

## THE BIG PIANO CONTEST.

### General Already Entered, and Much Interest is Being Manifested.

The beautiful new \$400 Cote piano, which THE TIMES is going to give away, and which is on exhibition at the People's Drug Store, is attracting much attention. It is a handsome instrument, and as good as it is handsome. This will be given as a prize to the person, school or organization of any kind which gets the largest number of votes in our Big Popularity Contest. Two other prizes will be given, as follows:

To the one getting the second largest number of votes we will give a finely polished Brass Bed, complete with the best springs and mattress. This is now on exhibition in the window of the Bell & Harris Furniture Co.

Third prize—a beautiful Gold Watch, ladies or gents' size. This watch is engraved with the name of the winner and is of the latest pattern and standard make. This is now on exhibition in the show window of J. C. Willard's Jewelry Store.

Any one may enter the contest by cutting the nomination ballot from THE TIMES and putting the name on it. If you do not wish to enter yourself, send in the name of some one else. If your friends see your name in the list of contestants, they will vote for you. Go out among your friends and secure subscriptions for THE TIMES. We will provide you with sample copies. For each new subscriber you obtain, with \$1.50 cash, you will be entitled to 300 votes for your favorite, and for all moneys collected on back subscriptions and renewals, 100 votes will be given for each dollar collected. When a new subscription is received, a certificate counting as 300 votes will be given, having on it a blank to write the name of the one voted for. Same with arrears and renewals, one vote for each cent paid being allowed on these.

Line up your friends and collect a greater amount than any one else, and secure for your own this expensive piano or one of the other prizes. You have three chances. If you do not get the first grand prize, you may get the second or third. Any of them is worth while.

The piano will be awarded to the person, Sunday School, society or organization that receives the greatest number of votes. A ballot box for the reception of votes will be found in THE TIMES office. Votes will be carefully counted, and sending of each contestant announced through the columns of THE TIMES.

Go to work now. Send for sample copies to THE TIMES, Concord, N. C. We expect to publish in our next issue names of those who have been nominated as contestants. We shall also publish coupon which will be good for 5 votes for anyone you wish. Watch for it and use it for your favorite. Collect these from your friends who take THE TIMES.

All new subscriptions must be bona fide, and cannot be changed from one member of the family to another. This rule must be rigidly enforced.

We publish a nomination blank below. It does not cost you anything to make a nomination. Cut out the blank, fill in and return to us.

### Postoffice Station at Forest Hill.

Concord is to have what she has needed, a sub-station, or contract station as it is known, at Forest Hill. Thanks to the work of our wide-awake postmaster, who is always on the alert to take any steps to improve the service and facilities of the postoffice, the department announces officially that a branch office will be established at Forest Hill on January 1, 1909. This station will have facilities for the transaction of money orders, registered business and the sale of stamps, etc. In fact, it will transact all business done at the main office except international money orders. Those who live convenient to it will receive their mail there. This will be a great convenience, and Postmaster Buchanan will receive the hearty thanks of the many people who will be served by it.

### At the Opera House.

Barlow & Wilson's Minirels will appear at the Concord opera house Friday night of this week. These minirels have been here several times before, and have always given excellent satisfaction. There are some good singers in the company, and on the whole the show is well worth seeing. Prices, 35, 50 and 75 cents. On Saturday night, December 11, one of the best attractions Concord has had will appear here. It will be "The House of a Thousand Candles," a fascinating and humorous play, including William Webb as Bates, and a carefully selected company. Those who have read the novel will want to see the play. The prices will be from 25 cents to \$1.50.

## WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

### A Delightful Banquet Given Tuesday Night.—New Officers Elected.

Last Tuesday night Elm Camp W. O. W. gave a banquet to the seven other Camps of the order in this county. Every Camp in the county was represented at the meeting. The Woodmen met in their lodge room in the Pythian building, where an executive session was held. At this meeting the annual election of officers for the ensuing year was held. The following officers were elected:

Council Commander, J. L. Miller; Advisor Lieutenant, J. F. Harris; Esquire, Frank Carroll; Banker, J. Mac. Caldwell; Clerk, J. H. Dorton; Watchman, Lewis Boyd; Sentry, Marshall Mabry; Trustee for three years, Jno. W. Propst. The address of welcome was delivered by Council Commander J. L. Miller, and several of the visiting Woodmen responded, after which the meeting was declared adjourned.

All of the Woodmen marched to the Armory hall, which had been tendered them through the courtesy of Capt. Louis A. Brown, the Woodmen band leading the procession, its enlivening music adding much to the gaiety of the night. On reaching the Armory, the Woodmen, about 400 in number, and their invited guests, including representatives from the newspapers of the city, gathered around the long and beautifully decorated table, which reached the entire length of the Armory, and every inch of space on it was covered with some delicacy.

Council Commander Miller welcomed the guests to the banquet and introduced Dr. L. A. Bikle, who invoked a divine blessing upon the occasion, after which all were commanded to help themselves. Every one present, including the guest, proved an efficient "Chopper" when it came to the barbecue. The Woodman band played several lively airs, that added enthusiasm and merriment to the gathering. Short speeches were made by Dr. Bikle and Col. Bundy, both of which breathed the spirit of brotherly love and good will toward all. The banquet proved to be a delightful one to all participating, and every one went away feeling that the bonds of love and fraternal brotherhood had been strengthened.

### Synopsis of Our Serial Story.

For the benefit of our readers who did not have THE TIMES to begin the first chapters of our serial story "The Chief Legatee," we publish below a synopsis of the story up to the present time:

CHAPTER 1.—The wife of Roger Ransom deserts him cruelly and unaccountably on the way from their church wedding, which was a notable society event in New York City. Mrs. Ransom was Georgian Hazen. Both husband and wife are very rich.

CHAP. 2.—How the strange desertion was accomplished by substitution of Mrs. Ransom's maid.

CHAP. 3.—Mrs. Ransom traced to the St. Denis Hotel, where she is found to have been in communication with a strange man. She sends a loving note to her husband warning him to make no effort to find her.

CHAP. 4.—He gives her a day to make up her mind to return to him. Publications in the newspaper announce Mrs. Ransom has found a long lost twin sister, and a note from her to Mr. Ransom confirms this story. But she declares her inability to return to him.

CHAP. 5.—Mr. Ransom and Detective Gerridge visit the St. Denis and find the stranger who has been in communication with Mrs. Ransom. He proves to be her brother, Alfred Hazen, returned after a long absence abroad. Admits he wanted money from her.

CHAP. 6.—Mr. Ransom visits his wife's lawyer, Mr. Harper, in quest of information about her, and learns she had visited him during the past three days, and had him draw up her will. This will is to be signed on April 15 at Sitford, a little Con- necticut town, where Mrs. Ransom's early life was spent.

CHAP. 7.—Ransom goes to Sitford and engages a room at the only hotel, where he knows his wife will also have to stop.

CHAP. 8.—Ransom casually visits the Sitford cemetery, where he is astounded to find a stone-cutter chiseling from a tombstone the record of the death of Anitra Hazen, the long dead and buried twin sister—so generally believed—of his wife, Georgian Hazen.

CHAP. 9.—Mrs. Ransom arrives in a coach at the Sitford tavern in the midst of a storm, and is watched covertly by her husband. She says her twin sister, Anitra, who is of a wild, peculiar disposition, had concluded to walk part of the way to Sitford from the ferry, and would be along in a few minutes.

## PARDON WILL BE REVOKED.

### Boy at Jackson Training School Declared to Be a Hardened Criminal.

The Raleigh News and Observer of yesterday contains the following which will be of interest to our people: Governor Kitchin yesterday gave notice of the first steps in the revocation of the pardon of William Webster, granted in 1908, on an affidavit submitted by Superintendent Walter Thompson, of the Stonewall Jackson Training School, the reformatory, showing that Webster was received there under false statement, that he is a hardened and confirmed criminal.

Webster, who was sent to the school at Concord from Johnston county, where he had broken into a store and stolen a suit of clothes and other things, being received under a misapprehension as to his age and former conduct, for the boy has a history.

It turns out that in April, 1908, he was found guilty of breaking into a car in Guilford county and sent to the roads for eight months, being pardoned in July of that year on condition that he remain of good conduct, sober and industrious and stay with his father. This he did not do and later it was found, so Mr. Walter Thompson makes affidavit, that he broke into a car at Louisburg, escaping from the officers of Franklin county, a few months later being arrested in Louisburg, tried for breaking into a store and stealing a suit of clothes and other things and sent to the training school at Concord.

His conduct there and his age, together with the information as to his previous crimes caused Mr. Thompson to make the affidavit that he considers Webster a hardened and confirmed criminal, totally unfit to be in touch with the other boys at the home.

Governor Kitchin has issued to the sheriff of Cabarrus county an order for Webster's arrest and gives him five days in which to make answer or deny the charges as to his conduct. If no satisfactory answer is made then Webster's pardon is revoked and he will be returned to Guilford county to work out his sentence on the roads, with his other crimes yet to be accounted for to the authorities of Franklin and Johnston counties.

## North Carolina Day Collection to Go to Training School.

The collections in the public schools of this county, on North Carolina Day, December 17, will go to the Stonewall Jackson Training School. The authorities of the school are going to erect an Educational Cottage, and they want the school children to share in the erection of this building. Any contribution from a penny up will be thankfully received by the schools. It is hoped that the schools of Cabarrus county will make a good showing in this collection, as the Training School is located among us and we want to take this means of manifesting our appreciation of it. The teachers of the schools are requested to explain to the children what the Training School is and its purposes.

Superintendent Boger reports that the schools all over the county are well attended and the prospects are good for a large enrollment and a good average attendance. Several of the schools where there is only one teacher employed have made application for another teacher.

The rule that governs the board in placing another teacher in the school, is for the school to have an enrollment of 75 or over, and the average daily attendance above 50.

## Our Military Company.

Capt. L. A. Brown, of Co. L, has just received a large shipment of cartridges. The shipment consists of 1200 multi-ball cartridges, 1200 riot cartridges and 1000 blank cartridges. Company L has recently had fitted up two handsome rooms in the Allison building, which will be used as club rooms. These rooms are handsomely furnished and the walls are hung with beautiful pictures, making very attractive and comfortable quarters for the company.

Much of the success of Company L can be attributed to the untiring efforts of Capt. Louis A. Brown, who has not only devoted much of his time and ability in assisting the Company in gaining its present prestige as being the best drilled company in the North Carolina National Guard, but he has helped the company very materially in a financial way. During the four years of his captaincy, Company L has competed in four drilling contests and on each occasion they won first prize.

## Cotton Shoots Upward.

The report of the census bureau showing only 8,878,277 bales of cotton ginned to December 1, was followed by increased activity and considerable excitement on the New York cotton market. Last year at this time 11,008,661 bales had been ginned. It is claimed that the census figures indicated a government estimate of under 10,250,000 bales. The commercial crop last year was in the neighborhood of 13,800,000 bales.

## LOCAL PENCILINGS.

### Short Items of Local Interest in City, County and This Section.

Think of it—only two weeks from next Saturday till Christmas.

Rev. B. A. Yorke preached at Forest Hill Church last Sunday morning.

Mr. J. P. Cook addressed the public school teachers of Mecklenburg last Saturday.

A kodak makes an ideal Christmas present. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$20.00 at the Gibson Drug Store.

Mr. Fred Linker moved his family to Whitney last week, where he has work in the electrical department of the Whitney Power Company.

The Rev. M. M. Noecker will preach on the Y. M. C. A. hall at Kannapolis on Sunday, December 12, at 3 p. m. A cordial invitation to all.

We are requested to announce that Elder Helms, of Monroe, will preach at Zion church Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock, and also on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The Bell & Harris Furniture Co. want you to look in their show window and see the second prize offered in THE TIMES' big contest. See their new ad. on page three.

There is nothing more appropriate for a Christmas present than engraved cards. Your order will have prompt attention. Call at THE TIMES office and see our book of samples.

Wanted—Everybody in town to visit the People's Drug Store and see the beautiful \$400 Cote piano we will give away to the one getting the largest number of votes in our Piano Contest.

The east side of the North Union street sidewalk is having some work done on it. Gravel is being placed, and the many rough places made smoother. It was not done before it was needed.

One of the principal "town topics" seems to be, "Who is going to get the piano?" The piano contest of THE TIMES is creating great interest among our people, and every one who has examined the piano is enthusiastic about it.

The Dayvault Co. has just received on a back order a fine lot of suitings, serges, silks, etc., which they bought at a great sacrifice. They have also a case of ladies' and men's underwear, which they are going to sell at 50 cents on the dollar.

The appearance of "The House of a Thousand Candles" at the opera house Saturday night promises to be an event decidedly out of the ordinary. The play is a dramatization of the novel by the same name, and contains all its many interesting episodes and strange characters.

Mr. Lewis Barrier, of Georgeville, and Miss Bertha Green, of Stanly county, were married on Thursday of last week. The ceremony was performed at the Bethel parsonage by the pastor, Rev. S. S. Higgins. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Ephraim Green.

Our reporter in his account of the Elk's memorial meeting last Sunday inadvertently failed to make mention of the recitation by Dr. L. A. Bikle, the Exalted Ruler, of William Cullen Bryant's Thanatopsis. Dr. Bikle recited it so well that the rendition deserved especial mention, and it is a pleasure to us to say this.

If you are puzzled what to do about buying a present that isn't costly but one that will be enjoyed and appreciated throughout the whole year, and which will make the recipient think of you most all the time, send THE TIMES to somebody. Finest present in the world for a dollar and a half.

Mrs. Clark, wife of Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court, and mother of Mr. Jno. W. Clark, of Concord, is desperately ill at Raleigh with pneumonia, which developed from a severe case of la grippe. She has been in poor health for a couple of years, and there are the gravest fears of the result of the pneumonia attack. Mr. Clark is now at his mother's bedside.

Mr. Joseph A. Glass and Miss Della Widenhouse will be married to-night at 7:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Catherine Widenhouse, on North Spring street. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. W. L. Hutchins, and the wedding march will be played by Mrs. J. C. Cook. Mr. Glass has a position as clerk at G. W. Patterson's. The bride-to-be is a daughter of the late Mr. Monroe Widenhouse.

At the last conference at Hickory, Bethel and Big Lick Methodist charges were placed in one charge, with Rev. S. S. Higgins as pastor. Before that Bethel was a station. There are now five churches in the charge, namely: Bethel, Big Lick, Love's Chapel, Providence and Locust. Preaching services hereafter will be held as follows: Big Lick, on the first Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., and at Providence at 2:30 in the afternoon; at Love's Chapel third Sunday at 11 a. m. and Locust at 2:30 p. m.; Bethel, second and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m.

Mr. John Pinion has sold his blacksmith shop to Mr. Elam Nelson.

We publish on page five a statement of the indebtedness of Cabarrus county.

Jno. K. Patterson & Co. have several new offerings in real estate in this issue.

Mr. W. C. Rose, of Enochville, is a candidate for the China Grove post office.

Mr. R. E. Ridenhour has gone to Burlington on a business trip. He owns one of the laundries there.

Mr. R. C. Sappenfield has accepted a position with the double-tracking force of the Southern, located just above the city.

Blume Bros., who have been in the grocery business for a year, will wind up the business by January 1. They are now selling out their stock of goods.

The Junior Order U. A. M. this week put up two flags on the Central and No. 2 graded school buildings to replace the old ones, which had become frayed.

Rev. Mr. Summers, of Mallard Creek, has accepted the pastorate of Poplar Tent and Gilwood Presbyterian churches, and will arrive sometime between now and Christmas to take up his new work.

The Juniors of Concord will present a flag and bible to the McGraw school on Thursday, the 23rd day of December. The presentation will be accompanied by the usual exercises attending these events.

As will be seen in our announcement elsewhere, THE TIMES, beginning December 17, will be delivered in Concord by its own carriers. Our carriers will be: Watson Smoot, Robert Fisher, Randall Harris, Jack Henry, Sam and George Fetzer.

Mrs. Mary Johnson, an aged lady of No. 3 township, died yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock after a few days illness of pneumonia. She was 75 years of age and made her home with her nephew, Mr. W. B. Goodnight. The body was buried at New Bethpage to-day.

Dr. H. A. Wakefield, who has been practicing medicine at Kannapolis, for the past two years, will give up his practice the 1st of January, and go to Baltimore, where he will enter one of the medical colleges to pursue a special course in medicine. Dr. Wakefield will specialize in the diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat.

Rev. W. P. McGhee and family arrived yesterday from Morven, and now occupy the circuit parsonage on Church street. They were met at the depot by a number of the people of the circuit and given a royal welcome. A nice dinner had been prepared for them, and they were made glad by the cordial reception given them.

Rev. B. A. Yorke and family left last Tuesday for their new home at Lincolnton, Mr. Yorke and little son going through the country by way of Beatties Ford and Denver. They have made many friends in Concord and Cabarrus during their two months residence here, and all regret to see them leave. Mr. Yorke did a good work on the Concord circuit, and it is to be regretted that he is so situated as not to be able to take work this year.

Rev. E. L. Bain, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, at Charlotte was yesterday appointed presiding elder of Statesville district, to succeed Rev. J. N. Huggins, who died Sunday night. Rev. A. W. Plyler who had been given a nominal appointment at his request as assistant pastor of Trinity church, was made the regular pastor. Mr. Plyler was formerly presiding elder of this district, but spent last year studying in Chicago.

## County Matters.

The following business of public interest was transacted at the regular meeting of the county commissioners Monday:

It was ordered that Sam Ellis, colored, be sent to the County Home.

A petition from citizens of No. 10 township for a bridge at Garmon's mill was referred to the superintendent of roads.

J. L. Goodman and G. Ed. Kestler were appointed a committee to check annual report of Clerk of the Court.

A petition was received from the Southern Railway asking that they be allowed to make a temporary crossing at the Furr place. This was granted. A new bridge is to be erected there when the double track is made, and the old bridge is to be given to the county.

It was ordered that the approach to the steel bridge near P. R. Motley's be completed, and that J. J. Cox and J. M. Burrage look after the same.

A petition for a new road from the Mt. Pleasant road to Bost Mill was granted, provided all the property owners sign petition, to be opened up free of cost to the county and be kept up for two years.

It was ordered that Anna Mack be admitted to the County Home.

All the county officers renewed their bonds.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

### A Partial List of Those Among Us Who Come and Go.

Mrs. Plato Durham is visiting in Charlotte.

Rev. Plato Durham spent several days at King's Mountain this week.

Miss Zelia Corriher, of China Grove, is visiting Mrs. Graham Robinson.

Mr. J. L. Hartell returned yesterday from a business trip to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Andrew Grier, of Lenoir, is visiting at Dr. S. A. Grier's at Harrisburg.

Miss Nannie Crowell, of the Greensboro Female College, is at home for a few days.

Mrs. A. C. Craven and son Thomas, of Huntsville, Ala., are visiting at the home of Mr. John M. Craven.

Mr. Charley Krider has returned from Gaffney, S. C., where he had been working for a while.

Mr. W. W. Stuart is at home for a few days from a trip on the road through Tennessee and Georgia.

Mrs. W. H. Gorman returned Monday night to her home near Baltimore. Her mother, Mrs. B. F. Rogers, accompanied her to spend some time.

Mrs. Mary Jeffers, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. S. Higgins, at Bethel, since October, left yesterday morning for her home in Rockingham county.

Mr. J. P. Cook, left this morning for Wadesboro, to attend the Baptist State Convention in the interest of the Jackson Training School. Mr. Cook will return by way of Charlotte where he will address the Teachers Association, of Mecklenburg county Saturday.

## COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE NOTES.

Examinations are now over and work is proceeding in usual order. The reports have been issued and the showing made by the various classes was quite satisfactory. Very few failed to make the necessary grade to pass. This speaks well for the work done during the term just closed, for the standard of requirement at the Institute is high and the tests were rigid.

Splendid progress continues to be made in the military department under the capable management of Captain Porcher. The cadets are becoming quite proficient in the manual of arms and the drill regulations generally.

The boys are all in uniform now and present an attractive appearance when executing the commands on the drill grounds. Owing to the increased enrollment an order had to be placed recently for more rifles. The Springfield is used.

The cadets are now looking forward to the Christmas holidays. They will enjoy a good holiday then, school work closing December 23rd and resuming January 3rd.

Prof. McAllister states that several applications have been received for entrance after the Christmas holidays.

A number of attractions are booked by the Institute and Seminary for the coming week. Friday night a lecture will be delivered to the faculty, students and friends of the Institute by the Rev. P. R. Eubanks, of Huntersville. The school community is looking forward with pleasure to this event. As previously mentioned, the Ludwig Literary Society of the Institute will give its annual public debate December 22.

The auto line is now an established fact. A splendid Chalmers-Detroit machine is making several round trips to Concord every day, and it is being remarkably well patronized. The company has just received a charter, and if business demands it will put on more cars. This is a great convenience to the school and all the people of the community. F.

## Daughters of the Confederacy.

The Dodson-Ramseur Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy met at the home of Mrs. A. E. Lentz Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. A regular business meeting was held, at the close of which an election of officers for the ensuing year was held, resulting as follows: Mrs. W. J. Montgomery, president; Mrs. J. C. Wadsworth, vice president; Mrs. Joe F. Goodman, secretary; and Mrs. D. B. Morrison, treasurer.

## Reception to Miss Emily Gibson.

The Julia Magruder Book Club gave a most charming reception last Thursday afternoon at Mrs. R. S. Young's in honor of Miss Emily Gibson, who is soon to be a bride. The guests, besides the members of the Club were: Mrs. J. M. Odell, Mrs. Jno. P. Allison, Mrs. D. B. Coltrane, Mrs. Wm. Gibson, Mrs. C. L. Smith, Mrs. Noell, Misses Kate and Belle Means, Elizabeth and Ellen Gibson and Pat Adams.

A gentleman from the county phoned us this afternoon that he already had 5 new subscribers and 3 renewals in our Piano Contest. This is the way to "go after it."

## NOMINATING COUPON.

Fill out this and mail or hand it THE TIMES, Concord, N. C.

I wish to nominate as a candidate in your Piano contest

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I understand this is merely a nomination, and does not bind me in any way.

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Date..... Address.....