

Book Club.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. J. R. Collier very pleasantly entertained the Tuesday Afternoon Book Club.

Those present were, Miss Sallie Pleasant, Mrs. S. P. Boddie, Mrs. S. Parham, Mrs. J. A. Turner, Mrs. J. L. Palmer, Mrs. E. S. Ford, Mrs. T. W. Watson, Mrs. Mrs. W. H. Ferguson, Mrs. R. C. Beck, Mrs. Maurice Clifton and Mrs. W. H. Yarborough.

The subject for the afternoon was the life and works of O'Henry.

Mrs. Collier gave an excellent sketch of O'Henry's life. Mrs. S. J. Parham read his beautiful little story, "The Trimmed Lamp," and Mrs. J. A. Turner read "Rooney's" at 10 o'clock.

After these sketches delicious refreshments were served and the club adjourned. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Maurice Clifton.

Tobacco Market.

Sales have been good the past week on the local warehouse floors, in spite of the cold weather, and although it is stated that the prices are off a little on some grades it can hardly be distinguished on the sales. The bidding appears to be equally interesting and the ticket shows about as high prices as at any time during the season. Louisburg had certainly played a good part for the farmer this year and it may be added generally speaking the farmers have shown their appreciation for it. Come again.

Cotton Market.

The activities has been interesting on the local cotton market the past week, and many bales have been brought in. The prices have been good. The prices reached 13 1-2 cents per pound Tuesday and for especially good cotton was not much off Wednesday. Buying is continuing in a good strong manner and all seem to be well satisfied. People are coming in now that have not visited the market before in many years. The price yesterday was 13 7-16 cents per pound.

Neighborhood Sewing Club.

On last Thursday afternoon Mrs. T. W. Watson very delightfully entertained the Neighborhood's Sewing Club, in honor of Mrs. Hodges and Mrs. Burrell of Henderson.

Those present were, Mrs. Bennett Perry, Mrs. J. L. Palmer, Mrs. S. P. Boddie, Mrs. Felix Allen, Mrs. Ned Ford and Mrs. J. A. Turner.

After an hours sewing and lovely communication refreshments were served in a dainty and pleasing manner.

Younger Set Book Club.

The Younger Set Book Club met on Monday afternoon with Mrs. Underhill.

The subject for study was Lamb's Story of King Lear.

An interesting paper on the "Fool" in King Lear was read by Miss Mary Stewart Egerton. Then each member gave a quotation and comment from King Lear.

The members present were Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Crowell, Miss Annie Allen, Miss Mamie Jones, Miss Alice Morrison, Miss Brinson, Mrs. Spencer Baker, Miss Stallings, Miss Lynn Hall, Miss Mary Stewart Egerton and Mrs. Underhill.

After the literary program was completed refreshments were served and the club agreed to meet next with Miss Annie Allen.

Ford Agency.

Mr. S. C. Holden, of the Louisburg Machine Works, informs us they have just completed their arrangements to handle the Ford automobiles. This seems to be a favorite among the small price cars and has given good service in this section. This enterprising concern will give a full announcement in their space in our next issue.

U. D. C.

A business meeting of the Joseph J. Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. W. E. White. The chief business on hand was to read a decision as to the time of the placing of the monument to the Confederate Dead.

This monument is to be placed in a large circle in the center of the street just between college and the graded school. The foundation was laid in the summer and the Chapter decided to postpone the erection of the monument until the spring, although it is now finished and ready for shipment. They also brought up the subject of

the uniforms furnished the veterans at the time of the Gettysburg reunion. Each member pledged herself to pay \$1.00 and they think the little debt incurred at this time will be speedily disposed of. After the business had been attended to Mrs. Uzzell read, through the request of Mr. Tip Hill, a beautiful poem, after which a delightful salad and coffee course was served.

Mrs. L. P. Hicks Entertains.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. L. P. Hicks entertained the Study Circle of the Womans Missionary Society.

The meeting was opened by a short devotional service led by Mrs. T. B. Wilder.

The topic for study was the "New Woman of the Orient," led by Mrs. P. G. Alston, followed by Mrs. E. S. P. Burt, Mrs. E. S. Foster, Mrs. R. Z. Egerton, Mrs. T. B. Wilder, Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. J. A. Turner, Mrs. M. C. Pleasant, Mrs. L. P. Hicks and Mrs. W. E. White.

After the lesson a dainty salad course was served by Miss Margaret Hicks and the circle adjourned to meet in January with Mrs. W. E. W. E. White.

Distribution of Statistics.

The arrangements made by Hon. Wm. J. Harris, director of the census for the wider distribution of statistics collected by him concerning the quantity of cotton ginned, the quantity of cotton consumed monthly, and the stocks of cotton on hand at the end of each month, has met with general approval throughout the cotton growing states.

He has received numerous suggestions concerning a still wider distribution of these statistics, and he has made arrangements with the postmaster-general to allow the postmasters in every postoffice in counties where cotton is grown to post in a conspicuous place copies of the reports containing statistics of cotton. These copies will be printed on extra large cards, so the figures can be easily read. Mr. Harris hopes that in this manner he will be able to give the farmers, and all others, access to the valuable statistics collected by this Bureau. Heretofore the reports have been given by the Bureau of the census to newspaper representatives and to the different telegraph companies for distribution. Following this distribution copies of the reports have been mailed to the ginners, manufacturers, and warehouse men, but there has been no practical method devised for the distribution of the information directly to the farmers. It is Mr. Harris' purpose to give the statistics to the farmers so they can take advantage of the information collected by the Federal Government.

Fifteen Foot Snow in Cripple Creek Section.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 6.—Drays carrying sleighs filled with milk cans and wagons laden with provisions, drawn by four and five spans of horses tonight were breaking what had begun to be serious coal and provision famine because of the more than 3 feet of snow which covered the city and blocked traffic for more than three days.

Street cars were manned for a short distance on one line and many men and some women returned to their homes for the first time since the storm began.

Reports from the State tonight indicate that Cripple Creek, high in the mountains, is in a critical condition due to the blizzard which struck that gold mining town last night and this morning. The power plant has burned and the town is in darkness save the light from candles and coal oil lamps. Fifteen feet of snow covers the district. Six business houses were destroyed by the wind and scores of other dwellings and business houses were damaged.

Death List in Brazos Flood Has Reached 165.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 9.—Fifty miles from the mouth of the stream, the crest of the Brazos River flood was tonight passing Richmond, a town of 1,200 inhabitants and threatening to top a bluff which is protecting the town. Early tonight the river was within a few inches of the bluff top.

All lowlands in the vicinity of Richmond are flooded and rescue parties are busy tonight removing marooned farm hands to places of safety.

Tonight's dispatches increased the total number of dead as a result of the flood to 165. Several boats engaged in rescue work near Richmond were overturned today and one man drowned.

A Confederate Soldier.

"Get my knapsack, Mary, and my uniform of gray;
Get my battered helmet, Mary, for I'll need them all today;
Get my canteen and my leggins, reach me down my rusty gun,
For I'm going out parading with the boys of '61.

Never mind them blood stains, Mary never mind that ragged hole;
It was left there by a bullet that was seeking for my soul.
Brush off the cobwebs, Mary, get the bonny flag of blue,
For I'm going out parading with the boys of '62.

These old clothes don't fit me, Mary like they did when I was young,
Don't you recollect how neatly to my manly form they clung?
Never mind that sleeve that's empty, let it dangle loose and free,
For I'm going out parading with the boys of '63.

Pull my sword belt tighter, Mary fix that strap beneath my chin;
I've grown old and threadbare, Mary, like my uniform, and thin.
But I guess I'll pass muster, as I did of yore;
For I'm going out parading with the boys of '64.

Now, I'm ready, Mary, kiss me, kiss your old sweetheart good bye,
Brush away those wayward tear drops Lord! I did not think you'd cry.
I ain't goin' forth to battle; cheer up, Mary, sakes alive!
For I'm going out parading with the boys of '65.

Soon we will all be parading, Mary, in the land beyond the stars,
In that bright celestial camp with the good old stars and bars.
But before we start and march, Mary, we will meet the boys once more,
And practice for parading on the brig And practice for parading on the bright and shining shore."

GIVE HUERTA POWER.

Rebels Slip on Board Gunboat Tuxpam Cripple Guns and Machinery, and apture Dynamite—Rebels Close to Tampico Dine Americans and Assure them of Safety.

Mexico City, Dec. 9.—The Mexican congress today nullified the recent presidential elections.

Congress, according to this action, expects Gen. Huerta to remain in the presidency for at least seven months more, if the time necessary for the selection and installation of his successor is taken into consideration, it will be well toward the end of September next before he yields his power to another.

In voting tonight that the recent presidential election was null the deputies decided to fix the first day in July, 1914, as the date for the election. They also confirmed the position of Gen. Huerta as provisional president until then.

VOTE WITHOUT DEBATE.

The action of the deputies was accompanied by no debate. The committee's report was approved without a dissenting vote as rapidly as the articles could be read. When the last clause was read, referring to Gen. Huerta as provisional president, some one began applauding, and instantly the deputies were shouting vivas for Huerta.

The presiding officer was finally able to remind them that enthusiasm was all very well, but that it was necessary to ratify the enthusiasm by votes.

The measure taken tonight also provide for the election of a new congress, since the one elected to take the place of that dissolved by Huerta is to serve out an unexpired term, which should terminate on September 15th.

CATHOLIC DEPUTIES ABSENT.

The reason for the nullifying the elections was the insufficiency of the number of votes cast. It was stated that the entire number of voting places in the republic is 14,225 and that returns were received from 707. Although there were no dissenting votes on the committee report it was noted that the Catholic deputies absented themselves.

The action of the new congress is a reiteration of Huerta's statements made from time to time. Congress approval tonight of Huerta's program serves to reassure the doubting ones

that the acting president retains his grip on the political situation.

REBELS DAMAGE GUNBOAT.

Rebels under Gen. Candido Aguilar in the vicinity of Tuxpam scored a success over the federal troops there yesterday by slipping around the edge of the town and boarding the gunboat Tuxpam while the federal troops were not looking, disabling her machinery and guns and getting away with a quantity of dynamite.

According to the story reaching the federal capital the trick turned by the rebels was due to carelessness on the part of some of the federals. The gunboat was stationed some distance above the town to observe the movements of and to menace the rebels. The latter secured a gasoline launch, manned it with twenty men, and boarded the gunboat while she was in charge of a small crew, which they overpowered.

REBELS NEAR TAMPICO.

The constitutionalists are within 14 miles of Tampico. A band of American hunters located the outposts of the rebels at Altamira. Information obtained by the hunters led them to believe that an attack on the city would be inaugurated shortly and that the commander of the rebels was sending forward one of the heaviest forces yet employed in the campaign in that part of the republic. The Americans explained to the rebels that they were merely a hunting expedition and were invited by the rebel officers to be their guests at dinner.

They were assured that foreigners need have no fear so far as the constitutionalists were concerned; that when the city was attacked the rights of all foreigners would be respected.

Fighting between the federals and rebels in the vicinity of Huiztlac, between the capital and Cuernavaca, continued today, but it was indecisive. There are reports that Cuernavaca, which is the capital of Mexico state, has been taken by the rebels.

Big Hogs.

During the past week we have received the following reports of hog killing:

Mr. S. B. Nash, of Louisburg, two weighing 497 and 444.

Civic League

The Civic League will prepare and serve a Christmas dinner to the convicts at the camp.

The Cotton Weigher.

We publish below a communication relative to the cotton weighing situation in Louisburg and commend it to all parties, who have or may hear any discussion, one way or another, on the subject. The article follows:

Louisburg, N. C., Jan. 12-'13.
Mr. Editor:—I never write for publication and am not now writing to invite or commence a controversy, but it seems to me that I should say a few words about Mr. W. Hal Mann, who was recently elected cotton weigher at Louisburg, as I feel that he is being misrepresented in some degree. I have no feeling in this matter at all and all parties for and against Mr. Mann are my personal friends, and this article is simply to state in a shore concise manner.

What I know of Mr. Mann, I have worked with and for Mr. Mann, and feel that I know him as well or better than any man in this country. I know him to be strictly honest. A man of undoubted integrity sympathetic and kind. A man of firm conviction. One that does not cherish malice is not susceptible to prejudice, and as cotton weigher would weigh a bale of cotton for his known enemy as correctly as he would for his brother. This is just the kind of man I have found him to be after years of labor with and for him. I am sincere in my statement and believe every word is true. Basing my statement from personal association and contact with him in a social and business way.

No farmer need fear about his weighing his cotton correctly and just as the law directs, as he will surely perform his duty without fear or hesitation. Mr. Farmer will have a square deal and so will Mr. Merchant, with Mr. Mann as cotton weigher. I have yet to hear a single farmer complain of Mr. Mann and I have talked with many and I hope that all this talk about the cotton weigher here will cease and that all feeling in the matter will be laid aside and all parties come together for the good of the town and county.

Yours truly,

C. M. VAUGHAN.

(Mr. Vaughan is a farmer as well as a road builder.)

Debate at Bunn.

The public debate to be held at Bunn High School on Friday night, December 12, will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

Query: "Resolved that the new compulsory school law should be amended to include all children between the ages of eight and sixteen, for six continuous months instead of four."

Affirmative: Preston Massey, Bonnie Bunn

Negative: Howard Massey, Clyde Moody.

After the debate the ladies of the Betterment Association will sell oysters, fruit, candy, cake and cream. The public is cordially invited.

Elects Officers.

The Louisburg Camp of the Woodmen of the World met in regular session in their forest on Tuesday night. After enjoying a most sociable evening the following officers were elected:

Consul Commander—A. F. Johnson.

Adviser Lieutenant—R. H. Jones.

Banker—A. E. Mitchell.

Clerk—R. E. L. Lancaster.

Escort—H. G. Jones.

Watchman—C. H. Clay.

Sentry—R. B. Wicker.

Managers—O. H. Harris, Dr. H. A. Newell.

List of Letters.

Remaining in the postoffice at Louisburg, N. C., uncalled for December 13th.

Sylvester Allen, Eugene Alexander, C. Edward Beman, Miss Lealla Branch, George Clark, N. C. Clark, Fares Dices, Mrs. E. J. Harris, Wilber Harris, Madison Perry, Mrs. R. H. Tinson, Sam Werby.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say they saw them advertised.

M. W. YARBOROUGH, P. M.

Mayor's Court.

The fact that Mayor Turner had to occupy his official seat in the Mayor's office Monday morning was a little unusual as it was the first time in about thirty days with the exception of trying one case for drunkenness.

Frank Satterwhite was fined \$10 and costs for being drunk.

George Person and Clayton Mitchell, were fined \$2 each and caused to pay costs for fighting.

County Union.

The Franklin County Farmer's Union met in the court house in Louisburg on December 6th. The Union was called to order by President Harris and Rev. W. M. Gilmore led in prayer.

The roll was called and delegates from thirteen locals responded. Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected viz: President T. J. Harris, Vice-President, C. H. Sanderling, Secretary and Treasurer, Eugene Marshall, Conductor, T. F. Gooch, Doorkeeper, George W. Eaves, Jr., Chaplain, Rev. G. M. Duke, Lecturer and Organizer, J. O. Sledge, Executive Committee, J. B. Wilder, J. F. Perry and P. F. Evans. County Business Agent, J. B. Fulghum.

Delegates were elected to attend the next State Union to be held at Shelby on December 17th, 18th, and 19th viz: J. B. Fulghum, Dr. R. P. Floyd and T. L. Gooch. Alternates: R. A. Wilder, P. F. Evans and T. J. Harris.

A motion prevailed to hold the county meetings on first Thursday in each month.

The newly elected officers are most estimable gentlemen and will make a fine working force.

To my mind the Union is destined to accomplish much and lasting good in the county, State and nation.

T. H. SLEDGE, Co. Sec-Treas.

Sandy Creek Items.

The people of the Sandy Creek section have been living quietly the past week. Not much news of interest.

Many nice hogs are being killed in the neighborhood this week. Mr. John Aycock killed one on Tuesday which weighed as much as 400. Mr. R. T. Williams also killed several very heavy ones. The folks are in way to enjoy nice bacon next summer.

Forrest and Vallie Joyner spent Saturday night and Sunday with their uncle, G. B. West at Woods. They report a delightful trip.

Miss Alma Parrish attended the Teachers' meeting at Louisburg Saturday and is very willing to express her sympathy for the teachers' work.

The Sunday school people are very highly enthused over the prospect of the Christmas tree at Sandy Creek. Plans are being made for a very profitable occasion.

A box party is announced for the 17th of this month at Sandy Creek Academy. The public is cordially invited.

A large crowd is expected. Bring a box if you are a girl. Bring your money if you are a man.

The honor roll for the past week are 4th Grade—Lola Leonard. 5th Grade—Glenn Kennedy. 6th Grade—Lizzie Gupton.

BILL.

E. Y. Webb Exonerated from all Mulhall's Charges.

Observer Bureau, Washington, Dec. 9.—The House Lobby Probe Committee completely exonerated Representative Webb from the Mulhall intimations in its reports today.

"The allegations as to Mr. Webb," the report says, "Have no basis. His name is mentioned four times in the Mulhall correspondence; three times in letters written by Mulhall himself and once in a letter written by Schwebman to Mulhall."

"The testimony of Mr. Mulhall is clear and unequivocal in regard to it. The only call or calls he ever made

in fact the only calls he ever made upon him were at the time he was conducting his general canvass, seeking to ascertain the sentiments of all the members he could interview relative to a tariff commission. As a matter of fact the record shows that in the House Mr. Webb, opposed and voted against the tariff commission proposed in the Sixty-first Congress.

"There is no evidence of any kind or character indicating that Mr. Webb was reached or influenced by the National Association of Manufacturers in any of his official acts for business, political or sympathetic reasons or otherwise."

Charlotte Gets Horner School

Oxford, Dec. 6.—Captain Horner tonight telegraphed Charlotte his acceptance of the offer made by that city to secure the location of Horner's Military School at that place.

Charlotte offered a beautiful and well located site of 30 acres, 2 1-2 miles from the center of the city near Elizabeth College, and guaranteed a cash subscription of \$30,000, it is understood here.