

ITEMS OF INTEREST
FORM ELON COLLEGE.

Elon College, February 5.—The Ladies Aid Society held its January activities this month at the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. S. Watson on Thursday evening. The evening was delightfully spent in a progressive game contest, which introduced many novelties in the way of entertainment. Two prizes were offered, the first prize and the booty prize. Mrs. Jas. L. Foster was the happy recipient of the first prize and Rev. W. Wellous the booty prize. After the contest dainty, delicious and delightful refreshments were served, then followed a period of mirth, gaily and jecese laughter until eleven o'clock when the guests retired to their respective homes having spent a very pleasant evening in this delightful home.

Sunday the college pulpit was occupied by Rev. J. W. Holt, of Burlington, whose theme was wholesome, advise, disregarded with fatal results. Mr. Holt is always an entertaining speaker and a forceful presenter of the truth. His effort on this occasion directed mainly to the student body but interesting alike to villager and visitor, was no exception to the rule. His sermon received as it justly deserved the large applause of those who heard it.

President Moffitt has aggressively entered upon his campaign to increase the endowment of the College by the sum of \$50,000. He is away this week working to that end and will continue to be absent from the college most of the time from now until commencement in the interest of this upward movement. It will be remembered only three years ago the magnificent West Dormitory was opened formally for college purposes, even now the college equipment in the way of buildings is not sufficient to accommodate the increasing patronage. If the college is to grow and to meet the obligations that constantly devolve upon it, there must be increase in equipment on the buildings for library facilities and gymnasiums. That these increasing demands be met it is absolutely necessary that this \$50,000 be raised and Dr. Moffitt has entered upon this campaign with his usual determination and energy and will without doubt soon bring it to pass.

Prof. Wicker, who is a member of the North Carolina State Sunday School Association Executive Committee, was in Raleigh this week attending the session of that committee looking to preparation for approaching State Convention which will be held at Concord. Prof. Wicker says that the prospect now is that a very excellent convention will be held this year at Concord and that a full programme will be announced later.

Dr. Atkinson, for several years Professor of Latin in Elon College and chairman of its faculty and now editor of the Christian Sun and pastor of the local church, is to deliver a lecture next Thursday evening in the College Auditorium on George Elliott's Adam Bede. Those who know the eloquence of speech and the real felicity of expression and the winning charm of delivery of this gifted orator will expect from him on this occasion a very lucid delineation of this, the leading character of George Elliott's masterpiece, and they will not be disappointed. Later on this spring Dr. Atkinson will deliver a lecture on Shakespeare's Brutus. These lectures are open to the public as well as to the student body and are without charge.

BLOCKADE DISTILLERY DESTROYED IN ORANGE.

Officers Get the Only Moonshine Plant Known in That Section

Durham, Feb. 4.—Revenue Officers Moye, Carter and Jordan this morning took to Raleigh two negroes and one white man whom they caught operating a 50-gallon still in Orange county yesterday evening. They landed ten gallons of booze and turned over many barrels of beer. Though small, it appears to be the only still actually operated in this district since prohibition went into effect. Commissioner Moye being in the raid refused to hear the case and sent it before the Raleigh commissioner. The white man gave bond but the negroes are in jail.

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News Over the State **Brief News Items.**

In the near future Ex-Governor Aycock will move from Goldsboro to Raleigh and take up the practice of law.

One of the greatest educational rallies that has ever been held at Wadesboro took place last Friday. Forty-one schools of the county gathered together to hear the addresses by State Auditor Dixon, Dr. F. L. Stevens and others.

Governor Kitchin last Wednesday authorized the offer of a reward of \$250 for the capture of J. W. Walker, the white desperado, who killed Sheriff Stonland, of Brunswick county, and who broke out of jail at Southport last week.

Mr. Addison Fletcher Cox, of Thomasville, committed suicide last Wednesday morning by shooting himself. Ill health seems to have been the trouble. He was thirty-six years old and was the owner and manager of Thomasville Picker Stick Factory since going to that place about one year ago.

An illicit still has been in operation just outside of the city limits of Raleigh. When the deputies learned of it only a few days ago and went to the place, only a hole in the ground was found, for the distillery was gone. The still was located about two miles and a half northwest from the centre of the city.

Hon. John G. Grant, of Hendersonville, Republican Representative-elect to Congress from the tenth North Carolina district, makes announcement that he has named as his private secretary Mr. G. H. Valentine, a young lawyer of Hendersonville, who is also a practical stenographer. Mr. Valentine is a loyal Republican.

The Clarendon bridge, the famous old structure spanning the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, which stood so wonderfully during the August flood, the only means of communication between Eastern Cumberland and Fayetteville, was burned at noon last Wednesday. The fire was originated from a smouldering fire in a heap of debris caused the great loss. The loss cannot be estimated at present there being about \$25,000 insurance.

By setting fire to a trestle, an attempt to wreck the Atlantic Coast Line night passenger train from Spring Hope to Rocky Mount, was made last Friday night at a point two miles from Nashville in the direction of Rocky Mount. The miscreant came near accomplishing his desire and had the train been a few minutes later in arriving at that point would have assuredly been blown through the trestle. A night train had passed over the bridge only forty minutes before and reported everything all right.

Miss Rosa Cook, employed waitress in Hotel Guilford at Greensboro, attempted to commit suicide last Friday afternoon by taking an overdose of poison, probably laudanum. Every medicinal aid has been rendered and it is thought that she will recover. Until a few days before the act, Miss Cook appeared to be light hearted and happy and no definite reason can be attributed for the act. Before taking the poison she wrote a note in which stated she hoped the other waitresses would get along better than she had. She said she had been well treated by the hotel management and no fault to find; but the note indicated a general feeling of unhappiness.

A Beautiful Thought.

We sometimes learn from those who think differently from ourselves. It is the Persians who have the way of saying on the birth of a child, "O little one, you come into the world with cries, while all around are smiling. So live that you may go out with smiles while all around are crying." Compressed within this simple prayer are all the things that make life worth living, all the things that rob death of its terrors. To go out with smiles, is the happy consciousness of a life well spent and with an unflinching trust in the beneficence of the unknown beyond. May we all measure up to this simple yet high standard, when life's work is done and we wrap the drapery of our couch about us as it were and lie down to pleasant dreams.

Maybe California started alien tuss merely to afford the people a chance to get Abe Ruef off their minds.

The most disastrous fire that has occurred at Charlottesville, Va., in twenty-four years, broke out last Friday in the building of the Charlottesville Hardware Company. Property to the valuation of \$220,000 was destroyed.

Wm. L. Woodson, for six years editor of the American Press Association, died in a hospital at Yonkers, N. Y., Feb. 4th. His death was caused from injuries received in trying to board a moving train last Saturday. He was 55 years old.

President elect Taft has now completed his inspection of the entire line of the canal, having traversed the Pacific Channel last Wednesday. He expressed himself as greatly gratified at the result of the labors of the engineers.

Ben L. Jones, one of the wealthiest men in Georgia, while in a depressed condition one day last week, shot himself through the head, death resulting instantly. Mr. Jones had been ill for some time and failing to recover as fast as he wished, became very morbid.

Six men were killed and several injured in Central New York one day last week when a construction train of the New York Central railroad ran down a party of tract repairers near University Heights. A gang of laborers, all Italians were working near a curve when the train swept around a bend, plunged into the group and scattered men in every direction.

Secretary Cortelyou today announced that he has made a call on all temporary national bank depositories for about \$30,000,000 government deposits to be paid on or before February 24th. There were over 1,000 temporary depository banks and the Secretary's call will leave exactly \$10,000 in each as the instructions will be to remit everything above that sum.

The town of Tehama, near Chico, Cal., which had six hundred inhabitants, is under five feet of water and it is impossible to get into communication with it. The Southern Pacific Railway operator at Tehama Junction, half a mile from the town, says that the depot is gone and a block of houses has been washed away. The houses are floating twenty feet above the city streets.

Two freight trains collided on the Seaboard Air Line railroad near Greenwood last Wednesday, resulting in three men being killed and several injured. The wreck was caused by the engineer on the extra setting his watch one hour wrong and the engineer and fireman jumped and saved their lives. Breakman Cyrus was buried underneath the debris, and engineer Moore, of Chester, and fireman Nichols of the local train were both killed.

Drawn by some irresistible impulse to return to the scene where he killed a man when he was fifteen years of age, Manly B. Tripp, after roaming over a good portion of the world for ten years, last week surrendered to the sheriff of Laurens county, Ga. For some days he had there and was an interested spectator in the court house during a trial. He was not recognized until he voluntarily surrendered. He was a well known youth and is prominently connected. He shot James Hood down on the street in 1899. He escaped an effort to capture him failed.

Says President Didn't Strike Girl's Horse.

Washington, Feb. 1.—For the first time making public a disclaimer of published reports that President Roosevelt, while riding in Rock Creek Park, near this city, struck the horse ridden by a young woman who happened to ride near his party, the White house today gave out a letter received from the young woman's mother. It was dated at Los Angeles Cal., Jan. 27, and read as follows:

"My daughter, Miss May Rhodes, whose horse, it has been widely reported you struck while riding in the park last Thanksgiving day, most emphatically denies any knowledge of such an occurrence, and as it is deemed of such importance as to be referred to in Congress, may I be permitted to ask you why you do not deny this story?"

"Very Sincerely,
"ELIZABETH M. RHODES."

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