

MECKLENBURG DECLARATION TOLL GATE RAIDERS MILLINERY

PATRIOTIC FAMILY EXPERIENCE TRU AS HOLY WRIT.

The Philadelphia Record Delights to Belittle the 20th of May Event—Three Days' Celebration this Year.

Special to The Tribune. Charlotte, N. C., May 18.—The glad day of all the year to Charlotte is May 20th. It is sinful to rob the revelers in the authenticity of one iota of the Mecklenburg Declaration which, it is alleged, was signed on the 20th of May, A. D. 1775—one year, one month and fourteen days antecedent to the memorable document credited to Thomas Jefferson. Upon the occasion of its anniversary here the whole country becomes infused with the legitimacy of the act of the heroes who so many years ago pledged their "lives, fortunes and sacred honors" to maintain an independence forever from the tyranny of the Mother Country. Even to-day the illustrious patriot can give you family experience as true as Holy Writ. In the genuineness of the declaration made at the court-house in Charlotte-town that this country "must be free and independent."

Force a Gate Keeper to Cut His Gate Down.

RAIDERS LAUGH AT THREATS THEY BURN DOWN HOUSES AND GATES AT PLEASURE.

The State Guards May be Called Out to Protect the Lives of People and State Property in Kentucky

Special to The Tribune. Harrodsburg, Ky., May 17.—The toll-gate war in Mercer county has reached the most alarming stage in its reign of five months.

Despite all efforts of the Circuit Court and county officials to suppress the raiders, and notwithstanding the fact that the grand jury are now investigating the raids of the past, a gang of about thirty men last night destroyed two gates near the city and burned a tollhouse. They began by chopping down the gate on the Mackville pike, then setting fire to the newly erected but unoccupied tollhouse. About a month ago the house at this place was burned over the head of the gatekeeper and his family, and since it has been replaced with a new building no one could be found willing to occupy it at night. During the day Thomas Durr, keeper of the workhouse, has been taking toll at his gate. He made a contract with the directors whereby he was to keep the road in repair and collect the toll for one-half the net profits.

MILLINERY BARGAINS.



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French Models and trimmed hats for quick clearance, are placed on sale this week at about half the regular retail price. New Invoices of Knox and Dunlap Shapes in fine white braids. French Felt Cycle Hats in pearl, brown and black, just received by express, and the newest out for wheel and traveling.

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DR. J. P. BARRETT'S DISCOURSE

THE SECOND BLESSING WAS HIS SUBJECT LAST WEEK.

Distinction Between Regeneration and Sanctification—Another Sermon on the Same Subject Next Thursday.

The meetings at the Christian church continue with increasing interest. Rev. Dr. J. P. Barrett preached a sermon of unusual interest last evening.

The devil takes advantage of men by blinding their minds to the truth. He does everything he can to prevent men from accepting the truth.

But some one will contend that they were made free at their conversion, that they got it all at first, but Jesus prayed that his disciples, not the world, might be sanctified.

Jesus said, "purify their minds by faith." If I have a stumbling block in my life which clearly cannot be removed by repentance, then there must be some other remedy.

When you see a man's heart filled with perfect love, you don't mind saying that he is Christ's and Christ is thus glorified. Jesus not only prayed for His disciples to be converted, but that "they may be made perfect in one."

The speaker then discussed what constitutes a sin. It is a transgression of God's law. Of course it is not a physical impossibility for a sanctified man to sin, but God gives us grace to prevent us from sinning and Christ's is the glory. When men and women have been converted and had this old carnal mind taken out, Christ's kingdom will receive a mighty impetus.

Erasthen, you may call it heresy if you want to, but thank God for this perfect love which lifts men out of this half and half life. Did not God give Christ for the world and did not Christ give himself for the church that she

might be pure, spotless and undefiled? Can the church be pure while her members are living this half and half life, while the carnal life remains. But what becomes of the man who has been converted, but dies without that second blessing? I don't believe a man ever dies in this condition, for if he is truly a child of God, God will take care of him, and if you will not readily take this free gift from a loving father he will lead you through such paths that before you are called from this life, God will give you this blessing.

If you are God's child you are in His hands, and He will take care of you. He will lead you into this perfect love before He calls you to eternity. Dr. Barrett says he will preach from the same subject next Thursday evening from 7th chapter of Romans.

A TERRIBLE WRECK. Two Killed and Fifteen Badly Injured. Special to The Tribune.

Ardmore, I. T., May 17.—A south-bound passenger train on the Santa Fe road, known as the Chicago and Galveston Express, went through a trestle sixteen miles south of here at 5 o'clock this morning. Fifteen persons, passengers and trainmen, were injured. Several of these are seriously hurt, and it is believed that two will die. The accident occurred near the town of Marietta. A heavy rainstorm, amounting almost to a waterspout, caused a sudden rise this morning of all the small streams in that vicinity. The trestle went down under the heavy weight of the train. So great was the speed of the train, however, that the engine and tender, the express, mail and baggage cars and one passenger coach passed over the narrow chasm, though the trucks of several of these cars went to the bottom, twenty feet below.

J. M. Grider, the Walls Fargo express messenger, was so badly crushed by a heavy car chest that he cannot live. E. T. Sparks, of Oakman, I. T., was crushed in the wreck of the smoker, and is also mortally injured.

The names of those seriously injured in the wreck follow: E. T. Sparks, Oakman, I. T., injured in chest and back; probably fatally. G. G. Crawford, Hurd, I. T., elbow dislocated and right arm fractured. W. L. Irwin, Kansas City, cut on the neck.

F. Hale, news agent, Fort Worth, bruised on hip and side. J. M. Grider, express messenger, hurt internally; cannot live. R. J. Crawford, Fox, I. T., ankle sprained, badly cut and bruised. W. M. Forbes, Lebanon, head, hands and arms cut and hip injured.

O. L. York, Palo Pinto, Texas, hip hurt. J. F. Piper, Ladonia, head cut, shoulder dislocated.

Sleep Walker Travels Three Miles. While in a somnambulist state, James Casey, 16 years of age, escaped unnoticed from his home at Newberry, Pa., attired only in his shoes and stockings and a shirt. He was found several hours later in South Williamsport, fully three miles from his home, having crossed the river in his wanderings.—Philadelphia Press.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY HERE.

A Big Mince Attraction Much Attention in the City.

Special to The Tribune. New York, May 18.—William McKinley is at the Imperial Hotel. He is not the President of the United States, but comes from Boise, Idaho, where he is engaged in gold mining. He says that he is not related to the President, but his signature is strikingly similar to the signature of the President.

The hundreds of inquiries that have been made at the hotel desk after the President's health are beginning to tell on the hotel clerk's nervous system. When a person approaches the register his face assumes a haunted look, and he retreats to the far corner of the office and pretends to be busy. When Mr. McKinley first registered the clerk saw a pleased prospect of having fun with questions. Every person who ran his finger down the register page would stop suddenly at the name of "William McKinley" and exclaim: "William McKinley! Why, I knew he was in Philadelphia Saturday, but I didn't know he was going to take a run in here."

That was amusing for a few hours. Later the clerk appealed to Wm. McKinley to change his name. For this week he is at the Imperial for six weeks.

Mr. McKinley No. 2 is receiving many cards this morning, but generally sends word down to strangers that he cannot be disturbed by office-seekers. He told a Tribune reporter that Idaho was prospering already under the McKinley administration, and the mines were nearly all being worked.

HOTEL MANAGER MISSING.

An Atlanta Man Who Made Himself Famous by High Prices.

Special to The Tribune. Atlanta, Ga., May 18.—Frank Bell, proprietor of the Aragon Hotel and one of the best known hotel men in the South, has disappeared and his whereabouts is unknown to a number of men who had claims against him to aggregate about \$20,000. The Aragon is the handsomest hotel here and was supposed to be making money. It is owned by Washington Collier, the millionaire farmer who lives on the outskirts of Atlanta and does his own housework, but Mr. Bell as the lessee has controlled the enterprise from the beginning. He came here from Paterson, N. J., where he lived formerly, and where his mother's house is said to adorn that of Vice-President Garrett A. Hobart.

His wife is the daughter of a Mrs. Cole of Jersey City, who recently advanced Bell \$25,000 on a mortgage on his hotel lease.

Mr. Bell won notoriety during the exposition recently held here by presenting a bill of \$1,700 to Gov. Levi P. Morton of New York, for two days' board of the Governor and his staff at the hotel during the ceremonies connected with New York day. John Jacob Astor was said to have had a bill of \$900 presented to him. The amount was paid after a big row, and it did a great deal to discourage Northern visitors to the exposition. Mr. Collier has now taken charge of the hotel property himself.

A COWARDLY ASSAULT.

A Husband Sick in Bed Defends His Wife With a Pistol.

Special to The Tribune. East Stroudsburg, Pa., May 18.—Frenzied with drink, Clinton Louck, Newton Fritz and Harry Hufford entered the house of Henry Vanbuskirk near here today and attempted to assault his wife.

The husband was ill in bed with pneumonia. Hearing his wife's cries for help he secured a revolver and fired.

The ball entered Ruck's stomach. The latter fired four shots in return, one striking Vanbuskirk in the right arm, penetrating his lung. Neither man can recover.

Ruck and Fritz are now under arrest, but Hufford has so far eluded capture.

Attempted to Shoot a Senator.

Special to The Tribune. New York, May 18.—An attempt was made to shoot Senator J. R. McPherson of New Jersey, at his office in Church street this morning by William Vanakin. It is supposed that Vanakin and an accomplice were after money, and had it not been for the timely intervention of Mr. W. T. Low, they intended to have accomplished their purpose. Vanakin was arrested and lodged in jail, but his accomplice escaped.

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