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MEMORIAL DAY.

Its Observance in Morganton --- The Weather --- The Addre s.

The Tenth of May, as is customary in the South, was observed as Memorial Day in our town. The day was pleasant and the chief marshall and his assistants conducted the proceedings in a very creditable manner. The address of Mr. C F. McKesson was a splendid production. and was delivered in a graceful and brilliant manner. We would be pleased to publish the address in full, but owing to limited space we can only give these

"North Carolina was slow to leave the liquors. old flag and the Union; but when she was persuaded that it was her duty, she entered into the conflict like Godfrey of Bouilon with holy lance into the field of Askalon, crying, "God for the right and the just!" Then the rusted sword of the Revolution and the brillian; banner of our new Confederacy were thrown to the sunshine and the breeze. Our whole Southern country was one grand military encampment. The clarion of war rushed | appointed by the President to succeed through her borders like the firry cross | Collector Wheeler of the 5th N. C. Disof Clan Alpine through the hills of Scotland. Our boys-our men of maturer years-and even old grey hered fathers enlisted in the cause. Soon the earth trembled 'neath the trend of hear learmies, and this mighty continut the well like a sea in a tempest. With wint lofty patriotism our citizens became soldiers!

The followers of Cortez and P.zarro were goaded on by a thirst of gold; the leg onary soldiers of Rome burned with | begins to look as if Garfied-or Blaine a love of conquest. When Maurius and Sylla imbued the streets of the sevenhilled city with royal and plebean blood, it was for the splendors of the Imperial purple. When the libes of France blushed crimson with defeat at Agmeenrt it was in behalf of the decaying system of Feudalism. When Richard III, and the Duke of Richmond fought at Bosworth, it was for the jewe's of a crown. When Henry V. sailed down the placed waters of Southampton and beseiged Harfleur, it was for the hand of Catherine and her Norm in dowry. When the roses of England were marsh distagainst, ols (of "Gorman and Nichols are with the Thistle of Scotland or the Shamrock of Ireland, it was for domain and emnine a Jane on ordendro, rimir nearing swelled with but one emotion, wirm d with but one passion-to protect their homes and their hearthstones. For this they pledged their lives, their fortune, and shered honor, and thousands sealed the compact with ideal * * * * *

"The custom of decorating the graves reach's far back into the ages. The Thessalians decorated the grave of Achilles with jestemmes and blies. Anacreon speaks of the custom in rapturous rhym', while Homer, amid the tears of the Illiad, plants flowers on the graves of his fallen heroes. With us this cusom is embalmed with peculiar love in the hearts of our women, for it has about it so much that is tender, and pure, and holy. I confess with shame that our men do not take the interest in this ceremonial that they ought. They are too much interested in the hunt for office, the "how to be popular," the rattle of the corn wagon, the philosophy of the yard stick, the search for gold-that insatisble Neptune that eats up all other gods. But, my fair hearers, should you neglect this duty, Nature berself would clude and rebuke you, for she anamally, as if with a mother's hands, plants upon those sacred mounds the tox glove and the violet, the one of waren tone, in tiny notes, a requiem sad, while the other | who lives in hourly dread of assassing sheds morning and evening dew-crop tion, and was every moment is guarde. tears upon the to ab."

appropriate and well chosen wor is :

"It seems that the God of War and the Prince of Peace decreeed against as: and way lament? The figure of Judea on the Rossin coin, veiled and weeping and there admits wes, is but the story and the history of a nation that hought for a cause and less it.

"Let us all forgive and forget-forget and forgive-and hope that, after all, stars of a whole bemisphere."

XISCELLANEOUS

Buffaloes were slain to the extent of 100,000 in the far West last winter, for their hides.

Dr. M. J. DeRossett, a prominent physician of Wilmington, died in that city May 2nd.

ness for herself.

The North Carolma Parmacy Act of 1881, goes into effect from and after the 1st day of June.

Many reflecting Democrats are beginning to look on prohibition as a Trojan horse .- Wilmington Star.

The proposed world's fair at New York in 1883 is a failure, and has been abandoned. The money subscribed will be

counties throughout the State have refused to grant licence to sell spirituous

Dr. Eugene Grissom, of this State, bas been made Third Vice President of the American Medical Association recently in session at Richmond, Va.

Among the curiosities of Louisville, Ky., is a boy not yet three years old who weighs 110 pounds, and over three feet tail. Re wears a No. 71 hat,

The nomination of Geo. B. Everett, trict, has been confirmed by the Senate.

Gen. B. F. Butler having announced that he "fells like a boy again," the Boston Herald is wicked enough to remark that he probably means the "our

The hitch between Garfield and Conkling gave rise to the question frequently asked, "Who is President?" it now

The statue of General Stonewall Jackson, erected in Metaire cemetery, New Orleans, was unveiled on the 10th inst. The statue is said to be very handsome and life-like.

The Winston Sentinel is jubilant over the fact that eighteen tobacco factories are now in full blue in that town, and large quantities of the yellow leaf are being worked up.

The latest we have got is that ex-Gov. Holden has given at up, and John Nichus" memory) will be his successor as

postmaster at Raleigh. tinues. During the last few days several parties, says the Greensboro Patriot, have bought tickets at the office of the Picdmont Air Liue, in this city, for the great West.

What makes the Northern Senators mad, asserts the Augusta Chronicle, is that the South has kept up to the Chamber men who are more than matches for their best champions. Here is where the free ballot and fair count cannot be

The track laying on the Chester and Lenoir Nurrow Gauge Railroad is finished to Lincolnton. Says the Progress: Monday evening the first passenger train will be drawn here by the "V. A. Mc-Bee," au engine named in honor of our Black Walnut and Prickly and White Afellow-townsman.

The evidences of thrift and improvement in the South are apparent on every hand. Great cotton factories are going up at Columbus, Augusta, New Orleans, Natchez and Charleston, and furnace stacks are being erected all over the iron districts of the South.

"Uneasy lies a head that wears a crown" was never more forcibly illustrathan in the case of the Cz.r of Lussia by i odies of armed men, lest the fate of Mr. McKesson closed in the following his father be also his fate.

> On Thursday, 2nd of June, says the Landmark, Stat sville will vote on a proposition to subscribe \$50,000 to the Statesville Air-Line Railroad, this subscription to be turned over to the North Carolina Midland, provided it builds to our town. The proposition will carry almost if not quite unanimously.

A terrible tragedy occurd at Barnwell, the peace dove has settled upon the eaves | S. C. on the 2d instant, W. H. Priester, of all our Southern homes, and that we without any provocation, shooting his as a people have passed from a der the father, Captain Win. Priester five times, rod, and are living in the light of a more from the effects of which wounds he has glorious day. Let us bade the fatth that since died. Young Priester killed a ne the passions engendered by war have gro while attending school at Charlotte, been borne away on the breezes of brothe No C. in 1878 but was acquitted. He erly love; that the constitution is an was recently married and his wife was chored to its ancient mo rings; that the on the eve of leaving him when he killed old Ship of State, freighted with the his father. His wife and brother both dearest interests of humanity, sails on say that he has been musane for some unruffled and non-sectional seas, and time but the family kept the mattea a that we of the South, disrobed and dissisceret. This is probably true as he after crowned as we have been, in truth and escaping and wandering through porpride offer our allegiance to the flag of tons of Georgia and North Carolina, reour country, which floats out in its beauty | turned to Greenville, S. C. where he like a tropical night brilliant with the was well known. He was arrested and is now in jail.

A Federal judge in Arkansas has recently rendered a decision which make the Indians the exclusive proprietors of the Indain Territory under the existing treaties with the government, and says no man has a right to settle in that territory, which embraces 14,000,000 acres, without the consent of the Indians.

A genuine sensastion was created in Alexander county recently by the falling Southern California wants to secede of an immense boulder of rock from from Upper California and go into busi- Rock Face Mountain, the rock being becoming suddenly detached faom its resting place and tambling down the mountain with a terrible crash, carrying with it trees and whatever else came in

Riedsville Times: A popular cry is that prohibition will save the wonth of the land from drunkness. The better plan would be to put the youth of the and to work and t ach about one-third of them trades, who are in a genteel donothing sort of way prepairing for the The Commissioners in a number of parlor stepping professions of life, with just enough talent to draw like their fathers, and not sufficiently seasoned in work to be of any real service to the world outside of a cut-away cost and "a demm'd foine obear."

The Senate at Work.

The Republicaus of the U. S. School have decided to yield so far as to go into Executive Session for the consideration of the nominations of the President and of the treaties with foreign powers. Mr. Dawnes announced "the side way backlown" of his party; they did mean to yield the point for which they had been righting, but only desired not to hanper ne Administration any further. The Senate was in Executive Session two days, and did an imagenees amount or work, and it is believed an adjoint and will this month -leaving Minnie's set, Riddleberger and Gorham out in the

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