

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Personal Mention, News of the Societies, Meetings, Etc.

Asheville Women Patrons...

For the marshal's ball of the state fair...

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society...

Devotional service—Rev. Charles W. Byrd...

"Why We Celebrate this Jubilee"—Mrs. M. E. Childs...

"What Our Mothers Have Told Us"—Mrs. W. R. Harris...

Vocal solo—Mrs. W. A. Newell...

"Ladies Last"—Mrs. W. W. Matney...

"The Missionaries at Work"—Mrs. V. L. Stone...

Vocal solo—Mrs. Nora Burns...

New Women of the Orient—Six young girls in costume...

"A Portrait Gallery"—Mrs. W. J. Cooke...

Closing song.

A number of her small friends joined little Miss Julia Keesley Shoepf...

Mrs. Thompson Frazer was the hostess at the Country club Saturday afternoon...

The young ladies, who will be attendants at the wedding of Miss Lily Perry...

A number of young people enjoyed an informal chaffing dish party given Saturday evening...

The Woman's club was entertained this afternoon by Mrs. Charles A. Webb...

The American Woman's league met this afternoon in regular weekly session at the Battery Park hotel...

The Children of the Confederacy meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. C. Chambers on Asheland avenue.

Judge J. C. Pritchard returned to Asheville today, after attending the Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond.

Miss Julia Day of Pittsburg is the guest of Mrs. J. J. Brown, on Cumberland avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Smith and Miss Daisy Smith have returned from a two week's trip to Boston and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sanderman and children have returned to Spartanburg after visiting the fair here.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Webb of Shelby are spending their honeymoon in the city.

Mrs. S. Friedlander is visiting her daughter, Miss Florence, at Durham, where the latter is attending Trinity college.

Miss Nettie Parkinson is visiting friends in Greensboro and Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hopper, after a visit to their niece, Mrs. A. E. Milton, have returned to their home in Augusta.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Allport are at home on Charlotte street after their honeymoon spent in the east.

Mrs. Duff Merrick and small son left yesterday for New York. After

TURNED BLIND ALMOST FELL

Mrs. Hansen Says at First Her Case Seemed Hopeless, but She Finally Won Out.



Mobile, Ala.—"For seven years," says Mrs. Sigurd Hansen of this city, "I suffered with womanly troubles, and, at last, was operated upon. I felt better for a time, but soon I had the same trouble as before. I had dizzy spells, and would turn blind and almost fall over. I had pains in my back and side, and was not able to work. Half the time I could not eat any breakfast and I always felt weak and had a headache. One day my husband got me a bottle of Cardui and I tried it. I felt better, so I took some more. Now I am well and feel fine. My doctor says I am looking better than ever. I have a good appetite and sleep well. It is all due to Cardui. I only wish every suffering woman would try it. They would soon feel as good as I do."

Dr. Bruce Fontaine Moore of Philadelphia is expected this week to visit friends for two weeks.

Mrs. A. S. Kahn and mother, Mrs. H. Hyman, and daughter, Miss Estelle Gladys Kahn, of New Orleans, who have spent the summer with Mrs. O. H. Henry, will return home Wednesday.

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NEW PLAN TO CUT COST OF PENSIONS

Commissioner Davenport Expects to Save a Million Yearly to Pensions.

Washington, Oct. 16.—A saving, estimated at \$1,000,000 annually to the pensioners of the United States and eventually about \$180,000 a year to the government, is contemplated by a simplified plan for the payment of pensions without vouchers which Commissioner of Pensions J. L. Davenport, submitted to the Secretary of the Interior in his annual report made public today. During the year 1910-1911, \$25,160 was paid as pensions, a decrease of \$3,498,154 from last year, bringing up the total amount paid in pensions since the foundation of the government to \$4,230,381,730. There were 55,185 names dropped from the rolls and 28,000 added, leaving a net loss of 27,185 pensioners, and making the total number at the end of the year 592,098, the smallest since 1892. Methods of economy resulted in a decrease of the cost of administration by \$140,946 to \$2,517,127, the lowest since 1882.

Work Much Simplified. Commissioner Davenport's plan, which was devised at the request of congress and which will require the passage of a law by that body to carry it into effect, would greatly simplify the methods of paying pensions, result in the mailing of pension checks on "date due" which the pension falls due, eliminate the cost to the pensioners in a large majority of cases of the execution of pension vouchers, which varies from \$1 to \$2 yearly; decrease to a considerable extent the work in drawing and mailing of pension checks and eliminate the sending of 4,000,000 letters yearly through the mails, saving about \$80,000 thereby.

The plan contemplates payment direct by checks, mailed to the last address of the pensioner. Co-operation from the postoffice department in delivering the letters containing the checks would be required. Besides the indorsement on the back of these checks, the government would require, under this plan, certification by two witnesses as to the identity of the person obtaining the money.

Some Vouchers Still Required. In a few instances, Commissioner Davenport said, vouchers still would be required. Where pensioners were laboring under legal disabilities, he would require a voucher of the guardian. Where widows draw pay for minor children vouchers would be required under the Davenport plan.

Commissioner Davenport told of his efforts to ascertain the truthfulness of reports in the press and elsewhere that the pension roll was honeycombed with fraud. He sent field men from pensioner to pensioner in the Washington agency, and is now doing the same in the Knoxville agency, with a view of ascertaining the presence of fraud.

Out of a total of 47,181 pensioners seen and questioned only 28 cases of improper pensioning were revealed. Five widows' names were dropped from the roll, one on the ground that she was not the legal widow of a soldier. The names of two invalid pensioners were dropped because it was shown that they deserted from former service and received bounties for reenlistment. Two persons were arrested on charges of being bogus special examiners and two others were reported as wanted.

The commissioner said he believed the check system would put an end to any fraud that may now exist.

Number on Pension Roll. The number of soldiers and sailors on the pension roll at the close of the fiscal year was 570,050; dependents and widows, 421,542, and army nurses, 498. There were 529,884 survivors of the Civil War, 35,248 having died during the year. It is believed that only about 25 per cent of the estimated 2,212,565 individuals in the United States survive during the civil war, are now living, the death rate of the survivors being now slightly in excess of 6 per cent yearly. The average age of survivors is now about 70 years.

During the year the last pensioner of the Revolutionary war died. She was Mrs. Phoebe M. Palmeter, pensioned by a special act of congress as the daughter of Jonathan Wooley, who served in a New Hampshire company. She died at Birkfield, N. Y., April 25, 1911, aged 90 years.

Mrs. Britannia W. Kennon, of Washington, D. C., a great grand daughter of Martha Washington and who died during the year drew a pension as a widow longer probably than any other person in the history of the pension office, having received \$50 a month almost 67 years. Mrs. Kennon was the widow of the captain of the United States ship Princeton who was killed February 28, 1844 by the bursting of a cannon at that vessel, on which occasion two members of President Tyler's cabinet were killed.

Police Court Will Be Held in Assembly Room on Second Floor—New Entrance.

The police court room in city hall is closed for repairs, beginning this morning and the sessions of the court will be held in the assembly room on the second floor of the building until this work is completed.

The court room is to be made longer and will extend back about 30 feet over the market. Another extension will be put in for the judge's desk and clerk's desk and the whole room will be worked over, recalcimined and painted.

The new offices at the lower end of the court room have been practically completed, and when the whole work of remodeling is completed, the court room will be much improved. The entrance has been changed from the west side to the southeast corner and an imposing flight of concrete steps lead to the entrance.

Eighteen Brides Have Worn Gown Fifty-Five Years Old.

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WIFE OF ROSS FRENCH TURNS COLD SHOULDER

Writes Sheriff to Tell Jailor Not to Mail Any More Letters to Her from Him.

The following letter from the wife of Ross French, the Cherokee Indian, who is in jail here, charged with the murder of Miss Ethel Shuler at Birdtown over two weeks ago, to the sheriff of Buncombe county, explains itself:

"Birdtown, October 13, 1911. To the Sheriff of Buncombe County, Asheville, N. C. Dear Sir:—You will please see the jailer and tell him I don't want him to mail me any more letters from Ross French, as I will not receive them. Yours truly, MELINDA FRENCH."

PETTICOAT BRINGS LUCK

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K. OF P. AFFAIRS. New Brevard Lodge District Meetings—Grand Chancellor McLean Will Visit This Section.

A new lodge of Knights of Pythias will be instituted at Brevard tomorrow night by the state deputy grand chancellor, James D. Nutt of Wilmington, assisted by District Deputy F. O. C. Fletcher.

The fall district meeting for this, the thirteenth district, will be held at Tryon lodge, No. 118, October 26. Grand Chancellor C. C. McLean will be present. The following evening the grand chancellor will be with Asheville lodge, No. 106, in regular convention. All members are urged to attend.

The fourteenth district meeting will be held Friday and Saturday, 27 and 28, at Franklin by District Deputy J. D. Kerr. The grand chancellor expects to attend that meeting Saturday.

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