JOSEPH MONTFORT, OF HALIFAX

Mr. Harry W. Gowen, of Halifax, pose of erecting a statue at Halifax, were written the immortal words of will be held June 18th, the county this State, at a cost of \$20,000 to Am- the Declaration, the enthusiasm of convention following on June 20th. If erica's greatest Mason, the Right the immense crowd broke forth in one a second primary is neccessary, it will

much time and thought searching the from Carolinian who feels a pride in his strument he had read."

The July, 1907, number of The Montfort. True, he is buried in an unmarked grave at present, but soon here will stand a beautiful bronze statue that will speak as if by inspiration to his brothers throughout the world his appreciation for having so honored him. Dead? No. For-No. For he lives in the heart of all Masons, and the seeds of his work that he sowed in provincial ground have taken root and will forwer bear rich fruit. While in the city Mr. Gowan remarked that recently there had been found in Virginia a fine life-sized oil painting of Joseph Montfort, which some years ago while the house in which it hung was on fire, a Mason at the risk of his life rushed in and rescued, the frame at the time being on fire. This has prova valuable acquisition to his valned compliation on this subject. THE PERSONNEL OF THE COM-MITTEE.

Among those composing the committee are the following: Hon. Samuel M. Gattis, grand master of North Carolina; Hon, John C. Drewry, G. 8. G. L. of North Carolina; Hon. Richard Joseph Nunn, thirty-third degree. Savannah, Ga.; Hon. Walter Liddell, thirty-third degree, and Hon. T. S. Franklin, Charlotte; Hon. H. W. Witcover, thirty-third degree, Savannah, Ga.; C. H. Ale, past master; S. M. Gary, clerk of the Superior Court; ex-Senator E. L. Travis. M.; P. H. Gregory, treasurer, Halifax.

oseph Montfort was born in England in 1724, of noble lineage, and was made a Mason in England besailing for America, where he settled in Halifax, Province of North Carolina. He was a man of great prominence, politically and socially, and a splendid orator. He began at once upon his arrival in America to promote the interests of Masonry.

On May 20th, 1768, an Important meeting of Royal White Hart Lodge, "Present: Joseph Montfort, master; James Milner, senior warden; Andrew Miller, junior warden: John Matthew treasurer; Peter Thompson, John Martin, David Stokes, Charles Pasteur, John Geddy and James Auld, members."

the worshipful master produced a charter from the grand master of England, to wit: Henand grand master of Masons in Eng. tion. seph Montfort, master; Joseph Long, senior warden, and Matthew Brown, warden, a regular constituted lodge of free and accepted Masons by the name of Royal White Hart Lodge at the Town of Hallfax and Province had the nerve.

of North Carolina" It should have been stated that Joseph Montfort sent to England for a Lodge, which was issued, appointing him master. March 21st, 1767. OLDEST MASONIC TEMPLE IN WORLD.

ple is standing to-day, and is in conetant use by Royal White Hart Lodge,

produced a charter from the grand hausted, and consequently it is necesmaster of England, the Duke Beau- sary for them to look to new fields fort, dated January 14th. A. L. 5771, for their future operations. Accord-A. D. 1771, appointing him provincingly, a combination of these large sil grand master of America, which lumber operators secured a conces-was recognized, and he was accord-sion from the English government for

first judge of court of Halifax counof the large islands of Andros, Abaco
ty, treasurer of the Province of North
Carolina, colonel of colonial troops, ed with a species of yellow pine. and delegate from Hallfax to the provincial Congress.

He is buried in the old colonial of the church to which he so often per surface of the rock is very hard marshaled his lodge in a body for and flint-like from exposure to the worship, and which is still standing as weather,

cial grand lodge of America are to-day the most beautiful and expensive Masonic documents on this continent. of the development. One of the finest specimens of the The Bahama Timber Company will work of Joseph Montfort is the char- operate their own line of steamers, work of Joseph Montfort is the charter he issued to Saint John's Lodge at Newbern. The charter is 26 inches by 18 inches, and is as perfect in every line and detail to-day as when it was proudly received by that lodge one hundred and thirty-six years ago.

In this connection the following interest of the United States and to foreign countries.

Rev. F. D. Jones' First Service To-Day.

The initial service of Rev. Frank

HE GOT WHAT HE NEEDED.

AMERICA'S FIRST MASON much interest to the citizens of North TO BE ONLY ONE PRIMARY SPLENDID HISTORICAL REC-

In the summer of 1776 Halifax, together with the balance of America,
thipful Joseph Monifort at Halifax
to Cost \$20,000—A Sketch of Amto Cost \$20,000—A Sk mitted to the grand lodge above, the Masons secured the services of Cornellus Harnett, whom Joseph Montouthor of "The Story of Right Wor- fort had appointed provincial deputy hipful Joseph Montfort." a most in- grand master of the Provincial Grand with joy, and the cannon, sounding upon at the county primary. fort to fort, proclaimed the gloold Masonic records in eastern North rious tidings that all the Thirteen Col-Carolina and Virginia for the data onles were now free and independ-

State's history, in having the honor of Journal of American History, publish- N. Peoples was recognized, and came once having numbered amongst her ed at Hartford, Conn., referring to ditisens so great a man as Joseph this celebration of the signing of Deciaration of Independence, says: "This the Governor only should be voted was the first celebration of this event upon at the primary. held in America, after the Philadelphia celebration.

A DASTARDLY SUGGESTION.

Man Whose Deep-Seated Revengefulness Places Him Without the Pale of Humanity Thinks It Would Be a Good Idea, as a Defense Against Big Hats, to Group the Human Species, in the Public Gatherings, on a Basis of Sex,

Ladies, beware! A conspiracy is Strange rumors are affoat, on Easter something for Mecklenburg candibreezes. Man, mere man, if you dates or lastly, could give them a tale be unfolded.

Who hath not heard of the "Merry sary Widow" hat? Its fame has spread WANTED EXECUTIVE SESSION. abroad through the land; from Broadway's thronged streets to 'Frisco's picturesque palaces, it is known, adored and sworn at. it causeth collisions, on street cars it occupieth extra room not paid for, in churches it maketh the preacher reason that it might be embarrassing preach to folks that see not, nor know what manner of man it is that speak-

And there's the rub. In olden time, men and women sat not together on lost. terms of approximate equality as now. Custom of ancient age forbade it. Arbitrary lines were drawn which fixed with absolute exactness male and female territory, and woe to him or homeliness on the one hand. On the others sat pew on pew of women.

Well, the suggestion has been made by some mean man that this custom er of Agriculture, and Commissioner be revived. It would be so nicely and of Labor and Printing was passed. quaintly old-fashioned, so peculiarly unique and-so much better for the Brown, secretary; William Martin, males, Think of it! A line of vision one of the stewards; Joseph Long, absolutely unobstructed no craning of necks, no straining of eyes, no nothing. But on the other side, what chaos would prevail! With no unhatted sional offices and another for county offices." When the vote was taken 13 able impenetrability of the unbroken voted against the motion and 7 in ter from the grand mas-of England, to wit: Hen-milliners art, the prevalent darkness Afte Somerset. Duke of Beaufort of despair would be beyond descripmilliners art, the prevalent darkness of despair would be beyond descriptime of the primary, Mr. W. C. Dowd

might happen, so draw the veil. All the same, the idea has been put inapropos. Man is just mean

GENERAL FIRE'S BIG CONTRACT.

charter of the Royal White Hart Mr. J. W. Conway, Southern Agent General Fire Extinguisher Company, Captures Juicg Plum-A Fruitful Trip.

Mr. J. W. Conway, of the General On April 18th, 1769, Joseph Mont- Fire Extinguisher Company, returned another vote was finally taken, it was set formed a committee to raise Wednesday from a ten-days' trip to fort formed a committee to raise Wednesday from a ten-days' trip to funds for the erection of a Masonic Minneapolis, Minn., and Chicago, Ili., ordered.

temple at Halifax, and contributed where he closed a contract with the THE TIME FOR THE PRIMARY. \$1,500 towards its erection. This tem- Bahama Timber Company. Limited, for the complete fire protection and mittee was the selection of a date piping systems for the immense lumfor the primary. Mr. Peoples said ber plants which that concern is that June 10th was the latest date on and is known to be the oldest Masonic ber plants which that concern is that June 10th was the latest date on temple in the world. When the fact building at Wilson City, Island of Abstacen into consideration that at acc, one of the Bahama group. This this one meeting there was raised is one of the largest contracts of the that the congressional convention had the sum of \$2,000 for the erection of kind ever placed, and the execution not been called, and it would be nection to the congressional convention to come bethis temple, the amount appearer of the work will be taken care of by ensuring the convention to come beenormous for those poor colonists to the Charlotte and Atlanta, Ga., plants
have subscribed, and shows their list of the General Fire Extinguisher

tense devotion to the cause of Mason- Company. The next meeting of any special interest was held by Royal White Hard in the Northwest have reached the Lodge on March 12th, 1772, Brother point in their operations where the groduced a charter from the grant supply of timber is practically exproduced a charter from the grant supply of timber is practically exingly congratulated by the lodge the entire supply of pine timber in Joseph Montfort, besides being the most prominent figure in America in are located about four hundred miles Masonry at this time, was also the off the east coast of Florida. Each

The geological conditions affecting the laying of water mains, etc., are Joseph Montfort died on the 25th of peculiar, and have probably never be-March, 1776. He was about 52 years fore been, encountered in erecting old at the time, and being an ardent lumber mills and laying out fire propatriot and colonel of colonial troops, tection systems. The islands where would have no doubt been found gal- the great lumber plants will be locatlantly supporting Washington had he ed are formed of coral rock, thrown lived. He is buried in the old colonial up at some period by volcanic action, burying ground at Halifax, to the left From six to twelve inches of the up-

The lumber plants which are now The charters issued by this provin- in course of construction cover an

this connection the following ining data will no doubt prove of the following inguity data will no doubt prove of the following data will no doubt the first of the following data will ever since. The following data will doubt the first of t

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS.

Primary Will Be Held on All State
Offices Except for Commissioners
of Agriculture and Labor and
Printing, For Which There Are Two
Candidates From This County—Primary for Both State and County
Offices Will Be Held on June 16th,
and the County Couvention Will Be
on June 20th—Second Primary, if
Necessary, Will Be on June 10th.

Whether to have one or two primaries was the all-absorbing question under discussion yesterday at the shipful Joseph Montfort." a most interesting work, spent Friday in the
city visiting Charlotte Masons in the
interest of the Joseph Montfort meinterest of the Joseph Montfort memorial committee, of which he is seca rostrum which had been erected in ing, and drew the meeting out to unretary, which was formed for the puras he opened the ground which had been erected in ing, and drew the meeting out to unretary, which was formed for the pur-Wershipful Joseph Montfort.

Mr. Gowen spoke of the success that had been accorded him during his visit to Charlotte with much feel-had finished, all the people shouted with a second primary is neccessary, it will be held June 19th, the day preceding the convention. The candidates for read the Declaration to the mute and impassioned multitude with solemnity of an appeal to heaven. When he had finished, all the people shouted Labor and Primary is neccessary, it will be held June 19th, the day preceding the convention. The condidates for read the Declaration to the mute and the convention. State offices, Messrs. C. C. Moore, for the convention of the con ing and appreciation. He has spent had finished, all the people shouted Labor and Printing, will not be voted

Shortly after the meeting was called to order by Chairman J. A. Bell, who congratulated the committee on contained in his work, and has writ-ten a history that not only appeals. ten a history that not only appeals ders through the streets of the town, tee order a primary at which all the direct to the Masons of North Caro- applauding him as their champion State officers would be voted upon. line and America, but to every North and swearing allegiance to the in- This precipitated the fight and motions, substitutes and amendments were born with each breath. Mr. W.

MR. M'CALL'S AMENDMENT. Mr. J. D. McCall then made an amendment to this motion that the two candidates from Mecklenburg on the State ticket should be excepted at the primary. "We have no demand for a primary for any offices except that of the Governor, and I am in favor of Mr. Peoples' motion." said Mr. D. H. Smith

Mr. F. M. Shannonhouse said that primary could serve one of three purposes. It could give every man a on foot. There is trouble in the air, chance to vote for all the candidates: Strange rumors are afloat, on Easter it could give voters a chance to do please, is reported to be threatening chance to do something for other to rebel against the existing order of candidates. On being asked his opin-things in a way which augurs trouble for the fairer sex and perhaps a did not want the county to do anychange of fashion. Let the harrowing thing dishonorable, but didn't think a primary on State officers was neces-

> At this point in the proceedings, Squire S. H. Hilton moved that an On narrow sidewalks of the fact that there were many executive session be ordered in view present who were not members of the committee, and for the further to the candidates to hear the discus-His motion resion any longer. ceived a second, but when the vote was taken, it was overwhelmingly

When the question was demanded, the chair ordered a vote on the motion of Mr. Peoples, to have a primary for the governorship only, and this was defeated. The amendment of her who dared to cross it. Men lined Mr. McCall was then taken up. Mr. up in unbroken rows of commonplace Henderson withdrawing his original motion in its favor, and this amendment which was to the effect that a primary be held upon all State offices except the candidate for Commission-

ONE OR TWO PRIMARIES. The issue of having one or two priabsolutely unobstructed, no craning of maries was precipitated by a motion necks, no straining of eyes, no noth- of Mr. D. B. Smith "that there be

is painful to think what asked for the floor, having the proxy of Mr. J. D. McCall, and requested that a reconsideration of Mr. Smith's into words and a mass meeting to motion be made. The chair stated launch a counter movement would not that he could not make the change in view of the fact that Mr. McCall enough to seek such revenge-if he was present when the Smith motion was called for. Mr. Dowd then stat-ed that he was left carless unless one of the advocates for the motion asked its reconsideration. At this juncture Mr. James Sledge came to his rescue, and the question was again opened. Mr. Dowd being given the opportunity to present his opposition to any early primary for county officers.

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ween the primary and the State con-After a lengthy discussion the dates were agreed upon as above

RESOLUTION OF THANKS. Mr. L. H. Robinson, of Providence, offered the following resolution which

"Resolved, That the Democratic executive committee of Mecklenburg county, tender its thanks to the State Democratic central and executive committee in voting for Charlotte to have the State convention; that we appreciate the kind conduct of those committeemen and people throughout North Carolina, who aided in getting the convention for Charlotte. That, as the committee, we desire to let it be known to the people of North Carolina, that we expect to do our utmost to entertain the delegates, and to see that their stay in Charlotte is pleasant and agreeable, and that we desire that all candidates for office are

treated justly and fairly." The meeting of the committee was largely attended, 26 of the 31 members being present.

Barn Burning Probably Incendiary. At 4 o'clock yesterday morning fire of perhaps incendiary origin destroyed the barn on the home place of Bob Bryant, colored, about a mile and a half north of Derita. It was and a half north of Derita." the property of Mr. Robert Hunter. A mule belonging to the negro and a wagon were burned, together with the building. The losses are estimated at above \$250. There was no insurance. The fact that a mule which was also in the barn was missing and had left the imprint of his shoes on the soft earth leading away from the place leads to the theory that he was stolen and the stable set on fire by an incendiary.

Young Lady Dies in Burlington. Mr. Thomas W. Cook, of the mechanical department of The Observer. was called home yesterday by the news of the death yesterday morning of his sister, Mrs. A. E. Carter, of Burlington. She had been ill for several months and in frail health for longer. She was 24 years of age, and is survived by two children. .

Colored Woman's Sudden Death. Within a few minutes after having ssisted in preparing for burial the ody of the wife of Isaac Wallace, colored, on Hill street, Corinna White colored, died yesterday morning. She was selzed with an attack of heart trouble and died in a few minutes at the home at which she had been at work, to which she was removed,

All-Stars to Play.

game in which colored Charlotte is much interested is that to be played to-morrow at Salisbury tween the Charlotte All-Stars and the Piedmont Glants. A number of Charlotte's colored papulation will make the trip to Rowan's capital, which is for various reasons peculiarly attractive as a resort.

Specialist's Views on Smoking. New York Tribune.

A London specialist has been giving his views on smoking in The Daily Mail. This authority declares that the cigarette, if the smoke is not inhaled, is the least harmful way of smoking, but if the smoke is inhaled it is the most rabid form of heart poisoning you can get. It will affect a young man's heart quicker than cigar or pipe smoking affects a man between 55 and 65, at which age a man is affected more by smoking than at any other. And the better the cigars the more likely it is that harm will be done. Therefore, smoke cabbage; the Havana cigars are worse than any others."

CURED HEMORRHAGES OF THE LUNGS. "Several years since my lungs were so badly affected that I had many hemorrhages," writes A. M. Ake, of Wood, Ind. "I took treatment with sev-Wood, Ind. "I took treatment with several physicians without any benefit. I then started to take Foley's Honey and Tar, and my lungs are now as sound as a bullet. I recommend it in advanced stages of lung trouble." Foley's Honey and Tar stops the cough and heals the lungs, and prevents serious results from a cold. Refuse substitutes. R. H. Jordan & Co. and W. L. Hand & Co.

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