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THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1909.

AT THE HELM OF CHARLOTTE

Charlotte's new city administration, which went into office yesterday afternoon, lacks nothing either in administrative ability or in character—so much, we believe, every one will agree. Mayor Hawkins is a business man who has managed his own affairs with success and demonstrated his ability to manage municipal affairs with success also.

STORK SQUARE DEAL AT LAST

We are delighted with the assurances every day or so that Queen Wilhelmina and the royal kid are doing well. Only three years ago the present Prince of the Asturias made his appearance in the world at Madrid, and he now has a little brother.

O PITEOUS SPECTACLE!

Did anybody hear a noise like an object hitting the floor hard? If so, what they heard was the Charleston News and Courier's performance after Rev. Dr. Plunket had concluded a centennial sermon on Calvinism at the Second Presbyterian church of Charleston last Sunday morning.

"The Mecklenburg Convention of May 1775 was composed of twenty-seven stanch Calvinists, one-third of whom were elders in the Presbyterian Church." Bancroft says of this Declaration it was "in effect a declaration of independence as well as a complete system of government."

A congressional party just back from Panama unanimously declares for the lock type of canal. Some members favored the sea-level project when they started, but have changed their minds.

It seems perfectly clear to us that the present Congress should enact either an inheritance tax or an income tax, preferably the former, but it seems almost equally clear to us on this sixth day of May that Congress will do no such thing.

If any time soon the railroads want to kick on the present passenger rate, they can allege with much truth that they would not have done so well but for the continuous judgeship performance in Washington.

HOW WE PAY NEW YORK'S TAXES.

While in New York recently Deacon Hemphill, of Charleston, seems to have found himself charged fifteen cents for a five-cent cigar on Broadway. This imposition ranking, he relieves his mind when at home again by a roast of the whole town as extortion embodied.

"I thought as much; then what do you say to our going back for the Twentieth of May?" Said the Chinese bird. And the Hen, big and fat, Asked, "What would the Major think of that?"

"What do we care," said the Hong-Kong Gander, "If we do rouse up the Major's dander? His blamed old raffle was a fake, And we need not stay just for his sake."

"There's another thing," said the Hen, a-sighing, "You know we tried to elect Bill Bryan. And if we go to Charlotte, Taft might say, 'Take those foul birds away, away!'"

"Strike off their heads, and bury them deep. In the rankest soil of the donjon-keep! Their presence insults the Head of the Nation, Who came here to honor the Declaration."

"Pshaw!" said the Gander, "you don't know Taft; When he heard about us he only laughed, And said he didn't blame us a bit. For Elder Caldwell put us up to it."

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The Hong-Kong Gander and the Big Fat Hen

Said the Hong-Kong Gander to the Big Fat Hen, "You haven't laid an egg in goodness knows when." Said the Big Fat Hen to the bird from China, "It's this rotten climate of South Carolina."

UNVEILING AT SALISBURY

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RESOLUTIONS IN MEMORIAM.

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MAY MEET IN CHARLOTTE.

Next Conference of Women's Board of Foreign Missions Will Be Held in North Carolina, Either in Charlotte or Asheville.

Keep Them Out of Court.

It was stated in the newspapers a few days ago that the colored members of Charlotte had filed a petition with Judge Council, asking him to exclude negro women from the court room during the trial of criminal cases on the ground that they were more or less demoralized by the things heard during criminal trials, especially of a certain class.

Needn't Fear Competition.

Wilmington Star. Charlotte is expecting not less than 100,000 visitors for the Queen City's 20th of May celebration. We rather think that Charlotte's expectations are extremely modest.

How's This For Success?

I bought in exchange for goods—April 20, 2,140 dozen eggs. My average business has been since Christmas from \$300 to \$600 a day. Can any of your subscribers beat this? I started business 16 years ago with \$5 capital. J. P. WITHEROW, Hollis, May 3, 1909.

THE SILVER SERVICE.

The Execrable Taste Displayed by Mississippi in Having Davis' Portrait Engraved on Centrepiece. Columbia Record.

A BUSINESS MAN.

Next Little Booklet on Fruit Farming Issued by Capt. Tom Rowland. The Daily Record.

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A PASTORAL.

Dr. H. M. Clarkston, in Manassas, Va. Journal. Clear up, cheer up, my bonnie Jean; The months are milder growing; The lawn puts on a brighter green; A soft South wind is blowing.

Another Protest.

The Mecklenburg "Myth" is the term that is being applied to the Charlotte Declaration in these modern days, and it seems to us that it is no time now to cover up the monument so the visitors cannot read the inscription on it May 20, as we are informed they are doing by erecting a stand around it.

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All Is Not Gold That Glistens. Prove the Little-Long Silk Store, Not by What It One Day, But What It Does Six Days in the Fifty-Two Weeks in the Year.

The steady policy of the Little-Long Store is to you the Best Silk Every Day in the Year at Fairest Possible Prices. No price bargain can tempt us to offer you an inferior or defective in fabric.

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Baby Irish Laces in White and Cream. Don't forget to examine our Wash Materials, among which the following are splendid bargains: Dotted Swiss, Colored Stripes, very new, 24c.

FINE CUT GLASS. When you see a richly cut Bowl or Pitcher for \$2.00 instead of \$4.00, and when you find that correspondingly low prices prevail throughout a long list of finest Glass we can get, the gift problem begins to simplify!

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