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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1904.

A BILL TO RAISE SALARIES. Cenator Stewart, of Nevada, has duced a bill proposing to raise the salary of the President to \$100,900 a year; that of the Vice President and her of the House of Representatives to \$20,000 each, and of each Senator, Representative and Delegate to \$19,000. It is provided that the bill shall take effect March 4, 1909. The date is made thus remote to meet the nstitutional inhibition against any Senator or Representative voting upon a measure to increase his own salary. By 1909 the term of every present nator will have expired; the terms | them of Representatives expire every two ars. That of Senator Stewart himof expires on the 4th of March next, and he will not be re-elected. Something is to be said on both sides of his esition. There are some officials who are worth the larger salaries suggested and some who are not. Arguing for the raise it might be said that living in Washington is tremendously expensive, and it is a proverb that a Senator or Representative who serves in Congress for any considerable period, who is honest, and who has no private income, quits the service poorer than when he entered it. His campaign expenses are heavy, in addition to which he has to subscribe for all the papers in his district, give up ney to schools and churches, buy drinks, lunches and theatre tickets for Washington, pay their street car fares | night: and lend many of them money to get home on. Sometimes he gets the money back and then again he doesn't. If a Senator or Representative is not able to have a home of his own at the at a hotel rather than at a boarding house, for the reason of accessibility, and the hotel charges him more than it does a private citizen. Unicss he be John Sharp Williams, he feels it necessary to make a front in the matto be a great deal of money, it slips Down Man": mighty fast through a Congressman's fingers and the end of the year is apt to find him in debt. To be sure, by wearing seedy clothes, soiled linen and living at a fried meat house, he can

But unquestionably the worst paid of American public men are the ambassadors holding first-class missions. None of them can make ends meet on their salaries, and thus only men of wealth can hold these places. It is stitution. also true, we believe, that members of rated. the cabinet draw salaries which do not pay their expenses, and the wonder is that Senator Stewart, while he was at it did not include these two classes of officials in his bill.

a Congressman of that kind.

"Justice," the accomplished correspondent of The Winston Republican, who devotes a five-column communication, in the current number of that paper, to controverting a half-column editorial in The Observer, must really excuse us from the debate. When we have time to read anything as long as that, we get a book, and we tremble to think what Observer readers would think if they saw a five-column litorial in reply to that five-column unication. The irreverent would would grieve. Really, "Justice," your

The Stanly Enterprise, referring to recent denial in The Observer by Mr. B. Sanders, supposed to be the hecharge that the Republicans carried It by the use of liquor and money, says: h liquor and money were used in his county by the 'Radicals,' and the feeding 30 head of cattle on cane, and erprise is a truth-telling newspa-

or rather absence of inof a President's politics upon ice of cotton, says: "But The Raleigh Post.

MORE COMMERCIALISM.

ditorial 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. We took the liberty to admonish our Raleigh contemporary that that sort of chat is "commercialism," pure and simple. Upon which admonition the excellent Christian Sun, of Elon College, remarks:

"Gentlemen, if this be commercialism simple or 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 Rajeigh Times, but it feels it its duty to warn

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 selfseekers who would persuade us, for their aggrandizement, that the pursuit of politics is the chief end of man.

Col. Robert Bingham, of Asheville, said, according to The Sun's report, in his address before the Southern his constituents when they go to Society, of New York, Wednesday "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, And yet the politicians still use it as an issue." The danger is just about capital, he is almost obliged to live in the proportion as stated, and the "issue" began long ago to taste of the can. We have no idea that it yielded a single vote to the Democratic ticket in North Carolina in the late election.

much more expensive than those he tant matters, and especially for the was accustomed to wear at home. edification of all admirers of blood-Meantime, he is also supporting his hounds, we append a paragraph which family down in the "deestrict" out of appears in The Mount Airy News his salary. And so, while \$5,000 seems under the caption, "Bloodhounds Run

"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 scent at once from this place. The dogs make clear money, but nobody wants 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

Yes, sir, the bloodhound is an in-

to see The New York Sun charactheology," or to have seen it say that this incident "shows at least that the shadow is not moving backward on ing Post. It is clear from the whole tenor of its column editorial that The Post is in sympathy with the departure made by Dr. Carter.

It is of some interest in North Carolina that Judge Charles Swayne, of the United States District Court for exclaim, "O, h-I!" and the judicious the northern district of Florida, of Interesting Programme Rendered at tentions are appreciated, but our given the Senate notice and the Senate aders don't see what you say and has taken orders, is the immediate ur readers wouldn't see what we successor of Judge Thomas Settle, of ght say, and well, anyhow, life is this State, who died in 1888. He was appointed by President Harrison, from Delaware, and has never gotten along well with the Floridians.

ding Republican of that county, of Monroe Enquirer.

Mr. R. C. Smith, a good farmer of Creek township, was here a Lane's few days ago and was talking about cane as a forage crop. Mr. Smith is nt that Democratic election of . he says that after several years' exwere bought by them is likewise persence with came, he is conveneed that it is the best and the cheapest pertence with cane, he is convinced This is horrible, especially the forage that can be raised in this secegation that "Democratic election of- tion. Mr. Smith says that it is better rs were bought;" but The Stanly to stack the cane in shocks around stakes driven up in the field than It is to house it. The end of the stulks resting on the ground tends to keep the juice in the stalk from drying out. Cane must be a good ecent editorial in this paper upon feed, for we never knew a farmer who grew one crop of it to quit.

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 Charlotto 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 that for the low price of cotton fright. We are more than a prise. One heartlest congatulations to both.

PERSONALS.

the Movements of a Number of Peo-ple, Visitors and Others. Mr. P. A. Hall, of Asbeville, is at the Mr. C. M. Sheets, of Winston, is a Char-

Mr. C. L. Poston, of Stateville, arrived in the city last night. Mr. A. A. Whitener, of Hickory, was Mr. T. P. Apperson, a well-known busi-ness man of Winston, is in the city. Mr. J. D. Boyd, of Morganton, is a Charlotte visitor to-day. Mr. Robert Phifer, of Morganton, is at

the Central. Postmuster G. L. Patterson, of Concord, Mr. Lee Yeager left last night for Co-lumbia, S. C.

Mr. R. C. Chandley, of Greensboro, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday. Mr. J. L. C. Bird, an attorney of Ma-rion, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Baxter Haynes, of Cliffsides, was in the city yesterday. Mr. R. L. Leinster, of Statesville, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. C. B. Townsend, a Lumberton banker, was a visitor in town yesterday. Mr. Alfred Kluttz, of Concord, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

Mr. J. A. Stewart, of the Monroe bar. was in the city yesterday. Mr. R. E. Wilkins, of Kinston, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday. Mr. A. C. Avery, Jr., is in the city attending Federal Court.

Mr. W. F. Gant, of Reidsville, was in town yesterday, Mr. R. T. Gillespie, Jr., of Davidson, was in town last night. Messrs. C. E. Hooper and A. S. Cheek have returned from New York. Dr. J. S. Campbell, of Norwood, was

Mr. C. B. Armstrong, of Dallas, is in the Miss Alberta Ezzelle, of Greensboro, arrived in the city last night and is a guest of the Central. Mr. V. E. Reinhardt and Mr. J. C. Bur-

registered at the Central yesterday.

gin, are visitors in the city from Lincola-ton, registered at the Central. Mr. and Mrs. P. G. White, of Asheville, spent last night in the city, guests at the

Mr. Arthur White, of Mebane, arrived in the city last night and is at the Central.

was among the visitors in the city yesterday. Mr. J. R. Woodall, a well-known travel-

ing salesman, arrived last night to spend the holidays with his family. Mr. W. S. Lee, of the Heath-Lee Hard-

ware Company, of Monroe, was in the city on business yesterday. Solicitor Heriot Clarkson is back from Lincoln Court. He will attend no other court until after the first of the year. Judge Charles A. Moore and Mr. W. H. Westall, of Asheville, are attending the

present term of Federal Court. Mr. W. H. Wooten, of the Baltimore office of the Mutual Life Insurance Com-pany, is spending a few days in the city. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Purdy, of Statesville, spent yesterday in the city on a shopping trip. Mr. W. H. Wylle, of the Catawba Power

Company's office, in Rock Hill, S. C., was at the Buford yesterday. Mr. M. D. Dickerson, clerk of the Su-perior Court of Rutherford county, was in the city yesterday as a witness in the

Mr. John Kirklard Ross is expected to return to-night from Philadelphia, where he has been attending the Jefferson Medical College.

Rev. J. E. Underwood, of Elizabeth City, who has been the guest of Mr. W. I. Underwood, city editor of The Chron-icle, returned yesterday to his home. Mr. W. J. Catlin, special agent of the Royal Assurance Company, who has been spending a few days in the city, left yes-terday for his home in Danville, Va. He will return after the first of the year to

BRIEFS.

Minor Happenings in and About the City-Events of a Day.

-The trains 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. -Charlotte is now full of visitors who have come to the city for the purpose of taking advantage of its superior shopping facilities. The town is advantageously placed in being the centre of a circle of

-The bad weather interfered with the hauling of cotton to town yesterday and only 13 bales were received, selling at the prevailing price of 7½ cents. On the cor-responding date last year, the receipts were 172 bales, at 12.63 cents.

-A Southern Express Company wagon ran into the buggy of Mr. Lawrence Hart, of Steele Creek, yesterday afternoon, and demolished one of its rear wheels. At a late hour, Mr. Hart was wondring how he was to get home.

-A marriage license was issued yesterday to Mr. Cyrus Rogers, of Union county, and Miss Grace Garrison, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Garrison, of Steele Creek. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride on the IIst Inst., the Rev. Mr. Gordon, of Fort Mill, S. C., officiating. officiating.

The remains of Mr. E. Warren, of Easton, Pa., who died Thursday at the bome of Mr. R. C. White, were interred yesterday in Elmwood Cemetery, according to the instructions in a telegram from a relative in Pennsylvania. The services FOR SALE—Seve over the body were conducted yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Dr. Martin Hugh W. Harris. D. Hardin.

the Superior Court is ready for pension issyments was the signal for a rush at his office vesterday. The oldest pensioner who appeared was Mr. Henry Parmenter, who appeared was Mr. Henry Parmenter, who gave his age as 99 years and that of his wife at 102 years and two months. He received payment for a second-class pension of \$48. Mr. Parmenter lives at the Gingham Mill and is a native of Anson county.

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PUPILS' RECITAL.

Ames School of Music Last Even-

A pupils' recital was held by the Ames School of Music last evening in the studios at Graham Terrace. The work of the pupils showed the care-

Bessie Flowe. Bohm

Piano-"Sunday Morning"...Karl Bechter Louise Gordon Field. Plano-(a) "Thousand and One Nights"

"For Sadie".......... F. Steyrer (c) "Jolly Players' Walts" (Duo) Mary Bangle, Maylath
Plano-"Little Wanderer".....Gurlitt

TRADE IN CHRISTMAS GREENS.

numense Quantities of Holly Shippe From Wilmington Section—Semino Undergoes an Overhauling—Intere in Truck Farming.

Special to The Observer Wilmington, Dec. 16 .- Immense quanties of holly, mistletoe and other native evergreens are being shipped from Wil-mington and points on the Wilming-ton & Weldon railroad to the North for ton & Welden railroad to the North for use in decorations for the Christmas holidays. Quite a large industry in this particular has recently sprung up in this section and it is said that the gathering of trees, etc., for the Northerners is quite remunerative. Native smilax and bamboo is shipped the year

The recent cold weather is reported to have done some damage to lettuce and other truck of a tender growth, it be-ing well nigh impossible to protect the lettuce beds under canvas which is all that is necessary during ordinary

The present cold snap is almost unprecedented for this section so early in

the winter. There is great interest among truckers over the proposed establishment of an experiment truck farm by the State board of agriculture. There are many who contend that trucking in this section has not yet reached its half de-velopment and they are of the opinion that the test farm will be of great benefit in inducing farmers to diversify their crop and to raise the more expensive and profitable fruits. Both the Chadbourn and Wilmington and Weldon sections are making a bid for the location of the farm and some lively competition is expected to follow when the matter of a site is finally brought

The United States revenue cutter Seminole returned yesterday from Baltimore, where she recently underwent a thorough overhauling. She will take up her winter cruising at once, having lately been assigned additional territory, so that she will now be expected to cover the coast as far north as Hatteras and as far south as Savannah, Ga. Capt. Foley is just in receipt of a very handsome note of thanks through the British Embassy at Washington for the service he lately rendered the British steamer Jabeta, which went ashore inside the Cape Fear bar. The Seminole now has a dynamite equipment aboard for blowing up derelicts that are found dangerous to navigation along the coast.

That's What.

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> Many sales were made yesterday to not only Charlotte patrons but to several people who came here from neighboring towns es pecially 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.

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