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THE TIMES BIG PIANO CONTEST

ONE DOZEN CONTESTANTS ALREADY ENTERED FOR THE THREE PRIZES.

If You Have Not Already Entered Send in Your Name.—You May Be a Winner by Going to Work at Once.

THE TIMES big Piano contest has only just begun, and already some excellent work is being done. Thus far we have a dozen contestants, and there are others who should enter. The names of those who have been nominated up to this time are as follows:

- Miss Margie McEachern, Concord.
- Miss Louise Means, Concord.
- Miss Grace Watkins, Concord.
- Miss Anna Thompson, Kannapolis.
- Miss Bertha Linker, Concord.
- Miss Ola Yerton, Newell.
- Miss Fay Polk, Concord.
- Miss Lena Harris, Concord.
- Rocky River High School.
- Mrs. C. C. Hill, Glass.
- Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute.
- Company L, Concord.

Your friends will help you and it won't be hard to come out winner. Send in your application at once. Do not hesitate, for while you are weighing the questions of entering the contest, some other candidates may be securing the votes of those who can properly be described as your friends, and which would be gladly be cast for you, did they but know that you desired them. Many thousands of votes are still outstanding, while other thousands await the discovery of some alert young candidate or her friends.

It is the votes that count, and many thousands are waiting the candidate who first discover them. It is not safe for any contestant to think that a day's delay in getting these votes should be made. Many a good race has been lost by over-confidence. The way to do is to "get busy" and you will soon be surprised at the results you secure.

Our subscription books are open to all the contestants and any of them wishing to look them over in order to obtain names are perfectly welcome to do so. You may have some friends among them who would gladly renew their subscriptions to help you out. This means every contestant now in the race or any new ones that wish to enter.

Remember, for every new subscriber you get with \$1.50 each, you will be entitled to 300 votes. There are hundreds of people in Concord and in Cabarrus, Stanly, Rowan and Mecklenburg counties who will subscribe for THE TIMES if you ask them. You can get subscribers anywhere you wish.

You should not forget that there are three splendid prizes, any one of which is worth working for. If you do not get the Piano, you may get the handsome Brass Bed or the beautiful gold Wath.

We have decided not to publish the votes until next issue in order to give all a chance to make a good start. Quite a number of votes have already been cast for several of the candidates. We publish a coupon below which is good for 10 votes. Go at once and collect these from your friend and vote them. Every copy of THE TIMES this issue contains one.

Now is the time to get busy.

Void after December 20, 1909.

Good for Ten Votes in The Times' Piano Contest.

I vote for _____

Signed _____

Cut this out and send to The Times, Concord, N. C., and it will count 10 votes for your favorite.

The Behavior at the Opera House.

"The House of a Thousand Candles" given at the opera house here last Saturday night was a distinctly first-class play, and it is to be regretted that such a small house greeted the players. Those who have read the book understand its capabilities in a stage production, and the players, every one of whom was an artist, brought it out in the best possible manner. Only one thing detracted from the enjoyment of the play on the part of those capable of enjoying it, and that was the outrageous and idiotic behavior of some negroes in the gallery. If manager Byles cannot make some arrangement to have the boisterousness in the opera house stopped, he cannot expect the good people of the city to attend his shows even when he has a good one. If there is no ordinance against such behavior, one should be passed; and if one exists, it should be enforced at any cost. The lessee of the opera house has a right to such protection from the city, which he pays for the privilege.

Vest Pocket Memorandum Books for 1910.

On last Saturday we received a bill for our Vest Pocket Memorandum Books for 1910, and they will arrive in a few days. We want every subscriber of THE TIMES to have one of these books, whether they have paid their subscriptions or not. Come in and get one. We have been giving these to our subscribers for several years, and they have proven a most successful gift. They are very convenient, and everybody should have one.

Miss Mary Brachen has a beautiful line of dolls, toys and Christmas goods. Don't buy before you see her stock.

Colored Child Burned to Death.

The one-year-old child of Jason Young, colored, was so badly burned at its home on Happy Hill last Thursday afternoon that it died the next day. Its mother went off to Charlotte and left it and a four-year-old girl in the house. The baby fell in the fire, and of course its clothes caught on fire. The larger child had presence of mind enough to throw a bucket of water on it, but this did no good. Neighbors were attracted by the children's cries, and gave all the aid possible.

Christmas for the County Home Inmates.

Mrs. J. B. Sherrill is arranging to send a box of good things to eat to the inmates of the County Home to brighten the Christmas time for them, and she asks any one who would like to contribute anything to this good purpose to notify her as early as possible. Anything in the way of fruits, cakes, candies, or anything else which may suggest itself, will be thankfully received. Certainly a small amount of money can be spent for no more worthy purpose.

Cotton Again 15 Cents.

Cotton on the local market brought 15 cents again last Saturday. This was due to the government report issued last week, and it is certain if this report is approximately correct that the price of the staple will go still higher. Of course the bulk of the cotton in this county has been sold, and only a comparative few will get the benefit of the high prices that are sure to come.

Mr. Grady White, of Concord, who is a student at the A. & M. College at Raleigh, was operated on at the Rex Hospital in Raleigh last Thursday for appendicitis.

IN MEMORY OF MR. HUGGINS.

Beautiful Memorial Service Held at Forest Hill Church Last Night.

That was a beautiful service held at Forest Hill Methodist Church last night in memory of Rev. J. N. Huggins, a former beloved pastor of that church, who died at Statesville just one week before.

Hon. W. R. Odell presided over the meeting, speaking himself for several minutes of the life and labors of Mr. Huggins. He said he was the first pastor or ex-pastor of this church who had died since it was established in 1889. It was fitting that such a service should be held, and he hoped that one would be held following the death of any pastor in the future. He spoke of Mr. Huggins as his pastor and friend, saying that only those who knew him closely appreciated his great worth, as he was a very modest man. He was a man of lofty character and as true as steel. Mr. Odell paid a beautiful tribute to Mr. Huggins.

Rev. W. L. Hutchins spoke from the records as to the splendid work done here by Mr. Huggins during his three years pastorate, showing that he had taken into the church 182 members, an average of 60 each year. Mr. Hutchins said he knew him slightly only, but from others he had none but the highest praise for him.

Mr. D. B. Coltrane said he knew Mr. Huggins in Missouri 30 years ago. He knew him as a young lawyer, and he was always a man of high character and strong religious convictions. He soon after entered the ministry, and everywhere he went he stood high, and did excellent work. He was a man of strong convictions, and unswerving in the path of duty.

Rev. T. W. Smith spoke of the dead pastor as a man of even temperament, of the fewest faults and of the sweetest spirit. He was methodical in all his work, and said and did nothing to hinder the Lord's work.

The following resolutions offered by Mr. Odell were unanimously adopted: Whereas, God has called our beloved brother and former pastor, Rev. J. N. Huggins, from labor into rest; therefore be it resolved:

First: That we, the members of Forest Hill Methodist Church, express our deep appreciation of his ministry among us. He was a faithful and a forceful preacher, making plain to us the way of salvation, and holding always before us the cross of Christ. He was a careful and sympathetic pastor, looking well after the flock over whom God had made him shepherd.

Second: That the fruit of his labors still abides among us; and though in body he can be no more here, these things shall stand a perpetual memorial of the gentleness, sincerity and usefulness of his work in this congregation.

Third: That we express to Sister Huggins and her children our sympathy with them in their bereavement, praying for them the consolation of that gospel which the departed husband and father preached so faithfully unto us.

Fourth: That copies of these resolutions be sent to Sister Huggins, the St. Louis Christian Advocate, North Carolina Christian Advocate, Statesville Landmark and THE CONCORD TIMES.

W. R. ODELL,
C. E. STRATFORD,
J. T. HOWELL.

Sending Christmas Packages by Mail.

Packages should be securely wrapped and plainly addressed. The name and address of the sender preceded by the word "from" should appear on all packages.

Packages should contain no writing, as writing will make the matter first-class, and subject the sender to a fine of \$10; except a single card bearing the written name of the sender and such inscriptions as "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With Best Wishes," etc., may be enclosed with fourth-class matter without affecting its classification.

In placing Christmas seals on fourth-class matter, be careful not to seal package, as that would make it first-class. Place the seals so that the package can be opened without breaking the Christmas seal.

Following the example of the Coast Line and other great railroad systems the Southern Railroad is making arrangements to install a telephone dispatch service on its system between Monroe, Va., and Greensboro. The telegraph line between these points will be kept in repair and ready for use in the event the "phone service should not prove satisfactory. Should the "phone prove all right for dispatching trains and other business the Southern will then install the telephone service through their entire system.

It will be noticed in the bulletin on the state's mineral production printed in this paper that Montgomery county produced more gold in 1908 than any other North Carolina county. Rowan was second. The total value of the production was \$15,495, an increase of more than \$15,000 over the output in 1907.

LOCAL PENCILINGS.

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

The Southern Railway pays as State and county taxes in Cabarrus the sum of \$6,808.57.

The first quarterly conference for Forest Hill Church was held Saturday night by Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe.

Black & Shepard have a reminder to Christmas shoppers in their new ad. in this issue. Read it.

Cline & Moose have just received a lot of the new crop of the New Orleans molasses—the genuine sugar goods.

The Lexington Dispatch says that labor is scarce and quotes a mill man as saying he could use 25 more operatives easily.

Giving will be the subject for the boys' prayer-meeting next Friday night: Paul Ritchie and Uriah Miller will read selections.

A Christmas tree will be given at Central Church on Friday before Christmas for the benefit of the smaller children.

The Concord Furniture Co. is showing a nice line of goods for the holiday trade. See their new ad. in this issue.

There was no service at Central Methodist Church last night on account of the memorial service at Forest Hill.

Mrs. H. G. Ritz returned last week from Atlanta, where she has been in a hospital for treatment for some time. She is much improved.

The Ivey Shoe Co. sells comfortable shoes for all kinds of wear. They have a nice line of bed-room slippers at from \$1 to \$2 a pair.

Mr. D. F. Morehead has resigned his position as night operator at the telephone office and will leave on the 15th for his home in Anderson, S. C.

Mrs. Ed. Howell died yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at her home on Cedar street. She leaves a husband and three small children. The burial will take place this afternoon at Rocky Ridge.

The stewards of Broad Street Methodist Church at Statesville recently increased the salary of their pastor, Rev. Harold Turner, from \$1500 to \$1800. Following the good example set by Central Church, Concord.

Miss Ethel Cherryman, the efficient superintendent of the Charlotte Sanatorium, resigned her position last week. Miss Cherryman has a number of friends in Concord, and all will regret to learn of her resignation.

Holiday excursion rates will be placed on sale December 17, and will be on sale the 18th, 21st, 23rd, 24th and 31st, and January 1, with final limit January 6, 1910. The round trip rate will be 80 per cent. of double regular fare.

Stanly Enterprise: "Dr. F. E. Hartsell, one of the best physicians, and one who is always ready to lend a helping hand to those who call on him, has been unable for sometime to do any practice on account of failure of health caused by overwork."

The December number of The Uplift contains a fine story on conditions at the Proximity and White Oak mills in Greensboro, particularly illustrative of the interest of the owners of these mills take in the operatives and the provision made for the education of the children.

There will be a boy's corn club organized at the court house at Salisbury on Monday, December 20th, and all the boys in Rowan county are invited to join. Messrs. Swab and Hutchison will address the meeting and explain about the handsome cash prizes which are to be given for the best crop of corn grown by a boy.

There has been considerable rivalry between the country and townspeople as to who should secure the beautiful Cote piano, which will be given away by THE TIMES. The townspeople seem to be of the opinion that the piano should go to some town folks, but this is contradicted by our friends from surrounding territory, who have united with a determination to secure the piano for their candidates.

The Supreme Court affirms the decision of the lower court in the case from this county of R. F. Fowler against the railroad in which the plaintiff was given damage at the recent term of Cabarrus court for \$450.00 against the Southern Railroad. The Southern took an appeal with the result stated. Montgomery & Crowell are attorneys for Fowler.

Mr. William Linker, a brother of Mr. Mark Linker, of this city, and a freight conductor on the Texas & Pacific Railroad, was badly injured in a railroad wreck at Fort Worth, Texas, last Friday night. Mr. Linker's arm and nose were broken and he received several other smaller wounds. Mr. Linker is now in a hospital in Fort Worth, and a letter from the hospital authorities states that he is resting as well as could be expected.

Mr. Jake F. Newell, of Charlotte, is spending the day in the city.

Mr. Chalmers White returned home Saturday, and will be here until after the holidays.

Mr. W. A. Dayvault and family will leave their home in Wharton, Tex., Saturday for a visit to relatives and friends in this city.

Mr. Robert W. Graeber, of this city, has been elected vice president of the Rural Science Club of A. & M. College. He is now in Concord for a few days.

Mrs. Walter Clark, wife of Chief Justice Clark, died at her home in Raleigh last Friday. Her son, Mr. John W. Clark, of Concord, was at her bedside when she died.

The long dry spell has been broken at last. It began raining last night and has rained steadily ever since. This is the first rain of any consequence that has fallen here since September.

A new advertiser for THE TIMES columns is the real estate department of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co., who offer in this issue 146 acres near Concord. They have many other offerings which they will tell you about from time to time.

The fire department was called out early last Friday morning to the depot to extinguish a blaze that had been started in a box car. The car was practically consumed before the alarm was turned in, and all of it was burned before the firemen could render any assistance. It is supposed that the fire was started by some tramps.

Dinner Given by Mr. Howard Townsend.

Last Thursday night, Mr. Howard Townsend entertained 30 of his friends at a birthday dinner. The dinner was served in the room over Marsh's Drug store, which had been specially arranged for the entertainment of Mr. Townsend's guests. Several days previous to his birthday, Mr. Townsend had received a large turkey as a birthday gift from his father, Mr. P. P. Townsend, and in thinking of some way in which he could dispose of his gift, the plan occurred to him of having his friends join him in a dinner.

An elegant course of turkey, dressing, cheese wafers and salad had been prepared and was most elegantly served, after which cigars were passed around and several impromptu speeches were made, all of which added joy and merriment to the occasion. At the close of the speeches a unanimous vote of thanks was extended to the host. To this he responded that he was the happiest one present because he had been able to have his friends with him.

Mr. Townsend is a prominent young mill man of this city, and numbers his friends by the score, all of whom wish that he may have many more birthdays and each of them prove as happy as this one.

Those who enjoyed Mr. Townsend's hospitality were: Mayor Chas. B. Wagoner, Col. J. R. Smith, Col. Jno. Bundy, Dr. L. A. Bible, Geo. H. Rutledge, J. W. Cannon, Jr.; J. C. Wadsworth, Richmond Reed, Dr. W. D. Pemberton, A. H. Jolitz, D. W. McLemare, E. H. Moss, S. J. Ervin, Dr. M. L. Marsh, Alex. Howard, J. M. Howard, Hugh Parks, Vardrey Brown, C. R. Craven, G. G. Allen, J. B. Alexander, Eugene Cannon, Clifford Porter, Ernest Correll, Ernest Query, Willie Sappenfield and Karl Cline.

Subscriptions Paid.

We acknowledge with thanks the payment of subscriptions from the following since our last report:

- C. D. Barringer, S. C. Klutz, W. M. Ross, C. H. Dorton, C. F. C. Miller, J. H. Dorton, Mrs. Mary J. Page, J. H. Evans, Mrs. Z. E. Blackwelder, T. B. Cline, Mrs. Jesse Smith, M. D. Caldwell, R. A. Brower, W. J. Hunsucker, W. C. Goodman, Rev. S. S. Higgins, T. R. Penninger, A. A. Blackwelder, Sandy Black, J. K. Shoe, White-Morrison-Flowe Co., J. H. Barrier, Grant Edwards, R. L. Sloop, C. H. Hamilton, R. M. Boger, Geo. H. Moore, D. M. Barringer, R. N. Herran, W. C. Furr, G. H. Walker, Jr., Wm. L. Barr, J. W. B. Long, H. M. Shinn, Jno. A. Safrin, Jno. A. Petrea, W. T. Linker, Geo. H. Cline, Homer Winecoff, J. Frank Fink, Jas. W. Foil, D. J. Hopkins, W. W. Morrison, D. D. Barrier, J. R. Gray, G. T. Wagoner, D. M. Fagart, R. W. Johnston, H. A. Blackwelder, W. R. Benton, G. C. Lentz, W. A. Kerr, Frank White, C. Blackwelder, H. P. Glass, W. M. Cress, L. Harris, G. A. W. Crowell.

A Bible Name.

An Alabama man tells of an old negro in Birmingham who became possessed of a seedy and forlorn looking dog, to which he promptly assigned the name "Moreover." The story is printed in Harper's.

"Jefferson," he was asked, "how did you hit upon such a name as 'Moreover' for the dog?"

"I gits it outen de Bible," he replied. "The Bible?" "Sure, sah. Doan' yo' member where it says, 'when Lazarus lay at de rich man's gate, Moreover, de dog, come an' lick his sores?'"

PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Mr. Joe Parks is at home from the A. & M. College.

Mr. Shirley Suther, of Salisbury, is in Concord to-day.

Mrs. J. O. Walker, of Lexington, spent Sunday with Mrs. R. K. Black.

Mr. H. A. Blackwelder, of Mooresville, was a Concord visitor Saturday.

Miss Shirley Montgomery will return to-day from a visit to Charlotte.

Mr. G. A. W. Crowell, of New London, is here visiting relatives.

Mr. William Hawthorne, of Salisbury, spent Saturday here with his parents.

Mrs. Plato Durham returned Saturday from a visit to Miss Helen Brem at Charlotte.

Mr. Leslie Puryear, of Kentucky, will spend the holidays in Concord with Mr. Alfred Brower.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fink will spend the Christmas holidays at Harriman, Tenn., with their son, Mr. Walter C. Fink.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Furr, of Mt. Holly, returned home Saturday after visiting their son, Mr. W. C. Furr, of No. 9, for a week.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

What the Little Ones Want Him to Bring Them Christmas.

We publish below several letters to Santa Claus from our little friends. We shall be glad to publish all they will send us, and will guarantee that they will reach good old Santa in ample time.

Dear Old Santa Claus:—Please bring me some fire-crackers, some candy, apples, a lot of toys, a pop gun and some caps, and I will have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I will close for this time.

GEORGE BENFIELD,
Concord, N. C., Pine street, No. 22.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a little engine and my little sister a baby doll carriage, and also some apples, oranges, lots of nice candy and nuts of all kinds.

Your little friend,
WORTH GREENE,
Harrisburg, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus:—I will write and tell you what I want you to bring me for Christmas. I want a poke of candy, a little wagon, a horse, a lot of toys, some grapes and nuts. I will close for this time. Good-bye.

LOUIS MORGAN,
Concord, N. C.

Dear Old Santa Claus:—I want you to please bring me a little baby doll with long curly hair, a baby carriage, a little piano, some candy, oranges and apples. Your little friend,

FAY DOUGLAS JOHNSTON.

Dear Santa Claus:—I will write you a few lines and let you know what I want for Christmas. I want you to bring me a big doll that can open and shut its eyes and a doll carriage, and also all kinds of nuts and candies.

Your friend,
LUCY GARMON.

The Marriage Wednesday Night.

Miss Emily Magruder Gibson, the only daughter of Mr. R. E. Gibson, of this city, and Mr. Richard L. Dobie, of Norfolk, Va., will be married next Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock at All Saints' Episcopal Church. The ceremony will be performed by Dr. J. C. Davis. Mr. R. P. Benson and Dr. J. F. Reed will render several musical selections, after which the wedding march will be played by Mr. Benson. Miss Elizabeth Gibson, a cousin of the bride, will be maid of honor, and Mr. Armstead Dobie, of the University of Virginia, a brother of the groom, will be best man. Mr. Richard Gibson, of this city, and Mr. Iredell Jenkins, of Norfolk, Va., will be the ushers. Miss Gibson will be given away by her father. The church will be beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and Easter lilies.

Among the out-of-town guests who will attend the wedding will be: Mr. and Mrs. Dobie, Mr. Armstead Dobie, Mr. Iredell Jenkins and Mrs. Burrell, of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Liddell and Miss Louise Jones, of Charlotte, and Miss Virginia Wilson, of Baltimore.

Cabarrus Cotton Association.

There will be a meeting of the Cotton Association of Cabarrus county at the court house on Saturday, December 18, 1909, at 11 o'clock a. m. This meeting is called for the third Saturday on account of the fourth Saturday being Christmas. A full attendance is desired.

Geo. E. Ritchie, Pres.
Mr. Chas. A. Suther, a merchant of Forest Hill, made an assignment last Saturday. Mr. C. A. Cook is the assignee. The liabilities are about \$1500 or \$2000.