

APPENDIX

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THE MONTGOMERY BARBECUE

We had the pleasure of attending the splendid barbecue given on the 15th inst., in honor of Gen. Houston, in old Montgomery. We are glad to say it was a pleasant affair, and passed off most harmoniously, to the gratification, we believe, of every one present. About fifteen hundred people were on the ground.

There was a grand procession, in which everybody was invited to participate -- the ladies being the chief attraction. Pretty soon after the procession reached the place of speaking -- a beautiful grove in the suburbs of town -- OLD SAM himself arrived. As he ascended the stand, the cannon thundered, and the Montgomery Brass Band struck up some beautiful national airs, which thrilled through the soul. Col. Wade, the Marshal of the day, then introduced to the audience Mr. Goree, who, in a very eloquent manner, read to the assembly letters from the invited guests -- Gov. Pease, Hamilton and Wilcox. Mr. Porter was then introduced, and read an appropriate portion of Washington's farewell address,

Gen. Houston was then presented to the people by Col. Branch, and entertained them in a speech of an hour and a half -- a synoptical and very imperfect report of which will be found in another place. After the General, Cols. Crawford and McAdoo addressed the people in short and appropriate speeches. Then came dinner -- the ladies and invited guests taking a position inside of the tables, and the gentlemen on the outside. Among the meat and substantials, we noticed a profusion of cake -- one of which was built up in pyramidal form, with wreaths of green, with a small, beautiful white silk flag standing in the center, with the name of SAM HOUSTON worked in red upon it, and other devices. The flag was presented to Andrew Jackson, Gen. Houston's little son, who held it with great pleasure, and seemed to be very proud of it.

After feasting sumptuously, the people dispersed, very much delighted with the speaking, the dinner, the music, and good order, preserved throughout the entire occasion.

In the evening, Mr. Wilbur sent up his balloon. At night "there was a sound of revelry," and Montgomery "had gathered her beauty and chivalry," and "bright lamps shown over fair women and brave men," engaged in the delightful sport of smiling Terpsichore. Gen. Houston and Lady honored the ball with their presence for a short time. Not being able to enter into particulars, we here draw a dash, by thanking most cordially the gallant people of old Montgomery, for their kind attentions shown us and our friends while in their midst. --- Colorado Citizen.¹

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