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Plans Are For a Magnificent Event

Liberty Point Day Great Celebration

Chief Justice Walter Clark to Speak Here—Grand Parade, Military Display, Fire Works, Water Works, Water Contest, Baseball Game, Dinner, Etc., in Fayetteville June 21st—The Programme.

President Taft has made his much heralded visit to North Carolina and spoken at Charlotte and the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence has been celebrated. Now the next overshadowing event in the way of a celebration in North Carolina is to be seen in Fayetteville on June 21st, the occasion being the celebration of the anniversary of the passing of the "Liberty Point Resolution" in 1775.

The celebration here June 21st is to be an event of State wide interest. The orator of the occasion will be Chief Justice Walter Clark of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, historian, statesman, the State's most distinguished jurist, an able speaker and a thinker than whom the State has none more profound. On that day will be placed the corner stone of a monument to be erected on Liberty Point in this city to the memory of the Patriots who signed the "Liberty Point Declaration of Independence" 134 years ago. Besides there will be the firing of salutes, a grand parade, firemen's exhibition, concert, automobile races, dinner to visiting veterans and military, military drill, water display and water contests, fire works, etc.

Chairman Jas. D. McNeill says it is to be one of the grandest celebrations ever seen in this city or section—likely to surpass that at Charlotte last week.

Chairman McNeill has kindly sent THE INDEX the following for publication:

"LIBERTY POINT DAY"

To the Editor of The Index.

The Ladies' Liberty Point Monument Association desiring to perpetuate the historic event connected with the passage of the "Liberty Point Resolutions" by the Cape Fear Patriots on June 20th, 1775, propose to celebrate the 134th anniversary of that event by laying the corner stone and making the day a memorable one on Monday, June 21st, next.

May I ask for them the use of your valued columns to give publicity both to the "Resolutions" themselves (a copy of which is enclosed), as well as to the following programme which we expect to carry out on that date.

Respectfully,
JAS. D. McNEILL, Chm.

PROGRAMME

The Committee on Arrangements propose to anticipate the 4th of July this year, which comes on Sunday, and to make Monday, June 21, "Liberty Point Day," "The day we celebrate." We hope, expect and if our appeal for financial assistance will justify, will carry out the following programme on that day:

Sunrise—Thirteen Guns.
9:30 a. m.—Band Parade from A. C. L. to Liberty Point. Concert at City Hall.

10 a. m.—Fireman's Exhibition at City Hall.

11 a. m.—Assembling of local Military and Horsemen to Meet Visiting Military at Depot.

11:45—Grand Parade, consisting of Mounted Police, 1,000 Mounted Men and Ladies. Carriages Containing Orator and other Distinguished Guests, Descendants of Original Signers of the Liberty Point Resolutions, Mayor and City Officials, Officers of the "Liberty Point" and "Civic" Association, Ladies Memorial Association and Daughters of the Confederacy, Veterans from Cumberland, Robeson, Bladen, Sampson, Harnett, Moore and other Counties (all of whom will be invited); Military Companies from Wil-

lington, Raleigh, Clinton, Lumber Bridge, Bennettsville and all Local Military.

Jr. O. U. A. M.—Every automobile from 1000 miles around (who will also be asked to compete for prizes in Auto Races on our Bitulithic streets). Floats of all descriptions and "Floral Parade" of decorated carriages and autos for prizes.

Parade to form on Green and Gillespie streets, march up Hay street to A. C. L. depot and counter march to Liberty Point.

12:50 p. m.—Laying of Corner Stone and Ceremonies at Liberty Point. Oration by Chief Justice Walker Clark.

1:30—Dinner by the Ladies to Visiting Veterans and Military.

2:30—Automobile Races on Hay and Person streets, A. C. L. depot to Liberty Point and return (1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes).

2:30—Military Drill on Green and Gillespie streets for prizes.

4:00—League Baseball at Fair Grounds.

6:00—Water Display and Water Contests by Fayetteville Fire Department.

8:30—Fire Works at "Eccles Park."

9:30—Public Reception and Colonial Ball, open to all, at the Elk's Temple.

Railroads will be asked to give round trip rates and to have trains arrive earlier and depart later than present schedules. Committee of both ladies and gentlemen will be appointed to look after all details in ample time. Coupon circulars are now being mailed to a large number of our representative citizens, asking financial assistance. Let everybody respond. Let's make it a day to be remembered.

Respectfully,
JAS. D. McNEILL,
Chm. Com. of Arrangements.

[The "Liberty Point Resolutions" were printed in full in THE INDEX of March 24th, last.]

Mrs. S. G. Ayer sends us the following:

LADIES OF COUNTY INVITED

"The ladies of the different townships are invited to join the Floral Parade June 21st. All who will do so will please send their names to Mrs. W. F. Blount, Fayetteville, that we may know whom to expect. This is a time when you may show your pride in your patriotic ancestry. The celebration here on June 21st commemorates the one hundred and thirty-fourth anniversary of the signing of the Liberty Point Declaration of Independence. It was signed by thirty-nine patriots of Cumberland county. Brave men! Let us keep their deeds ever in our memories, and by building a monument at Liberty Point, perpetuate to rising generations their bravery. Let others know that there was laid the foundation of our grand and glorious liberty.

"MRS. S. G. AYER,
"Chm. Liberty Point Com."

Night School at Holt-Morgan.

A night school was opened in the Holt-Morgan graded school building Monday night, conducted by Rev. J. M. Gibbs and Prof. U. S. Jones. The school will be open three nights each week—Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is earnestly and urgently requested that every one interested at all in the school meet the principals to-night whether they have decided to patronize the school or not. It is the purpose of the young men in charge to conduct a school that will be of great benefit to all who will attend, of whatever degree of advancement. They are excellent young men and are certainly not in the business merely to make money, for the rates are only 5 cents each per night. It affords a fine opportunity for those who are in need of the benefits of school and have not the privilege of attending day school. Let the people of the Holt-Morgan village and others in reach go out to-night and lead an encouraging hand.

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poon, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was unveiled with impressive ceremonies in Washington Thursday.

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Bladen Bond Election Doubtful

By wire to The Index.

Elizabethtown, N. C., May 25, 8 p. m.—Elizabethtown township gives 88 votes for bond issue out of registration of 115; Hollow 47 out of 101; Bethel township very doubtful. Election will be close. There will not be a difference of 10 votes either way. Much interest was manifested and some excitement, especially in Elizabethtown.

The three townships voted to-day on a \$40,000 bond issue to build a railroad to Elizabethtown.

Awful Tragedy at Parkersburg

One of Sampson's Most Highly Esteemed Citizens Shot to Death by Rural Mail Carrier on Sunday.

Correspondence of The Index.

On last Sunday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock William Bass, of Parkersburg, shot and killed Mr. A. Bradley Parker, a citizen of the same place. The facts in the case, according to the best information gathered, are about as follows:

Bass was drinking and had boasted that he intended killing three certain men. Mr. Parker was clerk in his nephew's store. Bass asked him to sell him cartridges. This he refused to do. Whereupon Bass shot him in the left breast just above the heart. When Mr. Parker was shot he was standing on the platform of the store. Immediately he walked down the steps, some fifty yards around the store and fell dead.

The villagers witnessing this awful sight fled for their lives. For some hours the village was deserted. Bass, after he had murdered Mr. Parker, broke into Caïsson Bros. store, taking money, fire-arms, and ammunition, then he went home and shut himself up with his wife and child.

A crowd soon collected but there was no talk of lynching. Plans were laid for capturing Bass, but perfect order was preserved. No one was deputized to take him. Extreme darkness and the fact that his wife and child were in the house prevented action, so the guard had to wait. About three o'clock Bass lighted a lamp, the lighting a cigar, walked out into the veranda. One man of the guard fired at him, the rest following. Bass fired back and broke for the woods. Later he slipped back into the house. At 6:30 o'clock he walked out and surrendered. He was at once placed under arrest by Messrs J. D. Johnson, magistrate, and D. L. Cromartie, of Garland. He was given into the custody of Coroner Parker who carried and placed him in the county jail at Clinton.

Mr. A. Bradley Parker was a Christian gentleman and a law-abiding citizen. He was seventy-four years of age. He was a Confederate veteran, having served faithfully and well all through the civil war. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church and belonged to the Masonic order. For several years of his life Mr. Parker was a citizen of Fayetteville. For many years past he has run a store for his nephew, Mr. C. P. Parker, at Parkersburg, where he met his tragic death. He had many friends in this section and his untimely end was a terrible shock to the entire community.

Early in life Mr. Parker married Miss Annie Snead, of Sampson, who died years ago. He is survived by a son, Mr. William Parker, of Rocky Mount, and a daughter, Mrs. R. E. Costner, of Lincolnton, N. C. The funeral takes place today at the Parker homestead in Cypress Creek township. Parkersburg, May 25.

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Taft's Attitude to South Unchanged

a possibility that they will not only continue until late in the day but that they will be extended into the night.

The House will make no especial effort to gather a quorum during the week.

The annual meeting of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association was held in Richmond, Va., on Tuesday. On Tuesday also convened the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America at Chicago. On Wednesday at Knoxville, Tenn., will be held the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

NURSES GRADUATE

Dr. Hubert A. Royster to Deliver Address in Fayetteville Tomorrow Night.

The graduating exercises of the Highsmith Hospital training school will be held tomorrow night. The feature of the occasion will be the annual address by Dr. Hubert A. Royster, of Raleigh, dean of the Medical Department of the University of North Carolina and one of the State's leading physicians and surgeons. His subject will be "The Ideal Nurse."

The diplomas will be presented by Dr. J. F. Highsmith, and the class pins by Dr. Seavy Highsmith.

The Fayetteville people and the out of town guests are cordially invited to attend these exercises, which will be held in the Armory, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class was preached by Rev. Watson M. Fairley at the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

Following is the roll of the class:

Miss Alice Watson, Fayetteville; Miss Nannie Thames, Parkersburg; Miss N. G. White, Lumberton; Miss E. K. McDiarmid, Rocky Mount.

Mr. A. S. Hall on Stock Law.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE INDEX:

Sometime ago I noticed an article from my esteemed friend Mr. W. L. Holt in which he makes the impression that if the voters of Cumberland county will vote for stock law that there would not be any fence to be built. I am sure that Mr. Holt did not intend to mislead the people. No doubt he was led to believe such from the fact of the late Legislature establishing stock law for our sister county of Moore, which does not provide for building a fence on the Moore and Cumberland line.

Section 1683 of the Revisal reads as follows:

"The stock law authorized by this chapter shall not be enforced until a fence shall have been erected around any territory proposed to be enclosed, with gates on all public roads passing into and going out of said territory: Provided, all streams which are or may be declared to be lawful fences shall be sufficient boundaries, in lieu of fences: Provided further, no fence shall be erected along the boundary lines of any county, township or district where a stock law prevails."

It is clear from the above section that Cumberland would be compelled to fence on the Bladen and Sampson and Harnett lines, a distance of not less than one hundred miles.

I am told by men who know that it would cost about two hundred dollars per mile. That being so, it would cost not less than \$20,000, and this amount would have to be levied upon the real estate (outside of Fayetteville, the property of Fayetteville having been exempted from fence tax by an act of the Legislature of 1893).

There being only about \$2,000,000 worth of real estate outside of the town in the county, it would take a special assessment of \$1.00 on the \$100.00 worth of land in the county to pay for the fence.

A. S. HALL.

President's Speech at Charlotte

Crowd Estimated at 100,000 Gathers at Mecklenburg's Capital to Enjoy the Great 20th of May Celebration and See and Hear the President of the United States

President W. H. Taft was the honored guest of a large assemblage of North Carolinians at Charlotte Thursday, his presence being a notable feature of the celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. The President spoke principally of his policy toward the South, and spoke at length on the Eastern judgeship appointment. The number of visitors to Charlotte was estimated at 100,000.

In his address to the people of North Carolina late in the day the President took occasion to explain more fully than he did at Petersburg on Wednesday his policy toward the South. His recent appointment of a Democrat to the Federal bench in this State gave him an opportunity to expand upon his views. Mr. Taft urged again the advisability of an intelligent, logical opposition party.

"I do not believe that we are on the point of a political revolution in the South," said the President. "I never have had such a dream. What I do desire and believe we are on the eve of is a complete tolerance of opinion and that there shall grow into respect and power an intelligent opposition party in every State in the Union."

The President's political utterances were received with the same fervor of enthusiasm as his tribute to the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration. The auditorium where he spoke was crowded to its capacity, and he was constantly interrupted by the cheers that rose spontaneously from his Southern hearers.

Mr. Taft's plea for political tolerance in the South and his statement that he wanted the people of the South to know that the Washington government was not a government alien to them, had all the effect of extemporaneous utterances, for the President spoke without notes or manuscript once he had drifted into politics.

RUSH FOR PRESIDENT'S BOX

A cloud burst breaking over the city during the afternoon, just as the splendid military, floral and civic parade was passing in review of the President, promised serious consequences for a time. It set the densely packed throng in front of the reviewing stand into a panic, and there was a wild rush for shelter. The President's box was a goal for many men and women and the chief executive had to be surrounded to save him from the sudden rush. In the midst of the storm a passing industrial float was entangled in a live electric wire and tore it from its support, the slender thread of copper sagging almost to the heads of the scampering crowd below.

WILD CONFUSION.

While the confusion was at its height, and to add to the tense situation, there was a blinding flash of flame not fifty yards from where the President stood. It developed later that a quantity of black powder which was to have been used for saluting purposes had been prematurely ignited. No one was injured either in the explosion or the crush about the reviewing stand.

The President received quite a drenching, and for a time it seemed that the frail canvas covering the reviewing stand would tumble about the heads of those beneath. Among these was Mrs. "Stonewall" Jackson. When she had met Mr. Taft earlier in the day she had earnestly said, "I

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