

THE good old town of Fayetteville is to have a grand celebration on the 21st of this month, when will be commemorated the 144th anniversary of the "Liberty Point Resolutions," of which the patriotic citizens of that city (and indeed all North Carolinians) are so justly proud.

These resolutions were adopted only a month after the Mecklenburg Declaration is claimed to have been adopted, and the patriotic men who signed them are entitled to as much credit as are the men of Mecklenburg.

"We, therefore, the subscribers, of Cumberland county, holding ourselves bound by the most sacred of all obligations, the duty of good citizens towards an injured country, and thoroughly convinced, that, under our distressed circumstances, we shall be justified in resisting force by force, do unite ourselves under every tie of religion and honor, and associate as a band in her defence against every foe, hereby solemnly engaging, that whenever our Continental or Provincial Councils shall decree it necessary, we will go forth and be ready to sacrifice our lives and fortunes to secure her freedom and safety."

These are brave words, and that they were sincere was fully proved at the battle of Moore's Creek in February following. Remember too that these resolutions were adopted nearly thirteen months before the American Declaration of Independence.

THE annual Commencement exercises of the University of North Carolina ended yesterday with the awarding of the diplomas to the graduating class. On Monday the Alumni Association held its annual meeting and luncheon, which this year was of special interest. An appeal was made by President Venable for aid from the alumni and they responded by pledging over thirty free scholarships.

The trustees of the university also held their semi-annual meeting last Monday, and their proceedings were of unusual interest which will no doubt redound to the welfare and prosperity of that institution. The trustees at this meeting changed the date of commencement back to what it used to be until recently, that is the first Wednesday in June.

While attending this commencement last Monday this writer recalled the commencement of 1859, just fifty years ago, which was attended by President Buchanan and a larger crowd than that attending this year. What a change had those fifty years produced!

THE strike of the white firemen of the Georgia Railroad ended last Saturday afternoon, an amicable adjustment of the trouble having been made. This strike began on the 17th of May and continued for thirteen days. It was caused by the railroad company attempting to put negro firemen on the best runs in the place of white firemen, and the white people of the section traversed by this railroad sympathized with the strikers and encouraged them.

TAX-LISTING time has come again and once more, and probably forever, man's frail nature will yield to avarice when he lists his taxables. This is the time of year when there is less wealth than at any other time, and when all kinds of property shrink in value. Men who sit in the "amen corner" and are counted as devout church members yield to their love of money and stretch their consciences when they list their taxables.

When any such man is caught in his false swearing as to the value of his property he attempts to excuse himself by saying that he was only doing that which nearly everybody else does. Such men do not seem to have any compunctions of conscience whatever in thus trying to cheat the State and county out of just taxes by undervaluing their property.

Suggestions are made continually as to the best way of putting an end to all this false swearing, but no successful way has yet been discovered. It is something that is talked about and written about every year, and still men keep on listing their property at valuations which they know are false.

It looks now as if Congress will not adopt the income tax amendment to the pending tariff bill. By a vote of fifty to thirty-three the Senate, last week, postponed the consideration of, or rather a vote on, the income amendment until the 10th of this month. Senator Aldrich, who has the tariff bill in charge and is the Republican leader, insisted on a postponement until he had secured a vote on certain sections of the bill.

The chief objection by Senator Aldrich to the proposed income tax is that it will undermine the protective policy. The income amendments proposed by Senator Bailey and others would raise a revenue of about \$70,000,000 a year. So much revenue raised by direct taxation would render necessary the lowering of many of the heavy duties levied in the interests of the high tariff protectionists.

THE Supreme Court of the State of New York recently rendered a decision that judicially decides that a negro should not be awarded as heavy damages in a suit for false arrest as a white man. A Pullman car porter (who was a colored man) had sued a man for having him arrested on the false charge of stealing and the jury awarded him \$2500 damages, which the judge set aside and said that a negro was not entitled to as heavy damages for being wrongfully imprisoned as a white man.

THE Federal court at Raleigh is being held this week by the newly appointed Judge, Hon. Henry G. Connor, and this is something, which if predicted six months ago, would have been derided as a ridiculous impossibility. The idea of a Democrat and a Judge of his learning and high character being a Federal Judge in this state seems almost too good to be true!

REPUBLICANS have been claiming for some time that their party was now respectable enough for decent democrats to join, but they are mistaken and will be so long as they have their leaders and candidates so many men of disreputable character.

One of the latest illustrations or proofs of this occurred on last Saturday at Raleigh, when a prominent republican was put in the guardhouse almost crazed with liquor and charged with attempting to shoot a lady. This drunken wretch was the secretary last fall of the young men's Republican club at Raleigh, its most active leader, and was the Republican nominee of Wake county for State Senator and last month was the Republican nominee for police justice of Raleigh!

Letter From China.

The following letter was written from Nimrod Sound (below Shanghai), China, by Ensign J. J. London to his parents here, under date of April 11th:

"We are not sorry to leave Shanghai, for two reasons, 1st it is such an expensive place, and 2d we would like to really rest up and get some work done. While in Shanghai I had to alternate with Lowell in staying on board, so I could only get ashore every other day. My entire afternoons would usually be taken up in playing golf of which I am still very fond. About 5 p. m. I would call on some friends and have tea. In Shanghai they follow the English custom of drinking tea at least twice a day between meals. You are expected to drink at least two cups of tea, and they usually drink milk and sugar in it. Cake is always served with it. In this way I invariably spoiled my appetite for dinner, which we have on board at seven. If I remained ashore for dinner it was all right for they don't dine until 8:30 or 9 o'clock and I would be very hungry but for the tea. I really don't care for the tea, but the cake is good, and you might as well sip something if everyone else is doing it. I think I wrote you that down in Australia the people have tea four times a day, that is upon arising at 7:30 a. m., again at 11 a. m., again at 4:30 p. m. and just before retiring at night."

"Two days before we left Shanghai the Philippine squadron of 5 cruisers came in. They will follow us down here on April 15th and observe our target practice, also the Admiral will inspect each gunboat. The latter affects me as I am entirely responsible for the efficiency of the ship and crew at admiral's inspection. I have devoted a good deal of my time and thought to it and think we will show up well. When we have finished here we will resume our cruising on the Yangtze river. The Philippine squadron will continue on to Japan and other Oriental ports. This squadron left Manila March 10th and will cruise from port to port for five months, visiting every important port in the East. The Admiral says he is going to shift the officers on these river gunboats to his cruisers. So I may leave the Villalobos in July, though I am not anxious to leave yet awhile. Still on here one is pretty much out of the Navy, and it is not good for one to remain away from the real Navy too long."

"Thank goodness, the winter has broken and we are now enjoying balmy spring weather. We have small islands surrounding our present anchorage, and I have landed upon several of them during my afternoon sails. On one we ran across an old Joss house with two graven images mounted in it. These images are made of plaster. We found no Chinamen on the island, so we removed the images outside and had them in a kodak picture group which I'll send you a copy of when I have my films developed. Of course we replaced the images just as we found them. A classmate of mine got into serious trouble last year by attempting to take a small image from one of these houses. There was also in this Joss house a miniature sailing junk. It appeared very old, but it had all the sails and gear of a regular junk. It even had a small sampan similar to the ones carried by all junks. This could be very easily removed and scarcely be missed, so one of the crew took it and later gave it to me. It is only about 6 inches long by 2 inches wide."

"This is Easter morning and a glorious day, sea smooth and just a gentle breeze. As I was sitting down to finish this letter I glanced up and espied a small bundle stuck in one of the pigeon-holes of my desk. I pulled it out and upon examination found it was an Easter egg, painted red on one side and a picture on the other of a young man walking with a lady! I credit the Doctor with this pleasant reminder of our youthful Easter days."

A negro child died of hydrophobia in Wilson county last week, having been bit by a mad dog three weeks previous.

The Fair at Seattle. Beginning in 1905 with a plan to spend \$100,000 for an "Alaska Fair," the exposition that opened at Seattle on June 1, 1909, speedily expanded into a "World's Fair," costing \$10,000,000 and displaying \$50,000,000 worth of exhibits. This is typical of the way things grow in the Pacific Northwest. It is one of the reasons why the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition was worth building and will be worth seeing. It shows what is new, what is undeveloped. Other expositions have aimed to exhibit accomplishments; the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific, on the other hand, is an eye-opener to opportunity and potentiality ready for development.

As officially declared, the purposes of the exposition are: To exploit the resources and potentialities of the Alaska and Yukon territories; to make known and foster the vast importance of the trade of the Pacific Ocean and of the countries bordering thereon; to demonstrate the marvelous progress of Western America, where, within a radius of 1000 miles of Seattle, 7,500,000 persons live who are directly interested in making the Exposition the true exponent of their material wealth and development. From "The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition," in the American Review of Reviews for June.

Patti and the Emperor.

A pretty story is told of Patti's friendship for the old Emperor William I. of Germany. Once when she was singing at Hamburg the king sent her a message asking her to walk with him in the morning when he took the waters. "Certainly not," replied the prima donna to the bearer of the message. "I get up early for no king in Europe." In later years when the emperor, then an infirm old man, sent to ask her to visit him in his box, apologizing for being unable to go to her behind the scenes, she replied, with tears in her eyes, "Oh, now, sire, I would run anywhere to see you."

Milton.

Milton was born in 1608 and died in 1674. His first poem of note, "On the Morning of Christ's Nativity," was written in 1639. The "Paradise Regained" was finished a short time before his death. His literary labors covered forty-five years. His greatest poem was written by the hand of an amanuensis, and his most serious annoyance was the petulance of his daughters, who sometimes refused to write when he was in the mood to compose.

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A memorial park will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies at Fairview, Kentucky, on June 3rd, the birthday of Jefferson Davis. Fairview is his birthplace, and the park will be a memorial to him. The anniversary will be the 101st.

A plan for the reorganization of the Seaboard Air Line Railway has been practically agreed upon and will be promulgated about June 11.

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Asheville, N. C.—Account of International Convention Baraca and Philaetha. Tickets on sale 17-18 and for trains scheduled to arrive at Asheville before 3:00 p. m. June 19th, final return limit to leave Asheville not later than midnight of June 25th.

Asheville, N. C.—Account of Dramatic Order Knights of Korassan, Biennial Meeting. Tickets on sale July 8-9-10 and 11th, final return limit to leave Asheville not later than midnight of July 26th.

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LAND SALE—Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Chatham county, rendered in the cause therein pending, entitled, "E. J. McIver and D. E. McIver vs. D. W. McIver and others," the undersigned, Fred. W. Bynum, Commissioner, will sell to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of June, 1909, on the premises at the home of the late R. A. McIver and wife, Maria J. McIver, the following described tracts of land in Gulf and Oakland townships, Chatham county, N. C.

1st. Tract: A tract of land, lying and being on Georges creek, in Gulf and Oakland townships, bounded on the west by Georges creek, adjoining the lands of B. F. C. Burke and others, on the north by the old Jordan Johnson place; on the south by the old Jordan Tysor place; and on the east by the lands of Mrs. Elizabeth Clark and others, containing 217 acres, more or less and being the same whereon the late R. A. McIver and wife, Maria J. McIver lived and died.

2d. Tract: A tract of land in Oakland township, adjoining the lands of Oran S. Johnson and others and bounded on the south by O. S. Johnson, on the north by the Jordan Tysor tract, on the east by the George Burns land and on the west by the Jordan Tysor tract, containing 30 acres, and being the same land willed to Maria J. McIver by Jordan Tysor, deceased.

Terms of sale one-half cash, balance in 8 months, deferred payment to bear interest at 6 per cent and title reserved till all purchase price is paid. This May 17th, 1909. FRED. W. BYNUM, Commissioner.

Hayes & Bynum, Attorneys. ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE: Having qualified as administrator of Henry Hawkins, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to me on or before April 28, 1910. This April 28, 1909. T. W. Segroves, Hayes & Bynum, Attorneys.

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