

PLEASURES OF SOCIETY

Mrs. R. H. Jordan returned yesterday from New York. She was accompanied by Miss Annie Miller, who returned yesterday morning to her home in Shelby.

Mrs. Matilda Williamson, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. J. A. Russell, returned yesterday to her home in Washington.

Miss Beesie Henning, of Columbia, S. C., is the guest of her cousins, Misses Mary and Ruth Lance, in Dilworth.

Miss Carrie Lee McLean has returned to the city after a visit to Miss Placide Ellington, at Raleigh.

Mrs. E. F. Rogers, of Concord, and Mrs. Arthur Walker, of Columbus, Ga., have returned to their homes after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Yorke.

Misses Louie Jones, Sadie Belle Mayer and Florence Thomas, and Messrs. Walter R. Talliaferro, Jr., Robin Brem and Frank M. Caldwell returned last night from Chapel Hill. Miss Louie Jones will spend a month in the city as the guest of Miss Annie Wilson. Miss Caro Brevard remained in Chapel Hill to spend a week with Miss Louise Venable.

Misses Bess Hearn and Helen Hufford, former Elizabeth College students, are the guests of Mrs. H. A. Klueppelburg. They will leave for Albemarle to-morrow.

Misses Mary Miller, Hannah Balrd, Lurline Welling and Miss Helen Rhynne, of Elizabeth College, leave to-day for Mt. Holly, where they will be guests at the home of Miss Rhynne.

Mrs. W. A. Smith, of Hendersonville, arrived last night to visit her daughter, Miss Lillie Smith, a student at Elizabeth College.

Miss Julia Ritch, of Lancaster, Pa., arrived yesterday to enter Elizabeth College. Misses Ora Duke, of Blot, Miss, and Laura Darroch, of Indiana, are also new arrivals at the college.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Smith will return this evening from their bridal trip.

INACCURACIES OF STATEMENT.

What Mr. Cansler Said to the Commission—About the \$15,000.

In the report in yesterday's paper of the adjourned meeting of the board of county commissioners held Friday, it was stated that Mr. E. T. Cansler, county attorney, advised drastic measures by arrest and fine, for the collection of the taxes of delinquents in this matter. This was a total misstatement of the facts. Mr. Cansler expressly advised the commissioners that their only duty was to place the names of those delinquents upon the tax-lists and turn same over to the several tax collectors of the county and let them resort to such methods as the law allowed for the collection of taxes. He told the board that it had no duty to perform other than this, and if it instituted or caused to be instituted, criminal prosecution for the failure of certain citizens to list their property or pay for taxation it would be resorting to very drastic measures, which he did not believe were justified under the facts and circumstances presented. He further stated that while, under the conditions, it was necessary to advise the board that it had no duty to perform other than this, yet he believed the poll tax a most onerous and unnecessary burden to be placed upon the laboring class of people generally.

Another inaccuracy in the report was the statement that the board authorized the chairman to borrow \$15,000 to pay running expenses. As a matter of fact it only authorized him to renew a note outstanding for that amount. These minor inaccuracies are very much regretted, but there is more excuse for them than appears on the surface.

BRIEFS.

Minor Happenings in and About the City—Events of a Day.

Mr. Frank Gilreath, who has been very ill at St. Peter's Hospital, was resting more comfortably last night.

Mr. W. S. Shelor has taken a position as salesman with the firm of Yorks, Bros. & Rogers.

Cotton receipts on the local market yesterday were 220 bales, the price being 9 1/2 cents. On the same day last year 123 bales were received, selling at 11 1/2.

The special sermon by Rev. J. Q. Adams, which was to have been preached to the G. O. A. M. to-night, at the Pritchard Memorial church, has been postponed until next Sunday, the 4th of December.

The hour for morning service at the First Presbyterian church will be changed this morning to 11 o'clock, instead of 10:30 o'clock. Sunday school will continue to be held immediately after the morning service until further notice.

A force of fourteen men were hard at work last night down in the press room digging a foundation for the installation of the Observatory's new press. At midnight a supper was served the crowd. Considerable progress was made in the work.

The Juniors Auxiliary of St. Peter's Episcopal church held their annual election yesterday with the following result: Miss Laura Spang, president; Miss Simmons, vice president; Miss Sadie Thomas, treasurer; and Miss Mary Morgan Myers, secretary.

More than 100 books have been recently added to the Carnegie Library, and among them is "Problems of the Present Society," by E. B. Murphy. Another book of interest is "Japan of To-Day," by Dr. J. A. B. Schavels, of Newberry College.

AT THE RECORDER'S COURT.

Litigation Over a Calf, a Pig and Simple Trespass—Two Neighbors Who Do Not Love Each Other as Themselves—Three Drunks.

The proceedings at the city police court yesterday afternoon were listened to by a rather small crowd, and though the cases were few they were full of interest. James Hill, otherwise known as "Bottle Jim," was charged with being drunk and disorderly. Officer Sumner, who made the arrest, said that he found Jim wandering with a hick driver down on West Trade street, and that Jim was very drunk. He was fined \$5 and the costs.

Ben Forge, a small, yellow, frizzle-headed negro with parenthetical legs, was charged with being drunk and disorderly. No witnesses appeared against him, and he got his discharge, at which he looked grateful.

Jack Overcash, a tall, dark white man, was the third offender charged with being drunk and disorderly. His case was continued.

Andrew Hall, colored, charged a colored dame, whom he called "Miss Banful," with trespass upon his property. She was taxed with the cost.

Social Labor Gathering. The Central Labor Union will have a big gathering to-morrow night in the hall on East Trade street. It will be in the nature of a smoker, with speeches by members and outside citizens, and light refreshments will be served. Mr. J. J. Williams, president of the local, expects to have the meetings every month.

ABOUT MUSIC AND DRAMA.

Two Plays at the Academy This Week—What is Going on in the Music World—The Outlook Excellent for the Season—Notes of Interest.

(Items pertaining to music matters should be addressed to C. Whitrop Ames.)

Music in nature has been the subject of many a poetic and prose fancy. The song of the lark, the nightingale, the cuckoo, the quail, and other birds, are familiar themes; then, too, the murmur of the bees, the hum of insects, the cry of the wild animals in the night.

The sighing of the wind, the patter of the rain and the rolling bass of the thunder, the voice of the ocean deep, the lapping of the waves on the seashore and many, many other illustrations of a similar nature, have often been referred to as constituting music.

This is indeed a fallacy. Nature does not offer any definite arrangement of sound that can be called music, but produces, instead, merely the rough, Irish and disjoint elements of music.

Shelley's eulogy of the song of a skylark is the creation of a very poetic and sensitive nature. When associated with such ideas as the lark weaving its way upwards into the deep blue and singing as it goes, the song is agreeable, for the reason that it is dressed up with imagination; but when it is subjected to analysis, is bereft of all its surroundings, it ceases to be pleasing.

The same thing might be said of every form of so-called nature music. The nearest approach to a sustained and definite melody is the song of our barnyard fowl, although for variation and range of compass, doubtless the domestic cat has an undisputed claim to first honors.

Yet no one for a moment acknowledges these sources to be productive of music. Nature furnishes but the materials; the formless elements of sound, which are shaped and formed into melodic and harmonic structure by the creative genius of man. He has converted out of unrelated, discordant, incoherent sound, an harmonious, regular melody, or, bidding of sounds, which reacts on his nature as none other of the many divine expressions of himself. This subtle, indefinable created tonal beauty is called music.

The people of Charlotte are promised a rare musical treat on December 5th, the occasion being the appearance of

Mr. Clifford Wiley, the eminent New York baritone, at the Presbyterian College. Miss M. L. Mitchell has the affair in hand, and should receive the support of all music-lovers.

Never before have the prospects been brighter for Charlotte in a musical way. The St. Cecilia Club has resumed work for the season; Richardson's Orchestra has been enlarged to twelve pieces and is adding constantly to an already large and select repertoire; Kessler's Band continues its regular rehearsals; the Ariel Male Quartette is a permanent and welcome musical organization; the colleges are paying especial attention to the musical part of the academic work; the churches are emphasizing the music services in their worship; and several artists of national fame will appear later in the season surely the prospects are bright.

The St. Cecilia Club begins the season's work under a new directorship. Heretofore the club has met with Prof. Craigbill at his studio, but as the latter seemed somewhat inconvenient, a change of quarters was decided upon. Owing to lack of time, Prof. Craigbill has felt it necessary to resign as conductor, his position being filled by Prof. Zehn. The club will meet at Steiff's Music House. A successful year's work is anticipated by the members of the club, as well as by the general public.

A new quartette, known as the Y. M. C. A. Quartette, has been recently organized. It is composed of the following gentlemen: C. E. Mason, D. A. Dickey, E. P. Tingley and Roy Butt.

The Ariel Quartette, assisted by Miss Seymour and Mr. David Owens, will give an entertainment at Monroe, December 2nd, for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society, of that place.

Mr. Craigbill and Miss M. L. Mitchell will give a concert early in December at Davidson College.

There are two attractions at the Academy of Music this week: "Sherlock Holmes," and "Quincy Adams Sawyer." Mr. William Gillette immortalized the first and it has lasted with success ever since he abandoned its leading role. The play is a dramatization of one of Dr. A. Conan Doyle's celebrated detective stories and the stage version is the product of the collaboration of Dr. Doyle and Mr. Gillette. In brief the romantic side of the detective hero is shown very charmingly. He falls in love with Alice Faulkner, the heroine of a highly sensational episode, and in the end he wins a happiness which none other of his adventures ever bore him. Dr. Watson, his friend, and Moriarty, the criminal, occupy prominent parts in the drama. The play will be at the Academy next Wednesday night. Reserved seats will go on sale to-morrow.

"Quincy Adams Sawyer," is a dramatization of the novel of that name and has won the title of a great rural drama with a New England setting. It has played successfully in New York and many other Northern cities. Unlike most rustic plays, "Quincy Adams Sawyer" is not dependent on the antics of burlesque for its success. The play is sweet and clean and has appealed to all classes of humanity.

The company carries its own scenery, which is beautiful and realistic. There is one scene that has been called a " scenic poem." The sun sets in a flood of golden glory and later the moon rises in silvery splendor. Less poetic, but with no detail of perfection spared, the other scenes have been praised for their fidelity to rural atmosphere. The play will be at the Academy next Thursday.

James Hooper, the small son of M. C. Hooper, fell out of a carriage while out driving with his mother yesterday afternoon, and was badly bruised, though not seriously hurt.

ARMIES SETTLING DOWN.

GREATER CONTEST NEXT SPRING

Failure of Japanese Plans for the Early Occupation of Manchuria Now Evident—A General Attack Still Possible, but Highly Improbable—Russo-Chinese Speculations as to the Army and Army Contractors as Their Particular Curse—Chinese Authorities Storing Grain for Starving Farmers.

Mukden, Nov. 25, via Pekin, Nov. 26.—The Japanese strategists without fighting on any large scale, confirming the belief that the opposing armies have relaxed for the winter, together with the unexpected demonstration of force which the Russians have been able to make since the depletion of their army as the result of the fighting on the Shakhie river, emphasizes conclusively the failure of the Japanese to prevent the assembly of a large Russian army in Manchuria before spring.

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Suit Against Southern. William Holbrook yesterday instituted suit, through McCall & Nixon, attorneys, against the Southern Railway, asking damages in the sum of \$2,000. The plaintiff alleges that he suffered damages from being knocked off a train at Wellford, S. C., in December, 1902. The case was non-suited here by Judge McNeil, but the new action is begun in an amended form.

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