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LET THE NEWS FOLLOW YOU. Charlotte people who are leaving the city should not fail to have The News follow them. In this way they can keep informed about affairs in the city.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1906.

HETTY MALIGNED.

This rich gem of description comes from an editorial in the Rutherfordton Sun:

"Up the street there is a hen. The hen has a nest. The nest is in an ash barrel. For more than a week she has been acting queer. Besides she has ruffled feathers, and is both mottled and speckled. Nobody claims her. She got lost somehow about the time of the fire, or the primary, and seems added."

Victor Hugo was fine on description. Bret Harte could tell a fascinating story and even Sir Walter Scott could sling the King's English in no unworthy manner, but we'll match the above with the best of them. We always had faith in the effects of the mountain air on gray matter.

Where could we find a description of a homeless hen, terser, crisper, more realistic? We are carried back to childhood and in retrospective mood we see again the grim-visioned school master, lord of all he surveyed, and the bunch of hickory rods in the corner. We hear again the halting, monosyllabic hum drum of, "Cat. A cat. See. I see a cat. Rat. A rat etc."

But we stray from the Sun's description. Hear it again:

"She can't fly much for her wings are crooked; so when she is in the spirit she just lifts her stumps and just dodges from one side of the yard to the other. She's crippled, too. One of her legs is out of joint. Those who have been watching her say she is in earnest and will lay an egg or two after awhile. So curious is she, that it would surprise nobody if in the end she should bring forth a duck egg. Watch Hetty!"

We consider it nothing short of downright presumption to thus malign a modest hen, especially behind her back. And to accuse her of ever stooping so low as to lay a duck egg is nothing short of insult. We would not presume to tell our contemporary the meaning of Hetty's actions. She may be passing the transition stage between pulletdom and henhood. Again she may be merely cutting does to please inquisitive editors who would disturb her quietude for the sheer joy of seeing something unusual to talk about. But there are people no less guilty. Whatever Hetty's reason may be, we are sure she has one. Too much confidence we have in the hen, the modest Queen of the universe, to ever question her actions.

We venture the assertion that when the proper time comes Hetty will lay an egg and keep up the habit, but surely after so much fun-making of her domestic habits, the editor of The Sun could not have the nerve to eat her eggs.

THEN AND NOW.

The campaign of 1896 was one bitter and hard fought. The late Mark Hanna held the national contribution campaign bag for the Republican forces and into it poured one continuous and gigantic stream of gold from the blood money of toilers, wrung by the iron hands of the corrupt corporations of the land. Polluted insurance companies were profuse in their contributions of their trustees' money, to the cause of defeating the "Anarchist, Socialist, fanatic crank" - (so termed) Bryan.

From the great railways and other colossal corporations came gold and silver galore. Dives was permeated with one ambition, to defeat the enemy of the trusts and monopolies and the attorney of the common people, the great Nebraskan.

But the tide has changed. Bryan was defeated then by the sheer power of the almighty dollar, by the force of gold unjustly and unrighteously used by the money gods. Today what a change! The river of gold has been cut off at its source. The holder of the campaign bag wears a hunted and despairing look. The leaders grow nervous, for the flow of money is small, exceedingly small. In their desperation they have adopted the plan of the Democratic party, to ask for one dollar contributions from the poor of the party. And after making this appeal, slowly indeed the funds roll in. How the mighty have fallen! How changed are the tactics of the leaders!

All of this goes to prove that,

"Change is written on everything," that truth will rise and that justice and fairness cannot always be chained.

There will be a different story to tell in the future. The people are aroused. In the meanwhile Democracy, never changing from her honest course, is gaining ground with wonderful rapidity

C. C. MOORE THE MAN.

Secretary Cheatham, of the Southern Cotton Growers Association, has been asked to resign, because of his past conduct. He will be replaced by some good, honest man. Already the name of Mr. C. C. Moore, president of the North Carolina division of the association, has been mentioned most favorably.

To our minds there is not a better man in the South than Mr. Moore for this position of trust. Mr. Moore knows cotton, he is thoroughly conversant with the workings of the association. An best of all, he has the work at heart. He has done more for the association than almost any man in the South and his efforts have never lagged. Thoroughly capable he is for this important position, and worthy.

We shall be exceedingly glad to hear that he is chosen as Secretary of The Association.

"Each American eats one-third of a barrel of salt each year," observes the Times Herald, but even with this it is not hard to find fresh specimens.

"You, Mr. Speaker, will be the next President of the United States," thus quoth Mr. Roosevelt to Uncle Joseph Cannon. But then of course a man can be a good peace-maker and bear hunter, and still be an exceedingly poor prophet.

That certainly was a hefty Cannon Presidential boom launched over at Greensboro. But then of recent months the world has grown somewhat used to earthquakes, world tremors, etc.

In the political history of the South there has scarcely been a more heated contest than the gubernatorial race in Georgia. The English language has been worked threadbare by the opposing candidates and the box, car type in the Journal and Constitution offices has been kept warm from use for months. The best man does not always win. Our sympathies were all with Editor Howell, and we regret his defeat.

The following is a fine statement of the real difference between Mr. Bryan and President Roosevelt. We quote the News and Observer: "An Ohio Democrat in Washington is quoted by the Washington Post as saying: 'As a matter of fact, President Roosevelt has Bryanized the country in advocating governmental control of public utilities and that sort of thing. He has done it because he thought it was popular. Bryan believes in that policy because he thinks it is right.'" Then he spoke a parable.

RALEIGH NEWS.

Text Book Commissioner's Work.—An Order in Case of the Durham Waterworks Co.—Masonic Trouble, Special The News.

Raleigh, Aug. 23.—The work of tearing away the old buildings from the site for the new temple of the North Carolina Grand Lodge on Fayetteville street, this city, is to begin March 1 and the erection of the temple will follow immediately, to be completed within fifteen months. This statement was given out this morning by Grand Master Francis D. Winston after a conference of the temple building committee last night. All tenants of the old buildings are notified to vacate by March 1. The new temple is to cost more than \$100,000 and will be fireproof throughout.

Governor Glenn says that while on his trip into the western part of the State the past few days he traveled over and inspected the Wilkesboro-Jefferson turnpike road in which the State is largely interested through receiving stock for convict labor in its construction, and that he found it to be one of the very best in the whole country. The timber interests alone will yield immense fortunes in the sections opened up. He feels confident that it will be a very short time now before there will be a trolley line in operation over the road.

The morning session of the State Text Book Commission was devoted to hearing publishers of histories. The companies heard were B. F. Johnson & Co., American Book Co., J. B. Lippincott & Co., D. C. Heath & Co., Silver, Burdett & Co., Southern Publishing Co., Ginn & Co., University Publishing Co. and Rand, McNally & Co. The session this afternoon was devoted to publishers of arithmetics.

An order has been made by Judge Purnell of the Federal Court here in the case of Rice vs. The Durham Water Works Co. for the expenditure of \$8,300 for the improvement of the machinery at the intake pipe of the plant and for lowering the pipes at various points to conform with new grades in the streets. The Durham water plant has been in the hands of Federal Court Receiver Hardy for six years or longer and is one of several successful receiverships established under the supervision of the Federal Court in this district. It is claimed that Durham has under the operation of the receivership a much better water service than would have been the case otherwise.

MISS ALEXANDER WILL SAIL.

Will Be Pioneer Missionary of A. R. P. Church to India.

Miss Minnie Alexander, of Huntersville, will sail on the 10th of October for India where she goes as a missionary under the direction of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Miss Alexander has for a few years been a member of the faculty of the Due West Female College, but resigned her position last year and offered herself to the A. R. P. Synod then in session at Due West as missionary to that field. The A. R. P. Church has never engaged in mission work in India and Miss Alexander will have the honor and distinction of being the pioneer missionary of the church to that needy part of the country.

A Clean, Able, Strong Man. The Dispatch is glad that Mr. W. C. Dowd has been nominated for the house in Mecklenburg county. He is clean, able and strong.—Lexington Dispatch.

—There will be a reunion of the Marshall family at the Marshall residence near Dixie on the 31st of August.

—A pretty little baby girl has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Porter.

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She Struggled all Right

Plainness of speech is never to be despised in connection with work of reclamation. "Did you struggle against the consequences of temptation?" inquired a prison visitor. "Yes'm," replied the object of her compassion. "Ah, if you had fought just a little harder, you wouldn't be here today." "I done th' best I could, ma'am," said the prisoner modestly. "It took six policemen to get me to the station."

DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT.

The following doubtful compliment is a fragment from a love letter: "How I wish, my darling Adelaide, my engagement would permit me to leave town and come to see you! It would be like visiting some old ruler, hallowed by time and fraught with a thousand recollections"

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