

Oh Jehovah ! God of nations ! Our prayer is before Thee, in the name of Jesus Christ thy Son our Saviour. Amen !

Hon. John Everett, Senator from Allegany county, read Washington's Farewell Address.

Hon. John V. L. Findlay, Delegate from Washington county, delivered the following

ADDRESS :

The remarkable prophecy uttered by Washington in the "Farewell Address," just concluded in your hearing, has been realized in our day, with a fullness that prophecy seldom attains. It declares that unity of Government is a main pillar in the edifice of our real independence, the support of our tranquility at home, the cause of our peace abroad ; and not a year of division and discord has gone by ere we find the edifice tumbling about our ears, our domestic tranquility broken up, our peace abroad threatened by the nations of the world. It solemnly warns us that it is of infinite moment that we should properly estimate the immense value of our National Union to the happiness of the whole Nation, and of each individual, and we have ceased for a time thus to estimate it, and the Nation is in mourning—and no man in the land, not even the humblest, who does not feel an indefinable weight upon his heart, he wishes, was lifted. It enters its earnest protest against local discriminations and parties founded upon geographical distinctions, declaring that the name of American is better calculated to exalt just pride than any other appellation under heaven ; and we have forgotten for a time the power of that name, and foreign intervention has been craved, and even British interference begged as a boon ! Nay, more, it affectionately urges, that as our independence and liberty were the joint work of common counsels, common dangers and common sufferings, jointly they must be continued and preserved—and the flag under which both were accomplished, under which Washington himself fought, in our day has been trampled under foot upon the battle field, shot away from its staff upon a fort near where Jasper, once in a storm of British bullets, reared it ; and even buried with funeral ceremonies in an American city. That was in Memphis. The just retribution of Heaven is often not only violent, but swift. Fort Donelson has fallen, and ere long the gallant men under Grant and others, welcomed by the loyal sons of Tennessee who have never faltered in their devotion to their country, will open up a way to Memphis, and exhume the coffin which holds that precious emblem of our nationality, with the proud consciousness, that a new and more glorious Union dates from the day of its resurrection.

Having then forgotten the wise teachings of Washington,