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A BILL TO RAISE SALARIES.

Senator Stewart, of Nevada, has introduced a bill proposing to raise the salary of the President to \$100,000 a year; that of the Vice President and Speaker of the House of Representatives to \$20,000 each, and of each Senator, Representative and Delegate to \$10,000.

Col. Robert Bingham, of Asheville, said, according to The Sun's report, in his address before the Southern Society, of New York, Wednesday night: "There is no more danger of negro domination in the South than there is of the domination of the buffaloes in the prairies of the West."

In pursuance of this paper's policy of presenting all sides of all important matters, and especially for the edification of all admirers of bloodhounds, we append a paragraph which appears in The Mount Airy News under the caption, "Bloodhounds Run Down Man":

"Last Thursday night the barn of Bob Blackburn, of Aaron, Va., was found to be burning up. The stock and tools were saved but the loss is several hundred dollars. Bloodhounds were sent to the scene at once from this place. The dogs struck a trail at once and, without a break, followed it over fields and through the woods for about five miles and caught a white man, named Tom Snow. He proved that he was at some other place and was turned loose."

It would not have been surprising to see The New York Sun characterize the rejection of the creed of the Presbyterian Church by Rev. Dr. Carter, of Nassau County, Long Island, N. Y., as "progress in theology," or to have seen it say that this incident "shows at least that the shadow is not moving backward on the theological dial," but these things are surprising when read in The Evening Post.

It is of some interest in North Carolina that Judge Charles Swayne, of the United States District Court for the northern district of Florida, of whose impeachment the House has given the Senate notice and the Senate has taken orders, is the immediate successor of Judge Thomas Settle, of this State, who died in 1888. He was appointed by President Harrison, from Delaware, and has never gotten along well with the Floridians.

MORE COMMERCIALISM.

The Raleigh Times recently had an editorial in which it expressed the belief that politics "is not profitable to the people of the South" and urged them to get out and hustle for success in their own business enterprises and for the material advancement of their section.

"Gentlemen, if this be commercialism, simple of complex, pure or impure, we desire to be classed with the guilty. If we of this Southland do not need less politics and more business, less exciting talk about the dreadful and awful things to befall us and more common sense and hard work to relieve the dreadful things already here—such as bad roads and poor schools, for instance—then we are the worst fooled we have ever been. One has but slightly to observe the North, East or West to see how those sections are plunging ahead in all that pertains to internal improvement and material prosperity, and to be made to feel that it were time and high time the South had shaken off this dread and fear from impending calamity and had awakened to the fact that politics is a losing business and that good, hard work is a paying business and a very safe one. If this be commercialism, in reason's name give us more of it."

We fear that our valued contemporary is fixing to get read out of the congregation of the people. We are surprised that a paper of its intelligence and observation should not know that it is highly irregular to suggest that anything is half as important to the Southern people as politics. To be sure The Observer is in entire accord with its views and those of The Raleigh Times, but it feels it its duty to warn them.

Truly, good, hard work is the paying business and the safe one, even though it be unpopular to say so. Honest and capable State and local governments are essential to the business prosperity of our people, but these can be had without devoting three hundred and sixty-five days in the year to politics, to the neglect of other interests. We have a section susceptible of boundless development, abounding in the sources of wealth; but we will forever lag behind the others if we forever shut our eyes to our highest concerns and continue to respond to the teaching of self-seekers who would persuade us, for their aggrandizement, that the pursuit of politics is the chief end of man.

Yes, sir, the bloodhound is an institution. He ought to be incorporated.

Can as Cattle Feed. Monroe Equivocal. Mr. R. C. Smith, a good farmer of Lane's Creek township, was here a few days ago and was talking about cane as a forage crop. Mr. Smith is feeding 30 head of cattle on cane, and he says that after several years' experience with cane, he is convinced that it is the best and the cheapest forage that can be raised in this section.

Has Captured a Prize. Raleigh Post. All the good things of this life are not withheld from newspaper men. Mr. J. C. Abernethy, of The Charlotte Observer, has just been married to a young woman who is, as The Observer puts it, "in all respects entirely worthy of him." That is high praise, for measured by Mr. Abernethy's own worth, he has captured a prize. Our heartiest congratulations to both.

PERSONALS.

The Movements of a Number of People, Visitors and Others. Mr. J. A. Hall, of Asheville, is at the Buford. Mr. C. M. Sheets, of Winston, is a Charlotte visitor. Mr. C. L. Poston, of Statesville, arrived in the city last night. Mr. A. A. Whitener, of Hickory, was among the arrivals last night.

That's What. Durham Herald. Many people will sign petitions asking for a pardon when they would not grant it themselves if it was up to them.

A PLEASANT PILL. No Pill is as pleasant and positive as De Witt's Little Early Risers. De Witt's Little Early Risers are so mild and effective that children, delicate ladies and weak people enjoy their cleansing effect, while strong people say they are the best liver pills sold.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Observer will send A. B. Messenger, without charge, to your place of business or residence for advertisements for this column. No. 45 of Observer No. 78. Advertisements inserted in this column at rate of ten cents per line of six words. No ad. taken for less than 20 cents. Cash in advance.

BRIEFS.

Minor Happenings in and About the City—Events of the Day. The train on the Southern Railway were nearly all on time last night. Holiday travel has already begun and each train is loaded to its full capacity.

PUPILS' RECITAL. Interesting Programme Rendered at Ames School of Music Last Evening. A pupils' recital was held by the Ames School of Music last evening in the studios at Graham Terrace.

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TRADE IN CHRISTMAS GREENS.

Immense Quantities of Holly Shipped From Wilmington, N. C. Undergo an Overhauling—Interest in Truck Farming. Special to The Observer. Wilmington, Dec. 16.—Immense quantities of holly, mistletoe and other native evergreens are being shipped from Wilmington and as far south as Savannah, N. C., to the North for use in decorations for the Christmas holidays.

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FOR SALE

MY NEW DISTILLERY. This distillery was built and started in operation last February, surveyed capacity 38 bushels, 13 chambered Cantinears still; will work 150 bushels per day; all new; now in operation daily in Salisbury, N. C. I mean business; will include teams and connections. Reason for offering to sell is my health. Bargain to purchaser. M. L. BEAN, SALISBURY, N. C.

FOR SALE

Ten-room Furnished House, with cellar, situated on car line, Boulevard and Lindhurst avenue, Dilworth. Comfortably planned, handsomely finished. Water, gas and electric light. Heat by hot water. Out-house for servants. A corner lot, 100 feet front by 150 feet deep. Most desirable property for family wanting a home. Furniture not included if desired. For terms, apply to MECKLENBURG IRON WORKS.

Wall Papers and Decorative Work—Artistic Frescoing.

All kinds of Painting and Finishing. "Period" decoration a specialty. Wall Paper from 5 cents to \$50.00 per roll. Estimates and designs furnished out-of-town customers on application. Japanese, French, English and Domestic Papers. CHARLOTTE FURNISHING & DECORATING AGENCY.

DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT

That we are the oldest Plumbing firm in the city and that our work and goods are up-to-date, and that we employ only experienced workmen. Call around and let us show you our goods and get our prices. A. R. WILLMANN P'g CO. W. D. WITHERBEE, M. D. CHARLOTTE, N. C. PRACTICE LIMITED TO TREATMENT OF Cancer and Skin Diseases OFFICE 77TH DR. REGISTER.

Belmont Hotel

Several Elegantly Furnished Rooms to rent with or without Baths. Apply to Mrs. H. C. Eccles.

"SOUTHERN STATES" PORTLAND CEMENT

B. F. WITHERS, State Agents, Charlotte, North Carolina. Chance for a Safe Investment. A limited number of shares for sale in Molee Knitting Mill. Mill to begin operation January 1. Situated on one of the finest water powers in Richmond County. For particulars write E. J. INGRAM, Mt. Gilead N. C.

R. E. DAVIDSON & CO., Merchant Tailors

We have all the newest effects in Weaves and Colorings from the best foreign woolen manufacturers. Special Suitings and Overcoats. R. E. DAVIDSON & CO. Merchant Tailors

WHY

so much coughing? It is because everybody is not taking GRAY'S Compound Syrup of White Pine, Wild Cherry, Glycerine and Tar. Those who take it do not cough. Price 10 and 25c. Prepared by the GRAY DRUG CO. Phone 21

Tivoli's Hofbrau Beer

THIS MONTH It will keep off the blues when only water is plentiful. C. VALAER BOTTLING WORKS. NOTICE. Meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank, Charlotte, N. C. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Charlotte will be held on the second Tuesday in January, 1905, (January 10th) in its banking rooms, at 11 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing directors and also for the purpose of amending the articles of association. H. M. VICTOR, Cashier.



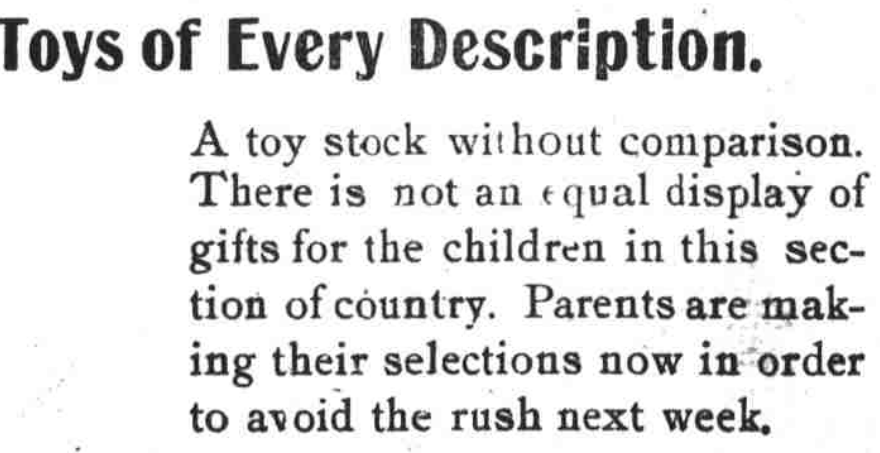
The Big Fur Sale a Great Feature of To-Day's Business

This will be the foremost Fur establishment of North Carolina to-day. A magnificent line of Furs will be displayed again to-day. Many sales were made yesterday to not only Charlotte patrons but to several people who came here from neighboring towns especially to attend this fur sale. While there may be found a nice line of furs here all during the holidays the greatest and most magnificent display of the season will be in evidence to-day only. Give your wife a handsome Fur garment for a Christmas present and buy it to-day. Our expert salesman will assist you in making a selection.

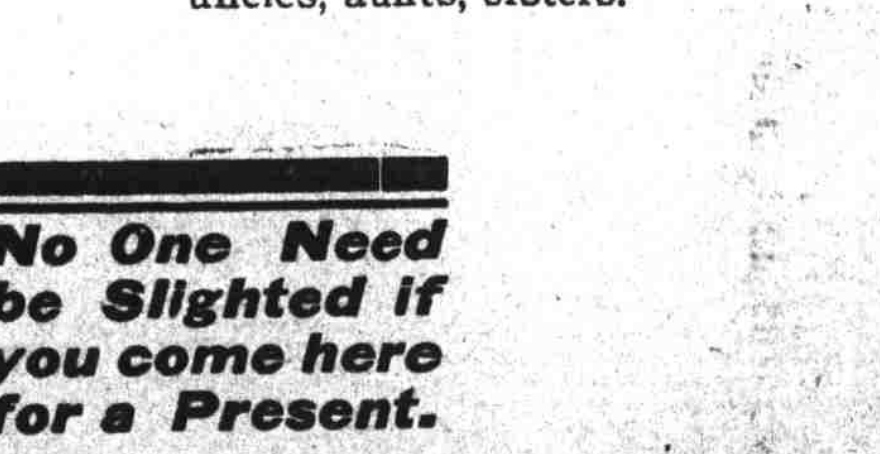
Holiday Shopping was never so brisk. These are lively days at the Big Stores. The stores are not merely crowded with "lookers-on" but there is much buying. Every person entering here is so enthusiastic over what is to be seen and obtained for gifts.

Toys of Every Description. A toy stock without comparison. There is not an equal display of gifts for the children in this section of country. Parents are making their selections now in order to avoid the rush next week.

Gifts for Every Age. The stocks at the Big Stores are larger and more varied than ever before. There is something here suitable for everyone—children, father, mother, grandma, grandpa, uncles, aunts, sisters.



No One Need be Slighted if you come here for a Present.



The Little-Long Co. DEPARTMENT STORES, CHARLOTTE, N. C.