

The Realm of North Carolina Society

WINSTON-SALEM.

Correspondence of The Observer. Winston-Salem, May 21.—At its last meeting, the Tuscarora Book Club was charmingly entertained by Miss Louise Bannion. Roll call was answered by some interesting facts concerning French artists of the nineteenth century.

Mrs. Henry F. Shaffner's elegant reception in honor of Miss Eleanor Fries, was one of the best social events of last week. The handsome new home, tasteful and artistic in every detail, was doubly attractive in that it made the effective decorations.

Receiving with the hostess were the guests of honor, Misses Nell Morrison and Mattie Lee Cooke, of Asheville, Messames Francis H. Fries, H. R. Starbuck, A. H. Eller, Misses Louise Bannion and Ruth Siewers.

On the veranda, radiant with a wealth of Marechal Niel roses, Mrs. Henry Fries served punch, assisted by Messames J. F. Shaffner, Dr. Edmund Patterson, Emma Pfohl, and Miss Grace Siewers.

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 proceedings of that body.

Thursday afternoon, Miss Eleanor Fries was guest of honor at a beautiful progressive domino party given by Miss Frank Hanes. The highest score was made by Miss Mary Meddars, who received the first prize, a gilt mirror.

Saturday afternoon, Misses Caro and Anna Buxton entertained very delightfully at progressive euchre in honor of their cousin, Miss Eleanor Fries. In a game between Miss May Dalingerfield and Miss Nell Morrison for the highest score, the latter received a pretty copy of "Sweethearts."

At the final meeting of the season of the Monday Afternoon Book Club, held at the home of Mrs. H. E. McIver, it was decided to vary and enlarge the course of study for another year.

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 Dosem 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 honor of Miss Gertha Lembach was the entertainment given by Miss Daisy Spangh.

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

A charming surprise awaited the bride-to-be when a skillfully 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.

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CONCORD.

Concord, May 21.—Many friends in Concord and elsewhere are deeply interested in the announcement of the marriage of Miss Lina Elizabeth Hartzell and Mr. Isaiah Iverson Davis, Jr., on Wednesday evening, the 23rd of June, at seven o'clock at the home of the bride.

Miss Hartzell is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hartzell, and one of Concord's most attractive, popular and accomplished young people. 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.

Miss Ellen Gibson entertained most delightfully the Variety Club on Friday morning. The ladies were placed on the spacious 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.

Master Tom Gay, the attractive little son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Coltrane, 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.

Misses Kate Street, of Newbern, and Carrie, of Buena Vista, visited Miss Lina Hartzell, past week to visit Miss Lina Hartzell, Mrs. H. B. Swearingen, of Elberton, Ga., will arrive Wednesday, and will also be the guest of Miss Hartzell.

LAURINBURG.

Laurinburg, May 21.—May 18 Miss Harriet McLean 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. The afternoon in its fair loveliness seemed to lend itself to the occasion, and so musical, beauty, flowers and music held full sway.

A musical contest was most appropriate, this was a story of love, in which the names of vocal and instrumental selections, indicated by initials, carried out the tale. Miss Julia Stewart found luck her friend, and won the much-desired prize. Elegant ice cream and cake added to the enjoyment of this delightful entertainment, and on each plate a little musical ribbon, bearing some musical instrument done in gilt and ink, showed how well the hostess carried out her musical programme.

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.

On the evening of May 10, with the elements decidedly against, a most enjoyable amateur performance was given under the auspices of the Plaza North 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.

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

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

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 by her 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. Southernland in Goldsboro.—Mr. Hal North has returned to Lillington.—Mr. and Mrs. George O'Hanlon are 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. R. Williams, who has recently been ill.—Miss Jean Pemberton will return the latter part of the week, after an extended visit to relatives in Wilmington.—Miss Martha R. Williams, of Wilmington, is the guest of the Misses Williams.

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 in rhyme I'll give to you, so here it goes.

Rockingham is a growing town. Near the depot the machine shop is found. To see you find Messrs. Sharp and Brown And others working steel both square and round.

Nearby you find the foundry plant Moulding just most anything you want. Don't think 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 mill, 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 Messrs. Ledbetter.

The cotton mills help to make the boom, 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. 1 and 2, Hannah Pickett, and Roberdel also number two. Ledbetter's found little east of the rest, While Midway and Steele's are little farther west.

All of these mills, of which there are nine, Are working up cotton goods coarse and fine. All located on Hitchcock and Palling creeks Hear their bells tolling or whistles' 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, While they greet you with a welcome smile.

The grocery men all along the street Have houses full of something good to eat. While the dry-goods men can instead Pit you up from foot to head.

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 need.

In fact most every line is well represented. That's why her people are so well contented. When they go shopping their wants to supply, 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 wrong, 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. th a big city.

If their price is too high for a man Others are running at their same old stand. 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 leisure. 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 justice, as we all know, Such is the case anywhere you go.

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

Two extra good papers are published here. You can get either one for one dollar a year. They both are trying to give you the most. The old Anglo-Saxon and the new Post.

In education the town's not lagging behind, But efficient teachers are training the 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 wear, 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. May God bless their labors and save the 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, I'll just go 'way back and sit down. J. M. DOWNER.

Taft Couldn't Blame Them. Wilmington Star. President Taft, having looked over the North Carolina Republicans, just couldn't have it in his heart to blame a man for sticking to the Democratic party.

ALBERT B. CUMMINS

BY SAVOYARD.

"Men have seen it in the trees, but never in the sapling; they have looked on it in the stream, but never in the fountain."—I quote from memory—and such is the proud boast of the illustrious Scottish house of Douglas, and the house of Cummins, if not so renowned is equally as ancient. Connected with every noble family of Scotland, the Cummin blood was poured out lavishly for the good and the glory of that historic people, who gave to arms Wallace and Bruce, Montrose and Claverhouse, and to letters Burns and Scott, Hume and Robertson.

When Robert Bruce slew the Red Comyn before the altar in the "Church of the Minorities in Dumfries, he drove the Cummin family into the arms of Edward Longshanks, and thus made his work of redeeming his country from the thralldom of England ten times more difficult, and his conscience was never rid of the sin—not of the assassination, but of the scene he chose for it. The Lord of Lorne, a near kinsman of Comyn, hunted Bruce to the morass and forced him to "the hills, the caves and the rocks" to crouch with the fox, and it was the hardships he thus underwent that undermined the powerful physical constitution of Robert Bruce and sent him to the tomb all too early.

All the Cummin family in America, came from the illustrious Scottish family of Comyn, whether they spell it with a y or not. The junior Senator from Iowa came from the Scotch-Irish settlement of Pennsylvania, but he is descended from the "Red," or the "Black," Comyn of six centuries ago. Albert B. Cummins was born in 1860, the year that Champ Clark and Henry Clay Lodge first saw the light. After receiving a liberal education, young Cummins studied law, was called to the bar and began the practice of his profession at Chicago. Whether it was that he did not succeed, or whether he preferred a rural atmosphere—whatever the moving cause, Cummins left Chicago and went to Iowa and began the practice of law with politics as a by-vocation, and he became a powerful factor in the affairs of that State. But he was an impatient mugwump before he was forty and occasionally the outside world heard of him and moss-back Democrats down in Kentucky, twenty and more years ago, were wont to wish him well and expect great things of him; but however much of a reformer Cummins might have been, he was no martyr. He stuck to the Republican party, from which all may gather that the Honorable Cummins knows which side of his bread has got the butter on it. Nevertheless, all Kentucky Democrats got a heap of comfort out of the man, and more or less aid. But that is what beguared us. If the South had stood by Cleveland as Cummins stood by the G. O. P., it would have mattered "little what Cummins, LaFollette, Jerry Simpson, Bryan and statesmen of that ilk thought or said, or did. We would

a-waving of the bloody shirt with unusual enthusiasm, even for him, when to the utter astonishment and immense dismay of his own scholarly party associates, such as Willie Wallace Phelps, in an ecstasy of patriotism and a thunderation of a voice, he exclaimed: "From Highland Pass to Lowland Moor, treason never found lodgment in Scottish breast!" The woodcock ejaculated and away he flew. The Honorable Henderson had just demonstrated that the South was at that very instant of time as full of traitors as Iowa was of hogs. If a committee of historians were appointed to ascertain the country that could show more treason to the square inch, such as Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee committed, by a unanimous vote they would award the palm to Scotland; but the Honorable Henderson brought down the House, and that was what he was there for.

Robert G. Cousins was from the bloody third district. He is a wonder, capable of everything but industry. There was a member of the British Commons, late in the eighteenth century—William Gerard Hamilton—contemporaneous with Fox and Pitt, Burke and Sheridan. One night he astonished the House by making a speech that might have challenged the greatest orator who ever spoke our tongue. He never repeated it, remained silent ever after in that body, and he is known in history as "Single Speech" Hamilton. I one day heard Cousins make a speech in our Congress that would have been a credit to Breckinridge, or Cockeran, William L. Wilson, but he never made another to approach it, and he is in danger of being known as "Single Speech" Cousins.

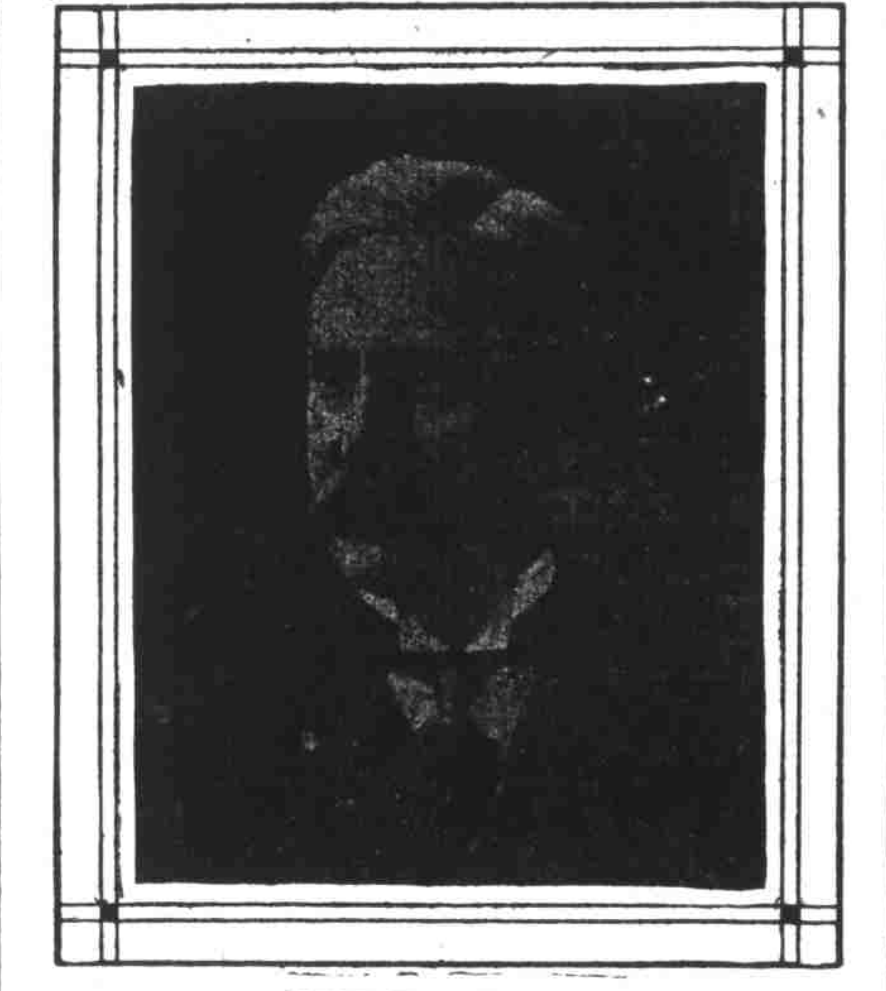
William P. Hepburn was a member of that Congress, and he, too, is a fine orator, and if he would acquire that virtue and accomplishment that Sir Walter Scott's Jonathan Oldbuck had in so eminent a degree, a knowledge of and respect for accuracy of fact—John Dabzell has it—he would be the first debater on the Republican side. I have often said it is worth a trip from the Mississippi to the Potomac to hear Hepburn say "the United States." On the Senate side there is a fervent Republican orator, who believes this is a nation with a big N, and he will not use the definite article before "United States," but says "United States" is this, that or 'tother thing, just as he would say England, or France, is this or that. It reminds me of what the most brilliant Washington correspondent this town ever saw said of Charles Sumner's use of the term he coined, "ridiculously." Joseph B. McCullough in commenting upon it characterized it as "one of Sumner's jackassities." Johnathan P. Dolliver was also in the Iowa delegation. He, too, is an orator, and can make as good an epigram as William Bryan—better when he tries. But in my opinion by far the ablest man in the delegation was George D. Perkins, of Sioux City. If that man had the delivery and the presence of Hepburn, long ago he would have been

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