

THE INDEPENDENT.

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OBITUARY OF THE DEATH OF

MR. TURNER, IN HONOR OF

THE TRIUMPH OF

THE FAIRFAX CORPUS,

THE REVERED FRIENDS AND JUDGE

WILLIAM BROWN.

5,000 OR 6,000 PERSONS PRESENT!

A number of gentlemen from different

parts of the State had arrived the night

before, and at 9 o'clock, P. M., on yesterday, crowds

of people from Wake, Johnston, Chatham,

and Durham, were seen coming into the

city from every direction. The train from

Winston-Salem and Franklin, came in

about 11 o'clock, A. M., bringing a large

number of passengers.

The procession was formed about two

o'clock, P. M., at the footgate of the Cap-

itol at the head of Fayetteville Street. It

was led by the Raleigh Brass Band, follow-

ed by the standard bearer, J. G. Foster,

bearing the U. S. flag upon which was

painted its large capital, "Down with all

mean political systems," by his side was

the banner of devision, Chas. Wedderburn,

upon which was inscribed, "Welcome to Josiah

Turner, the Champion of Civil Liberty,"

and "Let us have peace" on both sides.

Pastened to the top of the flag pole were

the inscriptions, "Habous Corpus played

out Kirk," and "Habous Corpus restor-

ed," Judge Brooks. Next came about 50

Marshall on horseback with sabers,

headed by two colored Conservative Mar-

shalls, Stephen Worth and A. B. Williams.

Next came carriages for the gentry, hand-

somely decorated with flowers—next citi-

zen carriages, all under the charge of Gen.

W. H. Benson, Capt. J. Q. Dotteridge,

Samuel Merrill, Esq., and R. E. Harris,

Esq., Grand Marshall.

At the DEPOT.

The procession moved down Fayetteville

Street, over and soon cheering to Ca-

harm's street, thence to the Central Depot

on the N. C. Railroad. At 11 o'clock, P. M.,

the train from Hillsboro' signalled.

An immense crowd had collected awaiting

the arrival of the train. As soon as it came

in sight, the crowd commenced hurling—

on arrival, a deafening shout from the

entire crowd went up for "Josiah Turner,"

and their cheers were hourly given. Num-

berless for Mr. Turner, and he was borne

to the platform. Headed by his side was Hon.

John Kirk, also Gen. R. D. Vance and Mr.

Garrison of Hillsboro'. Next came the

carriages with other gentlemen recently re-

leased from prison, and citizens from Wake

and other counties. These carriages were

surrounded by three enterprising and

public spirited gentlemen Messrs. G. W.

Wynne & Co. Following these came car-

riages filled with citizens and immense num-

bers on foot. The train from Hillsboro'

brought a large number of persons.

PROCESSION MOVING.

The procession moved from the depot up

Hawthorne street to Hillsboro' street, down

Hillsboro' street to Fayetteville, thence down Fayetteville to the Court House.

During the progress of the process-

ion, a national salute of 50 guns was fired

at the Court House, in honor of the guests,

or defense of George Brooks. As the

procession moved on through the streets,

the ladies gave their welcome by waving

of handkerchiefs etc. National flags were

unfurled from the stores of Messrs. W. H.

R. & T. Turner & Co. Numerous Refresh-

ments were served.

At the Court House, a stand had been

erected for the speakers and others, hand-

somely decorated with flowers, with the

national flag and devices before the

stand. On the arrival of the procession

at the stand, the crowd, as with one voice

sang the song which made the work-

men sing. As Mr. Turner and Judge Kirk and

Mr. Garrison on the stand, the audience

rose to the highest pitch. Some time

passed before the excitement subsided.—

It was utterly impossible for the immense

crowd to be accommodated in the area

designated for the speaking. Numbers had

to remain without point of hearing the

speakers.

Chief Marshal Balfour handsomely intro-

duced the speaker. Judge Merriam, who had been invited to make the recep-

tion speech, was reluctantly compelled to

cancel his name of the heavy pressure op-

erating in the South in behalf of the peo-

ple, etc., and Gen. R. D. Vance kindly

agreed to perform this duty. When he

came he was much cheered, and addressed

the audience and the gentry, as eloquent

and inspiring speakers. We are compelled

to defer the question of the reception

until the conclusion of the session, until

the arrival of the speakers.

Gen. R. D. Vance, then arose and

commenced with the heartiest demon-

stration of enthusiasm on the part of the audi-

ence. Standing at large open the particular

platform, he said that, interspersed

with his address, were short, sharp, and

eloquent speeches, dealing heavy blows

upon those who had assumed the pose of

the "radical" party.

Gen. R. D. Vance, then arose and ad-

dressed the audience.

It gives us great pleasure to state the

most perfect order prevailed through

the entire day. Nothing indicating

disorder required the slightest interpreta-

tion of the city police, which we are glad

to say, the Mayor ordered out in strong

force, and who exhibited on the occasi-

on most excellent efficiency. During the

speech of Mr. Turner, the seats which had

been temporarily put up before the stand

could not stand the immense pressure, fell

slightly breaking the table of a little boy

and the instant removal of the Major

from the room. Mr. Hughes. These injuries

were slight and will be repaired in a day or two, however, every evidence of ex-

citement was at all chargeable to the

audience, but in the audience furnished

the locality of the town, although

it was a great distance away.

Gen. R. D. Vance, then arose and ad-

dressed the audience.

He was not able to speak to our readers

to-morrow.

We shall not attempt a notice of the speech, hoping to present it to our readers to-morrow.

Gen. R. D. Vance was next introduced. Loud cheers greeted him, and he proceeded in a series of sprints, gushing eloquently from a worn heart, carrying his audience with him. An abstruse of his remarks shall be given to-morrow.

Benjamin Robbins of Rowan, being loudly called for, followed in one of his strong, triumphant speeches, dashing the severest blows right and left, and ever and anon, electrifying the audience with flashes of wit and good humor. We shall give a sketch of his remarks to-morrow.

Delighted and highly gratified, the audience retired late in the evening, after an interchange of congratulations with the guests and visitors.

THE GRENADES AT NIGHT.

About 9 o'clock, the band with a large crowd repaired to the National Hotel and serenaded Judge Brooks, Gen. Hunt, of the U. S. Army and Gen. Hoke. They were severally called out, appeared and thanked them for the honor, but excused themselves from addressing the audience. Gen. Hunt remarked that speech making had not been his vocation when young and now he was getting too old to learn.

The band and audience then moved down to the Yarborough and serenaded, Gov. Graham, Judge Kerr, Hon. F. K. Nash, Senator Robbins, Hon. Josiah Turner, Mr. Gen. Hancock and Gen. Vance, who severally called out.

Gov. Graham acknowledged the honor in a brief and excellent speech, assuring them of his warm participation in the rejoicing of his fellow-citizens at the triumph of habeas corpus and civil liberty in the State and the triumph of Conservative principles in the late election. His remarks were full of wisdom and good counsel.

Judge Kerr appeared, and, after expressing his thanks for the honor, proceeded to delight the audience with words of good cheer and wholesome remark.

F. K. Nash, Esq., of Hillsboro' was next called out, and made a most telling and eloquent speech at some length.

Senator Robbins being called, appeared and again delighted the audience with a capital, but brief speech.

Hon. Josiah Turner, Jr., was next called out, who said, he could do nothing more than acknowledge the compliment which the call implied. He found himself in the condition of the judicial power of the State, as declared by Judge Pearson, completely "exhausted." President Polk when he defeated the bold Kentucky over every ear, said in his inaugural, "the hour of victory is the hour of magnanimity." We could do no magnanimous, for ours is a victory of virtue over vice, of law and order, and of constitutional liberty over all that was wicked, lawless and corrupt.

He charged his friends to avoid any collision with Kirk's men on the street. This was the issue which the Executive had sought to make it, with a repetition of his thanks, he bowed and bade the crowd good night.

Gen. W. H. Benson being loudly called for, came forward and interested the audience with a brief speech. He urged in strong words the importance of the maxim "the hour of victory is the hour of magnanimity." He counseled moderation, but, for adherence to principle.

Gen. B. B. Vance then answered to the call, and again delighted the audience with a short but telling speech.

The band and crowd next proceeded to Gov. Briggs'. After the serenade, the Governor was called out, but remained after acknowledging the honor, that the intense of the hour and the severe pressure upon him in the Courts in defense of civil liberty and right, must excuse him from making a speech.

The band next proceeded to Judge Merriam's and serenaded him and called him out. The Judge appeared and acknowledged the compliment, expressed his hearty participation with them in the rejoicings of the hour, over the triumph of the principles of civil liberty and for the glorious victory obtained in the State over radicalism. The hour however was too late and he was too much fatigued by his professional labor to entertain them with a speech. The band and crowd then retired, and the city once more slept in quiet and peace.

THE OATH.

This city has often been the arena of many displays of enthusiasm, of brilliant processions, of loud and deafening hurrahs by living masses congregated to do honor to the triumph of sound principle, and justice and virtue; multitudes have gathered to listen to the inspiring eloquence of Clay, Webster, Badger, Miller, Haywood and other great favorite orators; there have been great occasions and great displays