

FINAL SETTLEMENT MADE

IN FAMOUS WILKES BOND CASE
 Burton Craige, Esq., Settles With W. N. Caler & Sons and Files Report With United States Circuit Court in Greensboro.—Principal of Bonds Not Yet Paid—Rapid Progress on New Buildings a Livingstone—Capt. James W. Young Freezes to Death in Montana Blizzard—Rush for Seats to Bernhard's Performance—All Seats Likely to be Taken.

Correspondence of The Observer.
 Salisbury, March 2.—The Bell Telephone Company is building a line from Salisbury through northern Rowan. It strings its wires to the poles on the main line. Five phones have been taken up by the farmers along the line and it is not unlikely that, between Salisbury and Mocksville, there will be a dozen if the line is prolonged.

Work was begun yesterday on the food theological seminary building on the Livingston College campus. This structure is named in honor of the great African Methodist Episcopal Bishop Hood, who has spent much of his time in Salisbury, doing good for his race. He is liked greatly by both races here. Near the Hood building is the Carnegie Library, which has passed the second floor and is going up rapidly. When these two buildings have been finished, Livingston will be one of the best equipped colored institutions in the country. There is not a white man connected with it and it shows what high class work the race is capable of executing. These two buildings will add \$30,000 to the material wealth and are gifts of the conference and Carnegie.

Burton Craige, Esq., to-day made a final settlement with W. N. Caler & Sons, the bond holders in the celebrated Wilkes county bond suit, and to-morrow will go to Greensboro to file the report with the Circuit Court of the United States for the fourth district.

National interest attached to this suit in which Wilkes and Stanley counties repudiated their bond issues. The Wilkes papers were issued in 1889 and not until the spring of 1904 was the question as to their payment settled. Here was probably Capt. Charles Price's greatest legal victory. He won a fee of \$18,000 in the Wilkes case alone, and almost doubled the amount in the Stanley affair. The old man Caler is dead, but his business is partly in the hands of his son, Bird S. Caler, comptroller of the currency for the State of New York. The amount of interest that these \$100,000 bonds have brought is \$2,675.44. The principal has not been paid as yet. It cost the Calers no little amount to establish the precedent, but with the recovery of the principal they come out winners. Kerr Craige, Esq., was receiver for the affair until his death in September, 1904, and his son took charge. Salisbury took unusual interest in the case because of local managers who were connected with it. It is recalled that these are the bonds issued by the two counties for the railroads running through them.

The Raleigh Real Estate & Trust Company has bought through Mr. J. Samuel McCubbin, president of the Salisbury Realty, Life & Trust Company, the interest of Messrs. McCubbins, R. L. Shover and others, a tract of 50 acres of suburban land for which is paid the sum of \$3,500. Capt. J. S. Ellington made the purchase. This company will lay the real estate off in lots and put them on the market soon. The land formerly belonged to Bishop Moore, one of the most noted of colored divines.

In these columns telling of the young

man who presented to Shuman & Co. a 19-cent check, which was read \$39, the name of a young innocent man was forged. Webster Buryson was this name given. This is the denomination of a good young fellow who had no connection with this most modern method of graft. Hester Hoover is the real name and the other an alias according to the prison record of the city court.

News came here yesterday that Capt. Jno. W. Young, who managed some time the Sam Christian gold mine, froze to death three weeks ago in a Montana storm. He was a native Scotchman and was liked greatly here. He leaves a wife and three children who are now living in London, England.

The sale of seats for the Sarah Bernhard performance here Saturday night, March 3, brought out the greatest rush yesterday morning in the theatrical history of Salisbury. There is tremendous out-of-town patronage, the visitors paying freely for their seats and the best ones obtainable. There will not be a vacant foot of space for standing room. Of this big house, the Divine Sarah gets about the whole thing. She has the \$2,000 and not only that, but she receives 80 per cent of the surplus. The management therefore makes—can make—nothing and the high-priced seats were necessary for salvation.

All Salisbury regrets the determination of Miss Virginia Mauney, the pretty and popular stenographer for the Salisbury Guaranty & Realty Co., to leave the town. She has had a flattering proposition from Lane Brothers, the great Roanoke Virginia, contractors and will leave in two weeks for that place. Nobody in Salisbury was ever liked more and nobody ever will be.

HELD NEGRO THREE HOURS.

Rowan Farmer Discovers Negro in His Parlor and Holds Him at Bay With Shot Gun Till Officers Arrive—Burglar Held for Court Without Bail.

Special to The Observer.
 Salisbury, March 2.—Henry Houston, a negro about 30 years old, was caught in a room at the residence of Mr. J. A. Hartman about 1 o'clock this morning and held until an officer came for him. Mr. Hartman lives four miles in the country. In the night Mrs. Hartman was aroused by the movements of someone in the parlor. Both arose and Mrs. Hartman carried the lamp while her husband lead the way with a double-barrel shot gun. The negro came under the glare of the lamp and Mr. Hartman leveled his gun at him. Warning the negro not to move under the threat of death, he held the burglar a moment and then knocked him down with a blow on the side of the head. The negro lay unconscious for several moments and then Mr. Hartman sent to Salisbury for an officer. For more than three hours he held the gun upon the negro, who was then wounded and dazed, until Deputy Sheriff Hodge Krider sent his son to make the arrest. Mr. Krider brought the man to town tied. This afternoon a preliminary hearing was given him before T. M. Kern, Esq. The negro could give no account for his actions except to say that he was drunk and did not remember the circumstances. He was held for court without bail, the offense being a capital one. At first it was thought that the negro was unarmed, but later a five-chamber hammerless .38 calibre weapon was found under a lounge in the parlor. He was otherwise loaded, having a half-gallon jug. He is not a stranger to crime.

TILLMAN AT COLUMBIA.

The Senator Confers With New Members of State Dispensary Board—Enthusiastic Over Prospective Improvements for Clemons.

Observer Bureau,
 1309 Main Street,
 Columbia, S. C., March 2.
 Senator Tillman was here last night and this morning in conference with the new members of the State board of dispensary directors. The Senator was the guest of Gen. Willie Jones, where he saw a number of friends. He was here on his way home to Trenton from a trustee trip to Clemson. It is thought that the conference with the new dispensary directors was in every way satisfactory. The new board, as indicated in an expression from one of them in The Observer, is disposed to follow the suggestions of reform which Senator Tillman outlined in his "testimony" before the investigating committee.

"What do you think of the suggestion outlined in The Observer recently?" the Senator was asked, "of the dispensary people organizing to meet the organization of the other side?" "I think another 'March convention' a good idea," said the "pitchfork statesman," chuckling. Then the Senator volunteered a piece of information to the party of newswriters standing about him at the Union station. "You know I've got John C. Calhoun's old committee room at Washington now," he said winking slyly, "but he has it so arranged that this would cause in certain dignified quarters. 'So you see that I am at least breathing the aroma of statesmanship.'" This caused a laugh which the Senator seemed to appreciate, until one of the newspaper men said something sarcastic to the effect that "it must have been a devil of a smell to have lasted so long."

Senator Tillman is enthusiastic about the prospect of getting in a number of permanent improvements that will be put in in the immediate future. The school last year had to turn away 200 boys for lack of roof. Now that the new agricultural hall is off the hands of the trustees and the tax is increasing there will be more money available for enlarging the dormitory accommodations. It is likely also that the faculty will be increased soon as the institution is expanded enough to meet the demand upon it.

Link Throws Bull.

Correspondence of The Observer.
 Asheville, March 2.—The second contest between Shad Link, the wrestler, and a bull at Lincoln Park yesterday afternoon resulted in a victory for Link. A larger crowd was present than on the first day of the wrestle and better sport was furnished those who attended. Link threw the bull twice. The first fall was won in four minutes and the second in a little more than 15 minutes. The bull that Link tackled yesterday was about as gentle as the one that was furnished for the first day. He offered some resistance to Link's efforts to throw him, however.

Mr. Biggs Still in Judgeship Race.

Correspondence of The Observer.
 Durham, March 2.—For several days there has been a persistent rumor that Mr. J. Crawford Biggs, of this city, had given out the idea of making the run for the judgeship, announcement of which was made some time ago. To-day Mr. Biggs was asked about the matter. He said that the rumors were without foundation.



Daily Arrival of New Goods at the Big Stores

Every department has been replenished in the past week with new goods. The Dress Goods, Silks, Notions, Jewelry, Coat Suit, Clothing, Shoe, Carpet, China, Men's and Ladies' Furnishing Departments all look fresh with the newest things of Spring. Our buyers in New York are searching for the latest and best, and are rushing them out as fast as freights and express can bring them. A visit to our stores this week will give you an opportunity to see what is New.

<p>Dress Goods</p> <p>54-inch All-Wool Grey Suiting, medium weight for Eton Suits and Separate Skirts. The Yard \$1.00.</p> <p>42-inch Mohair, in Navy, Tan, Alice Grey and Black. The Yard \$1.00.</p> <p>36-inch All-Wool Albatross, in White, Alice Grey, Old Rose and Black, at The Yard 50c.</p> <p>52-inch Chiffon Panama, in Navy. A beautiful material for Eton Suits and Separate Skirts. The Yard \$1.00.</p> <p>44-inch Mohair, in the Light Gun-Metal Grey, at The Yard 85c.</p> <p>42-inch Gun-Metal Panama, at The Yard 85c.</p> <p>36-inch Shepherd Plaid Mohair, in Navy and White. The Yard 50c.</p> <p>Allover Laces and Nets</p> <p>45-inch White Figured Nets, in Dots and Figures, at The Yard 85c.</p> <p>50-inch White Figured Net. The Yard \$1.25.</p> <p>44-inch Black Figured Net, at The Yard \$1.25.</p> <p>18-inch Cream Eru and White Laces for Waists, at Yard 90c., \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.25, \$3.50.</p>	<p>Black Dress Goods</p> <p>A Special Value in a Novelty. Panama, 44 inches wide, the greatest value in our black goods stock, at The Yard 50c.</p> <p>52-inch Chiffon Panama. The Yard \$1.00.</p> <p>42-inch Voles, at The Yard 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.</p> <p>Coat Suit Department</p> <p>A few good numbers in Spring Jackets, made in Covert, short, tight-fitting, trimmed in bands of material and stitching. We are selling them at 1-4 off real value. Prices From \$3.50 to \$8.50.</p> <p>Ladies' Tub Suits in White Mercerized Cotton, good imitation of Linen; launders nicely. Eton, Half-Fitting and Box Jackets, Trimmed Skirts. Price of Suits From \$3.50 to \$5.75</p> <p>Walking Skirts, new spring style and material, finely tailored. Many Gored Flare Skirts and Circular effects. Batiste, Panama and Brilliantine. Prices From \$3.50 to \$17.50.</p> <p>White Linen Skirts, good quality of Linen, pretty styles, well tailored. Prices \$5.00 to \$8.00.</p>	<p>Carpet Department</p> <p>Spring is almost here—the new season has brought us many new things necessary to house furnishers. Perhaps you may need a new Matting or Carpet to replace the worn one; or possibly you are going to furnish a new home. Right along this line we are headquarters in the way of Floor-Coverings, Matting, Carpets, Rugs, from the cheapest to the best of the manufacturers' products.</p> <p>The new line of Nottingham Lace, Road and Embroid. Rope and Tapestry Portiere Curtains we are showing has no equal in the Carolinas. We make a specialty of Window Shades, filling all orders for extra lengths and widths on short notice from a carefully selected stock, mounting all special shades on Improved Harbison Rollers has established a precedent in the shade trade, which is a guarantee within itself. Let us fill your orders and get satisfactory results. Extension Rods, Cottage Rods and Curtain Poles of all kinds. Everything the newest and the best. TRADE STREET—THIRD FLOOR.</p> <p>Jewelry Department</p> <p>Our show cases are full of all that's new and up-to-date. We are now showing a complete line of spring goods.</p> <p>Cut Glass, Silverware, Clocks and Novelties, Waist Sets, Cuff and Collar Pins, Belt Buckles, Hat Pins and Bracelets, in Solid Gold, Gold Filled and Sterling Silver. Our line of Cuff Pins is second to none.</p> <p>25c. to \$3.50 a pair. Lockets, Chains, Brooches and Scarf Pins of every description.</p> <p>Our line of Signet Rings are extra good values. Engraved free of charge.</p> <p>Watches of all kinds from the Ingersoll, at \$1.00, to the finest Solid Gold Ladies' and Gentlemen's sizes. All guaranteed time-keepers.</p> <p>Orders taken for Engraved Visiting Cards and Wedding Invitations.</p>	<p>Silks</p> <p>27-inch new Blue Taffeta Silk with White Pin Stripes. The Yard \$1.00.</p> <p>27-inch Navy Taffeta, in small shadow checks; Blue, Black, Green and Garnet. The Yard \$1.00.</p> <p>36-inch Two-Toned Taffeta; Navy, Garnet, Brown, Green and Gun-Metal. The Yard \$1.00.</p> <p>27-inch Banzai Silk, in Alice Grey, Champagne, Green and Lavender. The Yard 48c.</p> <p>31-inch Coroon Crepe de Chine, a very handsome silk for dinner gowns. Colors, Cream, White, Light Blue, Pink and Green, at The Yard 75c.</p> <p>A full line All-Silk Crepe de Chine 24 inches wide, at The Yard 60c.</p> <p>36-inch Cloth of Gold, for Coats and Shirt Waists, at The Yard \$1.00.</p> <p>36-inch Cream White Jap Silk, at The Yard 30c. Better grades at 65c. and \$1.00.</p>	<p>Notion Department</p> <p>A new lot of Wire Hair Pins, assorted sizes, in box, at Per Box 5 and 10c.</p> <p>Snow White Shoe Polish for cleaning canvas shoes—quick and easy. Price Per Bottle 10c.</p> <p>Woodland Violet Perfumed Ammonia at Per Bottle 10c.</p> <p>Riviera Violet Talcum Powder—large size Bottle for 25c.</p> <p>A new lot of Scissors and Shears, worth regular 25 and 50c. per pair. Our special price Per Pair Only 10c.</p> <p>Telescope Drinking Cups At 10c. each.</p> <p>A new lot of Pearl Buttons, assorted sizes. Per Dozen 10c.</p>
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