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#### THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1909.

AT THE HEIM OF CHARLOTTE Charlotte's new city administration, which went into office yesterday afternoon, lacks nothing either in administrative ability or in characterso 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. For associates he will have a number of other vapable business men. The Hawkins administration may be expected to display a spirit of progress, public servspeaking, it is an administration such as American cities should elect. much more often.

Mr. Hawkins and his co-workers will not have their official existence under a charter of the most approved type, but the old charter contains many valuable features patched on from the modern-idea charter and will serve well enough for the time. Charlotte is due congratulations. It has every reasonable assurance that its affairs will be administered during the next two years in a manner worthy of its needs and its destinies.

#### STORK SQUARE DEAL AT LAST. We are delighted with the assur

ances every day or so that Queen Withelmina 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 world over within recent years only that one known as a vigorous preacher against race suicide has been oper to criticism in this matter. It seem ed as if, though qualified, he would wever become a grandfather, Hence the worldwide interest which will attach to prognostications now issuing from Beverly, Mass.:

Congressman Nicholas Longworth and his wife have taken a cottage here for the summer. The location is near that recently selected by the wife of that recently selected by the wife of President Taft for the summer home of her family. It is said that in about two months the story will visit the cottage. Mrs. Longworth is Alice, eldest daughter of former President Roosevelt."

Great ex-President, mighty hunt er-our most sincere congratulations

#### O PITEOUS SPECTACLES

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 afa centennial sermon on Calvinism at the Second Presbyterian church of Charleston last Sunday morning Dr Plunket said

The Mecklenburg Convention of May 1775, was composed of twenty-seven stanch Calvinists, one-third of whom were elders in the Presbyterian Church Bangroft says of this Declaration it was 'in effect a declaration of independence as well as a complete system of govern-ment.' It is well known that Thema-Jefferson's celebrated Declaration is a recast of this Meckienburg paper which preceded it my more than a year."

"It is to be expected, of course." says the unhappy News and Courier. lotte Observer will chortle with

newspaper hostiles and the writers for the yellow magazines are left dissentient. Now let the digging pro-

the present Congress should enact ent port for Charlotte. either an inheritance tax or an income tax, preferably the former, but it seems almost equally clear to us Wilmington Dispatch. on this sixth day of May that Con-

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 rankling, he relieves his mind when at home again by a roast of the whole town as extortion embodied. "The price of a 4.0) week's enjoyment in the metropolis." writes the outraged Deacon, "is two \$1.00 or three times greater now than it was twenty years ago, and considerably greater than in other large cit-A partial explanation of what he truly terms "this unhappy fact" he finds in New York City's amazing expenditures. The municipal debt is almost as large as the debt of the United States, with an interest rate much higher. During Mayor McClellan's administration this debt has increased \$300,000,000 and the annual budget has risen from \$100,000,000 to \$156,000,000. Ten years hence, it is estiated, the budget will be \$370, 000,000. "The 'provincial' should understand," says the Deacon warningly and with rueful recollection of his own experience at the Broadway eigar stand, "that when he visits our glorious metropolis he is expected to contribute liberally toward paying its

expenses." And the moral: Sooner or later New York will become a luxury too expensive for the provincial merchants will awake to the Country. truth that staple goods can be handled and sold in less pretentious cities, such as Baltimore. Philadelphia and Charlesat lower rates than in the one cit there the tax rate climbs by leaps and bounds. Not necessarily will the tax ate appear higher in New York. When toe price of a store site rises from \$100 000 to \$1,000,000, its assessment would not ally be multiplied by five or ten, and e tax levy might be the same number mills, but the rental paid by the merhant would enter into the price at which se sold goods and prevent him from sell ne sold goods and prevent ng in competition with ng in competition with titles such as Charleston. with merchants in where rent The people some day or o will learn that sterling silver is sterling, whether bought in Fifth avenue or in King street, and they will cure themelves of the habit of assisting the Fifth avenue design fixed charges. dealer in meeting his enormous

The Deacon-though he speaks as one recently stung-has hit the matter off just about right. New York ice and general efficiency. Broadly understands well the weakness toward it of the sub-standard or per haps even average 'provincial' and and know that they should elect, very governs itself accordingly. Here is a fetich which has an eager eye for the fetich-worshiper's coin. All metropllarly, it is remarkable, however, that New York, only the chief of many metropolises on this wide continent levies tribute upon such monkeyishness with ten times greater audacity than London, which has all Great and is "town" to a whole nation. If the people of the United States ever conclude that the extravagances of their metropolis are costing them too much, that metropolis, loaded down with debt, will face a serious prob-

#### TWO MUSICALLY RICH STATES.

In Nashville some days ago they had a music festival-"the best show," declares The Nashville Ameri-The German Emperor is a grandfath- can, "that has been seen in these racts" The Nashville feetival foreign kind but the genuine musical expression of the people. It was an Old Fiddlers' Contest. To delighted ears masters of the bow dispensed such melodies as "Forked Deer," Natchez-un-"Arkansas Traveler." der-the-hill." "Cracklin Bread. "Johnny, Put the Kettle On." Col. H. M. Doak, whose reputation as a musical critic extends far beyond the bounds of his native State, was on the programme for a lecture-unhappily never delivered-on "Fiddle the Miraculous Art That Makes the Poet's Skill a Jest and the Painter a Mere Clod of Clay." All in all, it was a very notable occasion. Tennessee has evidently inherited some of North Carolina's great musical ability. An interstate fiddlers' contest between these Common wealths would go down in history ter Rev. Dr. Plunket had concluded Unless Tennessee backs away from the challenge herewith given, such a contest will take place at no distant

The Charleston News and Courier not wishing to pass by an opportunit; displaying its ignorance about North Carolina matters, delivers itself upon the subject of the chief viand which Mr. Taft will consume while in Charlotte. "If he is fond of the razor-back variety of meat," says this thoroughly mean newspaper, "he rubbing its bruises. "that The Char- ought to take either the razor-back of the South Carolina coast country glee." But The Observer will do or the Virginia ham. There is as nothing of the kind. It has enough much difference between the Charlesgood feeling and good manners not to ton or Berkeley county razor-back laugh aloud under any such circum- and the Moore county product as there is between sugar and sand, with the advantage all on the side of A congressional party just back the South Carolina shoat." To which from Panama unanimously declares victous and wilfully false aspersions for the lock type of canal. Some we shall return good in the form of a members favored the sea-level pro- suggestion. Let the State Agriculject when they started, but have tural Departments of South Carolina changed their minds. All likewise and Virginia send to Moore county agree that the Gatun dam will be and procure stock for breeding pursound enough. With engineers and poses if they desire meat that can statesmen harmonious, only a few really rival the North Carolina prod-

most convenient port for Panama, but its fortune will be made if It It seems perfectly clear to us that can show that it is the most conveni-

#### Proof Later.

Senator Depew has just celebrated

will de-

#### Miss Charlotte's Month.

monstrate that he was right.

Greenville Reflector. May is Miss Charlotte's month, and may she make the most of it.

## 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."

"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?

And we need not stay just for his sake." "There's another thing," said the Hen, a-sighin', "You know we tried to elect Bill Bryan.

His blamed old raffle was a fake,

For Elder Caldwell put us up to it."

And if we go to Charlotte, Taft might say, 'Take those fowl birds away, away! "Strike off their heads, and bury them deep, In the rankest soil of the donjon-keep

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,

Their presence insults the Head of the Nation.

But it was no use, for the Hong-Kong Gander Could not persuade the Hen to wander Back to the State where all hena lay A perfect egg most every day

So the Gander got mad, and remarked again. "You haven't laid an egg in goodness knows when." "Well, neither have you," the Hen did say.

"Shucks!" cried the Gander, "I'm not built that way." -W. J. PRATT.

#### UNVEILING AT SALISBURY

PROGRAMME OF THE EXERCISES

Details of the Unveiling of the Monument Commemorating the Heroism of the Followers of Lee and Jackson Have Been Arranged and the City is Anxiously Awaiting the Event-Sculptor Ruckstuhl, Mayor Boyden and Gen. Bennett Young Principal Speakers - Mrs Frances Tiernan Will Unveil the Shaft While the Assemblage Sings "Carolina"-The Line of March.

Observer Bureau, 421 North Mally Street. Sallsbury, May 5.

Everything is in readiness for the unthe beautiful Confederate nonument, erected at the east end of the park plat on West Inniss street, through be untiling efforts of the Daughters of the Confederacy to the memory of Rowin's Confederate soldlers. A great crowd a expected here next Monday, the date of the unveiling. The following programme has been arranged Procession will form at Empire Hotel

at II o'clock, and will proceed to the site of the monument in the following order Carriages containing speakers, disting-

uished visitors and o Hoke Chapter, U. D. C. officers of R. F.

The line of march will be up Main in integrable aims that end with self street to inniss, and down inniss to in thoughts sublime that pierce the night burch, where the veterans will come to like stars.

odor-bearers taking their stand, as a So to live is heaven used of honor, beside the pedestal and To make undying m he band, stationed in front, playing Southern airs, while all assemble in

When the line has come to rest, and stands at attention, the devology will be sung by Choral Union, followed by prayer by Rev. Dr. F. J. Murdoch. monument will then be unveiled by Mrs. Frances C. Tiernan, daughter

of Colonel Charles F. Fisher. As soon as veil falls, "Carolina" will be sung by the Choral Union school hildren and assemblage. During the luging a committee of young ladies, epresenting the Daughters of the Consderacy will decorate the monument with laurel wreath and palms, and will receive and place around the base all flowers which may be presented as a face. tibute of love and honor, by the school hildren and others

ssemblage by John S. Henderson, will also introduce the orator of the day. Mayor Boyden Address of Mayor A. H. Boyden

Recital of poem, "Gloria Victis," by

Tiernan Address of General Young

Old war songs, sung by quartette of the city for a day or two. eterans from Cabarrus camp. Benediction by Rev. E. A. Osborne colonel of Fourth North Carolina Regi-"Trixle "

Business will be suspended betewen and 12 c'clock, the hours in which the exercises are to be held.

#### MAY MEET IN CHARLOTTE.

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

Woman's Board of Foreign Missions doubt when the event is pulled off of the Methodist Episcopal Church Charlotte will be the prettiest town South, to-day considered the invita- in the State. tions received from various conferences for the next meeting, finally acepting that of North Carolina. xt conference will be held, either in Asheville or Charlotte,

ession that the board should pay the expenses of two delegates to world's missionary conference at Edinburgh, Scotland. To create an aualso favorably acted upon

#### Keep Them Out of Court, Winston Sentinel.

It was stated in the newspapers few days ago that the colored ministers 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 I started were more or less demoralized by the \$5 capital. things heard during criminal trials. especially of a certain class. The idea is a good one but we see no reason why the exclusion should be confined to negro women altogether gress will do no such thing. The reason why rests with Mr. Aldrich.

son why rests with Mr. Aldrich.

son by that the boys are frequently seen in court foke is on Dr. Osier However, wal, rooms during the trial of cases that until Depew bobs up for re-election, are not particularly elevating.

#### Virginia Won Debate.

Sewanes, Tenn., May 5 - in the venth inter-collegiate oratorical seventh inter-collegiate oratorical contest here to-night D. R. Fonville, University of Virginia, won first prize his subject being "A Public science."

### RESOLUTIONS IN MEMORIAM.

On April the 20th, upon the appointed lay of the meeting of the Salisbury Book death removed from our midst Mrs. Theodore Franklin Kluttz. Twelve ears she had been our well-beloved. eneficent president. With quenchless thustasm, consummate tact, great administrative ability, fine literary taste nd culture, charm of presence, beauty feature and form, grace of movement id pose she made the president's chair lirone which held a queen Many may write of her and speak of

er but who can express her altogether e sin was! She saw her inspiration and deeds ear fruit in the lives of those about herher presence in the club dealing

by with all she made nobility and selfunmand an easy accomplishment. In her home circle where she coped with domestic complexities and difficulties no guest, or visitor, or casual caller ever saw her fall to radiate courtesy and grace the complements and ceremouses f high behavior-the stateliness that Unifests Haelf in absence of heat and ists, and makes the heart say, "Rehold,

She has passed from us-at whose praise voice and band still shake. Our reputable journals hearts will follow her many ways and all the days. Her muste has not died Her thoughts and voice still speak. She will teach us, guide us, restrain us, and time

in deeds of daring rectitude.

make undying music in the world

To raise worship to higher reverence And he the sweetest presence of a good And in diffusion evermore intense."

MRS M. C. QUINN. MRS WILLIAM C. BLACKMER, MRS WILLIAM M. WILEY MRS JAMES HILL RAMSAY MRS EDWIN R OVERMAN Salisbury, May 4, 1909.

Major W. M. Williams Strikes Negro. Shortly before 7 o'clock yesterday lot will show evening, when the streets were crowded with people, Maj. W. Mark Willliams became entangled with Bill O Smith, colored, and struck him in the or walk in the The negro made Major Williams on imperiment remark and reached in the his pocket and pulled what looked to . And the rily or but and the brushy Mountain land The sculpter of the monument, F. W. the other like a razor. This account-Ruckstuhl, will then be presented to the ed for the jolt the negro experience. a second or two afterwards. As it Where the poor get rich, and healthy, too, developed the implement which the Here's to the workman-if you're one who a second or two afterwards. As it Whe negro produced was only the leather case to a lead pencil or two, but the damage had already been done by the information about the volume of the major and nothing would do, but that pies, peaches, grapes and cherries in the go before the recorder and explain the Brushy Mountain sections of Al-"Cavaher's Glee," sung by Choral damage had already been Jone by the information about the culture of aphe go before the recorder and explain Mayor Boyden will then introduce urday morning, the case having one interested in fruit growing and

#### To Have Big Time.

Selma News. Charlotte is going to have a big elebration May 20, when the President of the United States comes there deliver an address, the occasion eing the celebration of the 134th anversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. There will be thousands upon thousands of people there to witness the eremonies and to hear the distingulshed Chief Executive of a great na-Already the people of Chartion. Chattanooga, Tenn., May 5 - The lotte have begun decorating and no

#### Another Protest.

The Catawba News,

The Mecklenburg "Myth" is the term that is being applied to the Charlotte Declaration in these modis no time now to cover up the mon ument so the visitors cannot read the scription on it May 20, as we muity fund for retired missionaries was informed they are doing by erecting a stand around it. . .

#### How's This For Success? To the Editor of The Observer

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. any of your subscribers beat this? I started business 16 years ago will scanttal J. P. WITHROW. Hellis, May 3, 1909.

#### Needn't Fear Competition.

Wilmington Star. "Do they have near-poets Mars" inquires the alert Charl inquires the alert Charlotte Never mind. They Observer. never compete successfully with our Carolina bardlets.

#### Complimenting the New Sultan Charleston News and Courier.

Mehmed V, the new Sultan of Turkey, looks in if he might have been born in North Carolina.

THE SILVER SERVICE.

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

The Charlotte Observer Bays: "In view of the execrable taste displayed by Mississippi when it had Jefferson Davis' portrait engraved upon the silver service designed presentation to the battleship Mississippi, we can hardly blame Representative Hollingsworth, of Ohio, when he denounces the performance. Long-established custom, which pre-scribes simply a State's coat-of-arms and some little narrative, is such that the portrait of the Confederate President would be out of place even if the Mississippi were a Confederate ship flying the Confederate colors."

This is well put. And it may serve as a hint to the commission charged with the duty of selecting a silver service for the new battleship South Carolina. There is no disloyalty to the past, to the cherished memory of the Confederacy, in refraining from flaunting that which may arouse re-sentment. We have the best of au-thority for recollecting that there is a time for all things.

Mr. Salley-whose knowledge of South Carolina history is unquestionably exact and thorough, if his presentation of it is sometimes cuttinghas done a real service in pointing out that the South Carolina commis-sion is in danger of commemorating South Carolina events of at least doubtful authenticity. At best, these alleged events posses no national significance and their presentation will make no impression abroad. A dignified, elegant silver service, with the State's coat-of-arms engraved thereon, is all that good taste and precedent require, and it is to be sincerely hoped that he present to our battleship will not be cheapened by over-ornamentation or unwisley chosen designs

#### YARNS FOR THE CREDULOUS.

Anent Mr. E. C. Duncan and the Rejuvenated Greensboro News. Asheville Gazette-News.

A Washington dispatch "harlotte Observer says: "Mr. E. Duncan is at the Rateigh. When ask ed what he had to say as to The Greensborn story about his intentions concerning The Industrial News, in connection with the eastern judgeship he said. I have nothing to say am busy reading Tom Dixon's "Trai-

The report was that Mr. Duncan

might conclude under certain circumstances, to withhold his support from those who are endeavoring to revive the Greensborn paper. Anothhad transferred his support to Frank Fuller, of Durham in the judgeship intest. Both reports were of a kind with the report that Judge Pritchard been reversed the crass idlocy of which report is obvious. Judge Pritchand has been reversed twice, we beliese, and upheld in any number of cases, some of which attracted attention throughout the country, notably why Mr Dunean should have denied any of the stories in which he was made to figure, and the wonder is that saving grace of plausibility. As The Durham Herald remarked Charles F. Fisher Camp, U. C. V. with lead us on to that city whose maker mending a Democrat for the judgevisiting veterans, and color-bearers.

R. F. Hoke Chapter, U. D. C., and She lives in minds made better by her lif he was to admit it."

#### A BUSINESS MAN.

Church, where the veterans will come to set on either side of the monument, the vaster issues.

Nest Little Booklet on Fruit Parmings on either side of the monument, the vaster issues. Phy Duile Record.

Capt. W. T. Rowland, of Taylorsville the elever conductor on trains 23 and 24, between that town and Charlette, and who is greatly interested in the culture of fruit and owns an orchard of over 250 acres, has issued a neat little booklet entitled. Fruit Farming in the Brushy Mountains of North Carolina Tom " as he is familiarly known to everybody on his "run," is also a poet, as the following verse, which appears on the first page of the book-

"O come to the farm and search For the eggs that the hens have laid: or rest in the little church. Where the old and young have prayed dusk alone of your younger years;

The place where beautiful orchards

here's to you." The pamphlet gives much valuable General Bennett H. Young of Kentucky been postponed on account of long, mountain or hards, will do well to ness, which requires his absence from write Captain Rowland, Taylorsville, the city for a day or two.

#### Expectations Modest.

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. At any rate, Wilmington expects to get into that

#### A PASTORAL

Dr H M. Clarkson, in Manassass. Va.

Cheer up cheer up, my bonnie Jean; The months are milder growing. The lawn pure on a brighter green. A soft South wind is blowing.

Cheer up, cheer, forget the gloom; yellow jonquils are in bloom, And here's an early daisy.

The cowship and the buttercup Have denied their summer dresses. The purple flags are springing up Among the water cresses.

How cheery is his morning hymn! Was ever sweeter singing? How glad gay bird, must be thy mate

Mong leafs bowers to inger-About the perch, in patience of To hear thee, happy singer! Reside me here sits bonnie Jean-

My mate-mayhap thou knowest: hou surely must have sometimes seen Her with me, sweet soloist. For oft behind this climibing vine

We've lingered long and listened a those inspiring notes of thine Till eyes with tears have glistened Could I but sing, dear bird, like thee I'd do away with pyrrhics, Nor deal with dacytl or trechee;

I'd write no rhyming lyrics. hink what the mymester misses— draw from beauty's eye And squeich them with my kisses

Sing on, blithe bird, thy joyous lays, All nature seems in clover; Sing on in praise of summer days; Rough winter's reign is over.



# All Is Not Go That Glistens

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Don't forget to examine our Wash Materials, and which the following are splendid bargains:

Batiste in Colors, 45 inches wide...... 25 and Muslins of unusual quality-Barred and Checked 15c. )

# FINE CUT GLASS

When you see a richly cut Bowl or Pitcher for 29 stead of \$4.00, and when you find that correspond ly low prices prevail throughout a long list of finest Glass we can get, the gift problem begins simplify!

Our Tuesday sale of Glass was a wonderful success those who did not take advantage of the extra values then have one more day to make a selection

