

A GLIMPSE OF THE PAST

MAY 20, 1884. CELEBRATION

Celebration of a Quarter of a Century Ago a Notable Event—Principal Address by Senator George H. Pendleton, of Ohio, and Judge Ridsen Tyler Bennett, of Wadesboro—A Few Local Notes of the Celebration—The Amount of Soda Water Sold.

One of the notable celebrations of the 20th of May was that of 1884. The principal address was delivered by Senator George H. Pendleton, of Ohio. Judge Ridsen Tyler Bennett, of Wadesboro, spoke at the unveiling of the firemen's monument in Elmwood Cemetery. Both addresses are said to have been masterpieces, that of Senator Pendleton being particularly fine. The celebration lasted two days and was attended by thousands that was even larger than that of the centennial celebration nine years before, in 1875. A few clippings follow from The Charlotte Home-Democrat, of May 20, 1884, which will be of interest, coming at the time they do. The following is a brief sketch of the unveiling ceremonies incident to the dedication of the firemen's monument:

FIREMEN'S MONUMENT.

"Never before was such an immense throng seen in Elmwood Cemetery. The procession entered the Eighth street gate at about 11, and the cemetery was packed almost from fence to fence. The monument, a beautiful shaft of granite, surmounted by the figure of a fireman, carved from the purest marble, stands at the foot of a gently sloping hill, the graves of the city's dead facing it on the north, and on the south side the bright, fresh lawns and flower beds and playing fountains. Arriving at the monument, the military formed a square around it, inside of which the home and visiting firemen took their places. Around these on all sides stood the crowd about two hundred deep. At the appointed hour the marshals escorted the young ladies who were selected to draw the veil from the monument to the stand, and stationed them at each corner of the platform as follows: Miss Mamie Wadsworth, Miss Riddle Graham, Miss Lucy Wriston, and Miss Carrie Frazier. As the first notes of the McSmith Band were heard, each young lady pulled the cord held in her hand, and the covering dropped to the ground, leaving the monument uncovered in its beauty before the gaze of the multitude. At the conclusion of the music, Mr. Richard N. Tiddy introduced Rev. J. T. Bagwell, who delivered a feeling prayer. Maj. C. Dowd then spoke a few words of introduction for the distinguished gentleman who was to deliver the oration: 'A man who represents ably, impartially and fairly the people of North Carolina in the United States Congress, Hon. Ridsen Tyler Bennett.'

"Judge Bennett, as he is familiarly called by our people, delivered an eloquent address, appropriate in character and length. "After the ceremonies at the cemetery the procession moved to the institute grounds, a march of about a mile, where Senator Pendleton was introduced by Governor Vance, and proceeded to deliver a patriotic and interesting address. "At the conclusion of Mr. Pendleton's address, the audience called for Senators Jones and Ransom and Representative Davidson. Messrs. Jones and Davidson made a few appropriate remarks, and the crowd then dispersed highly pleased."

LOCAL NOTES.

The following are a few local notes of the celebration, reproduced verbatim. "On Monday evening the Chamber of Commerce of this city gave an elegant banquet to the visiting members of Congress and other prominent gentlemen who were in attendance on the 20th of May celebration, and on Tuesday evening the visiting Railroad officials were entertained at the rooms of the Chamber. Everything passed off pleasantly. "The Fire Department and Military Department of the city entertained their visiting guests in handsome style on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. At Oates Hall Tuesday evening, the Firemen were entertained with a handsome Collation, and all visitors were greeted with a cordial welcome.

"The Hotels and Boarding House of the city did wonderfully well on Tuesday and Wednesday in the way of providing for the thousands of visitors who were in the city, and the citizens generally entertained all they had an opportunity of accommodating. If any one went away disappointed or dissatisfied it is not known hereabouts. All our people tried to do their duty on the occasion.

"The people of this section were pleased to see present at the celebration on Tuesday, Gov. Jarvis and Staff; Inspector-General Cameron and Staff; Senators Pendleton of Ohio, Jones of Florida, Hampton of South Carolina, and Vance and Ransom of North Carolina; and Representatives Davidson of Florida, Ewins of South Carolina, Bennett, Green and Dowd of North Carolina; State Auditor Roberts, J. S. Carr, Esq., Col. Coke, Hon. Eli D. Hall, Maj. G. M. Steadman, and other prominent gentlemen too numerous to mention. Besides Col. A. B. Andrews and Maj. F. W. Clark, several other Railroad officials were present, whose names we can not recall. "The newspaper fraternity was well represented by S. A. Ashe of the Raleigh Observer; Eldridge of the Lexington Dispatch; Caldwell of the Statesville Landmark; Woodhouse of the Concord Register; Tipton of the Lincoln Press; Robinson of the Winston Leader, and Miller of the Shelby Aurora.

"CROWD WELL BEHAVED. "Considering the thousands of visitors of all sorts in the city during this week, it was the most orderly crowd of the sort we ever saw; and notwithstanding whiskey, brandy, beer, wine, lemonade, &c., flowed freely, there were but few drunken men, and none unable to walk. There were no fights and no accidents. "It is estimated that at least eight or ten thousand glasses of Soda Water were sold in the city on Tuesday, and probably half as many on Wednesday.

"Our citizens are indebted to Capt. Hayes of the U. S. Army

KILLS TO STOP THE FIEND. The worst foe for 21 years of John Doye, of Gladwin, Mich., was a running ulcer. He paid doctors over \$400 without benefit. Then Buckle's Arnica cured him. It killed the ulcer and cured him. Cures Fever-Sore, Boils, Felons, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Inflammation of Piles, Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Corns, &c. at all druggists.

(temporarily located in this city) for much valuable aid in making arrangements for the 20th May celebration. He and his subalterns were always ready and willing to aid in any way they could, especially in managing the flag department.

"The Editor of the Raleigh Observer (who we are pleased to know attended the 20th May celebration in this city) estimates the number of persons present at 20,000.

"Another one of the 'old family gentle horses' ran away near the Public Square on Wednesday. He has been driven about the streets for some time by a lady, but when he ran away on Wednesday a young man was driving. Some injury to the horse was all the damage done."

The following advance story of the centennial celebration of 1875, from a local paper, will be read with interest:

1875 20TH MAY 1875 North Carolina Centennial CELEBRATION OF THE MECKLENBURG Declaration of Independence

PROGRAMME: One hundred guns, at sunrise, and ringing of city bells, under charge of the Artillery Committee.

The Procession will be formed in the following order at 9 o'clock, a. m. To march through the principal streets of the city, under charge of the Chief and Assistant Marshals, as follows: Military Companies. Fire Companies. Masonic Lodges. Odd Fellows. Knights of Pythias. Good Templars. Patrons of Husbandry. County Organizations. Other Associations of the City, County, State and Citizens. Press Organizations. Various Centennial Committees. Accompanied by Various Bands of Music, and their own special Banners, Emblems and Insignia.

Military Companies on both sides of South Tryon street, right front resting in front of Central Hotel. Fire Companies on West Trade street and on Church street, opposite Fireman's Hall. Grand Lodges, County Organizations, other city, county and State Associations, and Press Organizations, on East Trade street, right front. Odd Fellows, Masonic Knights of Pythias and Good Templars on North Tryon street, from the Square to be followed by Band of Music with Military Company, to be assigned by Chief Marshal a guard of honor or escort.

In carriages the following: Governor of North Carolina, Governors of other States, United States Senator and Supreme and Superior Court Judges of North Carolina, Mayor of the city, and other invited guests. Chariot, orators and reader, accompanied by committees. Procession will arrive at the Fair Grounds at 11 o'clock, a. m.

ORDER OF EXERCISES. Prayers by Rev. A. W. Miller, D. D. Singing of the Old North State, by the Charlotte Musical Society. Reading of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, by Major Seaton Gales, of Raleigh, N. C. Music.

Oration by Hon. John Kerr, of North Carolina. Music. Oration by Hon. John M. Bright, of Tennessee. Music.

Dinner at 3 o'clock. At night at 8 o'clock, addresses will be delivered from the stand in Independence Square, on the site of the original Declaration of May 20, 1775, corners of Trade and Tryon streets. There will be general illuminations of the houses on principal streets. There will also be a Grand Pyrotechnic Display, consisting of beautiful Emblems, Figures, Mottoes, &c., &c., appropriate to the occasion, and under charge of the Artillery Committee.

JOSEPH GRAHAM, Chairman Executive Committee. THOS. W. DEWEY, Secretary Ex. Committee.

WEATHER FOR THE TWENTIETH.

Mr. Bennett, of the Weather Bureau, Refuses to Be Interviewed as to Weather Conditions During the Great Celebration.

Mr. Walter J. Bennett, of the Weather Bureau, was quite cordial yesterday afternoon when an Observer-reporter called on him in the interest of the weather conditions for the 20th of May celebration, but was equally non-committal.

"What about the weather for the 20th?" asked the reporter. "Well," said the prophet, "I'd rather not predict at this date."

"Why, you predicted some time before the presidential inauguration," was the reporter's retort. "Yes, and that is just why we don't do it now," he said.

"You see," he continued, "unless the conditions are altogether settled, it is a hard thing to forecast for the week, and under the present conditions, I would rather not be quoted on conditions for the 20th." "Are the conditions unsettled at present throughout the country?" asked the reporter. "Mr. Bennett was just as evasive. Nothing—absolutely nothing—would he say, and since the awful weather on March 4th, not a word has been uttered by any bureau as to weather conditions for the following week. His regular forecast for Thursday will appear Wednesday, but not until Wednesday. The chagrin under which the department labored after Mr. Taft's inauguration day, when, for days and days, the weather bureau had been telling of the balmy, beautiful weather which was to be his on that occasion, will rankle in their hearts for a long time. In the meantime, here's hoping that the weather authorities will be kind to Charlotte this week.

COTTON SEED CRUSHERS.

Annual Convention Will Be Held in Memphis, Beginning Tuesday, Memphis, Tenn., May 16—Delegates from all of the cotton-producing States, as well as from other sections, will be in attendance at the thirtieth annual convention of the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association, which will convene in Memphis Tuesday, to be in session for three days. The announced programme includes a discussion of every phase of the industry, as well as the tariff question as it affects cotton or its by-products. At the opening session, the delegates will be welcomed by Governor Patterson, of Tennessee, and Mayor Malone, of Memphis.

SERMON TO SCHOOL PUPILS

REV. DR. DETWILER PREACHES.

Last Event of the Commencement of the Charlotte Public Schools—Pastor of Tryon Street Methodist Church Preaches Annual Sermon to the First Graduates of the Eleventh Grade of the Local Schools—Their Lives Linked to the Flow of the River Rhyne—Five Kingdoms of Science, History, Art, Religion and Literature, Have Been Enriching Their Lives, But That of Religion is the Essential Contribution to Well-Rounded and Advanced Life.

Seated between Miss Sallie Bethune, primary teacher, who started the class on its way when its members were little more than toddling infants eleven years ago, and Principal H. P. Harding and Prof. Alexander Graham, who had brought them to their journey's end, the five young ladies and three young gentlemen who received last week for the first time in the history of the Charlotte public schools certificates of the completion of an eleven-year course, heard yesterday morning their annual sermon preached. Rev. Dr. G. H. Detwiler, at Tryon Street Methodist church, was the minister.

To the flow of the river Rhyne, which finds its sources in frozen glaciers in the lofty regions of the Alps, runs smoothly and swiftly down the mountainside, until trees overhang its banks and flowers blossom above it, then loses itself for awhile in the beautiful crystal waters of Lake Constance; flowing forth again after awhile in a greater river, things not only of beauty but of utility, furnishing drainage and fresh water to the dwellers about for thousands of miles—to this Dr. Detwiler likened their lives. In the days of childhood's happy innocence the current ran full and free, careless and taking no thought. Then in the school period they had halted for awhile. He trusted that out of this institution they should go, strong, pure and serviceable, blessings to the world.

During this epoch, said the preacher, five kingdoms had been enriching their lives. The first that he relied on the existence of their souls is that of science—that dominion of education which has to do with the orderly arrangement and classification of the facts of nature. There are two kinds of science, the abstract and the practical. Though youth is a period of peculiar enrichment, yet it is a process which should continue so long as a man doth live.

A man may know a great many things, he continued, and yet be very helpless and weak. A man may have a vast store of scientific knowledge, yet if he sits on a branch of a tree and saws it off between himself and the trunk he is not a scientist. There must be the orderly arrangements of facts. Science is the most practical of all the kingdoms. It has given us the railroad, the telegraph, the telephone, the steamship. Its achievements are the glory of modern civilization on its material side. Soon we shall ride through the atmosphere. "I want to make a trip in a flying machine before my funeral is preached," said the scientist. "I hope someday to be able to order breakfast without the cook having to come to my house."

HISTORY VALUABLE.

The second is the kingdom of history, which is the narrative of the world's outward activity. Its close study should reveal the exciting causes, the prompting motives, which underlie that activity. Take the questions, how did a people make an unproductive soil fertile and productive? how did they dig canals? how did they conquer the seas which touched their shores? These are far more important matters for study and knowledge than the locations of camps, the movements of armies, and military exploits. The effect of climate, and of adverse conditions of character is made clear. Bare Scotland, for instance, has given to the world one of its finest types of manhood cast in an heroic mould. Said an Englishman who found it necessary to recuperate in England occasionally, "It takes a frost to make a man." The study of history will lead you either to a profound contempt for humanity or for a high appreciation of its worth.

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ture. It is the commingling of sighs and laughter, of the tears and the smiles, of the joys and the sorrows, of the hopes and the despairs, of the faiths and the doubts of a people. No one man can live all the whole cosmic experience and by reading literature he is brought into a broad sympathy for his kind. Art reigns in the fourth kingdom—the expression and the appreciation of the beautiful. It is not merely the ability to mix colors, it is not merely technical harmony. Art has soul. Its purpose is to give you the spirit and the mission of the beautiful. The fifth, of course, and the crowning, is that of religion without which any or all of the others will serve but to warp perspectives and produce misjudgments of life. Linked with them it purifies all and sweetens life to a new potency.

Ante-Celebration Eruptions.

Fifteen persons who had violated the law up to yesterday afternoon will answer before the judgment bar of Recorder David E. Smith this morning. A succession of charges of intoxication, of disorderly conduct and of affrays form almost the total catalogue of infractions which will give occasion for a hearing of the court. Two or three are white men, two or three are colored women and the remainder of that class which constitutes the overwhelming percentage of the South's criminals—negro men. No offense of special seriousness is to be investigated.

In The Philadelphia Record.

The Philadelphia Record yesterday gave a full page of its supplement to a history of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Handsome cuts are reproduced of the copy of the original document with a number of scenes taken from Charlotte. Full emphasis is given the visit of President Taft. The article, on the whole, is a most creditable one.

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Don't Carry Large Sums With You.

It were well to warn the public that along with every such vast throng as that which will visit Charlotte this week one may confidently expect a number of crooks and pickpockets which prey on the populace under the advantageous circumstances of great gatherings. A man from Georgia, who asked that his name be withheld, complained at police headquarters yesterday that he had been robbed by some one in the crowd at the carnival on the night before, losing a pocketbook containing \$150. There are always a number of similar incidents, granting that the figures given were accurate, on such an occasion. People who have contracted the habit of carrying hundreds of dollars around with them are always liable to regret it.

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