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GRANT'S VICTORY. A week ago the parties agreed that the action of the Honorable State Convention would decide whether the ex-President would win or lose.

THE 20TH. ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE DAY. A Successful Occasion—Speech of Maj. C. Dowd—Flag Presentation to the Hornets' Nest Riflemen.

It was a typical 20th. Barring the dust, which was as bad as it ever gets to be in Charlotte, the day was warm, but clear and breezy—and the celebration was a success, albeit the crowd in attendance was somewhat smaller than it has been on previous occasions, and the exercises less elaborate and showy.

At 5 o'clock the streets were alive with visitors and many of the flags which had been suspended near Independence Square were floating gaily, and everything indicated a general holiday shortly after the country companies began to arrive and parade in the streets.

At 6 o'clock the streets were again filled with spectators, and the procession, headed by Brigadier-General M. P. Taylor and staff, to wit: Maj. W. A. Cummings, Brigade Quartermaster, formerly of the Wilmington Light Infantry, and Col. W. C. Young, Brigade Commissary, formerly of the H. N. C., started for the parade ground.

At 7 o'clock the streets were again filled with spectators, and the procession, headed by Brigadier-General M. P. Taylor and staff, to wit: Maj. W. A. Cummings, Brigade Quartermaster, formerly of the Wilmington Light Infantry, and Col. W. C. Young, Brigade Commissary, formerly of the H. N. C., started for the parade ground.

At 8 o'clock the streets were again filled with spectators, and the procession, headed by Brigadier-General M. P. Taylor and staff, to wit: Maj. W. A. Cummings, Brigade Quartermaster, formerly of the Wilmington Light Infantry, and Col. W. C. Young, Brigade Commissary, formerly of the H. N. C., started for the parade ground.

At 9 o'clock the streets were again filled with spectators, and the procession, headed by Brigadier-General M. P. Taylor and staff, to wit: Maj. W. A. Cummings, Brigade Quartermaster, formerly of the Wilmington Light Infantry, and Col. W. C. Young, Brigade Commissary, formerly of the H. N. C., started for the parade ground.

tion in favor of the verity of the occurrence and custom and tradition do not unmistakably point to a Declaration of Independence on the 20th of May.

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State, and some in other States. They had no opportunity of consulting with each other, and their actions were not coordinated.

In addition to this, the messenger who was alleged to have borne the proceedings to the delegates from North Carolina in the Congress at Philadelphia, was found living in the State of Virginia, and his story was not corroborated.

With the matter rested, but strange to say, long after the sage of Monticello had been laid in his tomb, and when the old controversy was supposed to have been buried forever, the subject was again brought up.

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them. We can only revive and repeat the old ones in the hope of rekindling the latent patriotism of our people, and of keeping alive our love of country and of the principles of our government.

The early history of our State has not been well written or preserved. Its treasures lie buried beneath the rubbish of a century in dusty archives, the desks of ancient families and the fading traditions of the past.

Our ancestors achieved for themselves and for us the priceless blessing of self-government, and we must preserve it and transmit it, or we shall be unworthy of our glorious lineage.

Ladies and gentlemen, I have many apologies to offer for my imperfect performance of duty on this occasion. It was to me in many respects a most gratifying and interesting duty.

At the conclusion of the address, and after a spirited air by the band, the occasion was given to give place to a levy of young ladies. The Hornets' Nest Riflemen drew up in front of the stand.

It is the pleasure of the ladies of Charlotte that they should have the honor to present to the Captain and representative of the Hornets' Nest Riflemen, this flag as a token of their appreciation and regard.

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