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WASHINGTON'S BIRTH-DAY.

Never, within our recollection, has the Birth-day of the Father of our Country been celebrated in this City, with such demonstrations of joy and gratitude, as on Saturday last. Half-a-dozen 22d of February, and a small sprinkling of 4th of July's, seemed to have met together, some lucky chance, such was the general and joyous festivity on the occasion.

The dawn was ushered in by a discharge of Cannon. At 10 o'clock, the "Raleigh Guards" and "Wake Cavalry," every man with his arms and equipments in splendid order, assembled at Capitol Square. Whilst awaiting the orders of their respective Commanders, Captain Clark and Stern, the Band, under the direction of Capt. FRAZIER, filled up the interval with some fine airs, which were now and then broken into by the music of the North Carolina Military Academy, whose Company of youthful soldiers were advancing to the scene, inspired by a laudable ambition to do their part in honor of the day.

The great solicitude expressed by the FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY, in the last days of his eventful life, on the subject of Universal Education, shows the depth of his philosophical mind, the extent of his philanthropy, and his ardent desire to secure the welfare of the nation, by giving a salutary impulse to all its great interests. He distinctly saw how the establishment of cheap Schools would, by expanding the much contested field of National jealousy, rushing against each other from the North and South; strengthen the ties, and confirm the pledges of mutual friendship and harmony, incident to our history, our institutions and our prospects.

Whoever has examined carefully the history of the ancient Republics, will discover the origin of their dissolution in the neglected education of their youth. We are dazzled by the splendor of some shining characters, and the circumstances lead to an erroneous inference in favor of the high mental improvement of the majority of the people. But we forget that numerous bodies shone the brighter, for the surrounding darkness. A large majority of the Greeks, in the time of Demosthenes, and by far the greater part of the Romans, after Assessors, were entirely uneducated. They prepared them for deposition. Tyranny raises her iron sceptre over ignorance; like it rests on knowledge. For knowledge is power, and liberty founded on such power, is the purest liberty; but without this it soon degenerates into licentiousness.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

We publish, as large, in to-day's Register, the Act passed by the Legislature, at its recent Session, to consolidate the School Laws, because we believe that it is, if energetically administered, well adapted to the accomplishment of the great object which it was designed to subserve. The whole subject commences itself to the public attention, for all admit that the general diffusion of knowledge is indispensably necessary to the permanence and prosperity of our Republic institutions.

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By Cadet Lemoy—Mr. O. A. Bowditch qualified for teaching Mathematic and Music. Tactics—a strict and a perfect system.—He has my hearty thanks for his industry, the sections in my heart as big as a mountain.—[3 cheers.]

12. The *Military Committee*.—The Headquarters of the late Legislature—their Report was a *Discharge of Musketry*, and their motto—*to teach the young about Musketry*.—[3 cheers.]

13. The *Petersburg and Portsmouth Cadets*.—The Small Arms of the Old Dominion may every man of them live to be a Great General—[cheers] and Yancey Dodds!

VOLUNTEER TUESDAY.

By Cadet Lemoy—Mr. O. A. Bowditch qualified for teaching Mathematic and Music. Tactics—a strict and a perfect system.—He has my hearty thanks for his industry, the sections in my heart as big as a mountain.—[3 cheers.]

By Mr. Bowditch.—The Cadets.—They are deeply interested and generous hearts going the noble line of the "Good Old South."

By Cadet Gates.—The Principal of our Classical Department, Mr. Root, tries.—A scholar and a gentleman, who in the character of a Teacher, never forgets the kindness of a friend.—[3 cheers.]

By Mr. Gray.—The mothers of the North Carolina Cadets.—They may rest assured that their "own Boys" will never shame them.

By Cadet Hollingsworth.—Mr. S. N. Biddle.—May our respects be given to your wife and infants, he equalled the brightness of the day.

By Cadet Hollingsworth.—Cpt. Smith of the Cadets.—The courage of his men will be a bright sheet to reflect the name of his Commander.—[3 cheers.]

By Cadet Weller.—Capt. Smith of the Cavalry.—Gentleman, a Soldier, and every man a man.—[3 cheers.]

By Cadet Hollingsworth.—The Military Academy.—May it become one of the first institutions of the kind in the Union.

By Cadet Stowe.—The Raleigh Guards.—A well disciplined corps—active to their great credit.

By Cadet Hollingsworth.—Washington.—First in war, first in peace, and first in the art of his Colonies.

By Cadet Yorkborough.—Mr. Banks.—Honorable to wear the uniform of a Soldier, as a Gentleman, and as an example to his People.—[3 cheers.]

By Cadet Yorkborough.—Mr. Banks.—Should they ever be called to the defense of their Country, then their bravery on the field will equal their perfectness in discipline.—[3 cheers.]

By Cadet Yorkborough.—Mr. Banks.—A day immortalized by the birth of Washington's each—every army of which kindest in the bosom of every Patriot, feelings which can be appreciated by none but a genuine American.

By Cadet W. W. Wimberly.—The Engagiers of the First Regt. of Guards in the Service.

By Cadet Johnson.—Mr. Banks.—A Gentleman, a Scholar and a Soldier, may he live as long as he wants to live, and be honored and respected as long as he does live.—[3 cheers.]

By Cadet Johnson.—Next to the social duties of honouring our Parents and defending our Country, we regard as most laudable obsequies to our Officers.

By Cadet Johnson.—They've got the Key to the Lock Step.

SUPREME COURT.

Opinions in the following cases have been delivered since our last notice:

By Rivers, C. J., in the case of Simpson v. Bowditch, with Caswell's judgment reversed and judgment of nonsuit. Also in Smith v. McLeod, in equity, from Wake; affirming the decree appealed from. Also in Bule v. Kelly, from Moore; affirming the judgment below. Also, in State v. Patterson, from Surry; affirming the judgment below. Also in State v. Lytle, from Davidson; declaring that those in error in the judgment. Also, in State v. Woodfin, from Yancey, declaring the writ was properly issued.

By Daniel, J., in the case of Doe ex deo. Smith v. Rivers, from Goldsboro; affirming the judgment below. Also, in State v. Armfield, et al., from Davie; affirming the judgment below. Also, in Wimble v. Check, in Equity, from Moore.

By Nasb, J., in Freeman v. Lewis, from Franklin, directing a *verdict de non*. Also in McMurry v. McMurry, in Equity, from Caswell; directing the writ to be dismissed. Also, in Crump v. Setzer, in Equity, from Caldwell; directing the writ to be dismissed.

DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND.

The County Court of Guilford, last week, taxed a tax of 2 cents on each Poll, and 2 cents on every \$100 valuation of Land, for the education of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind of the County. This tax is stated, will raise \$100—an amount amply sufficient to defray the expenses of that afflicted class of persons in Guilford. The subject was brought to the notice of the Court, by the County Senator, and the very much esteemed Senator from that County, Jas. H. Lenoix, Esq.

15. Mr. JOHN A. MEARS, formerly of Raleigh, who had been to Mobile on a Steam Boat, and was returning to Tuscaloosa, was found dead, and standing up in one of the State Rooms. Probable cause—*Intemperance*.

15. STEAMBOAT ACCIDENT AT TEXAS.—We learn from the Natchez Courier of the 8th instant, that the Steamer *Polydore*—Capt. Moses, from Yazoo, with a full cargo of Cotton, 1,184 bales, took fire, and was entirely consumed. There were 7 lives lost that are known of, and doubtless several that the Captain or crew do not miss. Those known to be lost, are Messrs. S. S. Caldwell, Huggins, and Butler, of Grenada, Miss.; Mr. Carleton, of Tallahatchie; Mr. Pinckney, of Illinois; the Steward of the bark, and one of the crew, names unknown. The fire originated between the engines, from some cause unknown. The crew and surviving passengers were brought to Natchez by the steamer *Wayne*. The above are the only particulars thus far known.

15. In the course of his remarks, on the Texas Resolutions, Mr. Brown said of Gen. Jackson:—

"I do not consider that name as entitled to any particular respect from me. The influence of that man has been invoked too often for the good of this country; and it shall be successively invoked on this occasion, the cells which have resulted from his civil administration will甸arily into comparatively nothing, compared to the evil that will result from the influence of his name on this subject. Consider his conduct as monstrous as the tops—striking its roots deep far and wide, and destroying by its baleful effects, every thing that falls within its shade. It has already poisoned every vein and artery of the body politic."

REGULAR TOASTS,

Offered at the Entertainment of the North Carolina Military Cadets:

SEXTON, G. L., Toast-master.

1. *Washington*.—May the sun cease to shine on the green land of Columbia, the day his memory shall cease to be revered.—(Drank standing and in silence.

2. *Our Country*.—All over the world.

3. *North Carolina*.—She was the first to declare her independence, she will be the last to surrender it.—[3 cheers.]

4. *The Governor of our State*.—[3 cheers.]

[The Governor replied in a very happy manner, complimenting the Cadets on their order, discipline, and gentlemanly deportment.]

5. *The Oration of the day*.—We saw and talked with our beloved WASHINGTON, by the magic of his eloquence.

6. *Congress and the President of the United States*.—

7. *The Raleigh Guards and Wake Cavalry*.—May the sheen of their armor be ever as bright as the sunny smiles of their wives and daughters.—[3 cheers.]

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1845.

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