

**Little Miss Helen** (Miss Helen) is recovering from an attack of grip which has confined her for several days.

The rural mail carriers went their rounds yesterday as usual. Their next holiday will be New Year's.

The post boys enjoyed a fine business yesterday. Five dollars were spread and none of the guests left hungry.

The Asbury-Dream Orchestra will go to Rock Hill, S. C., to-day to furnish the music for a dance there to-night.

"It cost me \$20 to come up street this morning," said a citizen yesterday, who had been "stung" by everybody he met.

The managers of the Alexander Home will meet at the home this afternoon at 4 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

The policemen were given a box of cigars yesterday by Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, who continues to remind them that he is their friend.

The police station contained its usual quota of drunks and disorderlies last night. As a whole, however, the cops declare that an unusual quietude was prevalent.

Rev. W. C. Schaeffer conducted the main service at St. Mark's Lutheran church at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The service was well attended and was very impressive.

The Board of Home Missions of the A. R. P. Church will meet to-day at 1 o'clock in the First church of this city. A number of ministers from out of the city are expected to attend.

The annual Christmas tree at the Tryon Street Methodist Church will take place to-night at 8 o'clock. Santa Claus by special request will be present to distribute gifts in person to the children.

Only two students of the Presbyterian College remained here during the holidays, as a consequence of which the accustomed life and animation of the building is gone with the merry faces to their homes.

All the southbound trains on the Southern were off schedule from five to six hours last night, probably due to the Christmas traffic. A special train was made up at Salisbury and run to Atlanta, bearing the name of "25."

The court house was deserted yesterday. There was no life there, all the offices being closed. The ring of the hammer, which has been heard for many weeks in the new building for the lawyers nearby was likewise silenced.

A heavy plate glass in the front door of Blair Bros. drug store was broken early last night by a flying missile from the end of a pop-stick. The projectile came from across the street. There is no clue as to who slipped the cap or threw the iron ball.

"My horse I thought was not afraid of anything," remarked a well-known business man yesterday when talking of the uproar and confusion Christmas Eve, "but he certainly got restless last night. I never heard such noises in all my life. Had there been a pitch battle in progress in the city there could not have been more confusion."

**PERSONAL**

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

Dr. J. J. Stewart of Mount Holly, spent a few hours in the city yesterday, stopping at the Buford.

Mr. H. J. Forsyth of Chester, S. C., is spending several days in the city with his family.

Mr. G. F. Roberts of Fries, Va., was registered among the guests at the Southern Manufacturers' Club yesterday.

Mr. B. F. Dixon, Jr., of King's Mountain, spent yesterday in the city with friends.

Mr. George A. Frick of Norfolk, Va., was the guest of Mr. C. E. Frick, at the Southern Manufacturers' Club yesterday.

Mr. George H. Boutelle, of Thomasville, Ga., was registered among the guests at the Selwyn yesterday.

Mr. George S. Scott, of Petersburg, Va., was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. Joseph McLean, of Atlanta, Ga., was registered among the guests at the Selwyn yesterday.

Prof. R. W. Adams of Richburg, S. C., spent yesterday with his father, Dr. J. C. Adams, in Dilworth.

Mr. R. F. Black, of Maxton, was registered among the guests at the Central yesterday.

Mr. G. A. Mauney of Rockingham, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

Mr. F. H. Love, of Selma, Ala., was registered among the guests at the Central yesterday.

Mr. John C. Rankin, of Lowell, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. H. Herbener, of Providence, R. I., is here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Thompson, in Dilworth.

Mrs. Herbener is also Mrs. Thompson's guest, her husband coming down to the Selwyn with her.

Mr. R. McNeill, of Rock Hill, S. C., was registered among the guests at the Central last night.

Mr. J. T. McLean, of Lillington, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. C. Y. Bell, who has been spending several days in the city with friends, will leave this morning for his home at Lincolnton.

Mr. S. A. Washburn was a visitor in the city last night from Shelby.

Mr. Robert J. Smith, formerly of this city, but now of New York, is visiting friends here, having arrived yesterday.

Mr. James T. Bowman, of Shelby, spent last night in the city, stopping at the Buford.

Mr. W. W. Anderson, of Georgeville, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

Mr. D. C. Johnston came up last night from Rock Hill, S. C., and is stopping at the Central.

Mr. T. H. Pagram, of Mooresville, was a guest at the Central last night.

Mr. A. B. Williams, of Albemarle, spent last night in the city, the guest of Mr. Hubert Rameur, of Maxton, who was registered at the Selwyn last night.

Mr. W. L. Parsons was a visitor to the city last night from Rockingham, stopping at the Selwyn.

**Little Miss Durham in Extremis.**

Little Miss Wriston Durham, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Durham, who has been so ill for the past several weeks, was reported to be in extremis last night, his recovery being despaired of and doubt being expressed as to whether or not he could survive the night.

The Sweet Coffee Substitute ever made, has recently been produced by Dr. Shoop, of Baden, Wis. You don't have to boil it twenty or thirty minutes. "Made in a minute," says the doctor. "Health Coffee" is really the closest Coffee imitation ever yet produced. Not a grain of real coffee in it either. Health Coffee Imitation is made from pure roasted cereals or grains with milk, nuts, etc. Really it would feel an expert were he to unknowingly drink it for Coffee. Miller-Van Nest Co.

**CHRISTMAS IS GONE.**

Except for the noise, everything assumed a Sabbath appearance here—Stores Closed—Workmen Enjoyed a Day of Rest—Children Rambled on the Streets All Day.

Christmas passed quietly in the city yesterday except for the noise of the pop-sticks which continued until a late hour last night to annoy the civil people who had business on the streets. No accidents are reported to have marred the pleasure of the occasion, and the people enjoyed a good time generally. The stores and factories closed down, and all the working people had a day of rest. Business was suspended on all hands.

In a few of the churches services were held last night, the majority being in the nature of cantatas and Christmas entertainments. The people entered heartily into the spirit of the day, and judging from appearances, everybody had a good time loafing around. The crowds that kept on the streets during a large part of the day were orderly and fairly well-behaved. Peace seemed to prevail on all sides.

A good many city folks got their hunting material together early in the morning and went to the country to spend the day in the woods, shooting birds and chasing the cotton-tails. In all, the features of such a day charmed the people.

But the noise of the dynamite was fearful. At times there was a full during the day, and when like a summer's storm it would all come at once. A street car would run over a load of explosives and even the sidewalks seemed to quake. There was a series of unpleasant sounds, penetrating, harsh and bitter. It was a matter that required superior patience to keep ears from being stung by the sound of a youngster would fire his stick and pop it at your feet.

But the Christmas of 1907 is so soon a thing of the past. With its precious recollections, its unique inspirations, its comforting reflections and its unapproachable pleasures, it has gone to the eternities of the past. It passed normally here and that is saying enough.

**FIREMAN BREAKS HIS ARM.**

Assistant Chief W. S. Charles, of the Fire Department, breaks right arm while fighting fire on West Fifth Street.

Assistant Chief W. S. Charles, of the city fire department had the misfortune yesterday morning to break his arm while engaged in putting out a fire at the home of Mr. C. E. Cullpepper, on West Fifth street. Assistant Chief Charles had just climbed up on the porch roof in order the more effectively to get at the fire, when he slipped and fell. Those who had helped him up caught him by the legs as he tumbled over and he struck the ground on his right arm and back. The heavy bone connecting the elbow and shoulder was broken, the injury not only being a very painful but a serious one so far as healing is concerned. Mr. Charles was carried immediately to the Presbyterian Hospital, where his wound was dressed and the limb set. He was removed to his home, corner of Fifth and College streets, at noon.

The fire caught from a defective flue in the kitchen of Mr. Cullpepper's home, the alarm being turned in at 8 o'clock from box 42. The flames had gained considerable headway when the department reached the scene and only after a hard fight were they extinguished. The damage will amount to approximately \$500. The house belongs to Mr. Charles Blume.

**Death of Dr. McLean Pitts.**

Dr. McLean Pitts died last evening at 7 o'clock at his home in Selma, Ala., after an illness of several weeks. Dr. Pitts had a number of relatives and acquaintances in Charlotte, who received word of his death last night. He was 35 years of age and was married only four days ago. For several weeks he had been in declining health and had prepared to go to Johns Hopkins, when he suddenly became unable to take the trip. He was a son of Judge P. H. Pitts and a man of standing in his profession.

Trial Catarrh treatments are being mailed out free on request by Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. These tests are proving to the people—without a penny's cost—the great value of this scientific prescription known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Remedy. Sold by Muller's pharmacy.

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Charlotte Merchants Declare That Business Has Been Better This Year Than For Any Previous Year—A Fine Commentary on Conditions.

As many as four of Charlotte's leading merchants, those who deal in the things that count, have been heard to declare that their trade this Christmas was better than that of any previous year. This would not be unexpected, were it not for the fact that it has been noted abroad and the people of the country are supposed to be suffering from "hard times." These statements go to show that the rumors are more imaginary than real. It is no insignificant commentary upon the people of this city and county to have four prominent merchants make bold to say such things in the face of the present state of the national finances.

In addition to the size of the trade, however, there is another feature that adds color and holds deep meaning. These merchants are of one mind that the cash sales this year have seldom, if ever, been approached, which is another testimonial of conditions in this community. They further declare that their customers showed enough consideration to come early and avoid "the rush."

These declarations are worthy of more than passing consideration. They come from the managers of the Little-Long Company, Belk Bros., Ely's Department Stores and J. E. Ivey & Co. This state of affairs does not alone exist with the large wholesale and retail merchandise and general supply stores, but of other merchants in different lines of business. The jewelry, hardware and grocery stores enjoyed the same excess in their receipts. Who has the nerve to cry "panic" and fling the challenge of "hard times" in the face of these statements? All these facts go to show that the common people, such as Abraham Lincoln said, "God loved, and of whom fortunately there are many in Charlotte and Mecklenburg county, are in fine shape financially and are well fixed for the future."

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