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CHINA'S NEW CHRISTIAN RULERS.

The Manchu dynasty has abdicated, and poor little Pu Yi, the wee boy emperor of China, can never ride hobby horse around a throne any more. One statement which has lately gone out in the press is wonderful—that every member of the new Republican cabinet is a Christian. Dr. Sunyat Sen, the father of the Republic, the Washington of China, is a genuine Christian, and prayer to Christian God has put him where he is. A few years ago, when there was a price of \$37,000 on his head, he was secretly captured and imprisoned at the Chinese embassy in London, pending deportation to China. His last desperate resort was prayer. He prayed: "He then decided to put a note in the waste basket, saying that he was in great danger. He said so, and later a servant emptied the receptacle. It says in the book of Jonah that "God prepared a wind." He also prepared a breeze in the interest of the founder-to-be of the Chinese republic. This breeze blew the note across the street—a man picked it up, reported the contents to Scotland Yard, and Dr. Sun was soon liberated. China is very untutored to be a republic. Only as its people follow its new rulers into Christianity can China ride safely on the tide of republicanism.

OUR OLD PRESS.

We ask our readers to be a little patient with us until we cure our country Campbell press of its influenza. The recent spell of winter has been too much for it. The reason that the Democrat's press prints faint and indistinctly around about in spots is because the bed of the press is just a fraction of an inch lower in the centre than it is at the sides. The bed (upon which the forms lie under the cylinder) runs t andro upon rollers. The rollers have cut deeper into the grooves of the press bed in the centre, in the long time the press has been in service. When the forms are put on the bed they sag down a little bit in the middle, which is responsible for the annoying pale print which our readers sometimes see. This condition could be easily remedied if the grooves could be planed, but neither the Piedmont Machine and Foundry Co. nor at the C. & N. W. R. R. shops are wide enough to accommodate this piece of mechanism. The Campbell presses are no longer being manufactured, and hence it is impossible to get a new press bed from the factory. The Democrat is not yet able to buy a new press altogether, as it would cost about \$1,000.

Our press is still an excellent piece of machinery if we could only have this one part of it made over. We wish to say to our readers that we are working hard on this problem, and hope soon to have it solved. Meantime be as patient with us as human nature can, be when the paper has that chalky anaemic look.

Three car loads of eggs shipped in one week by the Hickory Creamery to the northern markets. It is a great record!

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

In 1910 the business men of Hickory gave \$1600 to maintain their Chamber of Commerce. In 1911 they gave \$1300. This year, we understand, the gifts are apt to be skimpier still. It will never do. Are we to quit getting any more railroad shops, chair factories, Catawba river bridges, road conventions, and all the like of that?

COMING EVENTS.

Keep constantly in mind that Hickory is still in lesh. The time is bound to come when two big things will happen: The Catawba river will be harnessed for hydro-electric power, and the Carolina and North-western railroad will climb through the Blue Ridge toward Cincinnati and Chicago, and the coal fields. Then Hickory will plunge big city-ward with a hop skip and jump.

The United States very properly said to the powers, on the threshold of Chinas republican form of government: "Hands off." Yet why should she not have said the same thing to Russia and England, as Persia was struggling to her feet?

A Letter from Mr. Nichols.

The following extract from a letter written by a former Hickory minister now located in Haleville, Md., to a young business man here will be of interest to his many friends. "The people here think I am rather foolish about North Carolina and the South generally but I tell them that if they will go there they will be foolish as I am. "I am glad to see you getting a good business move on you. I have noticed that many of the big business men of all the cities of the North as well as the South where boys raised up on the farm and who came in and made their own way. There is no reason why you should not go as high as the best of them, but remember one thing, the best big man of this day and the future is the man that never forgets that he belongs to God and that he is here on business for the King. Be the same simple hearted Christian in the business world that you were out on the hillside farm and men will not only respect you but will someday rise up to call you blessed. "I have been kept very much on the run this year by my own work and helping other men. Monday I leave for Texas for three weeks to help in meetings. I may go there in the spring to take work. Give my best love to all the folks who know me in Hickory. "Yours very sincerely, "J. L. Nichols."

The Senatorial Primary.

The four Democratic candidates for the United States Senate, Ex-Gov. Charles B. Aycock, Chief Justice Walter Clark,

Gov. W. W. Kitchin and Senator Simmons, agree to ask the State Democratic executive committee to recommend to the State convention that it order a senatorial primary to be held at the general election in November, rules to be prepared by the executive committee and submitted to the convention, statements of all amounts expended by each for campaign purposes, offered the press for publication ten days before and ten days after the nomination is made and the statements to be the same as required to be made by senatorial candidates to the secretary of the United States Senate.

Wilson And The Working MAN. Harry A. Elbow, of the railroad trainmen brotherhood, of Newark, N. J., writes the following letter in the Newark News: "Sir,—In Monday's daily paper I read an account of an attack made January 21 on Governor Wilson before the Chicago Federation of Labor in relation to his attitude toward organized labor. The gentleman who directed the attack, I am informed, is a Mr. Quinn. How baseless and false his statements are is shown by the following laws enacted under the administration of Governor Wilson: "An employer's liability act, making the employer responsible for the physical welfare of every man, woman or child in his or their employ. An act abolishing labor in our State prisons. An act for the safeguarding of business buildings against fire. A public utilities act, putting every public utility in the State under the control of the people. A law compelling all railroad corporations to pay their employees twice monthly. A resolution on a bill known as a full crew law, compelling the railroads to man their trains with a sufficient number of men to protect the lives of its patrons and employees. An election law to guarantee an honest count, thereby protecting the great mass of workmen from fraud at the polls, and a comprehensive corrupt practices act. These are actual accomplishments that could never have been carried out without the earnest co-operation of Governor Woodrow Wilson. I would refer Mr. Quinn and the Chicago Federation of Labor to the Legislature of January 9, 1912. After a perusal of it they will, perhaps, be in a better position to pass judgement than by the mere bottomless statements of a labor enemy. I am forwarding a copy of the aforesaid message to the Chicago Federation of Labor.

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Mr. J. K. Perry, of Beaver Dam, writes us that last spring he bought three White Holland turkeys, two hens and a tom, for which he paid \$5.00. He raised from them 43 turkeys and sold them for \$65.22. Who can beat this for so small an investment? —Boone Democrat.

Sulphur Springs Sold.

Taylorville cor. Statesville Landmark. Some weeks ago it was reported that Mr. R. Lee Davis had sold his interest in Davis White Sulphur Springs hotel and roller mill to his brother, Mr. W. F. Davis, Mr. Earl Davis and Dr. Leeper. For some reason the deal was not consummated and this week Mr. W. T. Davis sold his interest in the property mentioned to Mr. R. Lee Davis and Chas. P. Matheson, of Taylorville. The consideration was \$5,000. (Mr. Chas. P. Matheson is the former clerk of Alexander Superior Court. He will have charge of the office at this popular resort next season and visitors will find him an agreeable and accommodating gentleman. Mr. W. T. Davis who has been the popular manager of the hotel ever since it was established has not decided as to his future business.—The Landmark.)

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"Flagler's Folly."

The extension of the Florida East Coast R. R. to Key West has been completed and was recently formally opened. It is called the sea going railroad because it built out over the Florida Keys, crossing shallow inlets on concrete bridges. At one point the train is out of sight of land. It is considered one of the greatest pieces of American engineering. Flaglers whose money built this road is 82 years old. It has been in course of construction for probably sixteen years and when it was first begun it was laughingly termed 'Flagler's Folly.' Stops itching instantly. Cures piles, eczema, salt rheum, tetter, itch, hives, herpes, scabies.—Doans Ointment. At any drug store.

Why Hen Don't Lay Eggs in Winter.

In the current issue of Farm and Fire side the Poultry Editor makes the following interesting report:

"The price of fresh eggs went soaring after Thanksgiving, and just at that time nearly all hens quit laying. They did not go on a strike, but just quit because they had to. I have received quit a number of letters from people in several states asking why the hens do not lay, and how to make them lay. Two farmers wrote that they had about decided to sell all their fowls but about half a dozen, because when the price of eggs was high, they did not lay, and when it was down below cost of feed, the laid steadily. "I have found it very difficult to make people understand that a hen cannot make eggs and feathers at the same time. She can lay while she is shedding her feathers, because there is then no drain on her system for any other purpose. But when the new coat of feathers is started, she quits, simply because she cannot do double duty—make feathers and eggs at the same time. When people learn this fact, they will not expect eggs from a hen that is growing a coat of feathers. And they may all learn how to manage their hatching and feeding so as to get eggs in the late fall and winter, when they want them bad. And when they learn that there will not be any market for egg-making compounds, prepared stockfoods, panacea and back-breeding bonecutters. "Pullets that are hatched early in April will make layers of hatching eggs if they are fed during the summer so that they will be matured by the fall. As a rule people feed the chicks very well, but when they are pretty well feathered, the supply of food given them is not sufficient to push them rapidly to maturity. There is only one way to feed growing pullets satisfactorily, and that is to keep an abundance."

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Thomas Settle, of Buncombe County, will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor and will make his race on a local option platform. It is said that Mr. Settle is willing to make the race if the local option plank is included in the platform; not otherwise, and many declare for this reason that he will not be the nominee, for they argue that the Republican party is committed to prohibition just as much so as the Democratic party. Politicians concede that if Settle runs on a local option platform he will poll a tremendous vote.

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Shocking Sounds

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA.

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who speaks with authority, whether it is football, baseball, skating, swimming, or other vigorous pastime. The page for girls suggested useful occupations at home and profitable occupations in the community, ornamental as well as that girls like to be in the family page, useful. And there is the family page which in the course of a year fills the place of a domestic encyclopedia. Subscribe now—to-day—while The Companion may yet be had for \$1.75.

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