

PLEASURES OF SOCIETY.

Mrs. Charles J. Schriener, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has arrived in the city and is the guest of Mrs. A. R. Williams, on North Tryon street.

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.

The literature section of the Woman's Club will meet this morning at 11 o'clock with Mrs. I. W. Faison.

The present quietude in the social world will be enlivened Friday evening by a German in Dilworth Hall.

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 salsmagundi party to be given this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Miss Nell Watkins, at her home on Elizabeth street.

Captain and Mrs. W. B. Ryder and little daughter arrived last night from Thomasville and are guests at the home of Mr. George H. Brockenbrough.

Miss May Murphy, who has been the guest of Miss Lottie Caldwell, left last night for her home at Morganton.

Miss Mary Brockenbrough, who has been visiting friends at Richmond, Va., is now the guest of Miss Elizabeth 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 8:30 o'clock.

A novel and pleasing feature of the programme will be the "toy symphony" in which, beside the piano, stringed instruments and voices, will be heard the drum, trumpet, triangle, rattle, cuckoo, quail and nightingale.

Mrs. H. M. Victor and little child have gone to Danville, Va., to spend the 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. Tillet Ellis, of No. 208 East Fifth street, is in possession of a peculiar relic that brings back memories 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 memorable by the stormy days of reconstruction.

ROD IS FOUND.

Valuable English Setter of Mr. C. A. Moseley in the Hands of a Fort Mill, S. C., Man—The Dog is a Well-Known Animal and Very Valuable.

Rod has been found. Although only a dog, Rod has friends by the hundreds, and when his owner, Mr. Charles A. Moseley, lost him recently, genuine grief ensued.

Yesterday Mr. Moseley 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.

DEATH OF YOUNG WIDOW.

Mrs. C. L. Chambers, of Caroleen, Died at St. Peter's Hospital Yesterday 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, Friday to be operated on. Sunday the operation took place, and there seemed a fighting chance for her recovery.

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, and the management promises that an entirely new and exceptionally interesting lot of scenes will be reproduced.

PERSONALS.

The Movements of a Number of People, Visitors and Others.

Mr. A. H. McLeod, of Lumberton, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

Mr. Edwin J. McKeithan, of Aberdeen, is at the Buford.

Mr. L. W. Huddins, of Greensboro, is in town.

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

Mr. M. Dorsett, of Siler City, spent last night in the city.

Mr. H. N. Howard, of Mooresville, is registered at the Central.

Mr. S. S. Neal, of Greensboro, is in the city.

Architect F. M. Sawyer left last night on a business trip North.

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 among the arrivals last night.

Mr. C. D. Bennett spent yesterday in Albemarle on legal business.

Rev. Wm. Black, of Davidson, was in the 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, arrived yesterday and is at the Buford.

Mr. Thor. M. Huffman, 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. Tillet spent yesterday in Morganton on professional business.

Mr. W. S. Blakeney, a Monroe merchant, was in the city yesterday on business.

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 Monroe.

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

Mrs. A. DeB. McEachin, of Laurinburg, 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.

Mr. A. C. Campbell, of Aberdeen, spent last night in the city, staying at the Central.

Mr. W. W. Motz, of Lincolnton, arrived in the city last night and is registered 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-day.

Rev. C. L. Hoffman leaves to-morrow for Lincolnton, where he will spend the holidays.

Rev. M. N. Bales, one of the speakers at the recent meeting of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, returned yesterday to New York.

Mr. Frost Torrence, of Gastonia, who is to establish an agency in this city for a large paint concern, spent yesterday in the city.

BRIEFS.

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

—Officer E. M. House, is very ill with pneumonia at his home on Smith street.

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

—Mr. F. B. Alexander, who has returned from a business trip to New York city, was the victim of a pick-pocket to the tune of \$50.

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

—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 Frank Givens 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 removed to the county home.

—Mr. P. D. Hinson, of Lincolnton, was in the city last night, and came 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 policies which were cancelled illegally, 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 communication of Phalanx Lodge, No. 21, will be held in the Masonic Hall this evening 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 this afternoon at 3 o'clock, at his home in Huntersville.

—Mrs. Annie Smith Ross, the librarian, is preparing an interesting entertainment for the little folks at their regular hour at the Carnegie Library Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. A special Christmas story will be read to them and each child will be presented with a Christmas souvenir.

—Mr. LeRoy Davidson, who sent a card case and memorandum book to ex-President Cleveland, has received the following autograph acknowledgment: "Dear Sir: I have just received 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 Bundles 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 handled at the Southern depot. Last night rows of trucks, laden to their utmost capacity, stood along the tracks all the way from the depot to the main station, a hunting yard behind. 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 burglary, bound for the cinder-dry and thirty towns of South Carolina. And the stuff was done up in the most innocent looking bundles and boxes imaginable.

Interesting Partnership.

An interesting partnership is that which is announced between Mr. Edmund Randolph Preston, of the Charlotte bar, and Mr. Thomas Ruffin, recently 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 Piedmont building. Mr. Ruffin has been warmly welcomed in the life of the city, and Mr. Preston is well known and has hosts of friends here. With the undeniable talent, energy and ability which is theirs, Messrs. Ruffin & Preston should have a large measure of success.

FREE SHOW.

The National Biscuit Company has sent a demonstrator to-day gives a demonstration of its products at the grocery store of Messrs. Usher Bros., on East Trade street.

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. Misenheimer 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 out of its way in time. Dr. Misenheimer's driver was both severely bruised, though not dangerously hurt. The buggy was wrecked.

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 bankrupt 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 before to-morrow afternoon.

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