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TAFT AND THE TWENTIETH.

[The following unique poem was written by Mrs. Lisette Clayton Hood. formerly Miss Lisette Bernheim, well and favorably known in connection with her magazine and newspaper work on the State press some years ago) on the occasion of the celebration of May 20th, 1909. Its historic as well as its present day allusions, together with its rhythmic merit will make a good scrap book preservation to the lovers of poesy. Mrs. Hood is now associated with the Mill News of Charlotte, as editor of the Home Department of that publication, a position in which she is performing most commendable and helpful service even if it does not call forthl iterary effort of as high order as she is capable of.]

A Welcome to the President.

The loyal folks of Mecklenburg Extend the glad right hand; Sweet smiles from Charlotte's daughters, The fairest in the land.

Our gates are spread wide open. The keys are thrown away. The better pleased we all will be The longer you may stay.

In Eastern florid verbiage The town is wholly yours. And all that is therein contained In its historic doors.

We give true Southern welcome To our illustrious Guest Who rules and treats us squarely, For he deserves our best.

He freed my native City From years of deepest shame, Placed white man over white men; All honor to his name

This act alone has won him The Southron's deepest love, He knows the race Caucasian Was meant to keep above.

Observe our seventy columns, Our noble arches three, Our granite shaft inscribing Those names which History

Has writ and proved illustrious Despite the sneerers' claim, And tells the world the reason For Charlotte's deathless fame.

Those brave old Mecklenburgers, In far Colonial days, First broke the chains of bondage And earned the nation's praise.

Old England sent her minions To break our spirits free; "A nest of stinging hornets' They found our town to be

Our men are patriots ever, Our spirits just as high, Our valor still unquestioned, As in the days gone by.

Our Southern hearts are loyal, All struggles past forgot,

Kitchin, "that these exercises must occasion, and to give me welcome. I He said, 'What is that writ?' I said, be held indoors, instead of outside, where everybody could see and hear. Today is the Twentieth of May, and those members of the Grand Army of General Otis has issued the order we may, that in each State the my countrymen, if the floods that the Republic, those members of the granting that writ or the allowance tolerance of opinion shall continue have descended today could not Daughters of the Revolution, that of that writ, and you can have it until there shall be respectable pardampen the ardor of the Twentieth ditinguished lady, the widow of here." of May spirit, you may know that that spirit is warmed by the eternal truth

"Mr. President, I understand that when you were inaugurated in Wash- and in part, I hope, to give me welington-a happy event, at which I come

could not be present-the storms there raged, but I will guarantee that we have convinced the President gret that Mrs. Taft was not able to ple at Bilibid prison who had been that we could have surpassed any inauguration time, if it had just been winter time.

"The Chief Magistrate of this near so good a show when the better nation has often faced vaster crowds | half of my firm is not with me. than this, in the greater cities of the "We are here to celebrate a declacountry; in immense auditoriums often have 12,000 and 15,000 people heard him, but never did a truer people; a nobler people, or a more patriotic people hear him than will hear him today; a people who seek for the truth, and worship at the shrine of justice, whose loyalty to in the full the Declaration of Indehome and country and God is unpendence made in Mecklenburg, is in stinted; a people whose patriotism is the position of a man of whom a lord as boundless as the influence of the justice of the Court of Appeals of Ire-American Republic. land told me. 1 met him in Canada.

"Ladies and Gentlemen: The vast He had a good deal of experience in crowds that have gathered in this courts, and he was redolent with Irish beautiful city in this May-time this stories. He said that he was holding year, are not merely paying tribute court in the County of Tipperary, and to history and heroism and patroit- I that a man came before him and a ism, but they come, Mr. President, jury charged in the indictment with to pay tribute to the eminent characmanslaughter, and that the evidence ter, the spleudid fame, the worthy showed that the deceased had come services and the exalted position of to his death by a blow from a blackthe President of our common cound thorn stick in the hands of the detry. Fellow countrymen of the Caro- feudant; but the evidence also showed are not to be deprived of your prop- central government at Washington linas, this sea of intelligent faces, this happy audience demonstrates a skull,' as it is called in medical parwelcome to him far beyond the power lance - unduly thin. The verdict brought in was that of 'guilty of of man to express in words. "And yet it has been fitting that

your honorable servant not merely (Laughter.) called the man before him, and asked in his own behalf, and voicing his him whether he had anything to say own sentiments of joy, but in behalf why the sentence of the court should of the great Commonwealth of Caronot be pronounced upon him. The lina, should participate in the exerdefendant, turning to his lordship have a show for his white alley, that cises as an official evidence of the sinsaid, 'No, your lordship, I have noth- he would have a day in that court. cere pleasure of the genuine welcome, iug to say, but I would like to ask and that was the true basis of civil which North Carolina tenders today one question.' 'What, my man, is liberty. So it is with the declarato one whose strength was great that?' said he. 'I would like to ask tions that were made at Mecklenburg. enough to make him the leader of a 'What the divil a man with a head You go over them and see that they great politicial party; whose manlike that was doing in Tipperary?' create selectment, they create milihood and magnetism and patriotism (Laughter) I would like to add in ex- tary guards, they create courts with and greatness were sufficient to make planation of my position, what the jurisdiction, they create courts to him the highest official of the greatdivil a man who does not believe in make collection of debts, and they est people in the universe. the Declaration of Mecklenburg is make every provision which a single "Carolinians, I present to you His doing in this presence? (Laughter community like a county could make,

Excellency, the President of the United and applause.) The claim is that more than 12 ony, to await the decision of courts

should like to include, too, those 'It is a petition inquiring into the members of the Confederate Veterans. lawfulness of his imprisonment, and as far as we can, and to see, so far as Stonewall Jackson, and all the other "He n-ked me to draw up a peti-

charming and delightful people who tion, which I did, and he took it into exposed themselves to the elements one of the local courts, which hapthis morning to celebrate this day. pened to be presided over by an American. He went out to Bilibid prison and before he got through that day "I wish to express also to the com- he had filed ninety petitions for the mittee of arrangements my deep re- writ of habeas corpus to release peobe present to share the welcome which there from four to ten years. When your committee was good enough to they heard how he had gotten them tender her. I assure you I don't make out, they wanted to attend in a mass and come and thank me at my house. I expressed my appreciation of their gratitude, but as I was not quite sure ration of independence. There are but that half of them ought to have some unregenerate persons(laughter) | been where they were anyhow, 1 ex-

and elsewhere that for various mo- an acknowledgement in the form of tives have cast a doubt upon the a table ornament such as they give claim. Now anybody that comes to in the Philippines, which consists of of course in so far as I may legiti-Charlotte who is not willing to admit a bundle of toothpicks. (Laughter.) OTHER LEGAL PROCEDURE.

"To go on, the writ of habeas corpus is one thing; an indictment by a friends think that I have lost sight grand jury is another. That is mere procedure. That is not a general right. It is a mere form of procedure. The right of trial by jury is another form of procedure. Then there is the fourteenth amendment and the other, the fifteenth amendment to the Con-

stitution, which accords to every one the right not to be deprived of law. That does not say that you could to wipe out the feeling that the that the man who died had a 'paper erty unjustly. You may be. All that it says is that you shall have a land, and I pointed out that the only hearing before a tribunal, and that way by which the Executive could if a man is going to rob you, he has manslaughter,' and his lordship got to rob you in a regular way.

> "Now, that is practical. The Anglo-Saxon ancestor knew that if he could once get it before court he would

appoint a Democrat a judge because from that is to be inferred that there is no Republican worthy of the appointment, and I understand that there are some gentlemen in the Democratic party who are willing to together with commitments for felmake that inference as strong as possible. (Laughter) But I venture to months before the members of the to be created by the highest authority say that when the whole account is Continental Congress declared that it under the authority of the General added up, that spirit will have diswas necessary to have a separate Congress. Now there are things in appeared and the Democrats who seek to utter it will find that it is not such a popular method of attacking the Republican administration after all. SHOULD COMMAND RESPECT AT HOME. "I pleaded to my Republican that self-government was not a mere riends as a vindication and justification of my course, the course of as orthodox a Republican as ever filled the Executive chair, and a man than whom there never was a President who did so much to maintain the standard of the Federal judiciary, as Benjamin Harrison, for he deemed it his duty to put one Democrat on the

partisanship to wipe out those lines ties on both sides of the line, because it is essential to have a good opposition to have a good government.

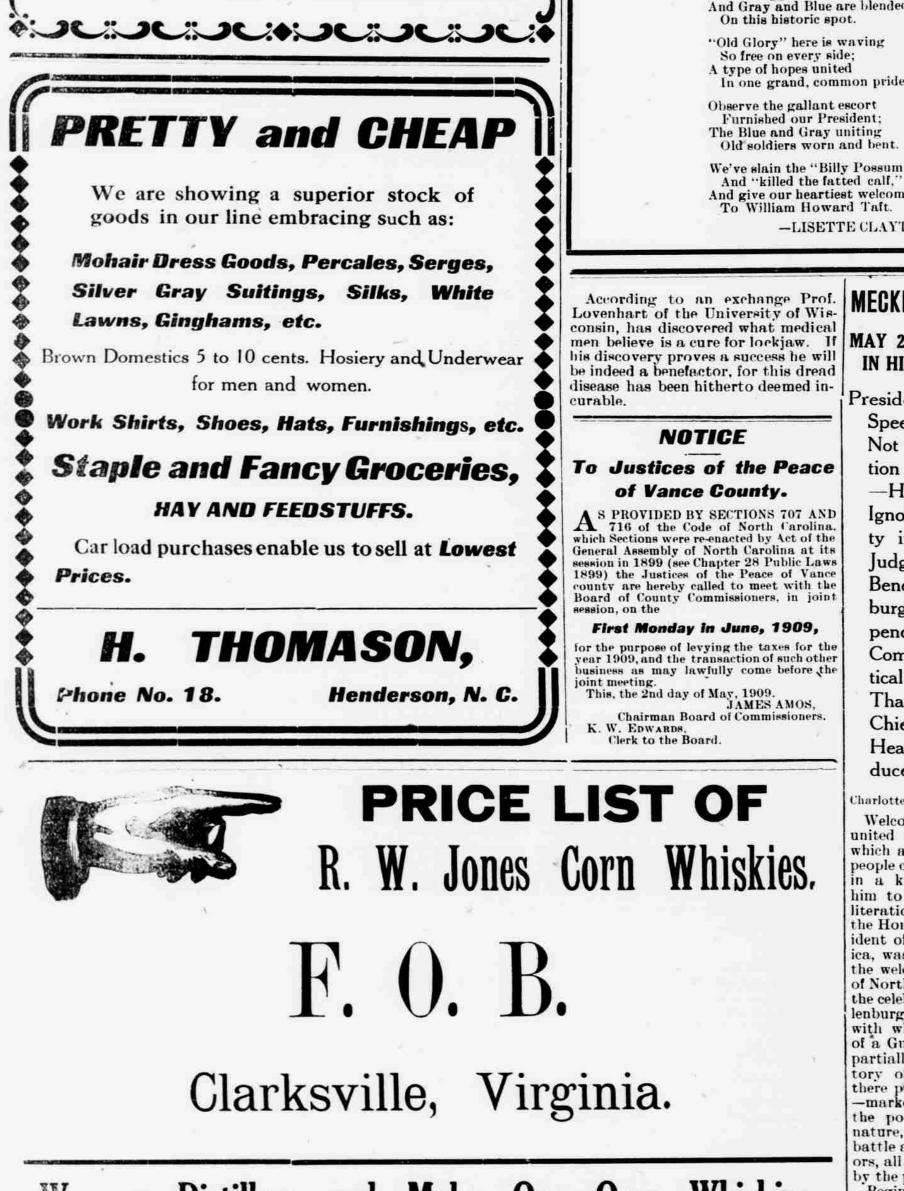
all of us with respect to political

PROMISES TO HELP.

"Now, if there is anything that I an doin my administration to make that feeling of union, more close, I shall do it. When I was running for the presidency, I prided myself on having been the first Republican candidate that ever came into North Carolina seeking suffrages for the Republican party. I did not carry the State, but I had a mighty good time. Laughter and cheers.) I am anxious, of course, speaking from a partisan standpoint and leaving my offiwho live in South Carolina (laughter) cused them from coming and received Republican party of North Carolina cial position for a moment, that the should be strengthened merely to mately I should be glad to build up the Republican party. Now, I under-stand that some of my Republican of the Republican party (cheers and laughter) in putting into office in North Carolina a gentleman now upon the Supreme bench of the State. but a lawyer of the highest eminence and learning and integrity, and a Democrat. (Cheers.)

> "I promised, after I was Presidentelect, not before the election, to the his property without due process of South that I would do the best I was a government alien to the Southcure that feeling was, in so far as in him lay, to put into office men in whom the community at large, without regard to party, would have the highest confidence. Now, I am trying to do that, and I am going to appoint Republicans and I am going to appoint Democrats, striving in each

case to get a man who will commend himself to the community in which he lives. (Cheers). "It is suggested that it is an insult to the Republicans of a district to



"Old Glory" here is waving So free on every side; A type of hopes united In one grand, common pride. Observe the gallant escort Furnished our President; The Blue and Gray uniting Old soldiers worn and bent We've slain the "Billy Possum." And "killed the fatted calf." And give our heartiest welcome To William Howard Taft. -LISETTE CLAYTON HOOD. MECKLENBURG DECLARATION According to an exchange Prof onsin, has discovered what medical MAY 20th, 1909, GREATEST DAY men believe is a cure for lockjaw. If IN HISTORY OF CHARLOTTE. President Taft Makes Notable Not a Factor in the Disposition of High Judicial Offices -His Course in Seemingly S PROVIDED BY SECTIONS 707 AND Ignoring the Republican Party in the Appointment of session in 1899 (see Chapter 28 Public Laws 1899) the Justices of the Peace of Vance county are hereby called to meet with the Board of County Commissioners, in joint Bench-Discusses Mecklenburg Declaration of Inde-Commendation for the Practical Measures Provided by That Document — Nation's Chairman Board of Commissioners. Chief Magistrate Given Hearty Welcome - Introduced by Gov. Kitchin. harlotte Observer. Welcomed royally as the head of a united nation with all the honors. which a patriotic and public-spirited people could bestow, and responding n a kindred spirit which inspired him to pledge his power to the obliteration of all sectional differences,

the Hon. William Howard Taft. Pres-

ident of the United States of Amer-

ica, was for twelve hours yesterday

the welcome guest of Charlette and

the celebration in honor of the Meck-

lenburg Declaration of Independence

with which all the drenching power

of a Gulf coast rain-storm could but

partially interfere. Never in the his-

tory of the City of Charlotte has

there previously occurred such a day

the powers of men and those of

nature, a contest which had a drawn

battle as its final issue, with the hon-

of North Carolina. Culminated then

tates, Honorable William Howard Taft, who will speak to you.' PRESIDENT OUTLINES APPOINT-MENT POLICY.

and independent government in this | that Declaration that make methrill Declaring it the fixed purpose of country, free from British control, with pride, that there was a comhis administration to do everything munity in this country, and I venthat Declaration was made in the which circumstances empower him to court house in this Town of Charture to say this was not the only do to remove the last vestige of sec- lotte by a committee of the county, community, but it seems to have tional feeling remaining as an afterbeen the one most charged with its of whom there are decendants living effect of the war between the States sense of responsibility-which knew among you entitled to your respect

and, as a means to that end, anand to your congratulation on such nouncing it to be his policy in selectancestry. There is a controversy as gift, but it was something when it is ing men for important positions to to what the exact words were that to be enjoyed must be enjoyed with make his decisions largely on the were used in that Declaration. I am a full sense of its responsibility, and basis of the respect and honor in which they are held by their home not going to enter upon any such | with the idea that there is a duty imdiscussion, but I am going to point posed on everyone who enjoys it of people with whom they are to serve, out what seems to me to be, whether seeing to it that it is carried on for President Taft won the enthusiastic you take one version or the other, the benefit of all. cheers of 5,000 people who filled the the very important part of that Dec-

Auditorium, at the intersection of laration, viewed from the standpoint College and Fifth streets, in the afterof practical patriotism and practical noon. Interesting reference was made statesmanship. to the appointment of Judge Connor

THE IMPORTANT PROVISIONS. to the Federal bench. "The general declaration as to the

"The Federal judiciary to my mind," said the President, "is the strongest bulwark we have in all this country to protect our institutions Speech - Partisan Politics of civil liberty. And there is no greater duty resting upon the Chief Executive of this nation than that of the appointment of a man to that position who will strengthen it to all the people at large. The Federal judiciary should be as much appreciated in the South as in the North and if I have an opportunity to make any further to defend itself. My friends, these -it was lax, but it was unjust by fits Judge Connor to the Federal appointments in the South it will continue to be my duty to make such ap- by some sense of the responsibility of were-the best prepared people for pointments as will appeal to all the people, whether they are Republicans or Democrats, and I ask all citizens, pendence and Has Words of whether they be Republicans or Democrats, to accept the appointments made as men, if they are men, who will carry on their high duties with an eve to the administration of justhe people on the appointment and not make use of them for any polititice, to accept them and congratulate cal or partisan argument or partisan

appeal. These were perhaps the most sigsificant utterances of his speech of

South and the country at large is interested. Entirely satisfactory to the most

the Declaration were Mr. Taft's references to that famous document. "There is a controversy," he said.

'as to what were the exact words did not attach nearly so much importance to the mere fact of the decmade for a new government. "My friends." said he, "these gen-

ors, all things considered, well earned ov the plucky celebrants. derstand that the only justification British ancestry that makes that in-Beginning hours before dawn, the for so doing is the practical prepara-We are Distillers and Make Our Own Whiskies. strument and all the instruments of the Northland, because here was the ticular economic views which you ain, which was predicted set in with tion of a new government. That is the State constitutions so valuable? unrelenting violence, continued until what makes Anglo-Saxon liberty. It is that each guaranty is a practia few minutes before the arrival of That is what has distinguished our cal method of procedure by which the liberty and the rights of the indithe President's train at 10 o'clock, race for a thousand years-the fact ceased for more than two entire that we dealt with what was practi-100 proof. vidual are secured. What are they? hours, only to descend again a veri- cal and not with what was poetical, table cloud-burst just as the rear of and oratorical and rhetorical." The writ of habeas corpus. What is \$2.15 1 gallon of Whiskey and jug, that? That is a method of procedure. the mammoth parade had reached 4.30 2 gallons of Whiskey and jug, FULL TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S It is a method by which a man when gallon of Whiskey and jug, \$1.65 Independence Square, two blocks 3 gallons of Whiskey and jug, 6.50 2 gallons of Whiskey and jug. 3.30 ADDRESS. he is imprisoned has the right to go from the stand where stood Ameri-Following is the President's ad- to any judge and say to that judge, 8.60 4 gallons of Whiskey and jug, 3 gallons of Whiskey and jug, 5.00 ca's Chief Executive in review. Its dress in full. Bowing his acknowl- 'I wish you to call my captors here 1 gallon 4 years old Whiskey, 2.50 interference with the occasion on 4 gallons of Whiskey and jug, 6.60 and have them tell you whether I am edgements of the warm reception which it had in such unwelcome fash-3.00 lawfully imprisoned or not,' and if 4 1-2 gals of Whiskey and jug, gallon 8 years old Whiskey, ion intruded, forced the change of given him as evidenced by tumultuous 7.50 applause and cheers from thousands the judge does not do it, he has a 4 gts of 10 years old Whiskey, 4.00 1-2 gallon of Whiskey and jug. 1.10 the place for the Presidential address of throats as he looked out upon the right of action against him which from the open air reviewing stand to 1-2 gallon of Whiskey and jug, 1.25 usually involves imprisonment. sea of smiling and uplifted faces bethe Auditorium and the calling off of "That is a practical method. It is fore him with responsive good nature the military drills and the baseball a procedure. It is not a general decand the characteristic Taft smile the game in the afternoon. Send us Cashier's check, Post Office Money Order or laration. It is something that every-Unquestionably it deterred untold President said: body can tell about. I am a little 'Governor Kitchin and Ladies and Express Money Order for any of the above goods. Be thousands from leaving their homes 200 Union veterans from Pennsylmore emphatic about this because I Gentlemen of the Carolinas: in other towns and yet special after vania, who had taken part in the "One of the embarrassments that have come up against the other kind sure to write your name, Experss Office and Post Office special rolled in in early morning of declarations in some of my experi- battles about Petersburg, meet and attends the intense pleasure I have in crowded from front to rear with visplainly, and then there will not be any mistake. Any ences in the Philippines. A gentle- fraternize with 500 veterans of the coming into the Southland is the conitors who knew that whatever hapman came to see me one morning, the Confederacy in their gray, and hear sir, to make application for the sciousness that I will have to do some Whiskey you may order can be returned if not satisfacpened Charlotte would make good. leading counsel in Manilla, who had the expressions of mutual esteem and amount due my accident insurance speaking, and that you are so used And she did, so far as lay in human to eloquence of the highest order that drafted the Constitution of the Philtory and we will return your money. power, in the face of a twelve hours' on both sides and the desire to I have to submit myself to a com- ippines, and at the same time an old rainfall three times the amount of that for the month's preceding 19 parison that is always invidious. I man came in with a petition to me. am here this afternoon merely to talk I was then chairman of the Philipthat there is a sincere and a deep-SEND ALL ORDERS TO to you. What I have to say will not pine commission, and the petition rooted feeling on both sides. It is days. showed that this old man's son had true that political divisions have I have taken the trouble to investi-GOVERNOR KITCHIN INTROrise to the dignity of a speech "In the first place, I should like to been six years in Bilibid, imprisoned continued in such a way as at some gate your case, and I find you are DUCES THE PRESIDENT. The Clarksville Whiskey House, express my sincere gratitude to the without a trial, and without knowing times to seem to perpetuate the lines not entilted to anything. It could The President was introduced to the vast crowd assembled at the Governor of your State, to the Sen- what he was there for. ators of your State, who have done "I said to the lawyer, 'Why don't me the honor to be present on this you get out a writ of habeas corpus?' disappearing; and it is the duty of was at home.-Stray Stories. Auditorium by Gov. Kitchin. Clarksville, Virginia. "It is unfort unate," said Governor

THE DECLARATION A FACT. Supreme bench and two on Circuit "The Soctch-Irishmen who lived in Courts of Appeal. The Federal judithis community were hard-headed. They were willing to take upon themselves the risk of being strung up

ciary, my dear friends, to my mind is the strongest bulwark that we have in all this country to protect ultias traitors to Great Britain. They mately our institutions of civil liberty rights of man I do not count nearly were willing to fight it out, as they There are the things in the Federal so important, looked at from the did so often thereafter in the Horconstitution that we must love and standpoint of the responsibility of nets' Nest; (cheers) but they recogmust hug to our bosom if we conthe people who made it, as the prac- nized their responsibility as citizens tinue this civilization, and therefore tical provision contained in that and as individuals, that if they went there is no more sacred duty that Declaration for a government which into the business of self-government, the Executive has than in the selecwas to succeed the British govern- they must make that government tion of men whose appointment and ment, and to accept all the respon- worthy of the name. Now, it is a services on the bench will strengthen sibilities, to maintain a government fact that by reason of the lax govit with all the people at large; and of law and order, and a government ernnrent which Great Britain was therefore, ordinary considerations of which should have a military force able to give our colonies-I say 'lax' political partisanship have much less application to the appointment of general declarations unaccompanied and starts, we were-our ancestors udges than they do to other and temporary offices. The Federal judiself-government, are worth little or self-government that ever assumed ciary should be as much appreciated nothing. It is the men who go for- an independent government. They in the South as it is in the North, ward knowing what they are doing had had 200 years of independence and if I have an opportunity to make when they are cutting off their rela- in the sense of distance from the any appointments in the South, it tions to the government, and under- home government. When brought will continue to be the chief duty I stand that the only jurisdiction for to mind they were attacked ochave to make such appointments as so doing is the preparation and the casionally by such tyranny as Govshall appeal to all the people whether practical preparation of a new gov- ernor Tryon manifested in North they be Republican or Democrat, ernment. That is what makes Anglo- | Carolina and as was manifested by (cheers) and I urge 'all citizens' whether they be Republicans or Democrats, to accept the appointments made as men, if they are men, who will carry on their high duties with a single eye to the administration of justice, and not to make use of them for any partisan argument or parti-

san appeal. THE PRESIDENT CLOSES.

"And now, my dear friends, I have got to the end of my speech, I beieve. I think not that we are at a point where there is to be a political revolution in " South. I never had such a dream _ B .: I believe we are on the eve or such a condition in the South that there shall be complete tolerance of opinion and that there shall grow into respectable power an opposition party in each State which shall tend to the betterment of the government as it exists n the State and which shall give us occasionally, as you have already given us in North Carolina, a Republican in a crowd of Democrats, in order that we may have represented in the Congress at Washington your issue, without regard to the ghost of the United States inherited from our loss burned into your hearts with an issue that really ought not to in-

poetical and oratorical and rhetorimore than an hour, so far as the enforcing what I am talking about to the guaranties of life-the guaranties as we know them in the Constituexacting defenders of the validity of tion, of life, liberty and property They consist in general resolutions, that we believe in liberty, and we believe every man ought to be free, and

used in that Declaration." Not a justly, and we believe he ought not word was uttered expressive of doubt | to be imprisoned except lawfully. Is as to the fact that Mecklenburg did that all? No. That is not all we declare her independence, though he have in our Constitution. If that larations made as to the provisions would not be worth more than the

eral declarations, unaccompanied by some general sense of the responsi--marked by such a contest between bility of self-government, are woth little or nothing. It is the men, who go forward, knowing what they are

doing, when they are cutting off their relations to one government and un-

were all we had, it would not be worth the paper it is written on; it hundred constitutions that have been made in various countries, it would be invidious to mention which

constitutions have gone down and civilization. WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.

"What is it in the Constitution of

years, that we dealt with what was all that time we were gathering expractical and not with what was perience, we were gathering a sense of responsibility as to our own communities so that when in '75 you de clared your independence here, and "I want to call your attention in in '76 we all declared our independence at Philadelphia, we were in a condition with men as great, as able, as full of the knowledge of statecraft

as any nation in Europe or any nation that ever lived, to step into the ranks of nations and carry on a we believe that he ought to be treated government worthy the consideration of the entire world.

THE WAR IS OVER.

"Now, we have had a great deal of xperience since that time. We have been through a number of wars. We watched the institution of slavery

grow by unfortunate circumstances until it seemed to be an issue that had to be fought out, and that we could not cure the body politic except by an excision that threatened haven't made a ripple on the ocean of the whole physical structure of the nation. But we have lived that through. You in the Southland had views without regard to some past the troubles, the suffering, the sad

centre of the war, and it is entirely natural that in the forty years which have succeeded the war, with the continuance here of the race whose face was the cause of the war, that their condition, even after the magnanimous spirit shown on both sides at Appomattox was blazoned to the world there should continue a bitterness of feeling that time and long time could only efface; but when we look back I think we must congratulate ourselves that even in that time the feeling has so largely disappeared, and that we are now a more united country than ever since-1 should say even a decade before the war. (Applause).

"Let me again say to you, how my heart has been aroused by the cordiality of your reception, by the nonpartisan welcome of your distinguished Governor and your Congressmen and your Senators, whether Republicans or Democrats, and to say to you that I haven't spoken here consciously a word to influence you in a partisan way, but it is impossible to discuss the condition without mentioning the parties. I hope you will therefore forgive me for an apparent reference to political conditions when I am really only extending to you the right-hand of fellowship as Americans, explaining possi-"One could not stand, as I did, on bly by inference some of the difficulthe platform yesterday, and see 1, ties of conducting this Government as its Chief Executive. Ithank you.'

really entertain

Caller (on crutches and with a bandage over oneeve)-I have come, mutual appreciation of the bravery policy. I fell down a long flight of stairs the other evening and sustained further unite without being convinced damages that will disable me for a month to come.

Manager of company-Young man, which were made at the time of the not be called an accident. You cer-