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FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 20, 1921.

ROADS.

It now appears an accepted fact that it is the purpose of the State Highway Commission to complete, as its first great work, the road through the center of the State, from Beaufort, perhaps, or at all events from Goldsboro, through Raleigh, Greensboro, Salisbury, and intervening towns to Asheville.

THE DOUGHTON PROSPECT SAFER.

Congressman Doughton has always had the better of the argument in the contest made for his seat by Doctor Campbell. In fact, the further the investigation progressed the stronger the case developed for Doughton, until at the end, the Democrat had made out a clear case.

TAPT.

Immediately the information came of the fatal illness of Chief Justice White, the Observer's mind turned instinctively to Mr. Taft as successor. It is probable that Taft was also the country's first thought.

AN EMERGENCY IMMIGRATION LAW.

The bill restricting immigration to this country may not have been shaped as the people had desired, but it gives this Nation some degree of protection and at the same time works the minimum of hardships on those who are qualified to come in.

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WITH DEATH STANDING BY.

Incidental to the passing of Secretary Lane there was much of human interest. There was the developed fact that although a man long prominent in the business and social world, and holding one of the highest governmental offices, he "left no estate."

WISDOM YET ABIDES.

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LINNEY AND THE DEMOCRATS.

The turn of the wheel sometimes plays funny tricks, as in the case of the Honorable Linney and the Democrats. His political allies would have killed his aspirations for a good job with the Administration he helped elect, but for the intervention of a man who was among those who had come under Linney's vilification in the past.

THE OPEN VOSEMI.

I think you will grant me the point that when a newspaper publishes an item through its regular news channels, as you published today in State Treasurer Lacy's statement about me, that you should also publish this brief reply in an equally prominent place, and promptly.

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LOOKING BACKWARD.

Items of Interest to People of Charlotte and Carolina. From The Observer of This Date, 1911 and 1901.

TEN YEARS AGO.

The American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, in session at Richmond, yesterday ended its convention by electing Ellison A. Smyth of Greenville, S. C., president, and W. A. Erwin of Durham, vice president, and re-electing C. B. Bryant of Charlotte, secretary and treasurer.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

A gentleman who is thoroughly conversant with politics in this state, declared yesterday that the democratic machine has already elected the ticket for the supreme court and the western senatorship.

ADDRESS TO GRADUATES OF HIGH SCHOOL BY DR. JOHN M. BOOKER.

"Life" Subject of Commencement Address by Professor of English at State University—Heard by Large Gathering at City Auditorium Last Night as Charlotte Schools Close.

HIGH GRADUATES GIVEN DIPLOMAS.

The address of Dr. J. M. Booker, professor of English at the State University, to the high school graduates at the city auditorium last night, follows:

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NEGROES TAKEN ON RIVER ARE RELEASED BY POLICE.

Two negroes arrested Wednesday on the banks of the Catawba river on suspicion of connection with the murder of George A. Keller, a white man of East Seventh street, killed from ambush Saturday night near the Fidelity mills, were released yesterday.

NEGRO WATCHMAN SAYS THEY ARE NOT ONES HE SAW NEAR SCENE OF KELLER MURDER.

Walter Battaroe, negro watchman of the Catawba river and Fidelity mills, who saw two negroes running from the scene of the murder, after looking at the two negroes arrested Wednesday, declared they are not the ones.

TWO CHURCHES WILL BISHOP CLINTON'S WILL IS FILED FOR PROBATE.

The will of the late Geo. W. Clinton, bishop of the A. M. E. Zion church, has been filed for probate in the office of the clerk of the court. The estate, valued at from \$75,000 to \$100,000, is largely in city real estate.

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