

ESPECIAL LITERARY

This week's program is... Mrs. H. D. Heath, who entertains tomorrow afternoon...

Cards reading as follows were received in the city yesterday...

Mr. William Dunn, junior on Saturday afternoon the fourteenth of December...

Miss Ruth Tedder returned yesterday from a visit to relatives and friends in Lumberton.

Mrs. Walter W. Watt will entertain at her home, No. 6 East Ninth street, Thursday afternoon...

Mrs. N. L. Shimmonds left last evening for Washington to attend the Prince-Straus wedding...

Mrs. Edmund L. Barringer, who was operated on yesterday at the Presbyterian Hospital...

Miss Julia Alexander and the student delegates from the Elizabeth and Presbyterian colleges...

Miss Lucy Wallace, of the teaching force of Linwood College, will return to that institution to-day...

Miss Nell Orr is spending several days with relatives in the city. She is a member of the faculty of Linwood College.

Mrs. H. E. C. Bryant and daughter, Elizabeth Sharpe, will remain in the city for several weeks before leaving for Washington to join Mr. Bryant.

Miss Mary Lane Davis has returned to her home in Savannah, Ga., after spending several weeks in the city with Mrs. J. O. Gardner...

Mrs. John Crawford, of Lancaster, S. C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. John G. Montgomery, at her home on South Tryon street.

Blue Ribbon Vanilla. Taken less. Flavors perfectly. Buy it once and you will use it always.

PERSONAL

The Movements of a Number of People, Visitors and Others. Mr. J. H. McPhail, Jr., of Winston-Salem, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

Mr. L. J. Ridge, of Greensboro, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. W. W. Green, of Raleigh, was registered among the guests at the Buford yesterday.

Mr. Meyer E. Nathan spent yesterday in Gastonia, with friends.

Rev. W. H. Stevenson will return to-day to his duties at Eureka Theological Seminary, after preaching yesterday at Steele Creek.

Mr. G. W. Dettler, of Rock Hill, S. C., spent last night in the city, stopping at the Buford.

Mr. L. C. McDonald, of Cherryville, spent last night in the city.

Mr. Thomas P. Moore, of Yorkville, S. C., was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

Dr. Louis Freidheim, of Rock Hill, S. C., spent last night in the city.

Dr. Furman P. Covington, of Florence, S. C., was registered among the guests at the Central last night.

Mr. J. A. Vaughan, of Statesville, spent last night in the city.

Among the guests at the Central last night were Messrs. H. F. Jackson and F. D. Fant, of Columbia, S. C.

Mr. J. C. Lusk, a prominent railroad man of Charleston, S. C., is spending to-day in the city, stopping at the Selwyn.

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BRIEFS

A Few Minor Happenings in and About the City. The board of school commissioners is due to meet in the city hall to-morrow night.

The Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society of the Second Presbyterian church will meet in the church parlors this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Matt Ransom McCorkle, of Newton, well known in Charlotte, has secured through the influence of Senator Simmons a position in the department of Agriculture at Washington.

—Inadvertently the Observer stated yesterday morning that the Richardson Orchestra furnished the music at Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parker's reception Saturday evening. It should have been the Asbury Orchestra.

—There will be an important meeting of the Mecklenburg Medical Society in the council chamber of the city hall to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Aside from the regular business, officers will be elected for the ensuing year. A full attendance of the members is desired.

OFFICIAL BOARDS MEET. County Commissioners, Board of Education and Board of Aldermen Will Hold Sessions To-Day and To-Night, Respectively.

A number of important matters will come up for discussion and settlement to-day and to-night at the meeting of the various official boards of the city and county. The question of whether suits will be instituted for the recovery of back taxes will be uppermost with the commissioners. It is not at all unlikely that they will advise the tax assessors to proceed unless the taxpayers agree to pay up all they owe. The taxes which have been unpaid for five years, in some instances, amount to \$50,000, and the assessors declare that this must be paid.

The school board has several matters to review and this meeting promises to be of some interest. With the aldermen to-night there will be some lively discussions. It being the time agreed upon to elect two aldermen, considerable anxiety is experienced as to its results. Other matter having a financial bearing will probably come up.

Did the Cars Come From Charlotte? A Charlotte lady who attended the Y. W. C. A. convention in Rock Hill, S. C., last week called up the Observer office last night to ask whether or not any of the old Charlotte cars were now in service on the Rock Hill horse-car system. Ignorant of the facts, an Observer man referred the lady to the 4C's at the most likely source from which the desired information might be secured. Should any one else know, a line to the Observer will be appreciated.

Bob Fisher and Constable Jim Johnson in Melee at Davidson—To Be Tried at This Term of Court. Bob Fisher, a white man, was brought to the city last yesterday afternoon from Davidson and lodged in the county jail to await trial for having assaulted an officer with a deadly weapon and for carrying a pistol. The trouble arose yesterday when Mr. Jim Johnson, town marshal of Davidson, went to arrest Fisher. No sooner had he stated the object of his visit when Fisher jerked out his pistol and advanced, the two coming quickly to blows. After some delay, Fisher was arrested and carried before Magistrate J. Lee Sligh, Jr., to be tried on the double charge of carrying a concealed weapon and assaulting an officer with intent to kill. He was bound over and in default of bond sent to Charlotte to await trial at this week's criminal court. He will also be tried before Judge J. W. Cobb this afternoon on a warrant charging him with the larceny of a pistol.

Prominent Telephone Officials Coming. Mr. Theodore W. Wall, of Boston, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company; Mr. Edward J. Hall, of New York, president of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company; and Mr. W. T. Conroy, of Atlanta, Ga., vice president of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, three of the most prominent telephone officials in America, will arrive in the city Tuesday evening for the purpose of visiting and inspecting the local telephone exchange and conferring relative to telephone conditions in the South. They will spend the night in the city, leaving the next morning.

The Year's Budget \$2,000. The special to the Observer from Rock Hill, S. C., yesterday about the Y. W. C. A. Convention contained a typographical error, which should be corrected. Instead of the year's budget being raised to \$200 as the article gave it, it should have been \$2,000. The convention in all respects of the terms proved a most interesting one to those Charlotte ladies who attended.

When December's icy fingers have shown each farmer true, It's time to tone your system. By taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, R. H. Jordan & Co.

Charlotte Steam Laundry. Launderers, Dyers, Cleaners. 219 South Tryon Street.

Christmas Goods

We are filling up our new first floor with a fine display of Christmas Novelties, such as China, Dolls, Books and thousands of Novelties.

These were bought at closing out figures and you can get big bargains.

DOLLS! DOLLS! DOLLS! We imported our Dolls this year and are giving much better values than ever before. Beautiful Dolls of all kinds at attractive prices.

RIBBON SALE—LOT 1. Fine All-Silk Ribbons, bought way under price from one of the best manufacturers. All new, fresh Ribbons. All colors and up to 6 inches wide. Most of it worth 25c. yard, and a good part regular 35 and 40c. values.

The best bargains in Ribbons we have ever shown, 15c. yard.

LOT 2. Extra choice Ribbons, all widths up to 3 1/2 inches, wide, just the thing for fancy work and hair ribbons, worth up to 15 and 20c. yard; 10c. yard.

CLOAKS AND SUITS. We are having a big trade in our new Cloak room.

Special low prices and pretty Coats and Suits.

Special lot Children's Coats, a variety of styles, worth one-fourth to one-third more, \$2.50, \$4.00, \$5.00.

MILLINERY. We have lately gotten a new stock of Millinery and at prices about half earlier figures. This makes quite a difference. Our milliners are trimming some of their prettiest hats.

IVEY'S

Will Stay. For pain in back or chest, King's Anti-Pain Plaster touches the spot. This especially good to protect the lungs with one of these on front and back. They are 25 cents and their curative and protective power is very great. Sold by Burwell-Dunn Retail Store.

White House Coffee. The Best Grocers.

SPECIAL NOTICES. NUNNALLY'S BONBONS, ASSORTED Chocolates, Chocolate, Peppermint, Crystallized Figs, Jordan Almonds, Chocolate Almonds, Chocolate Nuts, Peppermints, taken in next few days just received. WOODALL & SHEPPARD, Druggists.

TO LET—IVE JUST ONE HOUSE FOR rent, but it's the best \$20 house in Charlotte. New (no microbes, unless you take them with you), modern throughout, built for comfort and convenience. It challenges comparison with higher priced places. It's on E. 11th, between C. and D. Now don't all speak at once. E. L. KETTLER, 23 S. Tryon street. Phone 24.

HARKEY & PAGE, ELECTRICIANS. Everything electrical, house, mill and line work a specialty. We also furnish estimates for city lighting plants. HARKEY & PAGE, 22 Trade St., Charlotte, N. C. Shop phone 321. Night calls 1108 and 1282.

FARM FOR SALE. 100 ACRES NEAR Myers Park; not outside city limits, on the new big road, will soon be worth \$1,000. If taken in next few days just received. Don't miss it. J. ARTHUR HENDERSON & BRO.

FIFTY TO SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT. OFF on second-hand typewriters, 200 machines at prices that will astonish you by their cheapness. J. E. CRAVY, TON & CO., 217 S. Tryon St. Phone 24.

THE NEW YORK LUNCH ROOMS at N. Tryon, 29 W. Trade, 24 E. Trade, newly refitted, marble-topped lunch counter; make a very attractive lunch and dining room. Bill of fare including all the market affords. Try our egg sandwiches.

SMOKED SALMON IN TWO GRADES. Sold by the whole lot. Best quality, 10c. lb. Egg Noodles, 10c. lb. Good Macaroni, 7c. cent 5 for 25c. Italian Chestnuts, 10c. lb. Hams 12c. Country Cured 17c. BRIDGERS & CO.

IT'S EASY TO MAKE THE MOST DELICIOUS desserts if you use the right flavoring extract. Blue Ribbon Vanilla answers that purpose.

JACOBS CANDY FOR CHRISTMAS. We are going to sell lots of it so you better not wait too long to order what you want. No better candy made than Jacobs'. JAS. F. STOWE & CO., Druggists. Phone 115.

MADAME, HOW IS YOUR STOCK OF Mince-meat? Remember we have the Forde! mince-meat, also Almon's. We are sure these are the best on the market. So let us hear from you. HILLER-BRAND NISS CO., 27 N. Tryon. Phone 68 and 115.

WHAT WE SERVE IS APPETIZING and healthful. It's a long journey to find a better menu, healthier food or prices more popular. Eating here means satisfaction as well as good humor. GEM DINING ROOM AND LUNCH COUNTER.

Present Winter Needs

Christmas Goods

SEVERAL SPECIALS FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY. Robe Blankets \$1.50 and 90c.

A new line of Robe Blankets in a beautiful assortment of rich, dark patterns. Each Blanket enough for a Robe. Price, \$1.50. Another line of Robe Blankets, equally as pretty, not so heavy. Price, 90c.

Wool Blanket Bargains. Single All-Wool Gray Blankets that were they in pairs would be worth one-third more than special price, 90c. and \$1.25 each. \$5.00 11-4 All-Wool Blankets, \$3.98.

North Carolina 11-4 All-Wool Blankets, a lot we cleaned up from mill at end of season; assorted borders, \$5.00 value, at \$3.98. Soft, Downy Cotton Blankets at 95c. a Pair. 100 pairs large size soft, downy Gray and White Cotton Blankets. Price \$3.00.

Good Comfort Values. Splendid values in Comforts, not the kind filled with lumpy cotton. Each Comfort is filled with pure cotton or down that has been sterilized and is hygienically pure. Prices, 90c. to \$7.50.

Woolens Reduced. Another generous reduction in Woolens. These are odd pieces and lines we will discontinue. The lot contains some elegant bargains. It's a chance to buy children's dresses at a saving; 90c. 75c. Woolens reduced to 50c.

Neck Furs and Muffs—Rich Variety. 85c. to \$4.50 for Black and Brown Long Scarfs and Throwtees. Large assortment. \$5.00 and \$7.50 for Gray Squirrel, Isabella Fox and Opossum Muffs, Scarfs, Throws and Muffs. \$10.00 to \$15.00 for Glossy Black Lynx, Sable and Isabella Fox, Mink and Squirrel Throwtees, Scarfs and Muffs. \$25.00 to \$58.00 for Mink Muffs, Scarfs and Throwtees.

The slaughter of Women's Suits continues to fill up the gaps made by last week's big sales. We put the knife in a lot more of our regular stock. These Suits are not the most expensive, the original values running from \$12.50 to \$22.50. Lot represents samples and odd lots that, on account of sizes being broken, we have decided to close. Materials the best, the majority being All-Wool, in Cloths and Mixtures. The styles are correct. The lot must be closed, and to do so the price is cut one-third to one-half.

\$12.50 to \$15.00 Suits, \$7.50. About 25 in this lot, original price \$12.50 to \$15.00. Reduced to \$7.50. \$15.00 to \$22.50 Suits Reduced to \$10.00. About 30 or 35 in this lot, value and original price \$15.00 to \$22.50. Reduced to \$10.00.

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