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AN AFTERNOON TEA.

Mrs. Jas. W Cannon Entertains a Large Number at Her Home--An Occasion To Be Remembered Long.

Written for The Standard.

On Wednesday from four to six Mrs. James W Cannon received a large number of her friends at an afternoon tea.

Mrs. Cannon and Mrs Douglass were assisted in receiving by Mesdames Elija Cannon, D F Cannon, W C Alexander, Maria Henderson, John P Allison, P B Fetzer, J M Odell, W R Odell, John C Wadsworth, M C Dusenbery and James C Gibson. The guests were welcomed in the front hall by Misses Sallie Ervin and Nannie Cannon.

Misses Alice Jones and Kate Means presided over a bowl of delicious fruit frappe, while Misses Margaret Allison, May Oates, Lalla Hill and Janie Richmond assisted Miss Margaret Cannon in the dining room in serving refreshments which one word—perfect—fitly describes.

Four little maids from school, Mary Virginia Wadsworth, Fay Brown, Jennie Gibson and Mary Ella Cannon made charming waitresses. The parlor was beautifully decorated with palms and ferns, the halls with dahlias and the dining room with a profusion of exquisitely lovely roses. In the reception room attention was suddenly called to the fact that the number of ladies receiving was thirteen but it was at once hailed as a refutation of the old superstition, since nothing could be more entirely successful than this most pleasant evening.

Loyal to His Friend.

EDITOR STANDARD:—I did not see your editorial of last Tuesday on Judge Robinson until last night. If I had seen it when issued, I would have asked you to publish this yesterday.

In your editorial you say that Judge Robinson "made himself absolutely offensive" to the "bar" here. He has never been offensive to me in the performance of any of his duties as judge. And, with the utmost respect for you in this matter, I cannot concur in some other things that you say of him. I write this simply and solely as a duty to my personal friend. Judge Robinson and I, in politics, are far apart and we differ otherwise. But he would expect this publication of me and I try not to disappoint my friends in any proper expectation. I know that, under similar circumstances, Judge Robinson would do the same for me. I would expect it of him. And I am trying to live up to this teaching: "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

Respectfully,

PAUL B. MEANS.

Oct. 26, 1899.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

The People in Our Newly-Acquired Territory Called Upon to Observe the Day—Special Call for Church Services.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The President today issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation: "By The President of the United States:

"A PROCLAMATION.

"A national custom dear to the hearts of the people calls for the setting apart of one day in each year as an occasion of special thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings of the preceding year. This honored observance acquires with time a tender significance. It enriches domestic life. It summons under the family roof the absent children to glad reunion with those they love.

"Seldom has this nation had greater cause for profound thanksgiving. No great pestilence has invaded our shores. Liberal employment waits upon labor. Abundant crops have rewarded the efforts of the husbandman. Increased profits have come to the home. The national finances have been strengthened, and public credit has been sustained and made firmer. In all branches of industry and trade there has been an unequalled degree of prosperity, while there has been a steady gain in the moral and educational growth of our national character. Churches and schools have flourished. American patriotism has been exalted. Those engaged in maintaining the honor of the flag with such signal success have been in a large degree spared from disaster and disease. An honorable peace has been ratified with a foreign nation with which we were at war, and we are now on friendly relations with every power on earth.

"The trust we have assumed for the benefit of the people of Cuba has been faithfully advanced. There is a marked progress toward the restoration of healthy industrial conditions, and under wise sanitary regulations the island has enjoyed unusual exemption from the scourge of fever. The hurricane which swept over our new possession of Porto Rico, destroying the homes and property of the inhabitants, called forth the instant sympathy of the people of the United States who were swift to respond with generous aid to the sufferers. While the insurrection still continues in the island of Luzon, business is resuming its activity, and confidence in the good purposes of the United States is being rapidly established throughout the archipelago.

"For these reasons and countless others, I, William McKinley, President of the United States, do hereby name Thursday, the 30th day of November, 1899, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed as such by all our people on this continent and in our newly acquired islands, as well as by those who may be at sea or sojourning in foreign lands; and I advise that on this day religious exercises shall be conducted in the churches or meeting places

of all denominations, in order that in the social features of the day its real significance may not be lost sight of, but fervent prayers may be offered to the Most High for a continuance of the divine guidance without which man's efforts are vain, and for divine consolation to those whose kindred and friends have sacrificed their lives for country.

"I recommend also that on this day so far as may be found practical, labor shall cease from its accustomed toil, and charity abound toward the sick, the needy and the poor.

"In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington this 25th day of October, in the year of our Lord 1899, and of the Independence of the United States the 124th.

(Seal) "WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

"By the President:

"JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State."

His Score Is Now 184.

There is not a better contributor to our cotton market than Mr. Joe Barrett, who continues to sell cotton here each week. Last week his score was 99 and Wednesday evening 85 more bales were brought here. Bear in mind, too, that 71 of these bales were taken from Charlotte's platform and brought here. Mr. Barrett pays ninety cents per bale for hauling it here. The last lot brought 7.40.

Their Semi-Annual Visit Made.

Dr. Sam Montgomery, Messrs. W M Weddington and J M Alexander, who are appointed to visit semi-annually the county home and jail and report the same to the State Board of Charity, paid their visits today and are making out their report to send to the Board. Dr. Montgomery was appointed to fill the place made vacant by Dr. M L Stevens.

Mr. R. W. Moody Married.

We notice in the Columbia State that Mr. R Wells Moody, of Greenville, S. C., was married to Miss Virginia Green, of Columbia, at her home Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Moody is known to some persons in this county. He is known by many in Stanly county.

NO CURE, NO PAY.

That is the way all druggists sell Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic for chills and Malaria. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults refer to bitter, nauseating Tonic. Price, 50c.

Durham Quarantines.

Durham has quarantined against Roxboro and South Boston, Va., on account of smallpox. There is no panicky feeling it is said, but the appearance of the disease would be so detrimental to the tobacco trade that no chances will be taken that it is possible to avoid.

Red Hot From the Gun.

Was the ball that hit G. B. Stadman of Newark, Mich. in the Civil War It caused horrible Ulcers that no treatment helped for 20 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Boils, Felons, Corns, Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. 25c. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold at Fetzer's Drug store

They Have Passed Honolulu.

Mr. Jno. A Sims has received a letter from his son, Jay Sims, which was written at Honolulu. He is in the band of the Twenty-Ninth Infantry. The regiment reached there on the evening of the 12th, being just one week on their way from San Francisco to Honolulu. He said that they would soon leave there bound for Manila, which meant a three weeks' sail. His letter is interesting, relating unusual incidents in their trip. Just before closing his letter he stated that a woman had been found on board dressed in a soldier's clothes acting as a newspaper reporter. One of the soldiers jumped overboard and was lost during their sail.

Cleanliness Next to Godliness.

It pays to keep your clothes clean and pressed by Alexander & Hendrix. Satisfaction always guaranteed.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. Sam Houston, of Charlotte, is here today.

—Mr. D B Coltrane went to Norwood this morning.

—Mr. Denson Caldwell went up to Morganton last night.

—Miss Grace Troutman returned home this morning from Charlotte.

—Mrs. Robt. Walthall and child returned home last night from Harrisburg.

—Mr. and Mrs. R A Brown and Miss Maude Brown went to Charlotte this morning.

—Mr. Joe Barrett, of Matthews, arrived here this morning to collect for the sales of his cotton of yesterday.

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