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Mr. Miles B. Leslie, father of Mr. John C. Leslie, who is a member of the Charlotte firm of Rogers & Co., dropped dead on the streets of Concord, this morning. Mr. Leslie was going from his home to his place of business, and when passing by Dr. W. H. Lilly's just opposite the Presbyterian church, he reeled and fell to the pavement. Those who saw him fall hurried to his assistance, but found that he was dead. Heart disease was the probable cause of his death. Mr. Leslie was about 60 years of age, and was one of Concord's most highly respected citizens. He was a quiet, unobtrusive man, but withal, a man of tireless energy, of unimpeachable integrity and one who possessed many very admirable traits of character. He was a man against whose good name nothing could be said. In his death, Concord mourns the loss of a truly good citizen.

Miss Carr. Hon. Elias Carr, the nominee of the Democratic party for Governor of this State, arrived in the city last night, and is at the Belmont. Hundreds of people to-day have been reaching out for the hand of our next governor. They found it and got a good, firm, Democratic shake.

State Democratic Convention. The State Democratic convention wound up its work in the nomination of Frank I. Osborne for Attorney General. The news came yesterday afternoon, just after the news had gone to press, and it fairly set Charlotte wild with delight. Mr. Osborne had a formidable array of competitors and for that reason his nomination is all the more creditable. He is himself one of the finest lawyers in this State, and is the son of one of the greatest jurists of the South. A better nomination could not possibly have been made. Hurrah for Osborne! is the sentiment all along the line.

The Democratic Central Committee. The State Democratic Executive Committee met last night in Raleigh and elected the following Central Committee: Paul B. Means, P. F. Faison, R. H. Battle, T. L. Emery, E. C. Smith, W. G. Lamb, W. E. Ashley, C. C. Watson, A. W. Haywood, Jos. P. Caldwell, John I. King. It was decided not to elect a new Chairman and Secretary at present, but to defer the election until the first Wednesday in July unless found advisable before that time, in which case the present chairman will call the committee together. Mr. Ed. Chambers Smith remains Chairman and Mr. B. C. Beckwith Secretary till the election.

Local Ripplies.

They say that the boys will call out Senator Hill and Elias Carr tonight and make them speak.

It is somewhat remarkable the freedom from accidents that has characterized the day. So far there is not a casualty to report.

It has been a wonderfully well behaved crowd in town today. There have been no disturbances or fights, and the police patrol manager has been without an occupation.

Senator Hill will carry home a unique souvenir of his visit to Charlotte. It is a tiny hornets nest, that was pulled in Cabarrus. The Senator thought it was the cutest thing he had ever seen. It was presented to him by Mrs. H. C. Eccles.

New Advertisements To-Day.

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FORTY THOUSAND. A TRULY GREAT DAY IN CHARLOTTE.

MILES AND MILES OF PEOPLE. A Magnificent Military Display—Reviewed by the Senator—One Thousand Troops in Line—The Show Battle—An Immense Crowd of People.

THE DAY OF THE DECLARATION. This has been a great day for Charlotte. Probably at no time in the history of the city has such a large crowd been gathered here. There are fully 40,000 people on Mecklenburg soil to celebrate the 117th anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

The day was opened with the firing of a salute from the Hotchkiss gun of the Naval Battalion at daylight, and very shortly thereafter the streets were alive with people. The decorations were conspicuous in all directions, and no city ever greeted a celebration in amore true festive attire. Senator David B. Hill, of New York, had arrived the previous night and with his party was quartered at the Buford Hotel. With Senator Hill were Senators Ransom and Gray, Congressman Austin Lathrop, of New York, Congressman S. B. Alexander, of North Carolina, Congressman H. H. Rockwell, of Emira, New York, General Austin Lathrop, of New York, Hon. Elias Carr, of North Carolina, and Judge Daniel F. McManis, of New York. At 10 o'clock, Senator Hill and party were escorted to the Central Hotel balcony, from which point Senator Hill reviewed the military parade. It was a remarkably fine one, and the splendid appearance of the troops was commented on favorably by the Senator. There were 1,000 troops in line. The procession was headed by Col. Anthony and staff, followed by the Fourth Regiment band. Then came the superb Fayetteville Light Infantry, the Cabarrus Black Boys, the Columbia Zouaves, the Southern Stars, the Greensboro company, the Concord drum corps, the Shelby company, the Dallas Guards, the Naval Battalion band, the Hornets Nest Riflemen, the Queen City Guards, the Charlotte Naval Battalion Divisions of Gatling gun, Hotchkiss gun and torpedo corps, and the Continentals.

Senator Hill's Speech. Senator Hill delivered the oration at the auditorium this afternoon. Five thousand people were in the building. He was introduced by Senator Ransom, and his name was greeted with prolonged cheering. Senator Hill said:—Today, this 20th day of May, in the 117th year of American independence, we come to celebrate the 117th year of North Carolina independence. We stand upon historic ground; a birthday of Liberty! The birthplace of Liberty! Your historians narrate that here the first Declaration of Independence was promulgated. It is a simple story, and is briefly told.

The patriotic citizens of this county of Mecklenburg in this grand old State of North Carolina, restless under the yoke of oppression, impatient of the injustice of foreign rule under which they had long suffered, and imbued with the spirit of self-government, assembled together at the court house over thirteen months before the memorable action of the Continental Congress, with the startling news of the battle of Lexington ringing in their ears, renewing their devotion to the inherent and inalienable rights of man, bravely and solemnly resolved, in substance, that they were a free and independent people and that the political bands which had bound them to the mother country were dissolved.

It was a sublime and heroic action. It was without an example in the history of the world. What a page in the history of these United States of America! One of your later statesmen, and among your greatest, the Hon. William A. Graham, whose memory will be ever cherished, and whose name will be ever honored by the sons of

North Carolina, has recorded for all time to come, in his centennial and memorial address of Charlotte in 1875, the thrilling story of that immortal deed.

Not only was North Carolina the first colony in which independence was declared, but it is confidently claimed—and history seems to confirm the statement—that here in your State the first blood was spilled in the United States in resistance to the actions of English rulers, at an engagement between the royal forces and the North Carolina militia, known as "Regulator," so early as the 16th of May, 1771, at the battle of Alamance. It is not denied that these facts have been questioned.

I am well aware that the settled verdicts of history are appealed from in all directions. Historical criticism is making formidable reprisals where the faith of many generations had not indulgible, authentic and contemporaneous would not regard the Mecklenburg Resolves of the 12th of May as a perfect title to all that was ever claimed for North Carolina's sons as the forerunners of American Independence. Let every other page of your annals perish, and then would not the old Bay State? would not the Empire State? would not the Key Stone State? would not old Virginia? if that remaining record belonged to either one of them, instead of being lost as it is by an unchallenged title to the old North State, proclaim it the very Koh-i-noor among all the jewels of American Liberty!

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I looked over Peter Force's American Archives, and turned a page or two of your own State records. And I found time to read the paper of the all-accomplished President Welling, of Columbian University at Washington, upholding as your highest pride the resolves of May 31st.

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follow citizens of Mecklenburg I congratulate you especially that there is something else which the tooth of time has not gnawed.

I congratulate you that after all the researches of their contemporaries their historians, and their critics, here you can hold fast and keep forever undisturbed your veneration for the "gray forefathers of the State," and all your pride in the authentic precursors of American Independence.

Grant for a moment the very utmost to settle the verdict of the North Carolina historians. Have I ever occurred to you to inquire what it amounts to? Nothing at all, or nothing but this: that your forefathers were less than a fortnight later in being still by more than a year in advance of all as the forefathers, the precursors of American Independence.

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