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THE MECKLENBURG DECLARATION.

THE CHRONICLE mentioned in Sunday morning's edition that an intelligent gentleman in Charlotte doubted the genuineness of the Mecklenburg Declaration. Dr. J. B. Alexander in this morning's CHRONICLE takes that gentleman to task for expressing a doubt as to the genuineness of so important an event.

We hope the gentleman referred to will elaborately set forth his position, not to destroy the genuineness of the Mecklenburg Declaration, but to help establish the truth. If there was a Mecklenburg Declaration the fact should be impressed upon the world. Few people believe there was such an event. Bancroft did not believe it and he investigated the matter long and patiently. Notwithstanding that high dignitaries, notwithstanding that the best authorities in American history discredit it, there may have been a Mecklenburg Declaration. If there was it is due the present generation of the State to spare no reasonable efforts to establish the fact and impress it on the minds of the American people. If there was no Declaration the people of Mecklenburg and North Carolina should no longer be the victims of a historical delusion and fancy. If it is possible to do the truth should be established. Certainly the intelligent people of Charlotte are not afraid to discuss it with dignity and without rancor. It has been discussed without satisfactory results, and it may or may not be again. The matter is too old for prejudice and too important to let it remain covered in the mantle of unchallenged doubt.

THE CHRONICLE would like to see it established beyond doubt. Whether there was a Declaration or not the Resolutions (and they are genuine) make the men of Mecklenburg immortal.

THE TERMINAL IS.

When the nomenclature of the American girls is examined it is found that more than half of them retain their baby names with them through life. These names end in ie, such as Bessie, Jennie, Annie, Nellie, &c. Such terminations are very endearing and, it may be proper in the home circles, but they are very undignified and unbecoming in the world. Their use imply a familiarity with young women, that Elizabeth, Jane, Anna and Sarah do not permit Bessie should never take the place of Elizabeth in school, in the drawing room and in the high ways of society, because a baby name is unbecoming the self possession of the woman.

For this reason the Board of Education in New York city has gone on record as follows:

"The use of nicknames or pet names by teachers and in the records of the Board and in those of the trustees," says this report, "is undignified and improper. It is necessary in all proceedings to follow the names as recorded in the trustees' certificates of appointment and on the teachers' licenses."

"It is therefore recommended that the city superintendent summon to his office or correspond with all teachers in the service whose names as recorded appear to be other than their actual names, and ascertain from such teachers their actual names and amend their licenses accordingly. That he report to the trustees of the several wards the changes necessary, who shall thereupon by resolution make the corresponding changes in the ward records, and thereupon the pay rolls and in all communications to this Board or any of its committees or officers. No appointment hereafter made of a teacher under other than his or her proper name shall be valid."

We commend this example to other school boards and teachers. Every woman and man born into this world is entitled to as much as a dignified given name. It makes a man's flesh quiver with disgust to hear his fellows wearing such names as Charlie, Willie, Ollie, Tommie. The New York Sun pronounces it as a bad taste as taking a kiss in a horse car. It is gross familiarity and efficiency that people of good breeding should not tolerate.

BLAINE'S CONDITION.

We fail to see any good reason why newspaper men should misrepresent the condition of Mr. Blaine's health and why his intimate friends should attempt to conceal his real condition from the world. As able and commanding as Mr. Blaine is, his death would not shock the even tenor of American institutions. There are plenty of men to take his place. The line of succession is crowded.

It may be that he does not want the trouble of giving the country information as to his health, but the great public interest in the man ought certainly to compensate for that.

His condition is not misrepresented by Democratic journals for partisan reasons. He is above all other Republicans to the Democratic heart. The breadth and catholicity of the man is admired by the entire country. The South feels specially grateful to him for opposing his great rival in the struggle for the free bill of 1874 and the force bill of 1891.

But it is discreditable to American

journalism to publish the contradictions and create the confusion now in existence as to the true condition of Mr. Blaine's health.

MISS IRVINE COIT.

Miss Irvine Coit went before the Board of Examination of Yale College and stood the entrance examination to the Freshman class, but she was not permitted to enter as a student. She was informed that had she been born a man it would be proper for her to entertain such an ambition as entering Yale University. Here is an intellectual young woman deprived of privileges that her intellect and taste entitle her to enjoy and which deprivation may cut her off from the full measure of her powers and usefulness.

It is said that there is but one occasion when the average man would rather be a woman, and that is when war stares him in the face and he cannot desert. But the time ought to be at hand when Miss Irvine Coit stood as fair a chance to cultivate her brain as Mr. Ira Coit.

THE question of the hour now is, did John Wannamaker own the Keystone bank stock and is he a Dr. Jekyll as well as Mr. Hyde? Is he both a rascal and a gentleman?

THE President took his first bath this summer on Saturday, the newspapers say, John Wannamaker also needs one.

THE Atlanta Constitution announces that the headquarters of the West Point Terminal Company will be moved from Washington to Atlanta and many prominent railroad men will make that city their home.

A gentleman who saw the reference in Sunday's CHRONICLE to Gov. Holt's views on the tariff, writes that the Governor believes in "a tariff for revenue, the good old Henry Clay doctrine." That is what a free trader would call protection.

A DANIEL COME TO JUDGMENT.

One of the Descendants of the Mecklenburg Men Say There Was a Declaration. To the Editor of THE CHRONICLE.

In your issue of the 12th inst. you take occasion to say, that in relation to the letter from Ohio asking all the signers of the Declaration of Independence of the 21st of May 1776, one of the most intelligent and prominent men of Charlotte told THE CHRONICLE there was no Mecklenburg Declaration, says he can prove that it is a myth. (1) Two reasons given: first the alleged declaration was the work of a few men of education and prudence, who would not have dared make such a declaration in the face of King George. (2) That the Resolutions are genuine and creditable. The similarity between the alleged Declaration and the instrument of Mr. Mr. Jefferson a year later demonstrates its genuineness. (3.) Some fellow got hold of Mr. Jefferson's and wrote the Mecklenburg Declaration from it?

Prominence and intelligence it appears can change the logic of facts, rub out and annihilate the most momentous act of the revolution. The Resolutions of the 21st admitted to be genuine and highly commended as brave and patriotic. Why? because Jefferson had nothing at stake in Resolutions for local government. These Resolutions bear on their face the unmistakable evidence that there was a Declaration proceeding them, or are in themselves altogether senseless. He said a few educated and prudent men would not dare to make a declaration in the face of King George, and these men had ample opportunity to copy Jefferson's document and claim it for their own. This is the most outrageous assault upon the character of the signers of the Declaration we have ever heard.

Was the Resolutions a myth? Is it "all history a lie"? Is it false that the battle of Alamance was fought in North Carolina in 1781? or that Patrick Henry gave utterance to the words "give me liberty or give me death," all in the face of King George?

We may prepare to hear that Dr. Ephraim Brevard was a myth because no monumental shaft, covered with moss of more than a century's growth points out his last resting place. That Capt. Jack never carried the declaration to Philadelphia, but a series of resolutions for local government in the vicinity of Charlotte—the very quintessence of absurdity. Truly a Daniel has come to judgment.

Every man who signed that immortal document bore testimony to the end of life, of the genuineness of the declaration. Dr. Brevard testified that he discussed the matter in the Continental Congress in Philadelphia with Gen. Charles Lee, Ben. Franklin, Tom Paine, (Jefferson's bosom friend) and other prominent men. The characteristic modesty of North Carolina has prevented her from bringing much to the front that would have added greatly to her renown.

There is one point only on which this question of such magnitude appears to hinge; namely, the signers of that declaration, whom we have always considered of the highest moral standing, as well as spotless patriots, must have been truthful reporters of historical facts, or the most damnable liars, thieves and deceivers that ever disgraced a country striving for liberty.

A. B. Davidson, of this city, and Miss Rebecca McCoy, of Long Creek, both living, will testify that they have often heard from the lip of Maj. John Davidson and John McKnight Alexander, two of the signers, that the genuineness of the Mecklenburg Declaration could not be called in question. Many of our people would be glad to know who the intelligent and prominent men are. J. B. ALEXANDER. July 13 91.

The Great Caissin Overturned.

The contractors on the new mammoth light house off Hatteras have about completed the foundation, which goes down seventy feet. Its erection is probably the greatest engineering feat ever known. In laying the foundations which was the most difficult part of the undertaking, builders have been very fortunate in having little heavy weather. The light stands out at sea nine miles and will cost about half a million dollars to complete it. LATER—News reaches the city that the storm Wednesday night overturned

the great caisson inside of which the work was being carried on and swept away with all the pumping machinery. The loss is thought to be about \$75,000, and will necessitate the construction of another before further work can be done.

Kate to Sunday school convention of the Christian Church of North Carolina and Virginia, at Raleigh, N. C. On account of the above occasion the Richmond and Danville, R. R. will sell low rate tickets to Raleigh, N. C., and return July 20th to 26th, limited returning July 28th, 1891.

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