

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 1877.

Fourth of July Meeting.

Pursuant to call a number of citizens assembled at the Court House, Saturday evening, June 23d, to unite upon a programme for celebrating the 10th anniversary of our nation's independence.

Daniel B. Miller was elected Chairman, and Jno. F. Burrows, Secretary. On motion, S. P. Thompson, R. H. Purcupile and Jas. W. McEwen were appointed Committee to draft a Programme.

The Finance Committee consists of Messrs. Frank W. Babcock, Eli Phillips and Thomas J. McCoy.

Committee on Music—Prof. Jas. T. Abbott, R. H. Purcupile, Zimri Dwiggin and Clas. P. Hopkins.

Committee on grounds—C. B. Stew art, C. M. Hopkins and Geo. Morgan.

Marshal—M. F. Chilcott.

Assistant Marshal—Simon Phillips.

Chaplain—Rev. Thos. Vansey.

Reader of the Declaration of Inde pendence—Simon P. Thompson.

The following persons were, by a vote of the meeting, requested to participate in the exercises: Hon. Jas. D. Swiggins, Judge E. P. Hammond, S. P. Thompson, Chas. H. Price, David C. Nowles, John F. Burrows, W. B. Austin, Robert J. Yeoman and W. W. Crockett.

Exercises to commence at 10 o'clock a.m.

On motion, a cordial invitation was extended to all the people of Jasper county to participate with us on that occasion.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to furnish proceedings to the Rensselaer Union and Democratic Sentinel for publication.

On motion, meeting adjourned, DAN B. MILLER, Chairman, JOHN F. BOR. S. Secy.

Programme of Exercises, July 4, 1877

5 A. M.—Waking the natives with Artillery and Bells.

9:15 A. M.—Mus.—Cornet, Martial, and Orchestra Bands. March to speaking grounds. During 45 minutes—Promiscuous fun, cheers, &c., in order. Baskets will be cared for by the Committee.

10 A. M.—Song—"H. B. COLUMBIA," by forty nine singers.

HAIL COLUMBIA.

Hail Columbia happy land! Who fought and bled in freedom's cause, and won the victory, who has enjoyed the peace your valor won. Let Independence be your boast, and let your sons be bold and true, ever grateful for the prize. Let the guitar reach for the stars.

Rallying round our leader, As a band of brothers, bold and dauntless, Firm and safety shall find.

Immortal Patriots, rise once more! defend your rights, defend your shore, at no rude foe, with impious hand, let not your sons be slaves, who were born to be free. If toll and hue (the well-earned prize, I heaven we place a manly trust), that truth and justice may prevail! And every man a soldier, every man a hero.

Firm united let us be, &c.

MUSIC.

Prayer by Eld. Hope B. Miller, Song—"STAR SPANGLED BANNER." Reading of the Declaration of Independence, by Simon P. Thompson. Song—"AMERICA."

AMERICA.

My country 'tis of thee— Sweet land of liberty— O land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrim's pride, From every mountain side, Let freedom ring!

My native country, these— Land of the noble free— Thy name I love— I love thy rocks and hills, Thy wood and templed hills; My heart with rapture thrill;

Let music sweep away the sorrows, And ring from all the trees, Sweet freedom's song; Let mortal tongues awake, Let all that breathes feel the might; Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.

Our father's God, to thee— To Thee we sing, Long may our land be bright! We trust in Thee, O bright! Protect us Thy might, Great God, our King.

The Condition of the Colonies July 4, 1776, by Hon. R. S. Dwiggin. Continental Congress by Jno. F. Burroughs.

Signers of the Declaration of Independence, by David B. Nowles.

MUSIC.

The American Flag, by Charles H. Price.

"Motto and Seal," by Wm. B. Austin. Emblem of the Nation, by Robert J. Yeoman.

14th of July, by William W. Crockett.

MUSIC.

12 M.—Lunch, Pic-Nic, Sports, Games, Races and Sociable.

2 P. M.—MUSIC.

Equal Rights, by Marion L. Spitzer. The Ballot, by Zimri Dwiggin. Progress, by Daniel B. Miller. Song—"RED, WHITE AND BLUE."

Red, White and Blue.

There are many variations of the words of the national hymn sung to this tune. The following form has been adopted by the choir to sing on the occasion of the celebration of the 10th anniversary of Independence Day at Rensselaer:

Columbia! the gem of the ocean, The home of the brave and the free, The shrine of each patriot's devotion. A world offers homage to the; Thy mandates make heroes assemble, When Liberty's form stands to view, Thy banners make tyrants tremble, When borne by the red, white and blue.

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self-protection against the repetition of similar crimes, drive men to punish such criminals in the most summary manner. Would the white people of Jasper county do likewise under similar circumstances? Let them answer!

These are the kind of people that carpetbaggers and scalawags allied themselves with after the war. The white people of the south were placed *hors du combat* by the Federal military and had to submit, while carpetbaggers and negro thieves had their own way and pillaged indiscriminately. Most of the leading attachates of the radical party were as rotten as their followers. The state governments were putrid carcasses, and there was no certain protection to property except what was secured by the regulators, the staunch citizens of the country. The radicals drove people to madness and desperation, and their leaders are responsible for those things which led to mob violence. Louisiana had a debt of over fifty millions fastened upon her during the corrupt rule of Warmoth and Kellogg. The debts of New Orleans and the country parishes, in the aggregate amounted to several hundred thousands more, and other southern states suffered comparatively. Mississippi had her share, but thank God, in 1875, she was redeemed. The voice of justice asserted itself, outraged society rallied, the strong arm of the white people was raised, their blades were burnished for the fight, they determined to bear it no longer. They would make one more effort—their best speakers were placed in the field. In 1875 they carried the stats by 30,000 majority, and in 1876 they swelled the Democratic majority to sixty-two thousand! It was these victories at the polls that saved our state from being drenched in blood. It was not a spirit of lawlessness, but it was the first law of nature—self-protection, a divine right, a holy principle.

The seeds of bad government have not yet been obliterated. It is easy to stir up the fire that blazed during the days of our sorrow and oppression.

The people remember the authors of their sufferings and it requires a great deal of self-possession and caution sometimes to prevent outbreaks in those localities where the people have suffered much, but under Governor Stone's wise administration, things are becoming harmonized and the people are beginning to prosper.

I see by your issue of the 15th that another radical "screw-worm," the Winamico Republican, has poked its blistered nose into Mississippi affairs and polluted its wardrobe by making a thrust at our mutual friend, Elder Halestide, reflecting on his manhood.

He sincerely, honestly and truthfully Shame on Keiser, to thus malign a gentleman who is known to be pure in character, honest, upright and truthful in all his dealings with men, to gratify a sectional animosity.

However, we will consider the source and let it sell for what it will bring.

Recently the mercury has been standing at 80 and 85. We have had good rains, and just in time to secure for us good corn crops. Cotton is doing well. The first crop of Irish potatoes has been gathered and many of our people are preparing for the second crop. We have fruits and vegetables in abundance. If you will accept the invitation I would be pleased to have you come down and pay us a visit this summer. I will promise that you shall not be "bulldozed."

In conclusion, let me suggest that if the Union and Winamico Republicans desire any more manufactured articles for publication, let them employ

the notorious Dr. W. H. Irwin, recently at Cleveland, Ohio. He can grind

the stones, and polish them on the

stone, and then polish them on the

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