of departures around Shanghai. The populace is apparently indifferent, and the officials are reticent. Private advices from Pekin warrant the supposition that the veto will not be received with unmixed pleasure. It is reported on good authority that the government had prepared for the contrary result and intended to take advantage of the bill as a precedent for strong measures here.

BRIEF FOREIGN ITEMS.

The London *Times'* correspondent at Berlin says the vote Wednesday for President of the Reichstag must be taken as an indication of the future course of the Reichstag for a period, which it would be rash to set limits to.

The Lloyds have received intelligence of an accident aboard the transport steamer China, belonging to the Cunard line, in Simons' Bay, on the 20th of April. In heaving up anchor two men were killed and nineteen wounded.

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SOUTH CAROLINA ITEMS.

Another locomotive has been ordered for the Cheraw & Chester Railroad.

In the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina 334 persons were confirmed during the year.

A passing truck ran over and broke the leg of Mr. D. S. Mundell in the streets of Charleston Monday.

Rev. Dr. Meynardie has gone North to solicit funds for the relief of the Washington Street M. E. church, of Columbia.

The oldest lady in Columbia, Mrs. Wm. G. Huntt, mother of the late Wm. H. Huntt, formerly Secretary of State of South Carolina, died last Monday, aged 87.

While a photograph was being taken last Monday of the new Confederate monument in Columbia, a little bird alighted upon the head of the Confederate soldier, near the muzzle of his gun, and was photographed with the monument.

The Georgetown *Times* states that a meeting of the stockholders of the Georgetown & North Carolina Narrow Guage Railroad was held there on the 13th inst., at which 531 shares were represented, the object of the meeting being to hear from Col. Miller, who, with Col. Blanding, had been sent North in the interest of the company, and then to determine whether the directors should make further efforts to build the road or not. Col. Miller made his report, and after a free and full discussion, a resolution was adopted to employ an agent to further the enterprise, at a salary not to exceed one thousand dollars.

A Sad Accident.

A little child, the daughter of Arthur Banks, Esq., of this city, fell into a tub of hot water yesterday and was badly scalded. The immediate application of Henry's Carbolic Salve, which was fortunately in the house, instantly removed the pain, and the little sufferer is now out of danger.

A Card.

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jan 25

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