PLEASURES OF SOCIETY.

Mrs. Charles J. Schriefer, of Brook-by, N. Y. has arrived in the city and is the guest of Mrs. A. R. Will-man, on North Tryon street. Mrs. Schriefer was Miss Agnes Issertel, daughter of the late Richard Issertel, of Charleston, and was married on the 14th instant to Mr. Schriefer, at the residence of her brother, Mr. Hen-sy C. Issertel, in New York. Mrs. Schriefer, at the time of ner marriage, was a resident of Orange, N. J., where she was secretary of the Southern Society of the Oranges and figured prominently in social event will take

A pleasant social event will take place to-night, when Dr. H. M. Wilder, the retiring president of the Charlotte Medical Society, will tender a banquet at the Buford Hotel, complimentary te his fellow physicians of the city. An elegant menu has been provided, and the event promises to be most enjoyable.

The literature section of the Wom-an's Club will meet this morning at 11 o'clock with Mrs. I. W. Faison. The special request is made that all who have books to contribute to the club will either bring or send them to this meeting.

The present quietude in the social world will be enlivened Friday evening by a german in Dilworth Hall to be given by the young men of the city complimentary to the visiting young ladies. It is probable that more than afty couples will attend.

Mrs. H. E. C. Bryant and little daughter, Miss Elizabeth Bryant, have returned from a visit of several weeks in Morganton.

Miss Nellie Turner, of Statesville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Gordon Finger, in Dilworth.

Major J. W. Wilson and daughter.
Miss Beulah Wilson, of Morganton,
will arrive to-morrow from a visit in
Fort Mill, S. C., and will spend the
winter with Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Gibbon. The social event of the day is the

elmagundi party to be given this af-ternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Miss Nell Watkins, at her home on Elizabeth Heights, complimentary to her numer-ous girl friends. Captain and Mrs. W. B. Ryder and

little daughter arrived last night from Phomasville and are guests at the nome of Mr. George H. Brocken-

Miss May Murphy, who has been the guest of Miss Lottie Caldwell, left last night for her nome, at Mor-

Miss Mary Brockenbrough, who has Been visiting friends on Richmond, Va., is now the guest of Miss Eliza Lamb, in Williamston.

The special holiday concert, to which reference has been made before, will be given by the students of the Presbyterian College in the auditorium to-night at \$:30 o'clock. This will be especially interesting, as it will given principally by students of the advanced grade, and the patrons will have an opportunity to see the class of work being done.

A novel and pleasing feature of the

programme will be the 'toy sympho-ay," in which, beside the plano, stringed instruments and voices, will be heard the drum, trumpet, triangle, rattle, cuckoo, quail and nightingale. It will be the first presentation of this symphony before. Charlotte audience. The public is cordially invited to attend.

holidays with relatives.

A PECULIAR RELIC.

Charlotte Woman Has a Pair of Shears Which Formerly Belonged to a Tailor Who Afterwards Became President Johnson.

Mrs. Tillett Ellis, of No. 308 East Twelfth street, is in possession of a seculiar relic that brings back memo-ries of a peculiar man. The relic is in the shape of a pair of tailor's shears which was given to her grandfather, James J. Lawing, by President Andrew Johnson, whose term was made me-morable by the stormy days of reconstruction. It will be remembered that President Johnson was born in Rai-eigh, and when he grew to manhood, walked from Greensboro to Greenville. Tenn., where he worked for many years as a tailor. It is said that his wife taught him to read while he worked away on his tailor's bench. It worked away on his tailor's bench. It was under him at this place that Mr. to her daughter, who afterwards be-

ROD IS FOUND.

Valuable English Setter of Mr. C. A. Moseley in the Hands of a Fort Mill, S. C., Man—The Bog is a Well-Known Animal and Very Valuable. Red has been found. Although only dog, Rod has friends by the hundreds, and when his owner, Mr. Charles A. Moseley, lost him recently, genuine grief ensued. Mr. Moseley was so much attached to Rod, who is an English setter, that he was in-consolable. He advertised in The Ob-

server, offering a reward.

Testerday Mr. Mosely was called over the long-distance telephone by a well-known Fort Mill, S. C., man, who informed him that he had Rod in his possession and would bring him to Charlotte to-day. He did not state how Rod came into his hands. The dog is very valuable, with a pedigree almost without limit, but aside from this, Mr. Mosely loves him for himself, and his return, even at this time, will be a large contribution to the sely's merry Christmas.

DEATH OF YOUNG WIDOW.

Mrs. C. L. Chambers, of Caroleen, Died at St. Peter's Hospital Yester-day Morning.

Mrs. C. L. Chambers, a widow, 22 years of age, died yesterday morning about 4 o'clock in St. Peter's Hospital. She had been brought from her home, at Caroleen, last Friday to be operated on. Sunday the operation fook place, and there seemed. ook place, and there seemed a fight-ng chance for her recovery. But she ank rapidly in the early morning

The relatives were communicated with, and a Dr. Smart, who had been her physician at Caroleen, accompanied the remains to Caroleen.

Moving Picture Show To-Day. Archie Sheppard's moving pictures will be at the Academy this afternoon, for a matinee, and also will give a night performance. The attraction is a very good one of its kind, and the management promises that an entirely new and exceptionally interesting ist of scenes will be reproduced. Doors open at 2.20 p.m. for the matinee, with the performance beginning

The Movements of a Number of Peo-ple, Visitors and Others. Mr. A. H. McLeod, of Lumberton, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday. Mr. Edwin J. McKelthan, of Aber-deen, is at the Buford. Mr. L. W. Hudlins, of Greensboro, is

Mr. L. Clark, of Statesville, is at the

Mr. V. M. Dorsett, of Siler City, spent last night in the city. Mr. H. N. Howard, of Mooresville, s registered at the Central.

Mr. S. S. Neal, of Greensboro, is in Architect F. M. Sawyer left last

Mr. C. N. Wray, of Winston-Salem, spent yesterday in the city. Mr. W. F. Williams is a visitor in the city from Smith Grove. Mr. W. H. Everhart, of Newton, was amoni the arrivals last night.

Mr. C. D. Bennett spent yesterday in Albemarie on legal business. Rev. Wm. Black, of Davidson, was in

he city yesterday. Mr. J. L. Perry, of Davidson, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. J. H. King, proprietor of King's Business College, is in the city. Mr. C. H. Armfield, of Statesville, ar-

ived yesterday and is at the Buford. Mr. Thos. M. Hufham, of the Hickory bar, spent yesterday in the city. Mr. M. W. Gordon, of Fort Mill, S. C., was a Charlotte visitor yesterday. Mr. W. O. Gattis, a business man of Gastonia, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Fay Hardin was here from Chester, S. C., yesterday. Mr. C. W. Tillett spent yesterday in Morganton on professional business. Mr. W. S. Blakeney, a Monroe mer-

chant, was in the city yesterday on Miss Daisy Mays left last night for Huntersville to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. C. F. Lowe and young son were visitors in town yesterday from Mon-

Mr. A. W. Shaw, of Davidson College, is in the city in the interest of the Davidson College Magazine.

Mrs. A. DeB. McEachin, of Laurin-burg, arrived in the city last night and is a guest at the Buford. Mrs. J. S. Riddle and child and Mrs. George Killian and child, of Hickory, are among the guests at the Buford. Mrs. A. C. Campbell, of Aberdeen,

pent last night in the city, staying at the Central. Mr. W. W. Motz, of Lincolnton, arrived in the city last night and is regstered at the Buford.

Mr. T. J. Caudle, of Monroe, spent yesterday in the city with his brother, Mr. L. L. Caudle. Mrs R. H. Bost, of Florence, S. C.,

spent last night in the city, a guest at the Central. Rev. Andrew Burr, of Chatham, New Brunswick, Canada, was among the guests of the Central yesterday.

Mr. M. M. McKinnon, of Red Springs, is among the visitors in the city to-

Rev. C. L. Hoffman leaves to-morrow for Lincolnton, where he will spend the Rev. M. N. Bales, one of the speak-

ers at the recent meeting of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, returned Mr. Frost Torrence, of Gastonia, who s to establish an agency in this city for a large paint concern, spent yes-

terday in the city. Mr. Andrew C. Hutchison, Jr., a Mrs. H. M. Victor and little child rived in the city last night to spend

Mr. James W. Osborne, a student in the law department of the University, arrived from Chapel Hill last night and will spend the holidays at home. Messrs. W. H. Wooten, W. R. Potts and R. C. Knox, of Davidson, a hunt-ing party, spent last night at the Cen-

Mr. J. E. Caldwell, of Catawba county, is in the city, visiting his son, Mr. utmost capacity, stood along J. A. Caldwell, of the E. W. Mellon tracks all the way from the depo Company.

Messrs, A. C. Miller and J. A. Abernethy, of Lincolnton, arrived in the city last night to attend the meeting of the hard yarn spinners' advisory

Popular Toy the Idea of Charlotte Boy.

"In doing some Christmas shopping," said a fond father last night, "I came across a piece of information to-day which interested me much. You know the loop-the-loop toy? Well, four different merchants awing learned the tailor's trade. toy? Well, four different merchants. Mr. Lawing gave the shears present-told me that there was an unpreceed to him by the President-to-be to dented demand for it—said, in fact, his daughter, who in turn gave them they knew of nothing that had caught Charlotte people like it had done. But I'm not after giving the toy any free advertising. I'm just boosting Charlotte talent. What one merchant told me was that the toy was the idea of a Charlotte boy, but who he was could not learn. Rather indefinite am, to be sure, in this matter, but I think its worth while mentioning."

Negro Shooting Scrape. Trouble broke out among the col-ored population on Poplar street last night, and Coon Mosley shot John Belk through the stomach. wounded negro was carried to his home, at No. 611 East First street, and his injury treated. It is thought that he is not fatally hurt. The lice went down to the scene of the trouble and made an envestigation, but the Belk negro had made his escape, and all the neighbors swore that they knew nothing about the shooting. The police are still on Belk's trail, and he will probably be arrested to-day.

Car Wrecks Buggy.

The street car running on North Tryon street between the Seaboard Air Line depot and the square, struck the buggy of Dr. C. A. Misenhelmer yesterday afternoon and almost demolished it. It is not known exactly how the accident happened, but it is thought that the driver miscalculated the speed of the car and failed to get thought that the driver miscalculated the speed of the car and failed to get out of its way in time. Dr. Misenheimer and his driver were both thrown out and severely bruised, though not dangerously hurt. The buggy was wrecked.

Trustee's Case Still Being Tried. Trustee's Case Still Being Tried.

In the United States District Court yesterday the case of A. C. Avery, Jr., trustee, against Westall and others, which is a civil action wherein Mr. Avery is seeking to get for distribution among creditors of a hankrupt some \$15,000 worth of property in the shape of lumber, occupied the entire time. It is not likely that the case will be concluded defore to-morrow afternoon.

Happenings in and About the City—Events of a Day. Officer E. M. House, is very ill with pneumonia at his home on Smith

—A marriage license was granted yesterday to Miss Ladia Pig and Mr. J. A. Spears, of the county.

-Mr. F. B. Alexander, who has re-turned from a business trip to New York city, was the victim of a pickpocket to the tune of \$40.

-Her many friends in Charlotte will learn with regret of the serious illness of Mrs. B. A. Younts at her home at

-There is a rush for pensions at the office of the clerk of the Superior Court. The veterans are cashing in their checks for Christmas. -His many friends will be glad to learn that Mr. Frank Gilreath is very

much improved and is considered entirely out of danger now. -The members of the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. are asked to leave what clothing they may wish to

have distributed Christmas Day at the Y. M. C. A. building. -Josie Kinwell, the woman who was brought to the county jail from the lower section of the county stricken with violent insanity, has been remov-

ed to the county home. -Mr. P. D. Hinson, of Lincolnton, was in the city last night, and came in The Observer office to see the new press. He watched it run awhile and aid, "Oh, I'm just bound to subscribe

-The National Biscuit Company have sent here a demonstrator of the value of their goods. Yesterday the demonstrator was at J. E. Darsey's, and Usher Brothers, and will be at the latter place to-day also.

-Ed Sinclair, a postal messenger boy, left his wheel Saturday night in front of the Postal office. When he came back for it, he found it cut to pieces. The boy does not know what vandal did him this injury.

-Policeman M. E. Crowell, who sued the Life Insurance Company of Virginia for \$148, the amount paid on pollles which were cancelled illegally, it is alleged, will get decision to-day from 'Squire S. H. Hilton, before whom the case was tried.

-The Masons of the city have received notice that a regular communi-cation of Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, will be held in the Masonic Hall this even-ing at 8 o'clock. The third degree will be conferred upon a number of candidates by Mr. D. K. F. Everett, P. M. Refreshments will be served.

-Register of Deeds A. M. McDonald yesterday issued a marriage license to Mr. J. W. Stephens and Miss Mollie Barkley, both well known young people of Long Creek township. Rev. J. R. Grier, will perform the ceremony thi safternoon at 3 o'clock, at his home in Huntersville.

-Mrs. Annie Smith Ross, the librarian, is preparing an interesting en-tertainment for the little folks at their regular hour at the Carnegie Library Saturday afternoon at 8:30 o'clock. special Christmas story will be read to them and each child will be presented with a Christmas souvenir.

-Mr. LeRoy Davidson, was sent a card case and memorandum book to ex-President Cleveland, has received the following autograph acknowledge-ment: "Dear Sir: I have just receiv-ed the memorandum book which you were kind enough to send me, and desire to return my thanks for the same. I shall certainly find it of great convenience. Assuring you of my appreciation of the kind wishes contained in your letter, I am, yours very truly, Grover Cleveland."

CHRISTMAS EXPRESS.

The Handling of the Loads of Bundle and Packages Involves an Immense Amount of Labor.

One may get an idea of the immense business done by the Southern Express Company during the Christmas holidays by watching how the countless packages and boxes are nandled at the Southern depot. Last night rows of trucks, laden to their tracks all the way from the depot to the mail station, a hundred yards be-On the arrival of each train there was a rush of negroes and much shouting by the officials in charge. The express cars were loaded on one side and unloaded on the other, and considering the immense loads to be handled, the work went well, though nearly all the trains were held several minutes over their regular time of departure on account of the express alone. A lot of the packages were said to contain buguice, bound for the cinder-dry and thirsty towns of South Carolina. And the stuff was done up in the most in-nocent looking bundles and boxes im-

Interesting Partnership. An interesting partnership is that which is announced between Mr. Edmund Randolph Preston, of the Chartotte bar, and Mr. Thomas Ruffin, re-cently professor of law in the University of North Carolina, for the general practice of law. The firm is to be known as Ruffin & Preston and occupies rooms 10 and 11 in the Pledmont building. Mr. Ruffin has been warmly welcomed it is life of the city, and Mr. Preston is well known and has hosts of friends here. With the undentable talent, energy and ability which is theirs, Messrs. Ruffin & Preston should have a large measure of suc-

FREE SHOW.

The National Biscuit Company has sent a demonstrator direct from its factory, who yesterday and to-day gives a demonstration of its products at the grocery store of Messrs. Uusher Bros., on East Trade street.

12 O'clock

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NOTICE.

The President yesterday sent to the Senate the nomination of Clark Gries, as postmaster at Dublin, Ga.

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