

THE HISTORIC MAY OF 1775.

Interesting Letter from President Polk to Gov. Manly.

From the Charlotte Chronicle we clip the following:
Col. J. T. Anthony yesterday received from S. F. Telfair, the Governor's private secretary, the following letters, which are copies of the original ones preserved at the capitol at Raleigh:
[Copy.]

WASHINGTON CITY,
February 2d, 1849.
To His Excellency, Charles Manly, Governor of North Carolina:

Mr. Bancroft, the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Great Britain, has recently procured and transmitted to me, copies of several documents found in the British archives, illustrative of the Revolutionary history of North Carolina. Shortly after receiving them I submitted them to the perusal of the Hon. I. R. I. Daniel, of the House of Representatives. Mr. Daniel informed me that he addressed Your Excellency on the subject and learns from your answer that the documents referred to are not among your public archives, and that the possession of them would be interesting to the people of the State.

As a native of North Carolina I take a very natural interest in whatever may add to the just renown of that honored Commonwealth, and it affords me pleasure to present to your Excellency the accompanying bound volume containing the manuscript copies received from Mr. Bancroft. These official papers, as your Excellency will perceive, were transmitted to the British Government in June, 1775, by the Colonial Governors of Georgia and North Carolina [Wright and Martin] and confirm and establish beyond all question [if indeed there could be any doubt] the fact that the people of the County of Mecklenburg formally and solemnly renounced all allegiance to the British Crown and established a Provisional Government for themselves in the month of May, 1775. These papers establish the further fact, that the same patriotic spirit and love of Liberty which prompted the proceedings in Mecklenburg, shortly afterwards animated the people of New Hanover and Bladen and other parts of the Colony.

I am with high respect,
Your Excellency's Obt. Servant,
JAMES K. POLK.
[Copy.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
N. CAROLINA,
Raleigh, Feb. 5th, 1849.
To His Excellency,
James K. Polk,
President U. S.:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 2d inst. transmitting a volume of Manuscript copied from the British Colonial Documents, procured and sent to you by Mr. Bancroft, U. S. Minister to Great Britain.
This Book I have deposited in our public Archives, and on behalf of our people of the State, I take the liberty of presenting their thanks to yourself and to Mr. Bancroft for their interesting record, establishing beyond all cavil or doubt the historical fact that the people of the County of Mecklenburg, North Carolina, were the first in the United States to declare their independence of the Crown and Government of Great Britain.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Excellency's Obt. Svt.,
CHAS. MANLY.

Senators to be Elected.
The terms of the following Republican Senators expire on the 4th of March, 1891, and their successors are yet to be elected: Leland Stanford, California; Henry M. Teller, Colorado; Orville H. Platt, Connecticut; Chas. Farwell, Illinois; John J. Ingalls, Kansas; John P. Jones, Nevada; Wm. M. Everts, New York; John H. Mitchell, Oregon; J. Don Cameron, Pennsylvania; Justin S. Morrill, Vermont; John C. Spooner, Wisconsin. The Democrats have good prospects of electing the next Senators from several of these States, and thus reducing to a close vote the majority secured by the Republicans by the admission of new States. The only Democratic Senator whose term expires in 1891, and who is in danger of being succeeded by a Republican, is Mr. Voorhees, of Indiana.

Letter from Arkansas.

BARKER, Ark., Apr. 28, '90.
Messrs. Editors:—For quite awhile I have been thinking of writing a few dots for your valuable paper from the West. Being a native of the old tarheel State myself I often think of the good people in Western North Carolina. I was born and raised on Mills River, and I am a son of A. Q. Moore, Esq., of Mills River Township. I often think of the pure mountain air and the good free stone water that comes gushing forth from the mountains of old Western North Carolina. THE DEMOCRAT is a welcome visitor every week.

I am in the southwestern part of Arkansas, in the famous cotton belt. The land is fertile and rents are very reasonable. This is the country for a man of small means. Land is cheap and any one can buy themselves a home cheap, and they can get all the time that they want to pay for their homes. I am in the southern part of Howard County, forty miles from Texarkana, the railroad center of the Southwest. Cotton is the chief staple of this section. I am told by good farmers that small grains of all kinds do well here, but king cotton is all the go.

I find plenty of homestead land in Arkansas, and don't see why the poor laboring class of people in the States don't come to Arkansas and get them a good home. All nations are represented in this country and all seem to be doing very well. The great drawback here is the free public school system. The terms are too short. As a general rule you will find that to be the case in all countries where cotton is the chief product. All denominations of religion are represented in this part of the moral vineyard.

I find the people to be energetic and persevering in all respects, and clever and accommodating in every way, both toward their neighbors and strangers.
I say to one and all that have no homes in old Western North Carolina, to come out and cast their lot in the southwestern part of Arkansas. If any one wants to know more about this section if they will write me I will take pleasure in answering all questions.

Success to THE DEMOCRAT and its force of editors.
Respectfully,
NOBLE MOORE.

Pension Applicants.
AUDITOR'S DEPARTMENT,
Raleigh, May 2, '90.

To the Clerk of Superior Court of Watauga county:

Dear Sir:—In reply to inquiries received at this office I will say that all applicants for pensions can, under the last act of the Legislature, make their applications and affidavits before justices of the peace, and are not absolutely required to come before the Clerk of the Superior Court. But in every instance in which the affidavits are made before a justice of the peace it will be necessary that the certificate of the clerk of the Superior court be attached, declaring that the person who claims to be a justice of the peace is acting as such legally and regularly in the county in which the application is made, this being a regular provision of the law as to all documents which are to be filed in another county.

Yours truly,
G. W. SANDERLIN,
State Auditor.

Plant Early.

A writer in the New York Tobacco Leaf calls attention to the advantage of setting out tobacco plants early, for good results, and suggests from 20th of May to 10th June the best time, as at that season, as a rule, we have more rain and cloudy weather, and the soil is more damp than later in the season, hence plants set at that time are more certain to live, not being so much exposed to the scorching rays of a warm day's sun as when set later. There are no plants burnt to be replaced, and an even crop is secured.

A Fine Sporting Record.

A. M. Turner, general manager of a big farm in Martin county, N. C., made quite a record last hunting season as a sportsman. He killed 37 wild turkeys, 315 wild ducks, 13 deer, 20 foxes, 7 otters, 3 beavers, 17 coons, 16 opossums and a large number of partridges, squirrels and rabbits. It is said also that he catches a bushel of fish every day.

MISS DAVIS' MARRIAGE.

An Interesting Letter on the Subject From Mrs. Davis.

The News has already published the reported marriage engagement of Miss Winnie Davis. The following letter received by Col. Wm. H. Ross from the mother of the "Daughter of the Confederacy" settles beyond all question the truth of the report of the approaching nuptials:

BEAUVOIR HOUSE,
May 1st, 1890.

Dear Col. Ross:—Not that you have not probably heard it, but my kind regard for you causes me to announce my daughter's engagement to Mr. Alfred Wilkinson, of Syracuse, N. Y. I think the young couple have every chance of happiness together. My husband knew and liked him, and appreciated that a regard which had existed nearly four years could not be uprooted. Send your good wishes for her here as she sails on her return home on the 10th of May. I hoped to join her there but find I cannot do so.

With kind regards to Mrs. Ross and a large portion for yourself, I am

Respectfully yours,
V. JEFFERSON DAVIS.
The many Macon friends and admirers of Miss Winnie wish her a happy married life, as her lovely nature, beautiful character and many virtues and graces so richly deserve.—Macon (Ga.) News.

Cheese.

Many housekeepers do not know the value of cheese as a diet. It is particularly suited to the farmer's household, as it can be kept on hand and prepared in a variety of ways that will be found excellent. As all cooks are not familiar with the various recipes for cooking cheese, the following will be found useful to such:

TOASTED CHEESE.
Cut slices of cheese thin, and spread it on a heated dish and stand over boiling water to melt. Toast slices of stale bread and butter, season the cheese with salt and a little cayenne pepper, spread over the toast and serve very hot.

WELSH RAREBIT.

Take square slices of bread, without crust; butter them and dip in a bowl of hot water. Lay on a heated dish, and set to keep warm. Put half a pint of milk in a small saucepan; stand it over a moderate fire; when boiling, add a pint and a half of crumbled cheese, and stir until it melts, season with a little salt and pepper, add the yolks of two eggs, stir, and pour over the toast. The mixture should not be tough or stringy.

CHEESE FINGERS.

Mix four ounces of flour, five of grated cheese, a little salt and pepper together, moisten with the yolk of one egg; work into a smooth paste. Roll very thin, cut some of the paste in little rings, and some in strips. Lay on greased paper, and set in a hot oven for ten minutes. Put the straws, or little strips, through the rings in bunches.

CHEESE RAMAKINS.

Put half a pint of milk and two ounces of bread in a small saucepan and set on the stove to boil. Stir until it is a smooth paste; then a small teacup of grated cheese and two ounces of butter. Stir over the fire one minute; take off. Season with salt and cayenne pepper, add the yolks of two eggs. Beat the whites of three stiff, and add gently. Pour in a greased pan or baking dish, and set in the oven fifteen or twenty minutes.

North Carolina on Trusts.

The last Legislature passed an act to prohibit trusts in this State, and to provide for the punishment of persons connected with them. One section of the act is as follows: "Any person, company or corporation who shall form, or attempt to form a trust in this State, or the agent or representative of any trust in any State who shall attempt to carry on operations in this State, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction may be fined not more than \$10,000 or may be imprisoned not more than ten years for each offense."

A Smokeless Engine.

The St. Louis Globe says the Portland locomotive works are constructing an engine which it is expected, will reduce the consumption of fuel by at least 20 per cent., and altogether do away with cinders and smoke. The peculiar mechanism which produces the result is a downward draught as opposed to the present upward one.

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