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The Two Centennial Celebrations The Petersburg Index and Appeal urgently dissuades our people from taking part or lot in the Centennial Celebration of Independence at Philadelphia in 1876, but argues that if the South desires in any way to honor the first announcement of Republican principles in this country, its people ought to honor the 20th of May-the anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration. Comparing the 4th of July Declaration with that of the 20th of May, this patriotic Southern journal goes on to say, "But the Mecklenburg Declaration was not only prior in point of time, but was our own-all Southern : and here in Carolina, under the vines and figtrees of our own Southern borders in war and in peace, we would give our fathers of the revolution due honor and reverence, and forget for the while all hateful reminiscences of the recent past."

The Index and Appeal, commenting upon the proposition in the Legislature made by Mr. Johnston, of Buncombe, makes this valuable suggestion:

"The proposition, however, should abe enlarged, in accordance with the views that have been already advanced, so as te embrace all the Southern States that do not desire to be present at Philadelphia. Our North Carolina friends are invited to take This modification and extension of their scheme under consideration : and to decide whether they cannot andd to the interest and to the advantage of the occasion, by making it an exhibition of products and people from their sister Commonwealths of the South "maninant to ver-

While this excellent Virginia news paper is contributing its mite to do honor to North Carolina, there are "sappers and miners" here at work vainly exerting themselves in the inglorious, self-imposed task of endeavoring to tear the laurels from off her trow

The articles of "X" and Mr Goodlue have often been noticed in these columns before.

The last attack on the Mecklen-- burg Declaration comes from a "patent bowel" newspaper published in Warrenton-the Gazette. Newspapers with patent bowels are tabooed in the journalistic fraternity, and we will not notice the article further than to refer its author to the Murphy history, which we begin publishing to day.

The briskness of the cotton trade in Charlotte for the last few days, is a most gratifying evidence of the resteration of confidence among the business men of the country. As lish the favorite doctrine of the will be seen in the local columns today, the streets yesterday were jammed with wagons loaded with the fleecy staple that represents the year's labor of so many hard-working farmers.

For the Charlotte Observer. Judge Murphy's History of the 20th May Declaration.

ROCK HILL, S. C., Dec. 3, '73. A few years after the death of Judge Archibald D. Murphy, his son Victor, then living in Hillsboro, loaned me a manuscript found among his father's papers, containing several chapters of the early history of North Carolina, From this manuscript-which was in the handwriting of Judge Murphy-I copied for my own use, so much as related to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. The controversy about that document recalls this paper, copied some 35 years ago to my recollection; I have accordingly hunted it up and now enclose it to you for publication; it speaks in no uncertain terms, but is positive and clear about the proceedings at Charlotte on the 20th May, 1775.

defaced from mould, and parts of it sembly that could not be finished by ing to manufacture "financial crash" were not legible, which accounts for t'ie breaks in the copy. As to the resomitted, they were not copied because they were in the prints of the day, and I was familiar with them; if they had differed from those published as the Mecklenburg Declaration, I certainly should have noted the fact.

I will here only add, that Judge Murphy, who died about the year Murphy, who died about the year definitely postponed would prevail. He said the people of the State in his literary attainments, his long the vote upon the Constitutional public service and his known ac- amendments had indicated a desire the State, regarded as the most cawould vote for the most cawould vote for the most capuble person then living in the State

To write its history, and was often living to undertake the work. When it is recollected that he graduated in It is recollected that he graduated in The motion to indefinitely post-1890, only 24 years after the Meck pone was lost. A close vote.

the facts touching that memorable event must be received with the utmost confidence.

Though for many years removed from the old North State, I yet feel a profound interest in whatever concerns her fame. I know with what State pride her people regard the Mecklenburg Declaration-how she wears it as a jewel in her escutcheon from the pen of Judge Murphy, a nays. copy of this historic manuscript, in vindication of her just claim to that bold declaration.

CAD JONES.

The following is a copy of the

manuscript referred to : "A large city is a public theatre, and the scenes which are there actceedings in an obscure village, how ever important in their character or ment. consequences, seldom produce any general interest; and yet to such proceedings we can often trace the revolutions of States and of empires. It seems to be in this, a Providence to produce great things from small, and thus confound the wisdom of man. When the history of North Carolina shall be known, it will be found that she may justly compete with Massachusetts for the honor of having taken the first decisive steps that led to the American Revolution. And that it was among ber people the bold idea of independence was

first proclaimed to the colonies. The extortions practiced by the officers of the crown, and particularly by those of the courts of justice, produced a general spirit of discontent in the middle and western counties as early as 1768. This discontent was increased by the impunity which was accorded to those officers. ernment to bring them to the pun- ed. ishment which their guilt deserved. If when the clamor of the people cused. could no longer be resisted, prosecutions were commenced, it was obvious from the manner in which those ple who suffered most by the scandalous conduct of such officers, became indignant and resorted to arms. They assumed the name of "Regula- in place of Ellis, of Catawba, resigntors," became a terror to the courts ed.

of justice, and upon one occasion, entered Hillsboro, broke open * *

* * [8 lines obliterated] Gov.

Tryon either believed, or affected to believe, that the spirit of Discontent was suppressed; but it was soon discovered that it had only changed its character and its object, and those its character and its object, and those who had seconded his efforts (against) the Regulators because they disapproved of their riotous and disorderly conduct, were found in Colonial Assembly to evince a spirit more formidable to the crown. Here the spirit of discontent was protected by the forms of the constitution, and was fostered by the imprudent conduct of the Governor. The people imbibed the spirit of their Represen-tatives in the Assembly, and the two miles of Shelby, Cleaveland tatives in the Assembly, and the discontent became general. The Governor pressed the pretensions of the mother country; the Assembly supported the rights of the celonies, and resisted every attempt to establish the favorite doctrine of the minority, "That the colonles could be rightfully taxed by the British be rightfully taxed by the British be rightfully taxed by the British be 1870-71. minority, "That the colonles could be rightfully taxed by the British Parliament." These contests were finally terminated by the Gov.

Josiah Martin's withdrawing himself a suspension of the from the Province. He took this s'ep in part from disgust at the conduct of the Assembly, and in part from

regard to his personal safety.

The last Colonial Assembly that legislated for the Province was held at Newbern on the 2nd day of March, 1774. The acts passed during the session were ratified on the 19th of that month and the Assembly was dismonth, and the Assembly was dis-solved by the Governor. He found the temper of the Assembly decidedly hostile to the measure he was instructed to enforce * * [15 lines destroyed

TO BE CONTINUED.

(Condensed from the Raleigh Sentinel.) LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CARO-LINA.

> SENATE. DECEMBER, 12. 1873.

The Senate met at 11 1 a. m.

Journals of yesterday read and ap-

A resolution from the House in re- second reading. gard to adjournment. The resolution rescinds the former resolution

Raleigh was selected as the place for holding the next Conference of the M. E. Church.

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the 24th. the breaks in the copy. As to the resolutions, which you observe are omitted, they were not copied be—

Messrs. Allen and Avera opposed the moiton-said it was impossible to get through before Christmas-that it would take six days to pass the re-

seemed to attach blame to the com-mittee for not having reported a re-venue bill at an earlier day-how could it be done until the appropria-

Mr Todd hoped the motion to in-

ment providing that no Senator should draw per diem after the 22d inst., and demanded the ayes and moes, which were ordered. Failed.

Mr Troy offered an amendment to
strike out 22d December and insert

24th, and strike out 12th January and insert 29th December. On motion of Flemming, the prewious question was ordered. Mr Troy's amendment was lost.

The question recurred upon the adoption of the original resolutions, and I am gratified to contribute which were adopted by 26 ayes to 20

The metion to reconsider was laid on the table. which he proceeded to make a very letters.

amusing speech, and in his efforts to

explain the object of the resolution got very badly tangled. Mr Harris offered an amendment striking ont the reference to the ed attract public notice much more Sumner bill in the resolutions and than when acted upon a theatre re-mote from public view. The pro-to all citizens, and spoke at length in favor of the bill and the amend-

Mr Humphrey, objected to the amendment and said the Sena-tor from Halifax desired a vote upon his resolutions, and he was dis-

posed to accord it to him. Eppes, colored, said that he accepted the amendment of Harris, colored.

Mr Troy moved that King be required to vote, Mr King, said he was not within the bar of the Senate when the ques-

tion was voted upon. Mr Merrimon, said that he rose to a question of order. That if a Senator was within the Chamber pending the question he was required to vote unless excused.

Mr King, said he was taking medi cineat the time and was out the Senate Chamber.

Mr Todd, suggested that may be Senator King was excused under the bill excusing Senator from voting No attempt was made by the Gov. in matters where they are interest-

On motion of Morehead he was ex-

Mr Chamberlain, said he was sick and had intended to make some remarks explanatory of his vote, but prosecutions terminated, that the being unable to de so, now asked to Government had it not in view to be excused, but finally when objec- donee his Democracy. His somewhat punish its guilty officers, but to ap- tion was made, voted in the nega- forcible denunciations of the prevailing pease the public clamor. The peo- tive on the resolutions. The resolu- faction in its highest places has been one tions failed to pass.

Mr Avera moved to appoint Mc-Canley upon the printed committee

Harris, colored, said that it was
the prerogative of the chair to make
this appointment and that the motion was a reflection upon the Chair.
Dr Humphrey, concurred with
Harris, colored, and was willing to risk the Chair.

any Senator upon this floor to make the motion, and that it could not be distorted into a reflection on the Chair. The motion was adopt-

Mr Love, obtained permission to introduced a bill in relation to the Western Division of the Western North Carolina Railroad.

Mr Merrimon moved and obtained a suspension of the rules, to take up his resolution declaring the special tax bonds unconstitutional.

Mr Merrimon in an able argument urged the passage of the resolutions. Pending their consideration the Senate adjourned until 11 a. m. to-

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SATURDAY, Dec. 13.

Mr Speaker Robinson called the House to order at 10:30 a m Journal of yesterday read and ap-

Mr Anderson of Clay, moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed and to lay that motion on the table. Carried.

On motion of Cal Bennett, the rules suspended and S B to authorize the tion. appointment of commissioners to provide ways and means to aid the CarolinaCentral Railway Company or Catawba N C, was read and passed its

STATE NEWS.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in this State, will meet in Greensboro in Febuary.

Judging from the papers, the Wil-mington Columbia & Augusta Railroad has about two accidents a week

Mr. James M. Williams a preminent merchant of Fayetteville died at his residence last Saturday night Mr. John Brown, of Duplin county raised a sweet potato the past season, which the Magnolia Monitor says

weighed 14 pounds. It is a little singular that towns dont think about fire organizations dont think about fire organizations until after being visited by a fire.—
Magnolia, having had about half a dozen houses burned to the ground last week, is now frantic about a fire nigger fast asleep in the cotton patch.

CALL AT TIDDY'S and see the little nigger fast asleep in the cotton patch.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Congress will take recess from the 19th inst. to the 6th prox. The confirmation of Williams as Chief

Justice still hangs fire. The Carlist insurrectionists are decreasing in numbers.

Ex-Empress Eugenie is visiting Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle.

Queen Victoria feels herself unable to undertake the long journey to St. Petersburg in mid-winter to be present at her son's

John A. Mitchner, in charge of the dead Mr Eppes' civil rights resolution letter office, is held for five thousand bail came up as a special order, upon on the charge of stealing money from dead

It is stated that H. T. Helmbold, the once well-known Broadway druggist has emerged from his European retirement, and proposes to again embark in business in New York city.

275 cities, asking for a repeal of the stamp tax on medicines or a modification to confine the tax to patent medicines was presented to the House on Tuesday. A San Francisco dispatch says that the

Democratie caucus have nominated J. T. Farley for the long term in the United States Senate, and Judge Hager for the short term, Both are climed as anti-railroad men.

A Jackson, Mich., dispatch of the 14th says: Victoria C. Woedhull was arrested to-day on a charge of selling obscene literature, called "The Elixir of Life." Mrs. Woodhull was bailed immediately, and lectured on the "Social System" to about six hundred people.

The House passed a bill to repeal the bankruptcy law, but providing that all pending proceedings in bankruptcy shall be continued under the existing laws, except that all fees, costs and charges shall be reduced to one-half of the present rates.

A Washington dispatch of the 16th, says: Colonel Frederick Dent, the father of Mrs. Grant, died at midnight last night, 88 years of age. Col. Dent has resided for a long time at the White House as the guest of his daughter. The Colonel never abanof the features of the Executive Mansion. He ate his breakfast and smoked his cigar yesterday morning.

Captain Jack's little unpleasantness with our government cost up-wards of \$335,000, exclusively of the pay, clothing and armament of the troops engaged.

Mr Worth, said it was the right of MONEY! MONEY WANTED

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