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MECKLENBURG "MYTH"

A Massachusetts Town Claims to Be Entitled to Equal Honor.

The Springfield, Mass., Republican thus sets forth the claims of an ancient town of that State to share honors with our Eastern neighbor for a premature Declaration of Independence:

The Mecklenburg declaration of independence, which President Taft has now helped to celebrate and to dignify, remains in the embittered field of historical controversy, notwithstanding the presence, in an official capacity, of the nation's chief executive at the annual ceremonies. The assertion that Mecklenburg county N. C., declared its unqualified independence of King George I I and his parliament, on May 20, 1775, might be true; but, even if it were, the significance of the act seems susceptible of a ludicrous exaggeration. If the three tailors of Tooley street had declared their independence of his majesty's government, the shock to the British empire must have been no less profound than a similar manifesto by an isolated county in an American colony. It seems unnecessary to say that it was the joint Declaration of Independence by all the colonies that made the independence movement a reality. A county or a township, here and there, might have anticipated the Philadelphia convention, but the course of history would not have been changed had there been no Fourth of July.

What may be called the Mecklenburging of American history is delightfully illustrated by a claim recently put forward in behalf of one of our most venerable Massachusetts towns—Wrentham, no less. A resident of New York, whose ancestry goes Wrenthamward, has written to the Evening Post of that city a letter that should give pause to all supporters of Mecklenburg the great events of the past. If Mecklenburg county can claim to have declared its independence of the crown prior to the action of the Philadelphia convention, then why not the township of Wrentham? The claimant of similar honors for Wrentham, Gilbert Ray Hawes by name, call attention to the "historical fact, not generally known, that in the little town of Wrentham, Mass., on the 6th day of June, 1776, there was promulgated a declaration of independence which was not only a stirring appeal, but an eloquent and forceful protest against British aggression." And it is further claimed that from the Wrentham manifesto Thomas Jefferson "borrowed" certain phrases and ideas when, a month later, he wrote the immortal and somewhat better known defiance of his majesty, the king.

One finds from a perusal of the Wrentham document of liberty that our doughty Wrentham forbears were thoroughly alive to the situation. "Whereas," they resolved on the historic day in June aforesaid, "Tyranny and oppression obliged our forefathers to quit their peaceful habitations and seek an asylum in this distant land, against and howling wilderness." The indictment of the king's government that follows the preamble is an excellent example of hard-hitting revolutionary literature; and the final paragraph reveals the exact basis of the present claim that the town proclaimed a declaration of independence before the Philadelphia convention did. "In short," concluded the town fathers:

All hope of an accommodation is entirely at an end; a reconciliation is as dangerous as it is ab-

It Pays.

When the dimpled baby's hungry, what does the baby do?

It doesn't lie serenely and merely sweetly coo;

The hungry baby bellows with all its little might

Till some one gives it something to curb its appetite;

The infant with the bottle which stills its fretful cries

A lesson plainly teaches—it pays to advertise.

The lamb lost on the hillside when darkness closes round

Stands not in silence trembling and waiting to be found;

Its plaintive bleating echoes across the vales and meads

Until the shepherd hears it, and hearing, kindly heeds.

And when its fears are ended, as on its breast it lies,

The lamb has made this patent:

It pays to advertise.

The fair and gentle maiden who loves the bashful boy

Assumes when in his presence a manner that is coy;

She blushes and she trembles till he perceives at last

And clasps her closely to him and gladly holds her fast;

And as he bends to kiss her and she serenely sighs

This fact is demonstrated; It pays to advertise.—S. E. Kiser in Chicago Record Herald.

surd; a reconciliation of past injuries will naturally keep alive

and kindle the flames of jealousy

We your constituents, therefore, think that to be subject or dependent on the crown of Great

Britain would not only be impracticable, but unsafe to the state; the inhabitants of this

town, therefore, in full town-meeting, unanimously instruct and direct you (that is, the representatives) to give your vote,

that, if the honorable American Congress (in whom we place the highest confidence under God,) should think it necessary for the

safety of the united colonies to declare them independent of Great Britain, that we your constituents with our lives and fortunes will most cheerfully support them in the measure."

Mr. Hawes seriously asserts that what, on its very face, is nothing more than an instruction to Wrentham's representatives in the Massachusetts Legislature how to act in a certain contingency constituted an actual declaration of independence.

It is not for us to make light of Wrentham's glorious Revolutionary record. It sent five companies of well-organized minute

men to Concord and Lexington before the people of Mecklenburg county, N. C., had become

fully awake to the crisis. Wrentham already knew the grim reality of war while the Mecklenburgers were still slumbering on their North Carolina hillsides.

And when Wrentham declared that it would support the cause of independence "most cheerfully" "with our lives and fortunes," it was trusting in the God of Oliver Cromwell and keeping its powder dry. Yet the present staggering claim in behalf of Wrentham shows clearly where Mecklenburging must finally land us.

The significance of the Mecklenburg declaration is very nearly up to a level with that of our old Norfolk county town. Single handed, Wrentham could have whipped Great Britain quite as rapidly as could the whole county of Mecklenburg. Besides, Wrentham showed the more sense. For, conceding that Mecklenburg unqualifiedly declared itself free and independent as early as May, 1775, Wrentham, already in rebellion, was willing to keep step with Massachusetts, of which it was a part, and the other American colonies. And

it was that spirit of unity which made America free. After all is said, however, it is Mecklenburging, as a form of distorting the perspective of history, in order to flatter the pride of localities, that one must protest against.

A Credit to Hickory

The Raleigh News and Observer had this to say recently about a well known Hickory institution:

The First Building and Loan association of Hickory was organized April 3, 1890. The first officers were: J. D. Elliott, president; J. A. Martin, vice president; J. A. Bowie, secretary and treasurer, E. B. Cline, attorney. Directors H. C. Latta, O. M. Royster, D. W. Schuler, D. M. McCombs, Frank Laughran, S. E. Killian. Of these gentlemen Messrs. Elliott, Killian and Cline have served the association continuously in some official capacity. Starting in a small way the growth of the association was slow for a number of years as the collapse of the National Building and Loan associations made our people distrust all associations, and it was not until after the successful maturing of several series of stock that the confidence of the community was gained. The association has been fortunate in its officers and directors, and has always been carefully managed. In the nineteen years of its existence there has not been a single loss.

At this time Hickory will compare very favorably with any of the cities in the State in the proportionate number of shares of stock in force to the population.

The association have recently purchased a building adjoining the city hall, and are arranging to fit it up with all necessary conveniences for the handling of their rapidly growing business.

The officers now are: C. H. Geitner, president; J. D. Elliott, vice president; W. R. Wooten secretary and treasurer; E. B. Cline, attorney. Directors, A. A. Shuford, J. A. Martin, C. H. Geitner, W. B. Menzies, J. A. Lentz and S. E. Killian.

A Matter of Business.

An exchange makes the following timely remarks:

Don't get it into your head to pay the newspaper man as an act of charity—that he has to live, and feel that you had just as well help a little. A newspaper is just as legitimate a business as the dry goods or grocery business, and it is just as necessary to the building of the town and country in which it exists as any other business. Further than that, every man in the county gets benefit from the paper whether he is a subscriber or not. The editor does more for the development of the country than any other one man, if he has the good of the country at heart. Don't figure that he has to be an editor to make a living either.

The majority of them can do other things, too.

"So, as you are getting benefit from the home paper, don't you think you ought to subscribe for it and help the editor to do a good work—not as an act of charity, but as a matter of business and self interest? We do."

Scared Them All.

A paper in a good sized town in Oklahoma recently published the following:

"The business man of this town who is in the habit of hugging his typewriter had better quit, or we will publish his name."

The next day 37 business men called at the office paid their subscriptions, and left behind them 37 columns of advertising, and told the editor not to pay any attention to foolish stories.—Bottlers Gazette.

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