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LETTERS FROM THE CANAL ZONE.

A recent issue of The Washington Post contained the following: "Woodworth Clum, one of the best known newspaper men in Washington, left yesterday for New York, and will sail from that port tomorrow for Panama, where he will spend some weeks in an investigation of conditions on the isthmus, and will report the facts about in a series of letters to The Washington Post."

"Mr. Clum does not go to Panama as an engineer, sanitary expert or special commissioner. He goes as a reporter, instructed to make a thorough examination into conditions and to report them accurately. There will be no technical nor theoretical convulsions nor editorial opinion in his letters. He will tell of the number of persons on the zone, how they live, what they earn, what they eat, what it costs them, and what progress is being made on the great enterprise. The facts may be favorable to the Panama Canal commissioners and they may not. The Post readers will get the facts."

This announcement is of interest to Observer readers because of the fact that we have made arrangements by which Mr. Clum's letters will appear in this paper simultaneously with their publication in The Post. Mr. Clum, as stated above, is a well-known young newspaper man and there is every reason to believe that he will send accurate reports of the progress of the canal work.

Mr. Clum, as will doubtless be recalled by many Charlotte citizens, visited this city some years ago as a bicycle rider and attracted special attention by winning several races over Fred Schade, the young fellow from Virginia who had previously been sweeping everything before him.

We have for some time been anxious to get reliable information as to the real situation at Panama and some months ago subscribed to a series of letters to be furnished by a representative of a leading New York publishing house, who was to be sent to the canal zone. The plan, however, fell through and the writer did not make the trip. We are not advised when Mr. Clum's first letter may be expected, but it will likely appear within the next three or four weeks.

The action of the Southern cotton-growers in determining to hold their staple for higher prices brings an amusing protest from far-away India. The Calcutta Capital having this, among other things, to say about it: "The resolution of United States cotton-growers to hold their crop for a price of 17-20, the per cent and to restrict the area put under cultivation in the current year is one of the most striking examples of the fruits of protectionism. In any such step no consideration is shown for any interest except that of the particular group instituting it. These cotton growers do not care a farthing for either the cotton-spinners and weavers of New England and Georgia or for those of other countries."

Our Calcutta contemporary seems to have things somewhat mixed regarding the holding of cotton and protectionism, but it is about as near right as foreign papers generally get concerning things on this side.

Even in this day of general enlightenment of the people and accuracy of the press groundless stories, especially regarding politics, are to more or less extent circulated. For instance, The Columbia State calls attention to the fact that the report that Judge Parker was making a tour of the South in the interest of Mayor McCall's candidacy was quickly disproved by his address in Charlotte in which the claims of a Southern man were so strongly advocated.

THE PROBLEM STILL UNSETTLED.

There was never, perhaps, a more stubborn problem presented to any people than that of controlling the whiskey traffic. A special instance of this is shown by the experience of our neighboring town Monroe. In order to enforce the county prohibition law a special act established a medical dispensary. This dispensary is for the sale of liquor on prescriptions only and the regulations in regard thereto are said to be very rigid. This dispensary was opened last July and for the first month only about 70 prescriptions were filled and the advocates of the institution were well pleased with the experiment. In August, however, we are told, the record showed 139 prescriptions filled. The increase continued until for the twenty-eight days of February, the last month recorded, the number of prescriptions filled is given as 733 at a cost of \$412.50. These figures are contained in a fugitive paragraph that has been going the rounds recently and while there is no reason to doubt their accuracy, we cannot vouch for them. If they are correct, the prediction ventured by one newspaper that ere long the medical dispensary will do as much business as the Charlotte drug stores seems likely of fulfillment.

The failure of every movement honestly undertaken in the interest of temperance is to be deplored. For that reason The Observer, among others, hoped that the South Carolina dispensary would prove a solution of the liquor problem and in its early days urged that it be given a fair trial, and when it turned out worse than a failure we were very much disappointed. Only one thing seems to be settled with regard to the liquor question—save the fact that there is always a way to get the stuff—and that is that the less the officers of the law have to do with the handling of whiskey the better for the community.

The Wilmington Messenger doesn't believe that the people of North Carolina are for Mr. Bryan for President in 1936, and thinks that if nominated he will get fewer votes in this State than he did at either previous time when he was a candidate. It continues: "The Democrats of this State are no longer under the lash of a few party riders as they were in the past. It is strange that these men cannot learn this. The time has passed when the slate can be made up in Raleigh and forced down the throats of the masses of the party. Men will claim the right to strike from their ballots the names of certain men they think unfit for the offices to which they have been nominated and still demand the right to be called Democratic and the privilege to affiliate with the party. But if they are threatened with expulsion from the party for pursuing such a course, their votes will be lost to the whole ticket."

Such talk is likely to cause our Wilmington contemporary to be read out of the party even before the campaign opens. According to the first organized census of the British Empire, recently issued, the Empire consists of about 11,308,000 square miles, or more than one-fifth of the entire land area of the world. The population is about 400,000,000, of whom 54,000,000 are whites. The population is distributed about as follows: Asia, 296,000,000; Africa, 43,000,000; Europe, 42,000,000; America, 7,500,000; Australasia, 5,900,000. London and Calcutta are the most populous cities, the former having 4,600,000 and the latter, 1,125,000. And just think of it, Great Britain proper consists of a few rocky islands off the European coast. The people, however, are what count—their ability to govern themselves and others is indeed remarkable.

"The Republican party in North Carolina seems to be disintegrating," remarks The Nashville Tennessean. "A few years ago it had control of the Legislature, but at the first election the Democrats carried the state by more than 26,000 majority. Our nation is slightly mistaken. The Republicans themselves have not controlled the State in recent years, although in combination with the Progressives they did have things their own way for some years. In the 90's."

A somewhat unusual case has passed away when Johann Most died at the home of a friend in Belmont Saturday. He was born in Bremer in 1846, and was a bookbinder by trade. He first became a Socialist and later an anarchist and came to this country in 1887. He served many prison terms both in Europe and America on account of his radical utterances.

The Smithland Herald, one of our State's best weeklies, has catered up an interesting bit of news, and we are glad to know that the prospects for the future are bright.

Lombard has come forward with a case wherein a negro was indicted for stealing a calf. This is the nature of the outcome of Louisville lawlessness here.

Asheville Youth Perhaps Fatally Stabbed. Special to The Observer.

Asheville, March 19.—Dolph Boone, a young white man of this city, was stabbed twice in the back Saturday night and is now at his home on East street in a serious condition. The cutting occurred about 11 o'clock at a point near North Main and Wall streets. At the time Boone was under the influence of whiskey and remembers little of the affair, or else is disinclined to tell what he knows. The name of the person who did the stabbing has not been divulged. The knife blade was plunged into Boone to a considerable depth and it is feared that the lung was penetrated.

Aged Man Dies at St. Peter's. Mr. James Bowers, an aged resident of Matthews, died at St. Peter's Hospital last night after an illness of a few weeks. The funeral was held at Mr. Bowers was between 75 and 80 years old and has no surviving relatives. The funeral and interment will probably be at Matthews this afternoon or to-morrow morning.

A PROGRESSIVE SECTION.

Lincoln, Catawba and Adjoining Counties Are Moving Forward With Growing Strides Along Many Lines. To the Editor of The Observer: The writer recently took a cross-country trip from east Lincoln through Catawba county to Hickory, and he wishes to give a few facts concerning the general progress of the section which covers every foot of the section of county spoken of. I remarked to my fellow-traveler that these things gave me much real pleasure, inasmuch as the road and people in health, peace, contentment and morals—yes, morals—as substantial, material prosperity and growth. One thing there was which peculiarly and particularly struck me with force on this line. That was the very large number of new dwellings, barns and outbuildings newly put up and going up. For instance, a year or so ago, I went over this same ground and the road observed but few, very few new houses.

It is very well known that Lincoln, Catawba and contiguous counties are making notable progress in many lines. I must here give expression to my every one knows that the farmer, being the foundation man, should have, if any kind of class distinction should ever be made, inside runnings. He has had and has it now, and it is a poor kind of life which does not really rejoice in it. I know that I do. Truth to tell, as I remarked to my traveling companion, the farmer really has as much right to "charge" so every bale of cotton, or any other article of his product, as has the merchant to "charge" the farmer so much; or has any other business man to set a price on what he has to offer. If any one can see anything else but sound judgment and reason in this proposition, he can see more than I can. It is merely a just evening up and balancing of matters, no more. But enough here.

In Newton and Hickory building and improvement is going on by leaps and bounds. New dwellings might be seen here and there, not by ones and twos, but by scores. In Concord, a good little town, is building up. The rural free delivery system is being added to all along through the section of county mentioned in this article. I was glad to observe this. Hickory and Newton are manufacturing towns. In fact, things are being made in these lesser towns now which the average man has no idea of. The things in question, however, come from Yanketown. Than this, there is no better criticism of real prosperity and solidity. Home production is the hope and help and salvation of any people, and it has even been our people have ceased theorizing and are doing, doing! Good, and very good.

When matters material prosperity goes on, moral progression ever goes along and keeps step. Nice, substantial churches are going up and have gone up here, there and yonder. Even a man who gives small pretense to piety, but who is really a general but rejoice to see this, granting he can see no higher than material and selfish things. For these things are part and parcel—and big parcel, at that—of material growth and general uplifting of any people; a shee qua non, indeed. So this matter is written of gladly, also.

I like a man who is an optimist. There is much hope and cheer in life; for if such an one is not himself able to contribute much to the general good, this very spirit, seen and given expression to, is really more of a help than one might suppose. But in the case of the writer, the pessimist, indeed, he is a nuisance to himself, to everybody, and just so much dead lumberance to be carried and borne while he must stand from under now and then, or he will be a general nuisance to all.

W. M. SHERRILL, Denver, March 17, 1936.

COULD NOT BEAR DISGRACE.

Held for Stealing Horse and Buggy. Young High Point Man Shoots Himself at Bennettville, S. C.—Wound May Prove Fatal. Special to The Observer. High Point, March 19.—"Home" Section, a young white man wanted here for the theft of a horse and buggy and the larceny of some clothing, shot himself through the lungs at Bennettville, S. C., this morning, according to a dispatch received here this afternoon by the chief of police. Sechrist was arrested at Bennettville a day or so ago and was released on bail yesterday. Mr. Charles Ingram, owner of the stolen horse and buggy, is expected to return to High Point to recover his property and the other articles taken, if possible. Sechrist, it is said, had a sweetheart in Bennettville and it is presumed that the fatal shot was fired in the case of the young man who is a respected citizen of High Point and much sympathy is expressed for him. The trial is to be held when the young man should be detained was set for this morning. Another young man employed at White's stables here, supposed to have been an accomplice of Sechrist's, gave up and returned to his home in the white-chests of the young man.

WATER MAINS FOR WILMOORE.

Water Commission Instructs City Attorney to Draw Up Contract Embodying Terms of a Proposition Made by Suburban Realty Company. At a meeting of the water commission, held in the council room at the city hall last night, the commission decided a proposition from the Suburban Realty Company concerning the laying of water mains in Wilmore. The new property the company is developing just south of the city. Messrs. W. F. Harding and F. C. Abbott, attorney and manager of the company, appeared before the board to make the proposition, which was to effect the laying of water mains. Realty Company offers to bear the expense of purchasing pipes and laying the water mains entering Wilmore and agrees that they shall become the property of the city when that suburb becomes a part of the city. The city is to be put to no expense at all in laying the pipes, which will become its property. In return the company will have the water rights of the city and own the mains until Wilmore is incorporated as a part of the city. The board received the proposition with favor and instructed City Attorney Hugh W. Harty to draw up a contract embodying the terms. The rest of the session was taken up with the adding of bills and other routine business. The receipts at the city cotton plant were only one bale, and the highest price paid for the single was 3.3 cents. The receipts for the corresponding date of last year were 2.3 bales, and the best price at that time was 7.5 cents.

MISS MARGUERITE FORKEL.

Champion Solicitor, Her Only Asset Being Her Beauty and Her Ways—She Struck This Office Last Night—Even Made Adams Quit Work and Gaze—At Her Ease Among the Brethren. Last evening, when The Observer's office had just got down to its busiest season, a girl of an age and clad in rain, coat, buttoned carelessly and revealing glimpses of red dress, a buff hat, contorted duly, a black veil, from which all the embroidered dots in the region about the nose and eyes had been sensibly unraveled. Her black hair was swooped down over her forehead from left to right. She wore a divinely bright and beautiful pair of emerald eyes, and she was of the size and figure that all men desire on—a descendant of Katrina van Tassel.

She came first into the business office and sat down, confidently, by the Big Duffer desk, and she had an air of a bundle of "Spare Moments," a monthly quasi-magazine for which she solicited. When the Big Duffer turned round and saw those rosy, almost blue, eyes, he heard that quick voice, with a little accent in it, and that rippling laughter, he caved in at once, and all he wanted to know was the price. He was her boy from last time. He took her to the other men in the office and introduced her with his recommendation, bowing as much as he could. But the others were cold, some of them being married and others having been bitten. She got one or two subscribers among them, and was starting out, when one of the city office boys, who came in to peep at his mail basket, started to go out. He was her boy from last time. He grabbed her arm to hold him, but he had spirit; he felt around, got hold of her sweet hand, and pulled her in to his own office.

Here the fun began. She was given audience, first, that she had no subscribers; that she had now 21,000—15,000 of whom are newspaper men—that in a day and a half she had secured 300. She had been begging for a long time. After the hardest sort of a day's work, she was fresh as a morning rose. Willie, the errand boy, worshipfully brought her the best chair in the room which she occupied with a little sigh. She had been sitting on the floor for a better position. "I'm going to write you up in the morning," said a reporter, "you sweet thing!" "What?" cried Buck, sassy. "Write up a lady who has been on the go for 30 years, all by yourself?" She reached and pulled Buck's red hair.

All the boys had lounged about, sitting on the floor and standing to look at the temporary exotic. "You're pretty enough to quit your soliciting and give somebody time to woo you." She shook her head and laughed, so that her white teeth shone. "Well, if you'd run up with a man—a man that you naturally liked down to hard pan?" "Ah, ha, ha!" she laughed. "I'd quit you, wouldn't you?" "But what sort of man?" "Oh, a square set man, with 'light hair' and stooping to see his eyes—they being really brown—and with blue eyes and a rather complex complexion." This raised such a roar that the business office boys were drawn in and took position to see the fun. Everybody in the office subscribed, to say nothing of strangers who had been invited in. Nobody wanted the sheet for himself. Miss Marguerite had no asset but her looks and her ways. But these were worth the cash. Oh, to think that millions of people have had a long time and have not seen her!

SHOOTERS ENTHUSIASTIC.

Charlotte Gun Club Begins Season With Bright Prospects—Three Trophies Offered for the Best Shooting in Three Classes—First Shoot Thursday. The members of the Charlotte Gun Club, which has just been reorganized for the spring shooting, are enthusiastic over the outlook for the season. The club is beginning with about 25 members and all are confident that the approaching season will be the pleasant and most successful in the history of the organization. Three trophies have already been offered, by the Hunter Arms Company, Du Pont Powder Company and the Peters Cartridge Company, respectively. These trophies will be offered to the best shooter in each of three classes into which the shooters will be divided. In one class the shooting will be double, two birds at one rise. The first shoot will take place next Thursday afternoon at 5.30 o'clock. A full attendance of the members is desired as the members are to be classified after the shooting. Shoots will be held weekly from now on until the annual State shoot, which will take place in the fall. William H. Harty, president of the club, and J. H. Stott, of the Peters Cartridge Company, who has recently made Charlotte his headquarters, and Col. J. T. Anthony, of the U. M. C. Company, will be present at most of the shoots. The new officers of the club are: President, P. M. Cave; secretary and treasurer, J. E. Crayton.

BELL OFFICIALS TO MEET.

Contract Agents Will Hold Annual Session in Atlanta in May. A meeting of considerable importance will be held in Atlanta, Ga., beginning May 15 and continuing through one week. The meeting will be held by the contract agents of the Bell Telephone Companies of the United States and Canada. Each of the 38 Bell Telephone Companies will send two or more representatives to the meeting. Contract agents occupy the same position with telephone companies as do traffic managers and general freight agents with railroads. Their work represents one of the most important features of the telephone industry and their annual meetings are gatherings of great importance. The meeting of Bell Telephone contract agents in Atlanta will probably be attended by a number of prominent telephone officials and several presidents and general managers will very likely be on hand. The meeting is usually held in the East and North and Atlanta was selected in this instance on account of its importance as a convention city and in order to make the meeting more accessible to contract agents of the Bell Companies in the South. An interesting program will be observed during the conference, consisting of papers and addresses by well-known officials. The work of the past year will be reviewed and plans for the new year will be fully discussed and formulated. In the Superior Court. In the Superior Court yesterday afternoon, after the McKelway case had been settled, the docket was called and a number of cases continued. The case of R. E. and C. E. Mason vs. Williams and others was called for hearing this morning. In this case the plaintiffs are represented by Mr. W. P. Hardin and the defendants by Burwell and Casper.

BRIEFS.

A Few Minor Happenings in and About the City. The Charlotte Academy of Medicine will meet to-night at 8 o'clock at the city hall. Squires H. C. Severs has been indicted at his home at Beaverville during the last few days. The officers and teachers of the Second Presbyterian church will meet in the church parlors this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Maj. L. Leon and family moved yesterday from their former residence on South Tryon street to the Smith cottage, on Morehead street. Thursday night is the date set for the big meeting of the Charlotte Lodge No. 88, I. O. O. F. It is stated that there are to be more than 50 candidates initiated. The sale of the balance of the effects of Mr. W. T. McCormick, of water-works fame, will take place at the court central at noon to-day to satisfy some creditors. The first game of college baseball to be played in Charlotte this season will be played here, when Wake Forest College, Spartanburg, S. C., and Wake Forest College, will meet on the local diamond. All those who desire application blanks and other information relative to the clerk-career examination which is to be held in the Charlotte postoffice, April 4th, may obtain such by writing to W. G. Erwin. The interest in the big membership contest now going on at the Young Men's Christian Association continues to grow. The White team, under the leadership of Jackson Beall, secured a long lead last Saturday and maintained it until 9.30 o'clock last night, when the Red team, by an extra sprint, got ahead. There will be a special meeting for all boys of the city, conducted under the auspices of the boys' department of the Young Men's Christian Association, at the Second Presbyterian church to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Dr. M. D. "The Clean Life." There will be special music and the service will be one of unusual interest. All parents of the city are earnestly urged to have their boys attend this service. PERSONAL.

The Movement of a Number of People, Visitors and Others. Mr. Eli Springs, of New York, formerly of Charlotte, is spending a few days here with relatives and friends. Capt. F. Dilling, of King's Mountain, was in the city yesterday, staying at the Hotel. Among the out-of-town people here yesterday was Mr. T. Hay, of Raleigh. Among those who were in the city yesterday was Col. W. H. Osborne, of Greensboro, who was registered at the Buford. Mr. S. J. Durham, of Bessemer City, spent yesterday in the city, staying at the Central. Among the out-of-town people here yesterday was Mr. J. C. Marshall, of Wadesboro. Mr. W. A. Scott, of Greensboro, spent yesterday in the city. Mr. Claude Gore, of Rockingham, was registered at the Central yesterday. Mr. C. S. Stone returned to the city yesterday after spending Sunday in Concord. Merchants to Give Banquet April 5th. The Charlotte Retail Merchants' Association is to give a big banquet April 5. At the meeting of the association last night, two new members were received and the following committee was appointed to arrange for the banquet: Messrs. J. N. McCasland, J. A. Solomon, J. O. Gardner, R. M. Pound, E. W. Berryhill and R. W. Miller. The following named were appointed to draw up suitable resolutions in memory of the late Mr. E. W. McNeil, who was an honored member of the association: Messrs. J. O. Gardner, A. B. Justice and J. T. Porter.

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. 45 for 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—Position by linotype machine operator, a present employed. Can give good references. Write or wire "E." care this office. WANTED—To rent piano. Best of care. May buy. Address "Piano," care Observer. WANTED—Position by graduate in pharmacy, 24 years' experience, capable of taking charge of a dispensary. References. Address J. G. C., care Observer. WANTED—Salesman to sell Linseed Oil and Paints as side line. Commission only. Address box 627, Richmond, Va. WANTED AT ONCE—Board and room in private family by a young man. State terms and location. "H," care Observer. WANTED—Clean white rags for wiping machinery. Apply at Observer.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Homer Pigeons, the pair \$150. Cyrus Long, Jr., 1707 Boulevard. FOR SALE—Corner lot in Piedmont. Apply to 10238, Pineville, N. C. FOR SALE OR RENT—Clarkson residence, 10 East 9th. Apply to H. B. Fortner, care Adams Grain & Provision Company. FOR SALE—Flour mill for sale at a sacrifice. Owing to the fact that wheat cannot be successfully grown in my county, I will sell my 50-barrel roller flour mill (Wolfe make) at one-third original cost. It is as good as new. Has not been in steady operation more than ten months. For price apply to J. B. Traywick, Cope, S. C.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT to gentlemen, two elegant rooms. Apply at 30 N. Tryon street.

FOUND.

FOUND—Bunch of keys, owner can get same by applying to T. H. Buxton, 624 N. College street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MACKEREL STEAK 10 cents per pound. Select Oysters 35 cents per quart. Fresh Shad Steaks, Digby & Williams, 32 E. Tryon street. Phone 125. REFINED COUPLE and two young gentlemen make at one-third original cost in private family near in. Address W. H. W., P. O. Box 146. MOTORCYCLE wanted. Give description and price. Geo. Brent, Salisbury, N. C.

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Just a Touch on What's to be Used in Spring Millinery and Women's Wearing Apparel

There are so many things that the leading designers of fashions have mapped out for women's apparel, that those two columns won't begin to hold, therefore we give only a few hints of those we think will be most popular. The present fashion is a revival of the empire period. This is shown in tiny hats, bright colors and plaid effects. One of the leading modes of the season is the high-crowned, short-brimmed sailor. The Leghorn hat bids fair to be one of the most desirable of the season. It is surprising to see the unexpected forms in which it is presented. It comes in small fancy shapes, in flat and batter-bowl plateaux, in flats and all sorts of crowns. These are bent and twisted into tiny draped shapes until they make a typical spring hat. The "Cornet" is another of the new features of millinery. It can better be described as a Cornacopia. Its splendid possibility for use cannot be realized until one actually handles it, and sees how a few deft touches convert it into a toque of fascinating lines, or a cunning small hat, as fancy may desire. Ribbons vie with flowers in point of popularity. Immense quantities of both are used. In All-over Laces, beautiful patterns are shown. The Baby Irish Lace is perhaps the most highly favored. Val Lace Edging will also be much used. This is truly a lace season for hats and gowns. Great interest is always manifested in misses' hats. Special effort is being made in this direction. There is a certain age when it is difficult for the young girl to be becomingly hatted. We therefore call special attention to the charming designs for the miss, entering her teens. As spring approaches, woman's thoughts naturally turn to the materials suitable for spring wear. Gray mixed woollens are appropriate for tailor-made suits. Light weight woollens in plain goods, checked designs, Voils and Eoliennes are much sought after for late spring wear. The new silks are soft, pliable and lustrous. Louisine and Taffeta are much used for costumes and the rough woven Pongees are suitable for tailored Coat Suits and Costumes. For Shirt Waists, Wash Silks, Crepe-de-Chine, Messaline and other soft silks are fashionable. All wash fabrics are beautiful and stylish, the cottons look like silk. The dainty Swiss Organdies and Chiffon are desirable for women of all ages. All these new things that pertain to ladies' headgear and the new fabrics and trimmings can be had at our stores. We are sole agents for the reliable Ladies' Home Journal Patterns at 10 and 15c.

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