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A CONTRIBUTION FROM BURKE.

The Observer has pleasure in acknowledging receipt from Mr. R. L. Huffman, of Morganton, of a check for \$11.00 covering subscriptions of seventeen Democrats of Burke county to the Bryan and Kern campaign fund.

Table listing names and amounts of contributions to the Burke campaign fund.

THE BLACK MAN'S PORTION.

The Piedmont Advocate, a paper published at Salisbury by and for colored people, said in its last issue: "The recent State convention of Republicans in Charlotte, was quite an ideal affair from the standpoint of the follower of the Billy-white propaganda."

WHAPOINTS.

The Democrats had nominated an angel from heaven. But the thick-skinned-thinly partisan Republicans refused to see any good in him and sought to keep everybody else from seeing any, or at least, from seeing much.

Who would have thought ten years ago that he would ever own a stock in a flying machine? Yet Uncle Sam has bought one and is about to buy another and this makes every American citizen a stockholder, doesn't it?

HUMAN HEARTS IN MAMMONDOM.

One of the chief causes behind the recent failure of the New York stock exchange firm of A. O. Brown & Co. is said to have been heavy advances made by the Pittsburgh firm of Whitney, Stephenson & Co. and Mr. George I. Whitney personally.

AS TO SMALL STATE BANKS.

You seem to understand the bank insurance proposition and to like it. Please give an opinion on the proposition. It is proposed that the national government shall insure deposits in national banks. Having no jurisdiction over State banks, I suppose it cannot very well afford to insure their depositors.

And it is not very clear, is it, how the national government is going to be able to make the different States assume this burden for banks organized under State laws.

But if deposits in national banks are insured, then some way must be found to insure for State banks, state pretty soon there will not be any State banks because all the depositors will leave them for the safer national banks.

Change all the State banks into national banks? Does not the national banking law now fix minimum capital of a national bank at \$25,000 and provide that in a town of less than 1,000 inhabitants?

Then a whole lot of our North Carolina State banks cannot become national, since we have one hundred and thirteen State banks located in towns of less than 1,000, and one hundred and ninety-eight have less than \$25,000.

Now, the framers of the plank may have had a plan to cover all these objections, and it may be that I am ignorant, but all the same, I want to know.

These small banks in our smaller towns have contributed more than all other agencies combined to build up the sections around them. The life capital of the community is got together, and made available for building up that particular community.

Home industries may borrow it on their local property, a security that does not go with other banks.

The establishment of local banks, with capital ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000 each, in a hundred towns in this State, has been the direct cause of a new order of things in these towns.

Please tell us how the proposed guarantee of bank deposits will effect these small banks.

YOUR BORROWER.

Two plans for the State banks have been proposed. One—that preferred by Mr. Bryan and the Democratic national committee—is their participation in the Federal arrangement optional; the other looks to wholly separate systems, each State banks constituting one.

No coercion of the States in the matter by the national government has ever been proposed. As for the smaller State banks, they would—as already in Oklahoma—share exactly like the larger States.

With deposit insurance added, the privilege of lending money on land and other privileges denied national banks but important or even essential to them. Any apprehension for the class on our correspondent's part is more than groundless.

Aside from a growing fear that the bank guaranty of co-insurance would be a thing like the interests actively fighting it have as their strongest motive the avowed objection that it would unfairly benefit small banks at large banks' expense.

A STRANGE FISH.

A Wilmington Fisherman Catches a "Sea Bat," a Rare Specimen of the Fish Kingdom—Will Probably Be Sent to the State Museum.

One of the rarest specimens of the fish kingdom known to waters contiguous to the North Carolina coast was captured in a seine at Masonboro sound Monday by William Hewlett, a fisherman.

The specimen, which had a truly unusual appearance, will probably be sent to the State Museum at Raleigh.

RELIGION OF BRYAN AND TAFT.

One a Presbyterian, the Other a Unitarian.

To the Editor of the Observer:

I find this squib in your Sunday paper under your Question Box. It is ridiculous.

What of what religious faith were the Presidents from George Washington down, and those of Bryan and Taft? The faith of the Presidents was printed in this column about three weeks ago. I do not know Mr. Bryan's preference; Taft, an Episcopalian.

I am a former resident of Washington. I will inform you that Mr. Bryan is a devout Presbyterian, an elder in his church. Mr. Taft is a Unitarian. Taft is really not religious. He is a man of the world.

Tales of the Town and the Times

BY RED DUCK

I spent Sunday last at Morganton, with my wife and little girl at the home of Mrs. P. L. Murphy, where I was introduced to "Winky Boy," a large Tom cat of uncertain age and diverging ways.

Early in the morning, about 7:30, I was aroused from sleep by a most piercing wail, which seemed to come from some creature—a child, I thought—in distress.

"What's that?" I asked, rubbing my eyes, toward the door and on seeing that I was awake, said: "It's Winky Boy, daddy! He's the cat!"

Two seconds later she returned, carrying the largest and most amiable cat I ever saw.

"Winky, daddy! He's Aunt Betty's cat, and he cries when he can't get in," the child declared, presenting the pet.

A FAMOUS CAT.

Winky Boy is no common, everyday cat; his pedigree is as long as the moral law, his record as full of exciting incidents as Charleston is of mosquitoes and his travels as extended as the Milky Way.

Everybody at "Lonepine," the Murphy home, is fond of the old fellow.

"Why, he is the guardian of the place," said a newly-made friend of his. "He will not permit a stray cat to set foot on this lot. I daily watch him chase prowling Toms and tabbies from the yard. He has an instinct for locating the loafer before he comes in sight and the height of his ambition is to measure claws with a stranger."

"If a cat sticks his nose through that hedge Winky Boy will see it, and no cat in the neighborhood can stand before him. The first thing he did on arriving here was to declare himself from the back steps and the felines of Morganton trembled with fear at his note of warning. I have never heard such a weird voice as Winky gave utterance to that night. We all took fright at it."

"Where did this marvelous cat come from?" I inquired.

"England," said a chorus of women tongues.

"England?"

"Yes, the old country."

I looked Winky Boy over again, taking more notice of the details: knowing that anything that comes from "over the river" or "beyond the sea" is considered of just a little better clay than the home product, I became interested.

"Winky Boy has royal blood in his veins!" said I.

"Yes, he is a pedigreed cat," declared the ladies, all talking at once. "Winky Boy is a personage in this community."

"How come Winky Boy in Morganton?" I asked.

"He was brought to this country fourteen years ago by an English woman."

"Fourteen years ago?"

"Yes, that is what they say."

A FELINE OF FINE PARTS.

I became enthused over Winky Boy, for he is looking a cat as one would find in a day's journey. His back is grayish brown and his breast and belly white. He looks like a well-dressed gentleman in dark suit and white shirt. His legs are long and stout and his feet large and clear.

At his ripe age he is gentle in dealing with over-attentive children; if he tires of their embraces and caresses he does not bite or scratch them, but runs away and hides. He is hostile toward all American cats, and I have seen a sharp cleave Winky by the nose when he is in the tabby at the home on the west side. He must make a great circle, giving a white berth to Winky Boy.

WINKY BOY'S HISTORY.

I kept probing until I got the story of Winky Boy's life. He was a sharp culture woman, a native of England, and her daughter, who were stopping at a North Carolina winter resort, became demoted. The two were afflicted with the same sort of hallucinations. They had lived together,

AN APPEAL FOR SUFFERERS.

Bladen County Citizens Call on the Liberal-Hearted People of North Carolina For Aid For Those Who Suffered by Reason of the Recent High Waters.

To the Editor of the Observer:

You will please publish this appeal to the people of the State for help to aid the sufferers in this county.

The county commissioners donated the \$2,000 asked for and the people of the county are responding liberally to the call, but the needs of the sufferers are enormous and pressing. You will oblige us very much to give this matter prominence in your columns.

J. S. WILLIAMS.

Elizabethtown, Sept. 8th, 1908.

Whereas, On account of excessive rainfall and unprecedented freshets in the Cape Fear river and branches, a large number of our people have lost their entire crops and nearly all their stock, and have been reduced to destitute, and without adequate means of support for their families; and have no resources upon which to depend for pressing needs; therefore, be it

Resolved, First, That we, the citizens of Bladen County, in mass meeting assembled, deem it necessary to call upon the county commissioners to appropriate \$1,000 from the special relief fund of the county for the immediate relief of the sufferers; and to appeal to the State government, and to the people of the State, and to the people of the flooded district, and to act with them in the distribution of all contributions that may be received. And it is further resolved that Mr. A. A. Clark, chairman of the board of county commissioners, and he is hereby appointed treasurer to receive this fund.

Resolved, Third, That the treasurer tender to The Charlotte Express, with a request to publish, the list of names and the amounts given by all contributors to this fund.

Resolved, Fourth, That it is with reluctance that we make this appeal to the citizenship of the State; but on account of the extent and enormity of the disaster, the people of Bladen find that they are unable to meet promptly the needs and alleviate the

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I thought alike and dreamed alike so long that they suffered similar attacks. The mother imagined that she was the daughter of a French princess and the girl the wife of the American representative of France. They dressed in French tops, told their friends of their promotion from ordinary beings, adopted Americans, and paraded in their new parlance. Re-learned the conditions of their new acquaintances humored their crazy whims, had them put on their robes of state and started with them for "Washington," but, much to their surprise and chagrin, they landed at the State Hospital at Morganton instead of the Capital of the Nation.

The most gorgeous Parisian gowns the mother and daughter arrived at Morganton, carrying each a cat and the two a hen—a plain white hen. The party had ever asked for admission at the hospital, but all the women, the cats and the hen—were received, the ladies being sent to the third ward, accompanied by their cats, Winky Boy and Amber, and the hen, Miss Huckleberry, to the poultry yard.

TROUBLE BEGINS ALL ROUND.

The cats brought trouble. Amber, being a cat without a family tree, or special accomplishments, and having ordinary feline desires, stole out a second-story window, let himself to the ground and disappeared. Winky Boy, a lifelong pet and too old to learn new tricks, stuck to the hospital, nosing here and there, causing trouble in certain quarters where old maids became jealous over him. Miss Huckleberry, the snow-white hen, would have nothing to do with common chickens and, becoming lonesome and homesick, pined and died. This left the patients and Winky Boy, whose full name is Padarewski, to demand the attention of the hospital authorities. Suffering from ennui, Padarewski began to make trouble in the ward and was removed to the main hall of the building and given the run of the place. But the old cat, not willing to stay away from his mistress, climbed out a hall window, scaled the wall and planted himself near the room of his friends and made the night hideous with his calls. He cried so boisterously that the doctors had to tell him in and quiet his nerves. This sort of performance continued night after night until Winky Boy was given to Mrs. Murphy to keep. The large, grass-covered lawn, the belted Irish potatoes and the affectionate people at Lonepine charmed Winky, and there he stays, fat and contented.

WINKY BOY A HERO ONCE.

Many wonderful tales are told on Winky Boy. His owner, who is a highly cultured woman, with rare gifts and education, lived in New York for many years and was a member of the choir of Trinity church. One night while she and her husband, who is now dead, lived in the metropolis the gas was left turned on. Winky Boy, who became uncomfortable, jumped upon the bed and pulled at his mistress until she awakened and smelt the escaping gas and aroused her husband. That is all that saved the lives of the three. For this heroic act Winky Boy will be cared for until he dies. His picture, it is said, is in one of the famous art galleries in New York.

Winky Boy belongs to "The Bengal cat" family. He is a beautiful fellow. His fondness for Irish potatoes speaks against his breeding, but it is believed by his friends that he takes to the famous North Carolina food because of faulty teeth. He cannot digest meat.

Winky Boy's owner is one of the most interesting patients in the Western State Hospital. She claims to have been born in a balloon on its way from England to America.

She bought a turkey for Thanksgiving, petted it and refused to kill it when the day came. The fowl died after a long while, and President Roosevelt was telegraphed for a military escort for the funeral procession.

This is a true story. The unfortunate women are being cared for at the hospital and Winky Boy at Lonepine.

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