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EVENING CHIT CHAT

By RUTH CAMERON.

Here's Wishing.

"Christmas pollity! New Year frivolity!
All of a frolicking, rollicking quality!
Moping is nothing but treason!
I hope that you'll blissfully, mirthfully kissfully
Enjoy the holiday season."

Just reading that made me feel cheerful, so I pass it on to you and wish that it may trully describe your holiday season.

Furthermore, I hope that you received all the Christmas presents that you wanted, and wanted all that you received.

"I hope you weren't disappointed in anything and still more that you didn't show your disappointment if you were. For while it is a comparatively small and easily healed hurt to be disappointed in a gift it is a very deep and slow-healing wound to see that someone is disappointed in a gift that you tried hard to make please.

I hope you wern't so worn out with buying and making Christmas gifts that you couldn't give those about you the all-important gift of sweetness and good cheer on Christmas day.

I hope that in addition to the mirth of the holiday season——or if need be in place of it, you also had in your heart that serene undercurrent of happiness that comes from knowing you have already done honor to the Lord of Christmas by making Christmas happier for some one less fortunate than you.

I hope that if by any chance that is not true, you will go straight out and do something like that right now, even as you lay this paper down. Remember, the eleventh hour was not considered too late.

And now a word for the future. Last year I received a letter from one of my reader friends containing this paragraph:

"I have sent out several gifts to friends whom I hold in high esteem and have received gifts from them and acknowledged them at once, but it is now about four weeks since mine were sent, and I have not received a word yet. This I consider to be a great breach of courtesy. Last year it was the same thing with the same people. I think the matter ought to be called to the attention of anyone so negligent."

As this letter came to me rather too late to be timely for last year I put it aside for this year.

To some people the necessity for acknowledging Christmas gifts is a very bitter drop in the cup of Christmas cheer. I wonder if this habit of procrastinating the duty does not make it loom much larger and more difficult than it really is. I have one friend from whom I always receive an acknowledgement o my gift the day after Christmas. The note is brief bu tis very cordial, and I look forward to it as a bright spot in the let-down of the day after. This woman has a large circle of friends and a busy life and yet she finds time on Christmas Day to do this.

Can't you do the same? Or if not on Christmas Day, at least in Christmas week?

Don't try to write a long or elaborate letter, just make it a word of thanks. If it is genuine and hearty, that will be quite enough and will probably be far more welcome to the recipient than a longer letter so much delayed that she is beginning to be anxious as to whether or not you really received the gift.

TO FOLLOW ART STUDIES IN PARIS.

(Mrs. Henry Payne Whitney.)

NEW YORK—That Mr. and Mrs. Henry Payne Whitney have just completed the purchase of of Moncure Robinson's beautiful home in Paris is the story that is cerculating among the friends of the Whitneys. Further details as to why the Whitneys wanted the house and why Mr. Robinson was willing to sell are not forthcoming, but it is generally understood that the Whitneys have decided upon this Paris estabishment as a satisfactory environment for the further pursuit of Mrs. Whitney's work in sculpture.

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SOCIETY ITEMS

BY MARGARET KELLY ABERNETHY.

At a luncheon being given this afternoon by Mrs. R. L. Gibbon at her home on South Tryon street, announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Elisabeth Chambers to Mr. Lawrence Holt of Norfolk. A number of the more intimate friends of Miss Chambers was present at the happy party today, the announcement coming with as much surprise to some of them as to her countless friends throughout the city and State. She is one of the city's most gifted and attractive young ladies. Mr. Holt is regarded as among the most promising young business men of the State, being a member of one of its most prominent families.

Mrs. Gibbon is this afternoon at 4 o'clock entertaining in compliment to Miss Chambers and the guests will be friends of Mrs. J. Lenoir Chambers, mother of the bride-elect. The wedding will take place in the Spring.

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The Christmas dance of the Charlotte Cotillion Club, which was given last evening between the hours of 9 and 12 o'clock at the Southern Manufacturers' Club, was one of the most charming of the season. Many out-of-town visitors added to the pleasure of the evening. The club parlor and hall were beautifully decorated for the occasion in red carnations and holly. The lights were covered with red shades and sprigs of holly. Behind an effective group of towering palms and ferns the Asbury Orchestra fournished excellent music.

Those dancing were: Miss Fay Pierce of Faison gowned in white satin with embroidered tunic and touches of Irish green satin, with Mr. Walter Lambeth; Miss Agnes Thomas of Columbia, S. C., in white brocaded satin and elaborately embroidered tunic trimmed in pearls, with corsage bouquet of Parma violets, with Mr. Willoughby Brown; Miss Christine Rogers of Aberdeen, Miss, in lavender brocaded satin, trimmed in silver lace and silver fringe, with corsage bouquet of purple orchids, with Mr. James T. McAden; Miss Lina DeRosset of Wilmington, in light blue satin with chiffon draperies and lace trimmings and corsage bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley, with Mr. Ruffin Smith; Miss Anna Branson of Concord in white charmeuse with bodice of real lace and corsage bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley and purple orchids, with Mr. John W. Hutchison; Miss Emma Ross Leslie of New York, in pink crepe de chine and pearl trimmings, with Mr. Thomas Hayes; Miss Mamie Tillett of Abilene, Texas, in white crepe de chine, trimmed in lace, with Mr. John Tillett; Miss Caroline Jones in white satin with blue lace robe trimmed in red roses, with Mr. Frank Pegram; Miss Flora Bryan in yellow satin with crystal tunic, with Mr. David Clark; Miss Katharine Cramer in light blue charmeuse, draped in chiffon with corsage bouquet of Parma violets, with Mr. Hamilton C. Jones; Miss Sarah Brockenbrough in white satin with silver spangled tunic and corsage bouquet of purple violets with Mr. Fielding Murray; Miss Susie Hutchison in light blue satin with chiffon draperies, trimmed in maribou, with Mr. Thurman Long; Miss Mary Neal Mellon in American beauty satin, trimmed in white lace and rhinestones, with Mr. W. H. McCabe, Jr.; Miss Stuart Jones in blue brocaded chiffon, trimmed in gold lace, with Mr. Alexander McDonald of San Francisco, Cal.; Miss Sarah Wilson in yellow satin with crystal tunic and American beauty roses, with Mr. Edwin Quintard; Miss Margaret Wilson of Rock Hill, S. C., in pink satin with chiffon overdress and trimmed in pearls, with Mr. L. B. Vreeland; Miss Flora Jeffries in yellow marquisette with gold lace trimmings and corsage bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley, with Mr. Flynn Wolfe; Miss Laura Reilley in American beauty charmeuse with crystal tunic and wearing a corsage bouquet of violets, with Mr. Lee Rutzler; Miss Sarah Cansler in embroidered net over pink silk with, with Mr. Malcolm Oates; Miss Minta Jones in apricot satin with gold spangled chiffon overdress, with Mr. Burton Smith of Richmond, Va.; Miss Lula Taliaferro in light blue crepe de chine trimmed in lace and corsage bouquet of Parma violets, with Mr. Eddie Jones; Miss Katherine Pegram in yellow satin, trimmed in gold fringe and wearing a corsage bouquet of Parma violets, with Mr. H. M. Taylor; Miss Nell Saunders in light blue crepe de chine trimmed in hand-made pink roses, with Mr. Sterling Graydon; Miss May London in white silk, with Mr. John Scott Cansler; Miss Annabelle Dowd in white crepe de chine and corsage bouquet of red carnations, with Mr. John McDowell; Miss Ruth Dowd in yellow charmeuse with corsage bouquet of Parma violets, with Mr. Norman Vann; Miss Helen Liddell in pink charmeuse with crystal tunic, with Mr. D. B. McBride; Miss Julia Irwin in yellow satin trimmed in princess lace, with Mr. Torrence Hemby; Miss Cornie Fore in light blue satin trimmed in lace and rhinestones and corsage bouquet of Parma violets, with Mr. E. C. Griffith; Miss Margaret Reese in light blue satin embroidered chiffon overdress and corsage bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley, with Mr. Frank Drane; Miss Ernestine Nuttall of Rockingham in white crepe de chine trimmed in lace, with Mr. Richard Harris; Miss Elizabeth Long of Fairview in white embroidery over pink silk, with Mr. J. R. Cherry; Miss Lilian Reid in light blue satin trimmed in maribou, with Mr. Albert Fore; Miss Susan Bynum in white brocaded satin trimmed in pearls, with corsage bouquet of white American Beauty roses and hyacinths, with Mr. John A. Parker; Miss Emily Holt in embroidered chiffon over pink charmeuse and crystal trimmings, with Mr. Norman Lynch; Miss Susie Cowles in cerise crepe with persian chiffon draperies and corsage bouquet of Richmond red roses, with Mr. H. B. Thomas of Columbia, S. C.; Miss Sadie Thomas in white satin with chiffon overdress and pearl trimmings, with Mr. T. Robin Brem.

The stags were Messrs. Morehead Jones, George Thomas, Cadet Stuart W. Cramer, Jr., Kenneth Tanner, Francis Hutchison, James Harris, Odom Alexander, Albert Clark, H. W. Martin, Jr., M. N. Hunter, Chase Brenizer, Will Tillett, Charles W. Tillett, Jr., W. M. Wilson, J. Lenoir Chambers, H. B. Vreeland, George E. Wilson, Jr., C. F. Appleton of Columbia, S. C., Robert Craig of Gastonia, Carol Taliaferro, Manlius Orr, Henry Smith, James Gibbon, E. S. Reid, Jr., Jack Myers, Edward Willis of Rock Hill, Warren Myers of Lynchburg, Va., Wisdom of Macon, Ga., and Drs. Yates Faison and Hamilton McKay.

The chaperons were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph VanLandingham, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. VanNess, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Lundgren, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Taliaferro, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Bland, Mr. and Mrs. Preston B. Wilkes of Greenville, S. C., Dr. and Mrs. Brodie C. Nalle, and Mesdames W. R. Foreman, W. F. Dowd, Osmond L. Barringer and Margaret Kelly Abernethy.

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Mrs. H. L. Skinner of Smithfield and Mrs. N. H. Cannady of Oxford arrived in the city last night to visit their parents, Capt. and Mrs. N. M. Lawrence, on Kingston avenue, Dilworth.

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Miss Anna Branson of Concord is spending several days in the city as the guest of Mrs. Charles W. Parker at her home in Piedmont Park.

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Miss Lina DeRosset of Wilmington is the attractive house guest of Miss Helen Liddell at her home on East avenue.

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Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Orr have as their guests for the holidays their daughters, Mrs. J. Irwin Brownlee of Anderson, S. C., and Miss Louise Orr, who is teaching school at Westminster, S. C.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smedburg of Brevard will arrive in the city today to spend a week or 10 days as the guests of Mr. Smedburg's aunt, Mrs. John Wilkes, at her home on West Trade street.

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Miss Margaret Wilson of Rock Hill, S. C., will return home this afternoon after spending several days with Miss Minta Jones. Miss Wilson was a guest at the Charlotte Cotillion Club dance last evening and she will return next week for the Leap Year dance to be given by the young ladies.

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The Christmas dance of the Charlotte high school took place last evening in the Dilworth hall and was a delightful affair. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock and continued until after midnight. Those dancing were: Miss Elizabeth Roark and Mr. Fred Wilson, Miss Katherine Adams and Mr. Todd Misenheimer; Miss Helen Parker and Mr. Julian Woodruff; Miss Dorothy Perry and Mr. W. B. Davis; Miss Eugenia Russell and Mr. Gwyn Lillard; Miss Lucy Tingley and Mr. Byron Scott; Miss Alice Bilbie and Mr. Fred McCall; Miss Florrie Beard and Mr. Caldwell McDonald; Miss Margaret Cowles and Mr. W. Frank Dowd, Jr.; Miss Jane Johnson and Mr. Francis Clarkson; Miss Agnes Blanton and Mr. Peasley; Miss Yancey Long of Fairview and Mr. Fred Kendrick; Miss Frances Ray and Mr. Shay; Miss Katherine Kendrick and Mr. Carl King. Stags: Messrs. Francis Wearn, Parks Alexander, Tom Misenheimer, Jaspar O'Connell, Joe Harris, Ira De Armond and Preston Andrews. Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. T. Croft Woodruff and Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Parker.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Worley will return to their home in Hamlet Sunday after spending the holidays here as the guests of Mr. Worley's mother, Mrs. J. F. Worley.

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One of the loveliest parties of the week was that given by Mrs. W. E. Price at her handsome home in Colonial Heights on Christmas eve night in honor of Miss Hilda Conyers in celebration of her eighteenth birthday. The home was attractively decorated with holly and mistletoe and the Christmas colors, red and reen, were carried out in the refreshments. Miss Conyers, who is a pretty and attractive blonde, was gowned in pale blue charmeuse with point de sprit overdress trimmed in tiny pink rosebuds. The guests present were: Miss Hilda Conyers and Mr. James Carson; Miss Cornelia Dowd and Mr. Malcolm Oates; Miss Annie Dewey Chambers and Mr. Trelgar Wearn; Miss Mary Stewart Alexander and Mr. Stephen Davis; Miss Lucille Mason and Mr. Alfred Reilley; Miss Eunice Jeffries and Dr. J. W. Squires; Miss Miriam Parker and Mr. John Scott Cansler; Miss Evelyn Brice and Mr. William Player; Miss Mildred Butt and Mr. William Osborne; Miss Evelyn Blake and Mr. E. S. Reid, Jr., Miss Sarah Cansler and Mr. McAlister Carson; Miss Benetta Heath and Mr. Francis Clarkson, Miss Mary Carson and Mr. James Gibbon; Miss Frances Osborne and Mr. Gerard King; Messrs. Will Tillett and Woodrow McKay of Columbia, S. C., and Dr. and Mrs. William Allan and guest, Mr. Anchutz of Lewisburg, W. Va.

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Misses Katherine McDonald and Evelyn Blake will leave tomorrow afternoon for Monroe, where they will be guests for several days of Miss Maggie Yorke Houston.

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Mrs. A. W. Plyler of Lexington is spending a few days here as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Walter Davidson, at her home on East avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Draper have as their guests at their home on Elizabeth avenue Dr. Baxter S. Moore of Atlanta and Mrs. Draper's brother, Mr. Gordon Voorhees, and son, Gordon, Jr., and Mr. Draper's brother, Mr. Otis Draper of New York.

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Miss Emma Johnston of Asheville will arrive in the city tomorrow to visit at the home of her aunt, Mrs. John R. Johnston, on Tenth avenue.

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Mrs. Stephen T. Forrest announces the marriage of her daughter, Annie May, to Mr. Albert Young Kelly. The wedding took place at the home of the bride at Elfland, N. C., December 25, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly will be at home in Raleigh after January 10. The bride is a charming and accomplished young woman and is very popular in her home town and wherever she is known. Mr. Kelly is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs Thomas L. Kelly of Mocksville. He is a nephew of the late Capt. S. A. Kelly and Mrs. Thomas H. Gaither of this city. Mr. Kelly was educated at Davidson College and was for a number of years connected with the Erwin cotton mills, being located at Duke. For the past year or more he has been successfully engaged in the insurance business at Raleigh. Mr. Kelly is a young man of splendid business ability and pleasing personality. He is well known and popular throughout the State.

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The social event of the evening will be the reception and domino dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Warren Cramer at their home, Withgate Hall, on East Morehead street. The reception will be from 9 to 11 o'clock and the dance from 9 to 12 o'clock. The affair promises to be one of the most brilliant of the season. A special street car will be at the disposal of the guests at any time after 12 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Cramer and Miss Cramer have as their house guests Miss Laura McGill Cannon of Concord, Miss Mary Grace Ray of McAdenville and Miss Helen and Mr. William Julian of Thomasville.

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Miss Sallie Dixon will leave tomorrow for Augusta, Ga., to visit Miss Carolyn Nurnberger. Misses Dixon and Nurnberger graduated in the same class in music from the Presbyterian College under Dr. C. H. Fisher, formerly head of the music department of that institution.

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Miss Kate Johnston left last night for Brooklyn, N. Y., to visit Mrs. Slaughter Huff. Miss Evelyn Johnston left at the same time for Salisbury to be the guest of Miss Mabel Brown, who will accompany her home later for a visit.

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The many friends of Miss Nancy Anderson will regret to learn that she is confined to her home on North Graham street with grip.

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After today Miss Lina DeRosset of Wilmington, who has been visiting Miss Helen Liddell for several days, will be with Miss Leonore Seay at her home on Tenth avenue. Miss DeRosset will return home Monday.

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Miss Ernestine Nuttall will return to her home in Rockingham this afternoon. She came up yesterday morning for the dance of the Charlotte Cotillion Club last evening.

Croupy Coughs and Wheezy Colds

The quickest, simplest way to rid the children of dangerous croupy coughs and wheezy stuffy colds is to give them Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It gives almost instant relief and stops a cough promptly. It soothes and heals. Contains no opiates. Bowen's Drug Store. e-o-d

MRS. WILSON'S VIEW

Wife of President-Elect Writes Friends She Has Never Seen an Inauguration and Can't Answer Questions as to Plans Positively.

WASHINGTON, Dec 27.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and her daughters are looking forward to the inauguration on March 4 with more than usual anticipation, for none of them ever has seen a President of the United States inducted into office. The fact developed through a letter from Mrs. Wilson to the Southern League of Women's National Wilson and Marshall Organizations, replying to a query as to whether the mistress of the White House would receive the members immediately after the inaugural ceremonies. Mrs. Wilson's reply follows:

Letter has just reached me here and I hasten to say that while I feel quite sure that it can be arranged for the ladies of the Southern League to be received after the inaugural ceremonies, I myself am too ignorant in the matter to say more on my own authority, as I have never seen an inauguration and know nothing of the program.

Kentucky has eight whites to one black in a total population of 2,027,951.

MYSTERY COVERS DOLLAR DINNER

Nobody Knows What The Committee On "Entertainment Will Present

The Greater Charlotte Club dollar dinner tonight at the Auditorium contains many excellent things in store concerning which everybody, even the club members, are thus far in total darkness, except Chairman A. D. Glascock and the score of men who are to aid in pulling off the stunts. It is going to be a "gridiron" affair, and there are going to be many hits, local and otherwise, that will make the audience and banqueters shout for glee and some to roar hilariously when they behold the things which the entertainment committee has prepared.

While former occasions of this kind have gone on record as fine, great, the best yet, etc., the occasion tonight will demand a further searching of the dictionary to discover ample and sufficient terms to describe what is going to take place before the banquet is over.

The banquet and dollar dinner will of itself be something of an eye-opener and will be thoroughly enjoyable, appealing to the staid epicurean as well as to others, but the mystery of the evening, and the hidden attraction, is in the hands of the committee and the committee has kept its secret so well that not even President Charles Corker Hook knoweth even to this hour, what may happen, and what the president doesn't know isn't usually worth further attention on the part of those seeking illumination and light.

There are rumors, vague and intangible, that the mysterious committee has on its program things that will cause some of the audience, perhaps, to laugh but with a subdued and self-conscious mirth, possibly like the man who has just heard a good joke on himself. This is however mere speculation.

The affair is the event of the Greater Charlotte Club for the holidays and a large attendance is assured.

1—Orchestra and banquet.
2—Quartette.
3—Mr. H. introduces Mr. B.
4—Mr. B. has the Floor.
5—Mrs. M——h Will Delight the Audience for a Few Minutes.
6—The Great Gridiron Performance in Four Acts.
7—The Violin.
8—Speech of the Evening by the Scotch Diplomat.
9—The Other Speakers.

In Lighter Vein.

—"Papa, you know that George, who proposed to me last night, is coming for his answer this evening, don't you?"

"Yes."

"Oh, thank you, papa! That is the answer I was going to give him anyway!"—Chicago Tribune.

—Village Grocer—What are you running for, sonny?

Boy—I'm trying to keep two fellers from fighting.

Village Grocer—Who are the fellows?

Boy—Bill Perkins and me!—Puck.

—He—Yes; it's very true, a man doesn't learn what happiness is until he's married.

She—I'm glad you've discovered that at last.

He—Yes, and when he's married it's too late.—Le Rire.

Adjustable Tunic Solves Many Dress Problems.

With the aid of one of these admirable tunics one may make an old evening gown do duty another winter. The tunic, just as it is pictured here, comes all ready to slip on over a simple foundation gown of satin. Some of these tunics are of pale colored net embroidered with pearls or rhinestones; others are of black net with diamante embroidery, and various color effects are also shown. The tunic pictured is of fine black net embroidered with jet and steel beads, white beads being introduced in the border. This is worn over a gown of shrimp colored satin. Boots of the shrimp colored satin have pearl embroideries and pearl buttons and a string of pearls is gracefully arranged in the wearer's dark hair.

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Report Of City Tax Collector, Of Collections Made To Date

The City of Charlotte has collected to date the sum of $101 000 in general city taxes.

The total amount of taxes recorded on the books of the city tax collector for collection for 1912 is $239,593.

It will thus appear that the collections to date are about 40 per cent of the total. The city has been able to meet all of its obligations to this date, including a $50,000 interest account, payable semi-annually, about $50,000 on each payment.

The figures above do not include the special taxes levied by the board of aldermen, which are handled in a separate set of books and become due at a date usually three months prior to the general city taxes, though the special taxes cannot be said as a whole to fall due on a stated date or time of the year, being received throughout the 12 months, and some of these being paid quarterly or semi-annually.

The city officials are very well pleased with the financial situation as it is today, and according to the tax books there will be some $140,000 coming into the city treasury during the early months of the new year, all of which will be received in time to meet any future obligations.

The total of the general tax includes the sewer tax levied by the present board of aldermen besides the assessment of $1.20 on the $100 worth of property, the poll tax and all others that come under the general head.

MARCHERS PRESS ON

Suffragists Debate as to Entering Albany Saturday Instead of Next Tuesday.

STOCKPORT, N. Y., Dec. 27.—In a cold, steady downpour of rain "General" Rosalie Jones early today mustered her small army of suffragists and had a short conference on the advisability of marching into Albany on Saturday instead of on Tuesday next as was originally intended.

This new plan would necessitate two forced marches. "Surgeon General" Docks' strength, however, was overtaxed by the 18-mile walk in the blizzard on Christmas Eve, and it is doubtful whether she will be able to walk more than five or six miles a day after this. According to "General" Jones, it was decided to start for Vlatie today as scheduled and after reaching there, to determine whether to push on to Schodack center for tonight's stop.

Albany sympathizers will send a brass band to meet the pilgrims. An Albany merchant has offered his store to the pilgrims to be used as headquarters during their stay.

A Trick of the Stores.

(From The Wall Street Journal.)

"It always is hard enough to hold the family down on Christmas buying," said a Wall Street man in discussing the subject of Christmas gifts. "But this year, it is much worse than ever before. I have always had a valid brake on the buying by telling my folk how heavy were the bills I had to meet January 1, but this year that excuse doesn't go.

"And it's all on account of a new scheme of the resourceful New York merchant. A number of the stores this year have notified their charge customers that all goods purchased the last two weeks in December, will be put on the January account and bill rendered February 1.

"The women are taking advantage of the new rule and meet all objections with well, you don't have to pay for them until February. I am going to start a crusade after Christmas to try to secure the passage of a law to prohibit the taking of such action by the big stores next year."