

HOW THE VOTE STANDS.

First Announcement of Vote in Our Big Piano Contest.

The TIMES' Popularity Contest is already getting interesting, although it has only just started, and some good work is already being done by the contestants and their friends. Up to this time we have 15 contestants, whose names we publish below with the vote for each. It is not hard to find the reason for the interest taken in the contest. It is not often that any one gets a chance to win such handsome prizes as these. All of the contestants have behind them strong support, and is impossible to tell who will win. The one who is furthest behind to-day may be ahead to-morrow.

Remember, we are at the command of any contestant to help in any way, and all will be treated alike. Write or telephone any day and we will talk over the contest. Keep everlastingly at it. Work is what counts. Remember, what we want is NEW subscribers. You get 300 new subscribers for every new yearly subscription you get with the cash, \$1.50. We will get you the wood, and you will be surprised to see how many people can get to take THE TIMES.

The vote to-day stands as follows:

Miss Margie McEachern, Concord	3350
Rocky River High School	1500
St. Pleasant Collegiate Institute	1190
Miss Laura Barnhardt, Concord	920
Mrs. C. C. Hill, Glass	450
Company L, Concord	340
Miss Mary Moser Misenheimer, No. 5 Township	300
Miss Lena Harris, Concord	150
Miss Bertha Linker, Concord	150
Miss Anna Thompson, Kannapolis	100
Miss Grace Watkins, Concord	100
Miss Louise Means, Concord	100
Miss Fay Polk, Concord	100
Miss Ola Yerton, Newell	100
Kannapolis School	100

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. 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 Watch.

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.

Dobie-Gibson.

Miss Emily Magruder Gibson, the only daughter of Mr. R. E. Gibson, of this city, and Mr. Richard L. Dobie, of Norfolk, Va., were married last night at 6 o'clock, at All Saints Episcopal Church. The ceremony was performed by Dr. J. C. Davis, rector of the church. Mr. R. P. Benson and Dr. J. F. Reed rendered several beautiful musical selections, before the arrival of the bride party. The church was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, evergreens, and Easter lilies. To the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, the bride and groom were escorted to the altar by Mr. Benson and Dr. Reed. The bride wore a gown of pink and white, and carried a large bouquet of roses, which was closely followed by the bride, leaning on the arm of her father. The beautiful and impressive ceremony of the Episcopal church was used.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's father on North Union street.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobie were the recipients of many handsome and costly presents, which included cut glass, silver, lace-trimmed, etc.

Among the out-of-town guests here for the wedding were: Mrs. Dobie, Mrs. Burrell, Mr. Armistead Dobie and Mr. Fredell Jenkins, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Liddell, and Miss Louise Jones, of Charlotte; and Miss Virginia Wilson, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobie left on No. 38 train for Greensboro, where Mr. Dobie's father and sister are in St. Leo's Hospital, caused from injuries sustained in the wreck at Brown's Summit yesterday morning. From Greensboro Mr. and Mrs. Dobie will go on a bridal tour to New York and other northern cities. Upon their return they will live in Norfolk.

Warrants for Confederate Pensions.

The checks for the Confederate pensioners of Cabarrus county were received yesterday by Clerk of the Court Widenhouse. It was the purpose of the State authorities to have these pensions ready for distribution to the old soldiers not later than December 15—ample time for the veterans to have their Christmas money. The amount represented in the warrants issued is \$550,000, the state appropriation for the purpose. This is distributed among 16,000 pensioners.

The total amount of the pensions received in this county is \$4610.00. We have three soldiers in the second class, and these receive \$60 each; four in the third class receiving \$48 each; ninety-four in the fourth class, receiving \$26 each, and 69 widows receiving \$26 each.

Public School Matters.

The Junior Order, of Concord, will present the school at Phoenix school house with a flag and bible on December 22.

The custom of the school at Kannapolis should commend itself to the schools everywhere. On one day in each week the teachers and the committee meet together and discuss the work of the school. In this way the school authorities and the public are drawn closer together and some very helpful suggestions are offered by each. The best of feeling prevails between the teachers and the committee-men.

Most of the schools in the county will close for the Christmas holidays on December 23, and begin on Monday, January 3.

The Times Delivered by Carriers.

Beginning to-day THE TIMES will be delivered to its city subscribers by its own carriers. There will be some confusion at the beginning, of course, and it will be a week or so before we can get everything in proper shape. We have six routes. If you do not get your paper by carrier to-day, and get your paper by carrier to-day, please let us know, and we will put you on our carrier list. Give us your street number. We know this arrangement will be greatly appreciated by our subscribers, and expect it to result in a largely increased city circulation.

Miss Camille Durham, of Charlotte, is visiting Mrs. D. S. Braswell.

AN AWFUL RAILROAD WRECK.

Train No. 11 Wrecked Yesterday—Twelve People Killed, and Twenty Eight Injured.

On Wednesday morning about 6:30 o'clock train No. 11 from Richmond to Atlanta, was wrecked at Reidy Fork trestle ten miles north of Greensboro, resulting in the death of at least 12 persons and the more or less severe injury of 28 more. The two Pullman cars and three day coaches of the train left the track, hurling the passengers into the water of the creek 25 feet below. The accident was caused by a broken rail 160 feet north of the trestle.

The engine, mail car, express and baggage cars passed over the bridge in safety, the first car to leave the track being the day coach, which probably left the rail about midway of the trestle, which is about 150 feet long. This was followed by the two Pullmans and one dead coach on the rear of the train which carried no passengers.

At the point where the first coach left the track, the right-hand rail being broken, about 18 inches from a joint, the rail was broken into fragments for several feet, and torn entirely from the cross-ties. The truck wheels ran on the ties until near the trestle, when the outside wheels went over, allowing the breakbeams and axles to fall on the guardrail of the bridge. As the last coach was about on the trestle, the five coaches toppled over, broke loose from the mail and express car and tumbled to the mud and water below.

Two relief trains were at once sent out one from Greensboro and one from Reidsville. A number of injured were found in the water of the creek and rapid work on the part of the rescuers was necessary to prevent drowning. Several persons only slightly injured who had been thrown from their berths were only scantily clothed and soaked with water were suffering intensely.

Of the dead their appearance at the undertakers' showed that some were scalded to death others were badly mutilated, while one was cut in half at the waist, his dismembered parts being found at the opposite ends of the coach.

The Norfolk Pullman fell in the water, while the Richmond sleeper, just in front, landed only partially in the water. The most of the injured and killed in the sleepers were in the Richmond sleeper, which was totally demolished. The Norfolk sleeper was not so badly torn up, but fell on its side in the swollen stream, submerging many of the passengers in the water.

The two day coaches in front of the Pullmans were also complete wrecks, being smashed into kindling wood.

Several people who are known to have been passengers on the train are unaccounted for and it is believed that other dead bodies will be recovered when the wreckage is removed.

A special train took the more seriously wounded to St. Leo's hospital at Greensboro where they are being attended by the medical staff of the hospital and all the physicians of the city.

The following is a list of those killed:

A. P. Cone, superintendent Richmond division, Southern.
H. C. White, Washington, traveling auditor, Southern.
Richard Eames, Salisbury, mining engineer.
John G. Broadnax, Richmond, Va., wholesale liquor dealer.
D. C. Nolan, Greensboro, Pullman conductor.
Virgil E. Holcomb, Mount Airy, attorney.
Edward Sexton, Denton.
Charles Bagby, Manchester Va., flagman.
H. L. Stribling, Winston-Salem, traveling salesman.
F. W. Kilby, Anniston, Ala.
Charles T. Broadfield, Americus, Ga., Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company.
Isaac Dammals, colored Richmond, Pullman porter.
George Gould and son, Jay, of New York, were on the train en route to High Point, but were hurt.

The engine, baggage, express and mail cars did not leave the track and after a short delay, proceeded to Greensboro, bringing the first contingent of the wounded.

Mr. Richmond L. Dobie, Jr., of Norfolk, was on the train on his way to Concord to attend the marriage of his son to Miss Emily Gibson last night. It was at first reported here that he was killed, but he was only slightly hurt.

It is said that not a single occupant of the Richmond sleeper escaped death.

Mr. J. A. Taylor, president of the National Ginners' Association, predicts that "as soon as the world realizes the crop is so short there will be a scramble for cotton goods and the mills will buy your cotton at much higher prices."

LOCAL PENCILINGS.

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

Mrs. S. W. Williams will entertain the Virginia Dare Book Club tomorrow afternoon.

Dr. Francis S. Packard, of Greensboro, will be at the St. Cloud-Normandy Hotel on Saturday, December 25.

For the year ending December 1st 640 marriage licenses were issued in Rowan county, 16 more than last year.

A charter has been issued to A. C. Bros. & Co., of Concord, with A. A. Cline, Wade H. Cline and C. D. Foil as incorporators.

The Junior Order U. A. M. will have a bible presentation and flag raising at Rocky River High School on Thursday, December 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garrett, who have been living here at Mrs. H. M. Barrow's for some time, will return to Charlotte to live January 1.

Mr. M. L. Blume, who has been conducting a grocery here for the past year, will close out his business here January 1, and move to his old home in Asheville.

On account of the rush of holiday advertising, we are obliged to omit from this issue the installment of our serial story. We expect to have a double installment in next issue.

The Montgomery Advertiser says this: "Make up your mind, if possible, before going into a store and don't tire the clerks and keep other customers waiting while you decide what you want."

Cline Bros. & Co. will move from their present store to the one now occupied by Lippard & Barrier, on January 1. Mr. Smith Scott will move his barber shop to the store room vacated by Cline Bros.

Miss Ethelyn Cherryman and Mr. E. T. Gasset, of Charlotte, were married last night. Miss Cherryman was until recently superintendent of the Charlotte Sanatorium, and many friends here will be interested in the above announcement.

Mr. H. T. Sawyer, formerly of New London, died Tuesday. Mr. J. L. Crowell attended the funeral yesterday. Mr. Sawyer, who was a brother-in-law of Mr. Crowell, died suddenly at South Boston, Va., where he was in business.

Capt. James F. Henderlite, of Salisbury, one of the superintendents on the Southern's double-track work between that city and Concord, says that by the first of May the span of double-track between these two towns will have been completed.

A charter has been issued to the Misenheimer Springs Co. Mr. V. L. Norman and Rev. J. E. Shenk, of this city, Mr. A. L. Patterson, of Albemarle, and Rev. R. L. Patterson, of Charlotte, are the incorporators. All of these gentlemen hold an equal number of shares.

News and Observer: "Think of cotton seed bringing fifty cents a bushel this week,—not the special fine sort, but just the ordinary every day cotton seed that was once despised and thrown in the trash pile. The time may come when the seed of the cotton plant may bring more than the lint cotton."

Mrs. Addie Williams Caldwell has accepted a position on the local staff of the Charlotte News. The News truthfully says of her: "Mrs. Caldwell is well known in Charlotte and in the newspaper world. Her work as city editor of the Observer and later in the same capacity with the News, has hardly been equaled by any newspaper man in the State, and hundreds of her friends will welcome her back into newspaper work."

Several months ago Mr. J. F. Abernethy, of Hickory, issued a challenge in the Charlotte Observer to run a fox race with his pack of hounds against any pack in the State for the championship of North Carolina. His challenge was immediately accepted by Mr. W. A. Foil, of this city. Since that time Mr. Foil and Mr. Abernethy have been arranging the plans for the hunt. They have decided to have the race on Tuesday after Christmas. Mr. Foil will leave here on the 27th.

Mr. Eldridge C. Crego and Mrs. J. Burton Isehour, nee Miss Ida May Meroney, daughter of the late Philip Meroney, of Salisbury, were married last night at 8 o'clock at the Lutheran parsonage in the presence of a few friends. The quietness of the marriage was due to the recent death of Mr. Meroney, the bride's father. Mr. Crego is the representative of the Gardner & Clarke Co., of Danville, with headquarters in Salisbury, where they will make their home. Mrs. Crego, while here, was the guest of Mrs. J. F. Honeycutt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dayvault and their two youngest children, who are twins, will leave Wharton, Texas, next Saturday for Concord. They expect to visit in this section for a month.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE NOTES.

The lecture previously announced was delivered Friday night by Rev. P. R. Eubanks before a large audience composed of both schools, patrons and friends. Mr. Eubanks chose as his subject "True Education," which he discussed in an interesting and instructive manner. The lecture was a treat which was greatly enjoyed. The sincere thanks of all go to the speaker for his kind favor.

Invitations have been issued to the public debate to be given by the Ludwig Literary Society December 22. The question for discussion is "Resolved, That Men and Women Should Have Equal Suffrage." The speakers to uphold the affirmative side are Messrs. Rone H. Hix and Wade H. Dutton, and the negative side will be defended by Messrs. David L. Lippard and Irl R. Crane. The contestants have proven themselves to be the ablest speakers of the Ludwig Society. From these we expect an interesting and instructive program.

Mr. Frank Richardson, son of Rev. N. R. Richardson, who was at the recent meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference assigned to this charge, entered the Institute Monday. Rev. Mr. Richardson preached his first sermon here Sunday before a very large congregation. He is welcomed to the community and has made quite a favorable impression on all who have heard him.

Cadet Sgt. I. R. Crane will go to Charlotte Saturday, where he will be employed during the holidays as clerk in the post office. Mr. Crane will return Wednesday afternoon to participate in the debate.

Messrs. Thomas Gluyas, of Charlotte, and John Oglesby, of Concord, were pleasant callers at the Institute last week. The former visited his brother, who is a student in the Institute. The latter was here in the interest of the big prize contest which the enterprising editor of THE TIMES now has on in connection with his excellent paper. A friend has nominated the Collegiate Institute as a candidate for the handsome piano offered by THE TIMES, and the student body very much hope that their friends will help them win the prize for the College chapel.

Captain Porcher issued sabres to the cadet officers this week.

As the holidays are approaching the cadets are looking forward with great pleasure to return to their homes for Christmas. Work will be suspended at 4 o'clock Wednesday evening for the holidays. The cadets will have the pleasure of attending the Christmas exercises at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening by the students of the Seminary. Immediately after the exercises at the Seminary the annual debate will be held in the Auditorium.

Lieutenant David S. Lippard has recovered from a few days illness, we are glad to note.

Miss Bessie Crooks, who has been teaching at the Seminary, returned to her home at Newberry, S. C., this week, where she will be married at Christmas. Her position will be filled by Miss Zelia Corriher, of China Grove, who is a graduate of Elizabeth College.

Cadet F. S. Cline delivered a comical speech in the chapel to the student body of the Institute Wednesday evening, which was very much enjoyed by all present. It is hoped Mr. Cline will favor us again soon.

New Advertisements.

Eldred's have two whole pages in THE TIMES this issue in which to tell you about their big stock for Christmas shopping. Beginning to-day and lasting till the night of December 25, everyday will be a special day.

Waddell's store has a lot of "Christmas Suggestions" on page five. They are having a big sale of everything. Call and see them at Forest Hill.

The Dayvault Co. has \$20,000 worth of high-class merchandise which they are going to move before Christmas. Read of the many bargains they have in their big ad. in this paper.

Join the crowd every day this week and next that is headed for Park's store, where all kinds of Christmas goods are on display. The have everything for the grown folks as well as the children. Look on page five and read about it.

Fresh oysters and mackerel on hand all the time at Caton & Sons, on East Depot street.

Miss Frances Goodson Entertains.

Miss Frances Goodson entertained yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Sadie Belle McDowell, of Seattle. Progressive Hearts was the game played, and Miss Anna Sherrill won the prize, a dainty hair pin holder. The guest of honor prize was presented to Miss McDowell. Those present were: Misses Sadie Belle McDowell, Marguerite Brown, Margaret Lentz, Ashlyn Lowe, Edna Correll, Mary Bingham, Eugenia Lore, Dora Burkhead, Geneva Parks, Eva May Brown, Neta Gressest, Mary and Adeline Morrison, Wilma Correll, Kathleen Smith, Kate Morrison and Anna Sherrill.

The next reunion of Confederate veterans will be held at Mobile, Ala., April 26.

PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Mr. Sims Wylie, of New York, is visiting R. M. Odell.

Mrs. F. O. Rogers will go to Catonsville, Md., to-morrow to visit Mrs. W. H. Gorman.

Mrs. W. H. Lilly will leave Saturday for Greensboro to visit Mrs. I. H. Eldridge.

Miss Nan Cannon has returned from a visit to New York and Philadelphia.

Miss Ruth Coltrane will return next Wednesday from Greensboro Female College.

Mr. Robert Lee Morrison will return next Wednesday from A. & M. College in Raleigh.

Mr. A. L. Sappensfield has been confined to his room with an attack of la grippe for the past week.

Dr. M. L. Marsh and Capt. W. S. Bingham are spending several days in Union county bird hunting.

Dr. C. A. Misenheimer, of Charlotte, is spending to-day with his sister, Mrs. A. S. Dayvault.

Miss Jessie Williams, of Statesville, will arrive in a few days to visit her sister, Mrs. R. S. Wheeler.

Mr. Gowan Dusenbery, of the Episcopal High School, Alexandria, Va., is expected home Saturday to spend the holidays.

Rev. S. N. Watson has returned from Wadesboro, where he has been attending the Baptist State Convention.

Misses Blanche and Lucy Brown will return to-morrow from St. Mary's School at Raleigh to spend the holidays at home.

Misses Mace Parks and Katherine Goodson, of Peace Institute, at Raleigh, will arrive home to-morrow to spend the holidays.

Miss Sadie Belle McDowell, of Seattle, who has been visiting Miss Marguerite Brown, left for Asheville this morning.

Misses Minnie Ross and Willie White, who have been teaching in the graded school in Raleigh, are expected home to-morrow to spend the holidays.

Miss Grace Brown will leave this afternoon to visit friends in Shelby, and while there she will attend the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner.

Messrs. L. E. Boger and Herbert Honeycutt left Tuesday morning for the eastern part of the State, where they will establish sub-agencies for the Jackson Automobile Co.

Miss Gertrude Caldwell, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. C. Fink, at Harriman, Tenn., for several months, is now visiting in Statesville and expects to return to Concord in a few days.

Misses Sodie Smith, Julia Barrow, Myrtle Pemberton and Margaret Woodhouse will arrive in the city next Tuesday from Converse College to spend the holidays here with home-folks.

The Hog Pen Ordinance Repealed.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Alderman was held in the court room of the city hall last Tuesday night. A petition, signed by about 1000 citizens of the town, was presented to them, asking that the Alderman repeal the ordinance, providing that, after the 1st of April 1910, no hogs could be kept within the corporate limits of the city. Much opposition had developed against this ordinance and after the Alderman received the petition, signed by such a large number of people, they decided to repeal without any discussion by the outsiders.

The Aldermen decided to suspend the ordinance relating to fire works, for one day only—Christmas day. No fire crackers will be allowed that are over 4 inches long and 1/2 of an inch in diameter and these cannot be discharged except between the hours of 6 a. m. and 10 p. m. A resolution was introduced by Alderman Barrier, providing that, the city policeman and sanitary inspector, inspect the property of the city twice a month. This resolution was referred to the city attorney to frame a suitable ordinance.

Show Troupe Left.

Charlotte News.

As train No. 44 pulled out of the yard at the Southern Station Sunday morning, supposed to be pulling the two cars of "The Red Mill" which showed here Saturday night, it was discovered when the train got near Concord that the "Red Mill" troupe had been left behind. The cars failed to couple and were left standing in the yard at the station.

A freight train was scheduled to follow No. 44 and a message was sent back to Charlotte with the story that the passenger train was waiting on the troupe, the freight picked up the cars and overtook the impatient passengers, sidetracked in the woods.