

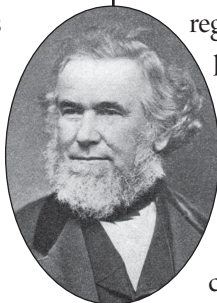
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MAY 11 - 17, 1863

Three cheers for Restored Government of Virginia Gov. Frances Pierpont! Three cheers for the brave men who fought for the Union! Three cheers for West Virginia!

Cheers were heard all around the U.S. Courthouse in Wheeling on May 11, 1863, after the 4th and 5th regiments of militia gave up their arms and disbanded.

Standing atop a box, Pierpont said the men “would be remembered with gratitude by every true citizen of the State, and that the men themselves would remember the expedition with pleasure.” An article that appeared in the May 12, 1863, edition of



the *Wheeling Intelligencer* said the governor also noted that they suffered “not a single casualty,” which was most remarkable considering the regiments were composed of “raw militia.”

“The Governor again thanked the men, and was about leaving the stand, when “three cheers were proposed for Gov. Peirpoint. [sic] The cheers were given. The Governor then proposed three cheers for the Union and three cheers for glorious West Virginia.”

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