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THE TWENTIETH.

Complete organization of the newly formed Mecklenburg Declaration Society was perfected yesterday and committees are now busy laying extensive plans for making the celebration of the next twentieth of May the greatest in the history of the city.

This celebration is to be state-wide in its scope, and it should be, for the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration is not a historic fact of more local value. It is state-wide and nation wide in its scope, and the whole state will take a hand in properly celebrating it.

The state papers evince deep interest in the plans, as will be seen from the following editorial from the Gastonia Gazette:

"It is good to see the people of Charlotte so thoroughly aroused over this year's Twentieth of May celebration. When it was allowed to go by default last year this paper was one of the first to predict that such would not happen again soon."

"The preparations this year seem to be going on at a rapid rate and on a grander scale than ever before. It is more than likely that President Wilson will lend his presence. If so, it is safe to say that the 1914 crowd and celebration will be the largest ever."

"The movement looking toward a permanent association for the celebration of the event is in every way commendable. It should become a regular 'Mardi-Gras' for this section."

"As one citizen of Charlotte said, people in this vicinity always expect a celebration in Charlotte on May 20, and frequently many people visit Charlotte on that date through force of habit. Sometimes they are disappointed. If Charlotte will just start the ball to rolling and put up the necessary attractions, the people of surrounding counties will furnish the crowd. All are looking for something extraordinary and it's up to Charlotte and Mecklenburg to come across with the goods."

Perhaps Dr. Wilson can tell when his new tariff is going to reduce the cost of living. No one else knows—Union Republican.

However any one can readily tell you how the tariff and currency laws of succeeding republican administrations managed to put it where it was when Wilson went into office.

Lieut. Governor Wagner, of New York, says he will retire shortly because he "is tired of office holding." There are several thousand patriots in New York state who are hankering for a chance to enjoy that tired feeling.

Pass Christian seems to have moved completely off the map. The Virginia Pilot thinks Representative Moon talks like a lunatic. Why is it that the Raleigh Times prints no more lady-written poetry? An exchange wants to know if Harry Thaw will enter vaudeville? Do you mean retire?

The Washington Herald thinks the returning prodigal son now-a-days generally gets a roast. In addition to Song-Bird Gonzales, the Columbia State has taken on a regular staff poet.

A representative in the Virginia legislature by the name of Brewer is making a hot fight for prohibition. "A liar and a perjurer," is the gentle description applied to Bill Sulzer by Murphy. Truly this bears the familiar T. R. flavor.

"THERE'S A CLEAR TRACK NOW FOR 1914 BUSINESS"

Gordon P. Kiser of the M. C. Kiser Co., Is Very Optimistic Over the Outlook.

"There's a clear track now for the business train of 1914," said Gordon P. Kiser, president of the M. C. Kiser company, wholesalers of Shield Brand shoes. "The good crops and prices of 1913 rolled the barriers of old debts out of the way. The tariff and currency laws have pounded two old bugaboo boulders into fragments and the fragments now serve as ballast under the road of progress instead of being obstacles upon it."

Business leaders everywhere are showing a commendable disposition to co-operate with the administration in helping solve vexing problems in a way that will right conditions and at the same time not disturb the business equilibrium of the nation.

"In the territory served by Atlanta's wholesale market the business of the new year has started off with a firm and steadily increasing volume. Shield Brand shoes have such a demand as they never had before. In my estimation this is due to two reasons: First, the high standard of our goods and its wider recognition each year both by dealers and consumers, and second, the unhampered future that business in the south and southeast is now facing."

"The dealers of the south are finding by actual experience that it is useless for them to go to Boston or other eastern markets for their shoes, when they can find right here in Atlanta a nearby market, everything that more distant points can offer and more besides. Atlanta can match quality and price anywhere and it offers far superior facilities for quick shipments and prompt service."

"That this is true is attested by the fact that at the last Merchants' week here last August under the auspices of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association, more buyers than ever who had never patronized the Atlanta market before were here and without exception declared that henceforth it was Atlanta and Atlanta goods for them."

"The Merchants' week which the association has scheduled to begin on February 16 will undoubtedly bring thousands of merchants from all over the south. There are good times in the south now and the merchants will come in large numbers to join in the big spring celebration which the wholesalers and manufacturers here have arranged for them."

"The house of Kiser always has a cordial welcome awaiting its patrons and friends whenever they visit Atlanta and we extend a special invitation to the February visitors to come and see us at that time and make our store at 17 East Hunter street their headquarters."

Advice to a Son. "The late Michael Maybrick, the composer of 'The Blue Alsatian Mountains' and many other famous songs," said a New York music publisher, according to the Washington Star, "was a sentimental soul. He had old-fashioned, sentimental ideas about honor and love and rectitude."

"I once introduced Maybrick in London to a successful financier. Maybrick told me afterwards that the financier whose career had been checked, reminded him of old Millions. Then, in scornful accents, he told me this story: 'Remember one thing,' said old Millions on his death-bed to his son. 'Remember this one thing. It is a rule I've followed all my life. It's the secret, in fact, of my success. 'Yes, father; yes,' said the young man eagerly. 'Never do a jailable act,' whispered the old man in impressive tones. 'Hire somebody to do it for you.'"

BUY A LARGE ONE. (Fayetteville Observer.) We have a complaint from a business man, who says that the box at the A. C. L. passenger station, for northbound mail is too small. He has more than once found it so full that he could not drop his letters into it.

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From Other Sanctums. The Old-Fashioned Mother. What has become of the old-fashioned mother who made you stick out your tongue once a week, and then shoved in about a cord of old Colonel Calomel?—Columbia State.

Tax Methodists. A New Jersey Presbyterian pastor called his congregation a flock of hypocrites and quit. We greatly deplore such lack of self-control in anybody, but we marvel to hear of a Presbyterian brother becoming so thoroughly heated. Even here in our Sunny South our Presbyterian brethren keep so cool, even in summer time, that the electric fans are not required during the services. It is we Methodists who constitute the Gulf Stream of spiritual heat in this vale of frozen tears.—Houston Post.

Maybe. If Charlotte gets in the class of regional banks, she may be away up. We hope she will get the federal bank and soar above the clouds. But Durham will hold her down to the ground at least on the baseball field.—Durham Sun.

Charleston Ministers Excepted. The Charlotte minister who declared that he is a poor preacher who cannot keep his congregation awake, surely excepts the Charleston preachers from this statement.—Greenville Piedmont.

The Hopeless. Charlotte is going about its preparations for a celebration of the Twentieth of May in a business-like way, the effort being to make it permanent, an organization being formed to keep it going so that new committees will not have to be appointed for every celebration. By all means Mayor Hemphill should be present; also The Columbia State force. These gentlemen are sadly in need of conversion.—Greensboro Record.

A Plea to the Unseeing. The attention of the esteemed Columbia State is called to the fact that its neighbor, Charlotte, is already moving for a big Twentieth of May celebration and that President Wilson may be induced to grace the occasion with his presence.—Greensboro Record.

Oak Ridge. Early last Saturday morning both the school buildings at Oak Ridge Institute were destroyed by fire. The loss was about \$35,000. The disaster has given rise to the impression that the institution might be induced to locate elsewhere. Already the papers in Greensboro and Charlotte are calling for action in their respective communities looking to the offering of proper inducements for locating the institution. These two towns will probably not let the project rest until they have made it interesting for Professor Holt, the head of the school.

This is another evidence of the value that live communities place on the securing of educational institutions. A good school contributes to the upbuilding of a community morally and socially as well as financially. It is really worth more, in this way, than is most any other enterprise that is to be had. This is one avenue of development that Kingston must take advantage of; and if Oak Ridge is to be had by some community—why not this one? The chamber of commerce might well investigate this proposition.—Kinston Free Press.

Went After Oak Ridge. Fire destroyed the school buildings of Oak Ridge Institute at an early hour last Saturday morning, entailing a loss of approximately \$30,000. "They Charlotte took up the matter at once and are after the location of the institute in that city. The school is noted for its excellence in training and ranked as one of the best in the South, accommodating nearly 300 students.—Mooreville Enterprise.

Favors Charlotte. We are pleased to note that Charlotte made a most favorable impression before the claims that be in putting forth her claims for the regional bank, and we hope that this progressive city will land it. We fall to see how, under the circumstances any town in North Carolina could advocate the cause of Richmond for this bank, when this state has a town in the race for the place. Yet some of them have done so, and this, too, in the face of the fact that Richmond was in the fight against North Carolina for reduced freight rates. Truly truth is often stranger than fiction.—Morganton Messenger.

OF DOUBTFUL VALUE. (St. Louis Times.) Looping-the-loop in an aeroplane seems to be as common now as the spectacular feat of complaining from great heights was a few years ago. Although the discovery that it was possible to perform this hazardous feat was made only a month or two ago, they practice is now so common that every day or two brings word of a performance more daring than all that preceded it, and just now there is word of a young woman who accompanied an "airman" who made five complete revolutions in his aeroplane.

This is a development of aerial navigation in the wrong direction. It isn't more daring deeds that will further the science, but the attainment of greater safety. The Wright stabilizer, which is said to be bearing perfection is much more to the point than the discovery that looping-the-loop is possible.

As for this newest daredevil trick, the words of the slangsters seem appropriate: What are you going to do with it? LEGAL GUARANTEES PROMISED IN ELECTIONS. Bogota, Jan. 24.—Legal guarantees are promised by the government of Colombia in the February elections which will name a successor to President Restrepo. In a statement issued today the minister of foreign affairs says complete peace prevails throughout the country and that a commission of foreign relations "composed of eminent persons of all political parties" is working to "resolve the very important international problems before the nation."

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A RULING.

(Lumberton Robesonian.) The Robesonian has received the following from Parkton: "Will you or some one else explain to us up in this part of the county how we are to comply with the compulsory school law? We have no school near enough for our children to go. The white people are moving away to keep from being punished. The school house that has been used for school purposes is now used for negroes to preach in. Any information will be gladly received.—S. T. Moore."

County Superintendent of Public Instruction Poole advises that the law doesn't apply if one is not within 1-2 miles of a school house. Our understanding of the law is that the county board of education is allowed enough discretion in enforcing the law not to work any real hardship on anybody.

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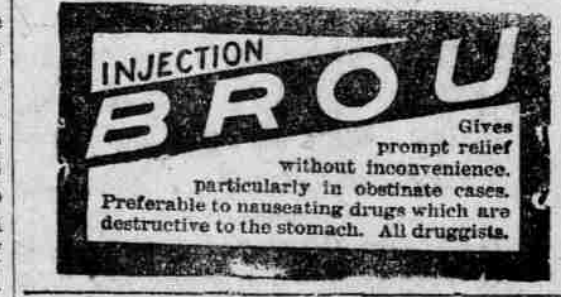
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