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A GOOD REPORT OF THE CANAL.

The Wilmington chamber of commerce held its annual banquet Wednesday night and Senator Simmons was one of the guests and speakers. Mr. Simmons was one of the Democratic Senators who, with breadth and far-sightedness, voted for the ratification of the Panama treaty, which made the great water-way possible, and is a member of the Senate committee on inter-oceanic canals.

The Star's report follows: "From the introductory, Senator Simmons launched into a discussion of the Panama Canal. After discussing this question at length he concluded by saying that he thought he could say that the canal has passed the stage of doubt and experiment and there is no question of its construction; the last doubt as to the feasibility has been removed and the last problem of construction and practicality has been met by Mr. Stephens, to whom he paid a tribute for competency and efficiency.

A POINTER FOR CHARLOTTE. Though not so intended, the testimony of Mayor Rhet, of Charleston, and Chief Constable Holmes, before the dispensary investigating committee of the South Carolina Legislature at Columbia Thursday was funny. According to our Columbia correspondent the former testified about the tiger situation in Charleston, elucidating an interesting system he inaugurated on going into office, which he finds is still operating satisfactorily to Charleston.

The people of this section of the South, or those of them who ever stop to think, are profoundly impressed with the necessity for some action to stop the destruction of the forestry. In consequence of which the beds of the streams are filling up and the low country is subjected to alternate periods of drought and drying up of streams.

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A SEARCHING ANALYSIS.

Our news columns have told of the suicide a week ago at what is described as his "beautiful home" in Rutherfordton, of young Clarence D. Wilkie, who founded the Sun, of that place, made of it at periods—for it never shone with a steady light—a paper of extraordinary brilliancy, dash and sparkle, and was its acting local editor when he died. In the last issue of the Sun is an editorial about him, remarkable for its frankness and for the keenness of its analysis. We take it to be an accurate characterization, and take occasion, in transferring a part of it to these columns, to observe that it is rare that so good a piece of newspaper work appears in North Carolina. The sentiment is lofty and the expression fine. After referring to his mastery of the mechanical details of job printing and newspaper work as an apprentice:

"Few men of his age could turn reader to the multiplied requirements of a newspaper office—from the case to the press, or send forth the printed page with finer taste and finish. The press room was his school; and while he was hampered as all men are who gather knowledge in this way, and could never have risen to the grade of expression, yet it is simply wonderful how he learned to avoid the entanglements of grammatical structure about the technical pitfalls of which he knew absolutely nothing.

"His ambition was to establish a popular influential newspaper; and when he launched the Sun, the enterprise, he displays was marvelous. In a few months its circulation went into the thousands."

"But— "Mr. Wilkie was a visionary. "Success tries us often worse than failure. Unless men are strong, the dream of praise and power is shattered even in its realization. Then, too, one false step may color and control all after life."

"Mr. Wilkie's plans were surface laid—the built for the beauty of the superstructure rather than for the strength and surety of the foundation. His temperament was social; in disposition he was genial; and in all his mental makeup, his imagination was master of his judgment and his sensibilities revealed in his early newspaper office there was little to teach the lesson so rarely learned that in patient toil and self-denial and inflexible moral purpose lies the divinity that shapes our ends. No wonder that when hope was smitten at last of disappointment, despair lurked assailed-like to give the mortal blow. "The readjustments of life are more inexplicable than the mystery of death. "We cannot explain why its founder came to neglect the Sun, and to permit that neglect to grow until the ownership and management of his paper passed of necessity into other hands."

"By the open grave the best of us stand with bowed head and silent lips. "On the grave! the grave! It buries every error—covers every defect—obliterates every resentment. From its peaceful bosom spring only fond regrets and tender recollections."

This, we repeat, is well done.

Davidson College has been extremely fortunate in securing the promise of Hon. John Sharp Williams to deliver the annual address at the commencement in June. Mr. Williams is one of the really great men of the country and his presence at Davidson on this occasion will be an unusual attraction. He will welcome to North Carolina what would be a cordial one if the fact were otherwise, but it will lose nothing in warmth from the fact that his forebears on one side were North Carolinians, on which account this State has an especial interest in him.

SHOT AT BURGLAR ON ROOF.

PROWLER MADE HIS ESCAPE. Drummer shoots at Negro Man Who Was Endeavoring to Enter Lady's Room at Salisbury Boarding House.

Salisbury, Feb. 2.—About midnight last night, the boarding house of the Misses Chunn, on West Fourth street, was aroused by the shot of a pistol. A party of young men had just retired, when a negro was seen on the roof trying to make an entrance into the room of a Miss Harvey, of Statesville, one of the guests. B. C. Ellison, a traveling man from Alabama, drew Mr. H. C. Ellison, host through the window but says he did not try to hit the man, who appeared to be unarmed.

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HAND IN HAND.

Marriages and Divorces Go Merely Along Together in the County of Buncombe. Correspondence of The Observer.

Asheville, Feb. 2.—Figures taken from the records in the Register of Deeds, Buncombe county, and from the court records show that marriages and divorces in Buncombe continue to march hand in hand. During the month of January 23 marriages licenses were issued, while during the same period, five divorce proceedings were instituted; rather there were four divorce cases docketed and one for alimony. The number of marriages licenses issued during January was considerably less than the number ordinarily issued in a single month.

Wake Forest to Play Y. M. C. A. Game of Basket Ball. A game of basket ball will be played between the Wake Forest team and a team from the Young Men's Christian Association on next Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock. The team from Wake Forest is making a tour of the State and the game ought to be a very interesting one. The best available players have been selected for the Y. M. C. A. team, and are undergoing a short course of training for the event under the direction of the physical director. The entire basket ball squad took an outdoor run of about a mile Thursday night. There will be an admission fee of 25 cents.

Lawson's History of N. C. Price \$1.00 Each. THE OBSERVER PRINTING HOUSE, CHARLOTTE, N. C. PEOPLE'S COLUMN. The Observer will send A. D. T. Messenger, without charge, to your place of business or residence for advertisements for this column. Phone A. D. T. Messenger Service, No. 451 or Observer, No. 78. All 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.

WANTED. WANTED—By competent young man position as book-keeper or assistant; A. J. A. D. care Observer. WANTED—Registered drug clerk; good salary; fine opportunity. "G," care Observer. WANTED—A traveling salesman, must have experience and come well recommended; good contract to right party; Address The McNeal Marble Co., Spartanburg, S. C.

WANTED—Straw and shucks—we want several hundred tons of straw and shucks at once. Tar River Mattress Co., Louisburg, N. C. WANTED—Miller who has spent several seasons in the largest millinery establishments in the North, desires position in this State; references exchanged. Address S. T. E., care Observer. WANTED—Men to sell the new international encyclopedia; excellent opportunity for right parties. Address Dodd, Neud Company, 808 Austell Building, Atlanta, Ga. WANTED—Two good second-hand drawing frames, 5 deliveries each, 10 or 12-inch collars. The Newton Cotton Mills, Newton, N. C.

WANTED—Drug clerks to prepare for North Carolina Pharmacy Examinations in June. Quiz begins in March. Correspond with "Chemist," Box 405, Greensboro, N. C. LOST. LOST—Chocolate hand-bag, containing black purse and several dollars in change, near square Thursday afternoon. See Observer. LOST—On North Tryon street; gold fob; in silver case. Reward if returned to 623 North Tryon street.

FOR SALE. FOR SALE—One Twentieth Century Soda Fountain, Counter and Copper Sink, made by L. A. Becker & Co., and used only one season. This fountain will be sold for \$10.00, at noon on the 17th day of February to the highest bidder. T. A. Kendrick, J. E. McCain, Receivers for Jackson Drug Co. FOR SALE—30 cords of 2 and 4-foot dry oak wood. J. F. Brawley Moore, Asheville, N. C. FOR SALE—Half or entire interest in retail grocery business; in one of best towns in western North Carolina. Address H. care Charlotte Observer.

A BARBER SHOP for sale; well equipped; good stand. Apply at 116 East Market street, Greensboro, N. C. MISCELLANEOUS. RELIABLE MAN OR WOMAN to travel, distribute samples and employ agents; local managers also. \$15 a week and expenses. Ziegler Co., 235 Locust street, Philadelphia. NOTICE TO NURSES—The name and address of every registered, graduate nurse in North Carolina is wanted by the North Carolina State Nurses' Association. Please send your address to the Secretary, Miss Constance Prohl, Winston-Salem, N. C. A BARBER WANTED. Rufus F. Caldwell, No. 21 South Tryon street. FURNISHED ROOMS for rent; men only. No. 412 N. Church street. DRUG CLERK WANTED—Registered drug clerk to take charge of my drug store for 2 or 3 weeks; references required. A. V. Thormann, No. 9 Montford avenue, Asheville, N. C. LATEST NOVELTY "PUZZLE." Can you put the Puz in the Puz? A winner for agents; 1,000 sold in Atlanta in two days; sample by mail for 25 cents silver. Hendersonville Novelty Co., Hendersonville, N. C. I'M LEAVING CHARLOTTE; offer for sale my elegant, modern home, Elizabeth Heights, S. R. Jacobs, Phone 522. FOR RENT. FOR RENT—Seven-room house 235 South Myers street; water and gas. Apply to A. L. Smith. FURNISHED ROOM for rent; in good neighborhood, with all conveniences. Apply at or address 311 North College street. FOR RENT—The entire three-story brick building, 3213, with cement basement at 203 South College street, now occupied by International Harvester Company of America. Apply at building or to W. R. Burwell.

The Little-Long Co. LAST DAY OF THE BIG MILL END SALE. To-day is a regular round up of all odd lots. The price on some lots, is almost a giveaway. These prices are Not Good After To-Day. Big Clothing Sale To-Day. Shoes, Men's Furnishings, Dry Goods and in fact every line in our 3 big stores are going to-day at big cuts. SPRING STYLE "DILWORTH" STIFF AND SOFT HATS \$2.50. The Surprise One Cent Counter 3 BIG ONES Two in Tryon street store and one in Trade. It was a regular grab game all day yesterday and will be continued all day to-day. DON'T Miss Your Last Chance. The Little-Long Co. C. P. HODMAN ENGINEERING CO. 24-26 W. 4th Street, Charlotte, N. C.