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FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1914.

MANY BELIEVE WITH YOU.

Yesterday was celebrated by the town of Charlotte as the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and the annual event is known as the "Twentieth of May Celebration." Quite a number of the papers and especially those in South Carolina chide our Charlotte contemporaries on the worshipping of this myth as they term it and claim there never was such a thing as a Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. We believe in its authenticity as firmly as we do in the fact of our freedom from the mother country and are glad that the citizens of Mecklenburg have patriotism enough about them to celebrate it and perpetuate its memory as well as congratulate them for their progressiveness in putting up the money to furnish the amusements for the crowds which attend the celebration.

Throughout the length and breadth of North Carolina you will find thousands of true patriots who believe with you. The celebration just closed was notable in every respect, as the thousands who attended will attest. The next and the next May Twentieth Celebrations will also be notable for the people of the state are not slow to show proper honor to the memory of those first American citizens to proclaim their independence of the British crown.

THE PISGAH FOREST.

That is good news published yesterday to the effect that the Forestry Commission had arranged for the purchase of the Pisgah Forest, the great tract held by the Vanderbilt estate. There are over 80,000 acres of land included in this tract and unquestionably some of the finest scenery on the continent is to be found there. To preserve this forest in its natural beauty as a National Park would be a wise act.

One of the first things Colonel Roosevelt said on arrival was that to pay Colombia \$20,000,000 for her claims would be "blackmail." Well, there are some acts worse than blackmail. Is it not true that "I took the canal and let congress debate afterwards?"

Charlotte has opened her Mecklenburg celebration with the "best show ever," and the rest of the state is green with envy.—Asheville Citizen.

Yes; one would have thought it St. Patrick's day in the office of the Greensboro News.

"And yet Charlotte had the biggest day ever. Its celebration was a great success."

The above was written, not by The Greensboro News, but by an equally representative Greensboro paper, The Record.

Rah for Charlotte! She can pull off a big celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Charlotte's independence of mythiculous historical heretics seem to be fully guaranteed.—Wilmington Star.

Right you are. We are immune from mosquito bites and the attacks of near historians.

"Sweeping changes in rules governing South Carolina primaries" reads a headline. What's this? And shall we be disbarred from going over and voting?"

But suppose Charlotte has the date wrong, what has that to do with the spirit of the thing.—Durham Herald. Greensboro News please note.

The colonel announces that he expects to breathe life into the corpse of the bull moose.

MAKING A BOY A GOOD CITIZEN

(Wisconsin State Journal.) Winston-Salem, a compound town of 25,000 population in North Carolina, has a board of trade that possesses at least one big, and so far as we know, new and novel idea. In the old days when we used to have volunteer fire departments, boys were given a sense of municipal responsibility and participation in citizenship through coffee-boy brigades and torch companies which responded to all fire calls and attempted to assist the firemen in their work of relief and protection.

But Winston-Salem has come to a bigger idea. This progressive Southern town is developing the duties of citizenship in the coming generation by creating a boys' board of trade. And this is no toy enterprise. It is a live, acting auxiliary to the city board of trade. The boys between the ages of 14 and 21 are eligible and are encouraged to become members. The membership fee is nominal, purposely so that every boy may join. Many a father in Winston-Salem who does not regard himself as of sufficient industrial importance to affiliate with the board of trade, or who perhaps thinks he cannot afford such membership, can afford to let his son be a member of the junior board and is eager to secure membership for his son.

This father has learned that this affiliation gives his son not only a sense of proprietorship in his city, a sense of the responsibility of citizenship, but it fixes upon him at once a wholesome aspiration. The boy wants some day to be an influential member of the real board and to do the real work of an industrial citizen.

Each boy who joins this board is required to take the ancient Athenian oath of loyalty to his city. This emphasizes the seriousness of his responsibility.

The board of trade proper recognizes the importance of the junior board so far that it extends the privilege to the junior board of attending all the regular meetings of the board of trade and of taking part in its debates, though not of voting. This gives to every boy over 14 years of age the right of speech, the right of attending all meetings, in fact every right of a regular member of the board of trade except that of the right to vote.

To give these boys a tangible idea of the workaday life in which they shall later bear their part, a group of them, chosen from students in the department of government and economics of the high school, were set to the task of making an industrial census of Winston-Salem. They received detailed schedules to fill out. After studying these schedules, they visited every manufacturing plant in the city, gathering data with painstaking care. From their reports, a statistical review of the industries was worked out that shows the totals for such elements as the number of these establishments, their capital investment, the number of salaried employees and traveling sales men and their salaries, the number of wage earners and their wages, the cost of raw materials, the value of the finished products and other details which, taken altogether, gave not only the boys, but the men of Winston-Salem as well, a new and concrete conception of the wealth and industry of their city.

But to the boys, especially, this survey was an inspiration. It made realistic of the text-book teachings about economics.

The sense of fellowship between the old boys and the young boys, the common ground of a common interest, the common hopes built upon a common knowledge, go far to bind the school to the practical school life, to make the older boys young in spirits and the younger boys firmer in faith and hope. Winston-Salem will profit by her school of citizenship-making. She will harvest what she hath sown and she hath sown good seed.

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Asheville, May 22.—President L. L. Jenkins of the American National Bank left this morning for Lenoir, where it is probable that he and several other prominent bankers will arrange today for the re-opening of the First National bank of Lenoir, which closed its doors about 10 days ago. It is understood here that National Bank Examiner J. K. Doughton and Special Agent C. L. Williams of the treasury department have recommended that the plan suggested by these bankers for reopening the institution be accepted, although this report has not yet been confirmed by the treasury department. This confirmation, however, is expected today.

According to a dispatch recently received from Washington, the proposition of Mr. Jenkins and others was to put sufficient funds into the Lenoir bank to again put it on a sound basis, although no names were given out at that time. With the plan receiving the recommendation of the examiner and special agent, there is apparently little doubt but that the bank will be re-opened today.

PROUD OF THEIR BAND.

(Sampson Democrat.)

Clinton people were very proud of their band when on Thursday and Friday of the past week it acquitted itself so creditably. The boys have had rather a struggle to make a success of their organization and they deserve a great deal of credit for the good work they have done. Their music got much favorable comment from the visitors.

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