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BY MARGARET KELLY ABERNETHY.

The Christmas dance of the Charlotte Cotillion Club will take place at the Southern Manufacturers' Club this evening and promises to be one of the largest dances of the season. Dancing will commence at 9 o'clock. Music will be furnished by the Asbury Orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Lundgren and guest, Miss Christine Rogers of Aberdeen, Miss, spent Christmas Day in McAcenville.

Misses Mary Carson and Miriam Parker and Messrs. McAllister Carson and Treloar Wearn will leave this afternoon for Wilmington to spend a week. The young ladies will be house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sprunt and the young men will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sprunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Warren Cramer will give a reception at their home, "Withgate Hall," on East Morehead street tomorrow evening from 9 to 11 o'clock. The same evening they will give a domino dance between the hours of 9 and 12 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Patterson will return home tomorrow from Winston-Salem, where they have been spending several days as the guests of Mr. Patterson's mother, Mrs. M. F. Patterson.

Miss Evelyn Johnston left this morning for Salisbury to spend a week or more as the guest of Miss Isabel Brown.

The As You Like It Book Club will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock with Miss Cornie Fore at her home on North College street.

The Beesie Dewey Book Club will meet tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock with Miss Hattie Elliott at her home on East Seventh street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Withers and children are expected to return home tonight from Charleston, S. C., where they have been visiting Mrs. Withers' sister, Mrs. Dabney R. Yarbrough.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Parker have as their guests at their home in Piedmont Park Mr. Parker's parents, Capt. and Mrs. M. S. Parker of New London.

Miss Minnie London of Washington will arrive tonight to visit her cousin, Miss May London, at her home on East Morehead street.

Miss Olive Brice will entertain at her home on East Boulevard, Dilworth, tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in honor of Miss Lucille Glenn of Iris, Pa., who is the attractive house guest of Miss Harriett Orr. Misses Glenn, Orr and Brice are members of the junior class at Elizabeth College.

Mrs. L. W. Sanders' many friends will be glad to know that she is much better today after being quite sick at her home on South Tryon street since Christmas eve.

The condition of Mrs. L. J. Dowd, who is ill with pneumonia at her home on North Tryon street, remains about the same. Miss Ella Dowd, who also has pneumonia, and niece, Miss Jean Dowd, who is quite sick, were moved to the Charlotte Sanatorium yesterday afternoon. They are both slightly better this morning.

Dr. Emory G. Alexander and friend, Dr. Harry Deaver, who spent yesterday here as the guests of Dr. Alexander's father and sisters, Capt. S. B. Alexander and Misses Violet and Julia Alexander, will return to Philadelphia tonight.

Mrs. Samuel R. Moore left last night for Georgetown, D. C., to attend the wedding this evening of her sister, Miss Edna May King, and Ensign Moses Rockford. Mrs. Moore will return to the city tomorrow or Saturday.

Miss Lucille Mason will entertain a number of friends at her home on East Seventh street extension tomorrow evening.

Misses Corinne Gibbon, Julia Baxter Scott and Annie Tallafiero, and Mr. William W. Spitzer will leave tomorrow afternoon for Columbia, S. C., to attend a house party given by Miss Frances Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Draper have as their guests Mr. Draper's brother, Mr. Otis Draper, of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Goff had as their guests for Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Laurie C. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Zeigler and Mrs. Edward B. Dickson.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Taylor will entertain a few friends at a dinner party at their home on South Tryon street this evening.

Among those who kept open house yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. John R. Van Ness on East avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Moore on Kingston avenue, Dilworth, and Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Bland on South Myers street. The homes were beautifully decorated and hosts of friends called during the afternoon.

The appearance of Ysaye and Mme. Oltzka next Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Charlotte Musical Association is being looked forward to with the keenest pleasure. No doubt one of the most fashionable and cultured audiences that ever assembled in Charlotte will greet the world's great violinist. Most of the surrounding cities will be represented also.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Zweier will entertain informally at bridge this evening at their home on Kingston avenue in Dilworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hirsinger and daughters, Mrs. Charles F. Wadsworth and Miss Edna Hirsinger, entertained at a charming Christmas party at their home on Louise avenue, Elizabeth Heights, last evening. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Van Landingham, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Tallafiero, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Codrington, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Moran, Dr. and Mrs. Brodie C. Nalle, Mrs. Edna Jones, Miss Stuart Jones, Miss Helen Eddy, Messrs. Carol Tal-

fero, Morehead Jones and W. H. Martin, Jr.

Miss Daisy Cobbitt arrived home today after spending Christmas in Morgantown with her mother, Mrs. Mary Collett.

Mrs. Henry Rhyme of Mount Holly is spending the day here as the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. A. C. Wadsworth, at her home on North Church street.

The Christmas dance of the Benedicts which was to have taken place at the Southern Manufacturers' Club tomorrow night has been postponed until some time in January.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sexton and Mrs. H. M. Branch are spending the holidays in Savannah.

Miss Bennette Heath will spend next week in Monroe as the guest of Miss Gladys Laney.

Miss Ernestine Nuttall of Rockingham arrived in the city this morning to attend the dance of the Charlotte Cotillion Club this evening. She is the guest of Mrs. Paul C. Whitlock on South Boulevard.

The friends of Miss Mary Durham will regret to learn that she is indisposed at her home on South Tryon street.

## WAS NOTABLE DAY ST. MARKS CHURCH

### Services Morning And Afternoon --Pastor Is Handsomely Remembered By Friends

St. Mark's Lutheran Church concluded its celebration of Christmas with the Sunday school service yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The children touched the hearts of all present with their songs and recitations. A box of food, clothing and toys was packed and an offering of \$25 in cash was made for the Orphan Home at Salem, Va. The school's offering by St. Mark's for the orphans amounts to \$141.38. The school received a treat of oranges and candy.

Dr. Patterson, the pastor, and family received many tokens of the congregation's esteem and good will, including a generous "pounding." Dr. King, superintendent of the Sunday school, gave a projectoscope lecture, exhibiting reproductions upon canvass of the famous Madonna and child. At the 6:30 matins the service was in charge of Mr. W. Harvey Overcash, organist. The children's choir which he had faithfully trained rendered perfectly the service and the Christmas anthems. Altogether it was a happy day for St. Mark's pastor and people.

## THEFT OF AUTOS

### Has Come to be a Pronounced Source of Trouble to New York Police Department.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—With the police said to be almost powerless to stop it, automobile theft has become so general in New York that the total value of automobile property stolen in the city during the past five years exceeds \$1,000,000. Less than half the number of cars stolen have been recovered and the situation is said to be growing so acute that automobile insurance companies have leagued together to hire private detectives to run down the robbers.

By actual count 110 cars have been stolen during the past year. Numerous arrests have been made with but few convictions. The police department has adopted a drastic method of taking a census of all the cars in the questionable garages in the city and each day every policeman is furnished with descriptions of cars stolen during the previous 24 hours. The policeman who has a garage in his district is supposed to visit it casually every day and if he finds a machine that should not be there according to the census he is instructed to see that it is not removed until identified. Most of the cars stolen were taken from the automobile stores and theater districts, the thefts being committed by gangs in league with the owners of disreputable garages.

## DR. KENNEDY TO SPEAK AT VESPER SERVICES.

The vesper services at the Young Women's Christian Association next Sunday will be led by the Rev. J. G. Kennedy of the East Avenue Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, who has had such a successful series of talks during December on the significant mountain peaks of the Bible.

"Carmel" will be the topic for this Sunday and it will hold especial significance for all of us who are facing the New Year. These Sunday talks are delightfully informal affairs and it is the aim to keep them so and to make all women feel that they belong to them. The hour will be 5 o'clock as usual and all women of the city are invited.

## WELL KNOWN HERE; WORTHEN CLIMBS

### Known To Many Here, Now General Manager Southern Division Western Union

Mr. H. C. Worthen, who has been general superintendent of the Southern department of the Western Union in Atlanta, and who is well known here, has just been promoted to the higher office of general manager of the same territory.

The news is of more than ordinary interest since Mr. Worthen is a North Carolina boy, having begun life at the age of 13 in Shelby as operator and local agent. He rapidly rose until he had gained the position of superintendent of the Southern department.

Other promotions have been announced from New York in the same connection, an account of which, together with that of Mr. Worthen, is taken from The Atlanta Constitution as follows:

"An announcement from the New York office of the Western Union Telegraph Company made public on yesterday will be read with general interest throughout the Southern States and particularly in Atlanta.

"The announcement includes the promotion to the office of general manager of the Southern department of H. C. Worthen, who has heretofore held the position of general superintendent, also the promotion of Traffic Supervisor B. P. Hancock to the position of division traffic superintendent of the Gulf division and the promotion of Special Agent J. P. Edwards to the office of traffic superintendent of the Southern division.

"While the promotion of each of these popular officials will be received with gratification by the public, the promotion of General Superintendent Worthen to the highest office of the company, in the Southern States, will be particularly welcomed as affording a remarkable illustration of the possibilities of the American boy who possesses ability, character and ambition.

"Mr. Worthen, who is only 26 years of age, started his commercial career at the early age of 13 in the local office of the Western Union at Shelby, N. C., where he served as operator and ticket agent. His railroad and telegraph experience there acquired led to rapid promotion through assignments to Richmond and Buffalo, until Mr. Worthen was made general inspector for the general manager at New York.

"The aptitude displayed in the discharge of the duties of that office led

to his selection as general superintendent at Atlanta, of all the offices of the Western Union between West Virginia and Louisiana.

"The office of general manager of the Southern division is newly created and Mr. Worthen will assume the new title on January 1. His administration in Atlanta has been characterized by the excellent results accomplished throughout his territory and by the cordial relations established between the company and its employees, as well as with the public generally.

"Mr. Worthen is a member of several of Atlanta's leading clubs and civic institutions and enjoys a wide acquaintance and general popularity."

## MR. CRAMER IS MADE PRESIDENT OF LORAY

### Charlotte Man Head Of One Of Largest Mill Concerns In The South

Mr. Stuart W. Cramer of this city has been elected to the presidency of the Loray cotton mills at Gastonia, this being one of the largest textile manufacturing plants in the South, and a corporation whose output reaches almost all quarters of the globe.

The election of Mr. Cramer took place at a meeting of the directors of the Loray mills held in Boston several days ago. At the same meeting Mr. Andrew Moore was elected treasurer of the corporation, Mr. Moore being a resident of Gastonia.

The election of Mr. Cramer to this post of honor is a matter of genuine satisfaction to his numerous friends here and in the textile manufacturing business in which he has achieved a notable record for progress and initiative. Mr. Cramer is vice president of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association and also heads the Mayes Manufacturing Company, one of the more recent textile plants that has achieved a marked degree of success.

Mr. Moore, elected treasurer of the Loray mills, holds a similar position with the Mayes Manufacturing Company. He is known as one of the best mill men in the piedmont section and has put much of his energy into the Loray mills, where he and his brother, Mr. Thomas E. Moore, who died last week, have done a great deal to make the Loray plant the successful manufacturing plant which it is.

The Loray mill runs on fine sheetings and sheetings for export very largely, while the Mayes mill makes fine and coarse yarns, the combined spindles of the two being 80,000 with some 2,000 looms.



## BEGIN WITH JANUARY

Begin with the first of the year and deposit a portion of your earnings regularly in a Savings Account with this strong National Bank. All deposits made on or before the fifth of that month draw 4 per cent interest from the first, as January begins a new quarter at this bank.

A savings account enables you to keep your money safely and at the same time receive a substantial income.

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## COLLEGE SOCIALISTS MEET TOMORROW

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—College socialists began gathering here today, enthusiastic over the prospect that their fourth annual convention, which opens here tomorrow, will be one of the largest in the society's history. Arrangements have been made for large delegations from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Pennsylvania State and many colleges in the West. Alumni chapters even as far distant as Los Angeles, are said to have representatives on the way to the meeting.

### Why Is Sugar Sweet?

If sugar did not dissolve in the mouth you could not taste the sweet. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic, but you do not taste the bitter because the ingredients do not dissolve in the mouth, but do dissolve readily in the acids of the stomach. It is just as good for Grown People as for Children. The First and Original Tasteless Chill Tonic. The Standard for 30 years. 50c.

## COMMISSION FOLK WILL GET BUSY

### Plan To Have Meeting After Holidays To Frame The Plans

The friends of the commission form of government have decided that the question, now one of the most vital of the hour, shall be taken up with all of the energy and vim at their command, and that within a few days or just as soon as the holidays are out of the way, definite steps will be taken with a view to formulating details of the plan to be worked out.

It is proposed to call a general meeting, unless present plans are altered, to be held early in the new year, when the whole question of government by commission form or a limited number of councilmen, will be threshed out thoroughly, and the best and most acceptable scheme adopted that can be arrived at.

The commission form of government supporters do not look for any encouragement from the aldermanic body as a whole, since the leaders of the anti-commission government have declared that no commission will ever emanate from the board of aldermen. Consequently the generally accepted idea is the calling of a mass meeting and then taking up the proposition in a systematic and business-like way, and the affording of opportunity to all supporters of the movement to present their ideas and suggestions as to what is best to be done.

Those who are taking the lead in the movement do not expect to draw up and conclude a finished product and an adopted form of commission government at one session or one meeting. It is realized that the question is too large a one to be thus disposed of. Besides there are several plans and ideas to be heard, and then the work of uniting all of the supporters of the plan in favor of that which is most generally acceptable, will begin. No great difficulty is anticipated in this work for the commission form of government supporters are in earnest in the matter, and will not let it suffer because of difference of opinion as to details.

The pushing of the campaign with

as much haste as it will bear is now anticipated since the State Legislature will soon be in session and it will be necessary to act quickly. The entire work has not yet been mapped out, since it is desired to learn more of the situation at the first meeting to be held, after which it will be possible to act with more light and more precision in the further program of the commission form advocates.

The issue will in a few days become one of the liveliest that the voters of Charlotte have tackled in many years and a great deal of work and activity is going to be done by the leaders of the movement.

## SHORT TRAMP TODAY

### Marching Suffragettes Take only a Five-Mile Hike Through the Snow.

HUDSON, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Ankle deep in slushy snow, the suffragette army pressed onward today with only 32 miles remaining of their journey from New York to Albany, where on January 1 they will deliver a message to Governor Sulzer. The marchers decided to walk but five miles today, to Stockport. The remainder of the journey will be divided into equally short marches.

The crusaders report themselves refreshed by the Christmas Day rest and expressed regret that the day's march could not be longer.

## BELIEVE AEROPLANES CAN DETECT SUBMARINES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The Navy Department is bowing to the signal corps, which has announced that aeroplanes can be used for the purpose of discovering the whereabouts and movements of submarines. It is said that experiments at Annapolis have developed the fact that the operators in the air craft can discover the presence of the underwater terrors without glasses, although they may be at a considerable depth. This, in the opinion of naval officers may advance the plan of having aeroplanes as a part of the equipment of all the fighting craft in the United States navy.

Mr. C. H. Summerville of Chester is among the visitors to the city today.

A Des Moines man had an attack of muscular rheumatism in his shoulder. A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense of \$150.00 or more. He sought for a quicker and cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application of this Liniment he was well. For sale by all dealers.

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## Begin Tomorrow Morning, 9 O'clock Their Annual After Xmas Slaughter Sale of Women's Suits, Coats, Evening Wraps, Street, Afternoon and Evening Dresses.

Everything in Children's Coats at Tremendously Reduced Prices

Women's new style Suits, formerly \$12.50 and \$15.00, sale price \$5.95

Suits formerly \$15.00 to \$22.50, sale price \$8.95 and \$9.95

Suits formerly \$22.50, \$23.50 and \$25.00, sale price \$12.95

Suits formerly \$25.00, \$27.50 and \$35.00, sale price reduced to \$14.95 and \$15.95

## Great Coat Reductions

Splendid Mixture Coats, formerly up to \$9.95 and some \$12.50, reduced to \$6.95

Elegant Coats in black and mixtures, formerly \$15.00 and \$16.50, reduced to \$8.95 and \$9.95

All our higher priced Coats reduced in price for quick clearance.

Evening Dresses reduced to \$4.95, \$8.95, \$11.95, etc.

Children's Coats, formerly \$3.00, at \$1.95

Misses' and Children's Coats, formerly \$4.00 to \$6.00, reduced to \$2.95 and \$3.95