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WINSTON-SALEM.

Correspondence of The Observer Winston-Salem, May 21.—At its last meeting, the Tuscarora Book Club was charmingly entertained by Miss Louise Bahnson. Roll call was answered by some interesting facts concerning French artists of the nineteenth century. Miss Grace Whitaker gave an interesting sketch of Empress Eugenie, and Mrs. W. T. Olds a greatly enjoyed account of the celebrated national hymn of France, "The Marsel-laise." A delicious two-course coliation followed the literary meeting. Besides the club members, Misses Nell Morrison and Mattletta Cocke, of Asheville, shared Miss Bahnson's hospitality.

Mrs. Henry F. Shaftner's elegant reception in honor of Miss Eleanor Fries, was one of the leading social events of last week. The handsome new home, tasteful and artistic in every detail, was doubly attractive in the wealth of exquisite roses that made the effective decorations. At the door, two dainty little maidens, Misses Josephine and Eleanor Shaffner, re-ceived the cards. Mrs. William F. Shaffner bade gracious welcome to each coming guest.

Receiving with the hostess were the guests of honer, Misses Nell Morrison and Mattietta Cooke, of Asneville, Mesdames Francis H. Fries, H. R. Starbuck, A. H. Eller, Misses Louise Bahnson and Ruth Slewers. In the haff, Mesdames W. A. Blair, H. T. Bahnson and J. D. Langenour presided, Mrs. William A. Lemly inviting the guests into the elegant dining room, where, amid the most attractive appointments and surroundings, the delicious refreshments were served by Misses Grace Starbuck, Louise Horton, Pauline Bahnson, and Marguerite Fries, under the charming direction of Mesdames M. F. Patterson, and Ledoux Siewers.

On the veranda, radiant with a wealth of Marechal Neil roses, Mrs. Henry Fries served punch, assisted by Mesdames J. F. Shaffner, Jr., Edmund Patterson, Emma Pfohl, and Miss Grace Slewers. In the doorway Mrs. Phin Horton sped the parting

The meeting of Sorosis last week was unusually interesting. In the absence of the president, Miss Adelaide Fries, Mrs. W. J. Conrad presided. She attended the meeting of the State Federation in Raleigh and gave a most interesting account of the pro-ceedings of that body. This was followed by the election of officers for the ensuing year. These are, president, Mrs. G. E. Webb; first vice president, Mrs. H. T. Bahnson, second vice president, Mrs. J. El Alexander; seoretary, Mrs. Frank Martin, treasurer, Mrs. William F. Shaffner, Miss Minnie Collier, who had served as secretary most faithfully and acceptably for five years, was presented with a handsome umbrella by the members of the club. The presentation was made by Miss Anna Buxton in an exceedingly bright and witty manner.

This being the just meeting for the season, it was decided to continue the Bay View course, with Sweden, Norsign the chapters to be covered by the papers.

Thursday afternoon, Miss Eleanor Fries was guest of honor at a beauprogressive domino party given by Miss Frank Hanes. The highest score was made by Miss Mary Medearts, who received the first prize, a gilt mirror. A very lovely compute in dainty, hand-painted china, was presented to the guest of honor. Miss Nell Morrison received the visitor's prize, a souvenir spoon. The games were followed by a delightful twocourse collation

Friday afternoon Misses Annie and Marguerite Ludlow gave a most enjoyable bridge party in compliment to the brides-to-be, Misses Evelyn Court-Owens and Eleanor Fries. tractive souvenirs were presented to the guests of honor.

Saturday afternoon, Misses Caro and Anna Buxton entertained very delightfully at progressive euchre in honor of their cousin, Miss Elearor Fries. In a tie between Miss May Deingerfield and Miss Nell Morrison for the highest score, the latter received a pretty copy of 'Sweethearts. The guest of honor received a pretty seful souvenir from the hostess Delicious refreshments in two courses were served.

At the final meeting of the season of the Monday Afternoon Book Club, held at the home of Mrs. H. E. Mc-Iver, it was decided to vary and enlarge the course of study for an attoryear. Among other subjects, Shakespeare will come in for special study and much time will be devoted to the study of Mexico and Central America. new officers elected were Mrs. Wilham N. Reynolds, president; Mrs. E. B. Jones, vice president; Mrs. H. S. Lott, secretary and treasurer. Enjoyable refreshments were served after the business meeting.

The Monday Embroidery Club was very charmingly entertained by Mrs. W. W. Briggs. Besides the membership, Mrs. Briggs entertained several other friends in honor of her mother, Mrs. J. L. Thornton, of Halifax county, Virginia, and her sister, Mrs. T. L. Bagby, of Redmond, Va.

The Round Dozen Club was graciously entertained Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Henry Edgar Jenkins.

One of the prettiest of the many social events that have been given in | Neill. honor of Miss Bertha Lembach was the entertainment given by Miss Daisy Spaugh. In every way it was truly a rose party, for decorations, color scheme, menu and souvenirs as well as the leading feature of the occasion, were roses or bore some pretty hint of the "Queen of the Garden.

As the guests arrived, each was presented with a rose-snaped booklet containing a love story, with the blank spaces to be supplied with the names of flowers. A trial of skill in this showed that Mrs. Elma Pichl's book was most complete and she received the first prize. The consolation went to Mrs. Fred Pfohl. The hestess presented the bride-to-be with

a basket of exquisite pink roses. A charming surprise awaited the bride-to-be when a skilfully prepared ruse led her blindfolded into the dining room, where, when the blindfold had been removed, she saw a lovely array of linen, gifts from the guests, all deftly arranged amid a wealth of pink roses. Delicious refreshments in pink and white carried out and phasized the prettily selected rose,

CONCORD.

Correspondence of The Observer. Concord, May 21 .- Many friends in oncord and elsewhere are deeply inerested in the announcement of the marriaeg of Miss Lina Elizabeth Hartsell and Mr. Issiah Iverson Davis, Jr., on Wednesday evening, the 21 of June, at seven o'clock at the home of the bride.

Miss Hartselle is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hartsell, and one of Concord's most attractive, popular and accomplised young ladies. Mr. Davis, formerly of Morganton, has during his three years' stay in the city, won for himself many friends, who congratulate him on his good fortune in winning so charming a bride. He is connected with the People's drug store and is a most excellent oung man.

Miss Ellen Gibson entertained most delightfully the Variety Club on Friay morning. The tables were placed on the aspacious veranda and for several hours the game of euchre was thoroughly enjoyed. Most elegant and dainty refreshments were served as a finale to this pleasant occasion. Besides the members Misses Lina Elizabeth Hartsell, Wilma Correll and Margaret Leutz, of Sallsbury, were

Master Tom Gay, the attractive litle son of Mr. and Mrs. L D. Coltane, was at home to a number of his friends on Friday afternoon from four to six. The occasion was the celebration of Master Tom's fourth birthday and most enjoyable it was for the merry little party. Delicious cream, cake and mints were served.

Misses Kate Street, of Newbern, and Carrie, Wooten, of Buena Vista, Ga., arrived in teh city the past week to visit Miss Lina Martsell. Mrs. H. B. Swaringen, of Elberton, Ga. will arrive Wednesday, and will also be the guest of Miss Hartsell.

LAURINBURG.

Correspondence of The Observer Lausinburg, May 21.-May 18 Miss Harriet MoLean was hostess to the Elizabeth Browning Book Club. Her handsome reception room was a bower of beauty, not only in its dainty decorations of red rambler roses, but in the gathering of lovely girls. afternoon in its fair loveliness seemed to lend itself to the occasion, annd so sunshine, beauty, flowers and mu-sic held full sway. The subject of the club was "Mussicians." "Mozart." by Miss Francis Louise Neal, and "Haydn Compared With Mozart," by Miss Emma W. Gill, were the only papers forthcoming, but these were excellent, and showed a close study of the sub-

A musical contest was most appropriate, this was a story of love, in which the names of vocal and instrumental selections, indicated by fni-tials, carried out the tale. Miss Julia Stewart found luck her friend, and won the much-desired prize.

Elegant ice oream and cake added way and Holland as the countries to to the enjoyment of this delightful be studied. Next year papers will be entertainment, and on each plate a required and the year-book will as card crimson ribbon fied, bearing some musical instrument done in gilt and ink, showed how well the hostess arried out her musical programme. The visitors were: Mesdames M. Jordan, Floyd Biue, Turner, T. T. Covington and Misses Julia Stewart

FAYETTEVILLE.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Fayetteville, May 21.-Fayetteville has again enjoyed to the fullest "The Fiddlers' Convention," which has proven as great a success in every respect as that of last year.

Some fifty or more old-time fiddlers with their fiddles arrived from all directions and the opening chorus, led by Mr W F Blount, was indeed W. F. Blount, thrilling and inspiring, and from the very beginning held the attention and called forth repeated applause from one of the largest and most representative audiences ever seen in Fayetteville. Each and every fiddler played their airs remarkably well and with the old-time swing.

The banjo pickers added much and the Irish song by Mr. J. J. Maloney and daughter brought forth spontaneous applause, as did also their old-time Irish reel.

A male quartette, composed of the highlanders, "the men of the hour." was given quite an ovation, and last, but by no means least, was the old quadrille, danced by sixteen belles and beaux dressed in colonial style. To Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Blount is Such is the case anywhere you go due the marked success of the convention.

On the evening of May 10, with the elements decidedly against, a most enjoyable amateur performance was given under the auspices of the Flora McDonald Dramatic Club. "The Temple of Fame" was indeed a treat to a good sized audience. The characters were well gotten up and many deserve special mention.

Mrs. Watson M. Fairley has been the guest of honor at numerous receptions since her arrival as a bride in our midst. On Tuesday evening a most beautiful reception was held in the parlor of the First Presbyterian church. Here Mrs. Fairley met for the first time the members of her husband's congregation.

Mesdames Dick Boyd, Gus Rose and J. Sprunt Newton entertained most charmingly in honor of Mrs. Fairley, as did also Mrs. George Mc-

At her beautiful home on Dick street. Mrs. R. H. McDuffle gave a delightful reception in honor of her sister, Mrs. Joseph R. Ross, of Charlotte, who is now the guest of Mrs.

Mr. J. F. Harrison, who has been spending the winter in Sanford, Fla., where he has interests, has returned to the city.-Mrs. George Elliott, of Wilmington, accompanied three children, arrived in the city today and will be the guest of her father, Col. W. J. Green, at Tokay.-Mrs. Mary Hinsdale is the guest of Mrs. Southerland in Goldsboro.—Mr. Hal North has returned to Lillington. -Mr. and Mrs. George O'Hanlon are I'll just go 'way back and sit down. moving into Mr. O'Hanlon's old home on Hay Mount .- Mrs W. E. Brothers has returned to the city, accompanied by her father, Mr. J. B. Williams, who has recently been ill.—Miss Jean Pemberton will return the latter part

ROCKINGHAM EN RHYME.

Reidsville Review. I am no poet as you will find, Nor am I much on writing prose, But a few thoughts on Rockingham rhyme

I'll give to you, so here it goes. Rockingham is a growing town.

round.

Near the depot the machine shop found; There you find Messrs. Sharp and Brown And others working steel both square and

Nearby you find the foundry plant Mouiding just most anything you want. Don't titlnk your wants they cannot grant. Their motto is, "Never say we can't."

Adjacent is the plant for electric light Where light is made both clear and bright.

And if you are ever in town at night, You will find it is very near right.

Next on this side is Mark's planing mil Where you can get your orders filled. If you fail, try Dockery's mill; Between the two, I am sure you will

In close proximity, in a shady glade, You'll find a mill where bagging's made Tis said you can get none better-This mill is owned by the Messra Led

The cotton mills help to make the boem With many thousands spindles also many looms.

But not a boom in the ordinary way, The cotton mills have come to stay There is Great Falls and Pee Dee No

I and 1 Hannah Pickett, and Roberdel also num bers two. Ledbetter's found little east of the rest, While Midway and Steele's are little far-

ther west All of these mills, of which there are

Are working up cotton goods coarse and creeks

shrieks. The town proper is strictly up-to-date, You'll find them busy either soon or late Your wants supplied in the best of style,

Hear their bells tolling or whistles'

While they greet you with a welcome The greecry men all along the street Have houses full of something good

While the dry-goods men can instead When you ladies have any time to shop

Be sure and call at the millinery shops, Where hats are trimmed in such style You for a week will wear a smile. Now, young men, if the ones you are

wooing And you are to housekeeping going. And if on the furniture you have agreed, Come to Rockingham and get all you

In fact most every line is well represented. tented

When they go shopping their wants to They always get it if 'tis little high.

If they are wanting to take a ride, There are 5 livery stables 3 side by side. If they are looking for something nice, They can get it by paying the price.

While coming to town, if something should break. You can get it repaired substantial and

neat If your horse is barefooted and goes You can readily have the shoes nailed on.

They are open now at the big hotel. And if I'm not mistaken are doing well. All who see it say it is pretty-That 'would look O. K. ih a big city.

If their price is too high for a man Others are running at their same old So you needn't go away hungry, since

All can be pleased from peasant to prince. The opera house is just across the street,

is a large building, attractive and neat, And is largely attended in hours of Interime By those who are seekers of pleasure.

The court house stands in the public square Where justice is meted both swift and fair.

While some escape, as we all know,

There's a large rook lying near the door Tia said to sit on it is to leave no more. If you should wander in a distant clime, You'll find your way back sure in time.

extra good papers are published here. You can get either one for one dollar a

They both are trying to give you the

The old Anglo-Saxon and the new Post. In education the town's not lagging behind,

mind Of each student in their class To fill their stations in life at last.

The churches while mentioned last are not least. Attending them to the Christian is a feast.

You may think them too pompous an affair. But entering, you find them houses of prayer.

Whether you are dressed in jewel rare, Or whether your coat is the worse for When entering you will find that you

Will be shown to a pleasant pew. The pastors, they are men of God. Carefully preparing and dividing the

Word town, And give them in heaven a starry crown.

There are other things I could easily mention. But fear I've failed to get your attention; And as editor and devil begin to frown, J. M. DOWNER.

Taft Couldn't Blame Them.

Wilmington Star.

President Taft, having looked over

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Robertson.

omyn hurch of the Minorities in Dumand thus made his work of redeeming his country from the thraldom of England ten times more difficult, and that was what he was there for. his conscience was never rid of the sin-not of the assassination, but of the scene he chose for it. The Lord bloody third district. He is a wonder, of Lorne, a near kinsman of Comyn, hunted Bruce to the morass and forced him to "the hills, the Commons, late in the eighteenth cencaves and the rocks" to crouch with tury-William Gerard Hamiltonthe fox, and it was the hardships he thus underwent that undermined the Burke and Sheridan. One night he aspowerful physical constitution of Robert Bruce and sent him to the tomb all too early.

same from the illustrious Scottish family of Comyn, whether they spell it with a y or not. The junior Senator make a speech in our Congress that from Iowa came from the Scotch- would have been a credit to Breckin-Irish settlement of Pennsylvania, but ridge, or Cockran, William L. Wil he is descended from the "Red." or son, but he never made another to apthe "Black," Comyn of six centuries proach it, and he is in danger of being

Albert B. Cummins was born in 1850, the year that Champ Clark and ber of that Congress, and he, too, is a Henry Cabet Lodge first saw the fine orator, and if he would acquire light. After receiving a liberal eduwas called to the bar and began the had in so eminent a Jegree, a knowlpractice of his profession at Chicago, edge of and respect for accuracy of Whether it was that he did not suc- fact-John Dalzell has it-he would ceed, or whether he preferred a ru- be the first debater on the Republican ral atmosphere whatever the moving side. I have often said it is worth a cause, Cummins left Chicago and went trip from the Mississippi to the Poto lows and began the practice of law tomac to hear Hepburn say "the Unit-All located on Hitchcock and Falling with politics as a by-vocation, and he ed States," On the Senate side there is became a powerful factor in the af- a fervent Republican orator, who befairs of that State. But he was an in- lieves this is a nation with a big N. cipient mugwump before he was for- and he will not use the definite article ty and occasionally the outside world before heard of him and moss-back Demo- "United States" is this, that or 'tother crats down in Kentucky, twenty and thing, just as he would say England, more years ago, were wont to wish or France, is this or that. It reminds him well and expect great things of me of what the mest brilliant Washhim; but however much of a re- ington correspondent this town ever former Cummins might have been, he saw said of Charles Sumner's use of was no mertyr. He stuck to the Re- the term he coined, "ridiculosity. publican pasty, from which all may Joseph B. McCullough in commenting gather that the Honorable Cummins upon it characterized it as "one of knows which side of his bread has got Bumner's jackassities." the butter on it. Nevertheless all Kentucky Democrats got a heap of the Iowa delegation. He, too, is an comfort out of the man, and more or prator, and can make as good an epiless aid. But that is what beggared gram as William Bryan-better when us. If the South had stood by Cleve-land as Cummins stood by the G. O. But in P., it would have mattered 'ittle man in the delegation was George D. what Cummins, LaFelette, Jerry Simp-son, Bryan and statesmen of that fik the delivery and the presence of Hep-

"Men have seen it in the tree, but a-waving of the bloody shirt with up never in the sapling; they have look- usual enthusiasm, even for him, when ed on it in the stream, but never in to the utter astonishment and imthe fountain."-I quote from memory mense dismay of his own scholarly and such is the proud boast of the party associates, such as Willie Wal-Illustrious Scottish house of Douglas, lie Phelps, in an ecstasy of patriotism and the house of Cummin, if not so and a thunderation of a voice, he ex-renowned is equally as ancient. Con-claimed: "From Highland Pass to sected with every noble family of Lowland Moor, treason never found Scotland, the Cummin blood was lodgment in Scottish breast!" The poured out lavishly for the good and woodcock ejaculated and away he the glory of that historic people, who flew. The Honorable Henderson had gave to arms Wallace and Bruce, just demonstrated that the South was Montrose and Claverhouse, and to at that very instant of time as full of letters Burns and Scott, Hume and traitors as Iowa was of hogs. If a committee of historians were appoint When Robert Bruce slew the Red ed to ascertain the country that could before the altar in the show more treason to the square inch, such as Jefferson Davis and Rebert fries, he drove the Cummin family E. Lee committed, by a unanimous nto the arms of Edward Longshanks, vote they would award the palm to Scotland; but the Honorable Henderson brought down the House, and

Robert G. Cousins was from the capable of everything but industry There was a member of the British contemporaneous with Fox and Pitt, tonished the House by making a speech that might have challenged the greatest orator who ever spoke our tongue. He never repeated it, remained All the Cummin family in America silent ever after in that body, and he is known in history as "Single Speech" Hamilton. I one day heard Cousins known as "Single Speech" Cousins.

. William P. Bepburn was a memyoung Cummins studied law. Sir Walter Scott's Jonathan Oldbuck "United States."

Johnsthan P. Dolliver was also in

But in my opinion by far the ablest thought or said, or did. We would burn, long ago he would have been



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have kept the country in the basket a Senator and a conspicuous and hon-

By and by Cummins got to be Governor and served two or more terms. We continued to hear of him, and like good Catholics in the age of for he never indulged a word of clap-Savonarola, there were Democrats trap or nonsense. He is a plain blunt who thought there might be the man of fine intellect, wwho believes making of a political Pope Angelica out of him to bring joy to all our hearts, office to all our ambitions, and I do not believe a word of the man's consequent and resultant salary and perquisite.

But efficient teachers are training the And now the octopus chase began. Bryan had made the Democratic par-ty a Populist; he had cashiered ablest men they have to legislate for Cleveland and enlisted Weaver; had traded the electoral dote of New York for that of Nevada; had solidified the North and broken the South. But they chased the octopus, and on the other side of the hedge Cummins, LaFollette, Clapp, Wisconsin Cooper and that set joined in and ran the varmint to J. Pierpont Morgan's Wall Street lair. Theodore Roosevelt was the chief huntsman, and in his pack were Ben Tillman and Joe Balley, held in leash by Bill Chandler. One day the "Allison amendment" emerged from Morgan's den and Aldrich handed it over to the grand old man of Iowa. Everybody but the two Alabama Senators and Foraker voted for the bill. Roosevelt sent Chandler, Tillman and May God bless their labors and save the Bailey to the Ananias Club, and the octopus chase was over. Statesmanship, thy name is humbug!

> In the Fifty-third Congress Iowa had an exceptionally strong delegation. There was John H. Gear, a man of good common sense, who had made a big fortune selling goods and been remarkably successful playing the game of politics. David B. Henderson. a Scotchman, a Federal soldier who had left a leg on the field of Shiloh, a fervid orator, color-bearer of the

ored and trusted leader of his party throughout the Union. Notwithstanding his poor delivery it is a delight to the intelligent mind to hear him; something and is not afraid to tell it. politics. I think them horrible; but I do believe that it is the duty of both parties to send to this 'Capital the the people of this big country. I don't know whether there are any Democrats left in Iowa or not. I doubt if there are a baker's dozen of them, not Bryanized, and if there is not one fit for Senator, I hope Perkins may be given opportunity to wind up his career like Allison did his

One of these days before the summer solstice I intend to complete this letter and tell a word or so about some other Iowa men, dead and living, who played big parts in this town.

I have only to repeat that George Perkins, in my opinion, is the ablest man Iowa has had in either house of Congress since John A. Kasson.

The Governor's Hardest Job. Winston Sentinel.

A Governor may have more serious faults than a disposition to grant too many pardons. This is the hardest job confronting the Chief Executive of the State, and a kind, sympathetic man often finds it impossible to turn down an application that a more severe person might reject. Those who criticise a Governor on this score should try to imagine themselves in of the week, after an extended visit to relatives in Wilmington.—Miss couldn't have it in his heart to blame to relatives in Wilmington, a man for sticking to the Democratic Martha R. Williams, of Wilmington, a man for sticking to the Democratic tell of a speech I heard him make in the Forty-ninth Congress. He was reject a pardon application easily, his place for a short while and the

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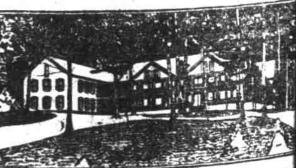
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