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JEFFERSON DAVIS DEAD. THE GREAT CONFEDERATE CHIEFTAIN AT REST. DIXIE MOURNS HER LOSS. SURROUNDED BY HIS FAMILY HE PASSED QUIETLY OVER THE RIVER.

In New Orleans, on the 6th inst. at 12:45 a. m.

The beloved Ex-President Davis of the Southern Confederacy, passed quietly away. He was buried in New Orleans on the 11th inst.

Hon. Jefferson Davis, the soldier, the statesman, the beloved chieftain of the memorable Southern Confederacy, was born June 3rd, 1808, in that part of Christian county, Kentucky, which now forms Todd county. Soon after his birth his father removed to Mississippi, and settled near Woodville, Williamson county. Jefferson Davis received an academic education and was sent to Transylvania College, Kentucky, which he left in 1824, having been appointed by President Monroe a cadet in the military academy at West Point, where he graduated in 1828. He remained in the army seven years and served as a staff officer on the northwestern frontier in the Black Hawk war of 1831 and '32. In 1833 he was made a lieutenant of dragoons, in which capacity he was employed in 1834 in various expeditions against the Comanches, Pawnees, and other Indian tribes. He resigned his commission June 20, 1835, and having married the daughter of Gen. Zachary Taylor afterwards President of the United States, he returned to Mississippi and became a cotton planter.

In 1843 Mr. Davis began to take an active part in politics on the Democratic side, and in 1844 was one of the presidential electors of Mississippi to vote for Polk and Dallas. In 1845 he was elected to Congress and he bore a conspicuous part that session in the discussions on the tariff, on the Oregon question and on the measure and preparations of war against Mexico. While he was yet in Congress, in July, 1846, the first regiment of Mississippi volunteers, then enrolled for service in Mexico, elected him their colonel, and he at once overtook the regiment at New Orleans and led it to re-enforce the army of Gen. Taylor on the Rio Grande. He served gallantly and took active part in the attack and storming of Monterey in September of that year. He distinguished himself in the battle of Buena Vista, Feb. 23, 1847, and though severely wounded and fighting against heavy odds, he remained in the saddle until the close of the action. While on his way home, on his arrival in New Orleans, he received from President Polk a commission of Brigadier General of volunteers, which he declined on the ground that the constitution reserves to the States respectively the appointment of the officers of the militia, and that consequently the appointment was in violation of the rights of the States. In 1847 he was appointed by the Governor of Mississippi United States Senator and was unanimously elected to the same office by the legislature in 1848; re-elected in 1850. In 1851 he was nominated by the Democrats for Governor in opposition to Henry S. Foote, the candidate of the Union party. He resigned his seat in the Senate, but was beaten for Governor by 999 votes. In 1858 he was appointed by President Pierce, secretary of war, which position he filled till the inauguration of Buchanan

in 1857. It has been conceded that Mr. Davis was the finest and most brilliant Minister of War that this country has had. On his retirement he re-entered the Senate and became conspicuous in many leading debates and in 1859 he became the recognized leader of his party in the Senate.

At the convention for the nomination of a Democratic candidate for president he received many votes, although he announced that he could not take the nomination.

Lincoln was elected in November, 1860, and peace was no longer possible. It is said that when some one asked Lincoln if it would not be best to let the South go, he replied: "Let the South go! Where, then, shall we get our revenue?"

This is very different from the clear and pure patriotism of Mr. Davis, who, on the verge of the volcano of war, still strove to avert its horrors. Even Horace Greeley said that he "hoped never to live in a Republic where one section is pinned to another by bayonets," and that "if the Declaration of Independence justifies the secession of 3,000,000 colonists in 1776, it should justify the secession of 5,000,000 in 1861."

Mississippi seceded January 9th, 1861. On the 24th, being officially informed thereof, Mr. Davis returned to his home, but before he reached there the news came to him that he had been appointed by the convention commander in chief of the army of Mississippi. On February 4th, 1861, the Confederate congress met at Montgomery and organized a provisional government for the seceded States, and on the 9th, by a unanimous vote, elected Jefferson Davis "President of the Confederate States of America." He arrived at Montgomery on the 16th and was inaugurated on the 18th. The seat of government was transferred to Richmond on the 20th of May, 1861.

It is needless here, to speak of Mr. Davis' administration. That is known, and everything that the beloved and revered ex-President of Confederacy did will always be green in memory. It is enough to say that he did his duty. Mr. Gladstone once said that "Mr. Jefferson Davis has created a nation."

Certain it is that he guided that nation through four years of war against fearful odds, adding to the lists of the world's deeds victories that outshine Marengo and Waterloo. He displayed a genius for leadership that has not been equaled since the day of Napoleon. To his splendid leadership the noble tribute has been paid by an English poet:

"No nation rose so white and fair;
None fell so pure of crime."
Much has been said and written about disagreements. It is comforting, now that the chief has followed that greatest of Christian knights, Gen. Robert E. Lee, to the river beyond which he and Jackson "rest in the shade of the trees," to learn that there was never any disagreement between them. They were always united in their plans. "If we disagree as to any one plan," said Mr. Davis at the unveiling of the Lee monument, "a conference always brought our minds together."

There are three names that will make history's page brighter throughout the revolving centuries—Davis, Lee, Jackson. They were as one in love, mutual respect, and in the fierce energies of war. After the long imprisonment in Fortress Monroe and his release, with accusation silenced, Mr. Davis retired to his home at Beauvoir, Miss., where he has since lived, with occasional visits to Brierfields, his plantation on the Mississippi river. It was at Brierfields that he was taken sick, as had happened on almost all of his recent visits to that place, the air being unhealthy.

His life at Beauvoir has been very secluded and spent with his wife and Miss Winnie, his daughter, whose devotion to him has been marvelously loyal and sweet. He has seldom left the quiet of his home, but he has looked after his plantation and sought solace from the detraction of his enemies in his library and in affectionate correspondence with his friends.

He lived for his country and died as did the faithful.

Honor to Whom Honor is Due.

The news of the death of Ex-President Davis, when received in this city, caused a great amount of sadness and to render honor to the brave and magnanimous soul that has crossed the dark abyss to enter upon its heavenly career, the Mayor of our city on last Monday issued the following:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Hickory, N. C. Dec. 9, '89.

In compliance with the Proclamation of His Excellency, Dan'l G. Fowle, Governor of North Carolina, asking that memorial services be held throughout the State in commemoration of the life and character of Ex-President Jefferson Davis, who has now fallen, and is to be buried at New Orleans on the 11th, and whereas I revere the memory of the past, and believe our people desire an opportunity to express their appreciation of the "exalted character and distinguished services" of the deceased, now therefore, I call a public meeting to be held at Shuford's Hall, Tuesday evening, the 10th inst., at 7:30 o'clock, to take action suitable to the occasion.

J. G. HALL, Mayor.

In accordance with the above the citizens met in the city-hall Tuesday evening last to hold a memorial service in honor of the late Jefferson Davis. On motion of J. H. Bruns, Esq., A. A. Shuford was made chairman and acknowledged the honor conferred in appropriate words. H. A. Murrill and E. B. Cline were elected secretaries. The Rev. Dr. Ingold delivered the opening prayer, after which Maj. J. G. Hall offered the following resolution for adoption, supporting them in a high tribute to Mr. Davis as a soldier, Statesman, Christian, for his devotion to duty and principle:

WHEREAS, Almighty God, has in His Providence laid His hand of affliction upon His people, in that Jefferson Davis, a cherished leader of the Southland, and Ex President of the Confederate States, has gone to his rest; and

WHEREAS, In the people of the land he loved, and to which he gave his brilliant talents, his eminent Statesmanship, and his life's labor, are moved with a deep sense of affection for and in behalf of one who so nobly and devotedly bore the conflicting elements of a strong and eventful life, and never swerved from the line of what is his duty, now therefore, be it

Resolved, By the citizens of Hickory, Catawba Co., N. C., and others in meeting assembled,

1. That in the death of Mr. Davis we recognize not only the end of a great leader of southern thought and action, for near half a century, but also one who in honesty of his convictions, and in the integrity of his actions, however much adverse criticism may have been cast upon him in the light of past events, was one who in the vigor, earnestness and purity and patriotic motives of a long life loved his people, and in all things sought the best interest of his country.

2. That we would cherish in our memories, and in the minds of our children, the many eminent traits of character exemplified in the life of one whose record is now a part of the history of our nation, and to whom the future historian of this land will award that honor which is his lasting heritage.

3. That we deeply sympathize with his immediate family in their bereavement, and unite with thousands, in the prayer, that they may be comforted.

4. That as a special mark of our participation in the sorrowing of a people, we will on the 11th inst., at 12 o'clock, m., suspend our ordinary avocations, and close the doors of our business houses and factories for one hour during which time the church bells be tolled in recognition of the funeral obsequies at that hour in progress in the city of New Orleans.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his Excellency Dan. G. Fowle, Gov. of N. C., and also to the family of the deceased at their home in the South, and to each of the county papers for publication.

Mr. J. F. Murrill followed and

pointed to the dead leader as a man of bright character and a Christian hero. Col. C. A. Cilley read an able paper containing a glowing description of the stirring scene of battle and his conception of the idea which made the man, referring also to Mr. Davis' leadership since the the war. Mr. F. L. Cline in a few well-chosen words hoped the great chieftain would be buried in flowers. The Rev. Jas. A. Weston was then called upon and delivered a most earnest and eloquent oration. He spoke of Jefferson Davis as one faithful to every trust, whose life was pure and open and would bear the closest scrutiny. Said that he came up to the great Jefferson's standard and was equal to the greatest living statesman, Gladstone. In private life he was manly and, like Wellington, was tender because he was manly; equally great in adversity and prosperity, in bearing and suffering as in doing. In every sense he was a man.

Moved to adopt resolutions carried. After the benediction by Rev. J. C. Moser, the meeting adjourned. A. A. SHUFORD, Ch'rm.
H. A. MURRILL, Sec'y.
E. B. CLINE,)

The Prize Awarded.

Last month we offered a prize of \$5 for the best article on Catawba county and also \$5 for the best article on Hickory; the articles to be in by the 1st of December.

In all, three articles were handed in. Two of these were handed in on the 2nd inst. but the third was placed on our table—unknown to us—on the 30th ult. This article was misplaced and we were not aware of the fact that it had been handed in till after our last week's issue. This article, of course, deserved the premium, but to do justice to the other contestants the three articles were submitted to competent judges who awarded the prize to Mr. Ed. B. Cline for the best written article on Catawba county. We gladly announce this and gladly pay the prize.

Emin's Condition.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—A dispatch from Zanzibar announces that Emin Pasha has met with a probably fatal accident. Being near-sighted, he walked out of a window by mistake and fell on his head, fracturing his skull. He now lies at Bagamoyo in a critical condition.

The Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal Church will hold their market on Thursday evening, Dec. 19th, at Shuford's Hall. Refreshments will be served and many useful articles will be on sale that will make handsome Christmas presents for young and old.

An entertainment will be given consisting of a Punch and Judy show for the little folks, a doll drill, tableaux, duets and solos. A small admission of ten cents will be charged at the door. 50-21

E. M. Andrews, the large furniture dealer of Charlotte, occupied whole page in the Chronicle on last Sunday's issue. He also has an ad in this paper. Mr. Andrews knows how and where to advertise and is doing a big business.

Married in Hickory, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 4th, 1889, by S. E. Killian, Esq., at the residence of Marcus Setzer, Mr. Junia Reese and Miss Lu. Setzer. A large crowd was present and a fine supper was enjoyed by all.

Signor Sebastian will be at Shuford's Hall, on Thursday evening, Dec. 19th, with his Punch and Judy show, this is for the little folks.

NOTICES.

Come to the free lunch next Tuesday.

The senior editor is in Columbia, S. C.

Read E. M. Andrews' new advertisement.

Col. G. N. Folk was in the city Tuesday.

Bost & Co. are improving their beef market.

Wait for the market, Dec. 19th, at Shuford's Hall. 50-21

Agitate the free bridge matter. Keep the ball rolling.

Mrs. J. A. Martin and daughter are visiting in Wilson.

Fill the stockings from the White Front Clothing Emporium.

Greatest variety of silk handkerchiefs at the White Front.

Dr. Ingold will preach in the Reformed church next Sunday.

See the doll drill at Shuford's Hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 19th.

Select your Christmas gifts from Royster & Martin's show windows.

Ten cents is all it costs to go to Shuford's Hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 19th. 50-21

Give your minister for a Christmas gift one of Royster & Martin's clerical suits.

Give your boy a \$1.50 suit or a \$2.50 overcoat for a Christmas present, Royster & Martin.

The "Ten Times-One" society gave an oyster supper in Elliot's Opera House last Tuesday night.

Next week we will publish the eulogies of Jefferson Davis by Rev. J. A. Weston and Col. C. A. Cilley.

Mr. Charley Chase, who has been for some time at Rochester, N. Y., returned to the city last Tuesday.

Silk hats, fine umbrellas and walking canes for Christmas presents on sale at Royster & Martin's.

A fight in Newton some days ago resulted in Mr. A. P. Lynch getting cut by J. C. Tomlinson, of Maiden.

A fight occurred here last Saturday between Fayette Icard and Charley Campbell, in which Icard got an ugly lick with a stick.

Lost on cotton platform, one gold horse shoe scarf pin set with pearls. Suitable reward will be given for return of same to E. L. Shuford.

The cotton crop may be short, but A. A. Shuford has bought more than he has any previous year. His purchases so far, approach 250,000 lbs.

The senior editor returns thanks to Mrs. S. E. Peterson for some very fine Japanese persimmons. Some of them measured 7 1/2 inches in circumference.

On Wednesday in this city all business was suspended during the hour of the funeral of Jefferson Davis. The church bells were tolled for the time also.

Mr. R. Z. Linny passed through Hickory on Monday en route for the Washington Territory on a prospecting tour. Mr. Linny is an able man and would be a great gain to a new State and a loss to North Carolina.

On next Tuesday Mr. H. S. Chase will sell a large stock of goods at auction. The auction commences at 9 o'clock, a. m. and continues until 12 o'clock, at which time Mr. Chase will serve a free lunch of crackers and cheese.

Hon. W. A. Graham will speak on Alliance matters at Penelope Academy on next Monday, Dec., 16th, and everybody is invited to hear him. He is fresh from the National Convention in St. Louis and will have all the news, &c.