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THE PIANO CONTEST VOTE TO-DAY.

The voting in our Piano Contest since last issue has been brisk and sharp, and many ballots were cast.

The Collegiate Institute is still ahead, but Miss McEachern made quite a good gain on it since last count. Miss Barnhardt passes the 10,000 mark, while Co. L. goes up to 8190. Miss Mary Moser Misenheimer makes a nice gain, while Miss Watkins goes up 750 votes. Miss Verton and Miss Hartsell both make the largest percentage of gain of any of the contestants.

"On with the contest," will now be the watch cry throughout the country. It seems hardly necessary to impress upon the minds of the public that these prizes are for many the opportunity of a lifetime. This has been realized not only by those who have entered the race, but by every one who reads this great offer of THE TIMES. The field is open to all alike under similar conditions and no candidate has had any advantage over the other.

Don't be bashful or timid about asking people to subscribe for THE TIMES. If you ask anyone for a subscription, the worst thing they can do is to say "No" and nine times out of ten they will say "Yes," and admire you for your business ability.

Did it ever strike you that new subscriptions are the things to make big efforts to secure? Some candidates are making a special effort along the line of new subscriptions and their showing of votes is giving them much gratification. Subscription votes count up rapidly, 300 votes are given for each one secured. The easiest way to get more votes than any one else is to get new subscriptions and secure a large number of votes on each one. Several of the ladies in the city have been depending on their friends to do the voting for them. This is all right in a way, but you must get busy and show some interest in yourself or your friends will become discouraged. And just stop to think, you have no right to expect your friends to do it all. Suppose you start in this week—to-day, and get busy.

The contestants should not allow themselves to be caught "sleeping at the switch," but guard well their lines and thus hold their positions secure. The harvest is still white and by continued persistent efforts on their parts and the parts of their friends many votes may be obtained.

The vote to-day stands as follows:

Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute	27,082
Miss Margie McEachern, Concord	23,205
Miss Laura Barnhardt, Concord	10,417
Company L, Concord	8170
Miss Mary Moser Misenheimer, No. 5 Township	7125
Rocky River High School	6555
Miss Grace Watkins, Concord	4165
Mrs. C. C. Hill, Glass	3120
Miss Ola Verton, Newell	1940
Miss Loula Hartsell, R. F. D. No. 7, Concord	1662
Miss Bertha Linker, Concord	950
Miss Aylma Ridenhour	450
Kannapolis School	250
Miss Louise Means, Concord	250
Miss Lena Harris, Concord	150

PERSONAL MENTION.

Partial List of Those Among Us Who Come and Go.

Mr. Tom Fetzer, Jr., of Charlotte, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. W. R. Odell spent Sunday at Bessemer City, with his sister, Mrs. S. J. Durham.

Miss Ruth Crowell and Miss Janie Patterson, of Charlotte, spent yesterday in Concord.

Mrs. J. H. Witherspoon, of Lancaster, is visiting her father, Judge W. J. Montgomery.

Mrs. T. P. Smith, of Charlotte, spent yesterday with her daughter, Miss Josephine Smith.

Miss Fannie Paul Ivey who has been visiting in Concord, will leave tomorrow for Charlotte to visit.

Mr. A. S. Dayvault spent yesterday with his father at Barium Springs, and will return to Concord to-night.

Mrs. F. S. Starrette, of Mooresville, who has been visiting here several days, will return home this afternoon.

Miss Annie Palmer, who has been visiting Mrs. M. B. Stickley for several months, returned to her home in Elkhorn, Va., Friday.

Mrs. H. S. Lott returned to her home in Winston Friday after visiting her daughter, Mr. C. C. Ramsaur, for several weeks.

Mrs. J. D. Hatchett returned Saturday to her home in Atlanta, after visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Smith, for some time.

Mr. Ed. S. Efird returned Friday from Polkton, where he had been on a visit to his father's to recuperate from his recent illness.

Mrs. L. E. Boger returned last night from Sumter, S. C., where she has been visiting relatives. She was accompanied by Miss Mildred Hall.

Mr. I. H. Eldridge returned to his home in Greensboro this morning after spending Sunday here with Mrs. Eldridge and daughter, at Mrs. W. H. Lilly's.

Mr. John A. Cline returned Saturday from Columbia, S. C., where he has been attending a meeting of the board of missions of the Lutheran Church, South.

Rev. M. J. Heath, of Kannapolis, pastor of this circuit of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has organized a church in No. 11 township, to be called Oak Grove Church. The lot is being cleared off and work on the building will begin in a few days.

Copenhagen is still talking about Doctor Cook. A dispatch from that city brings the information that he has a few friends there who still believe that his claims of having reached the north pole may be vindicated.

TWELVE CASES OF SMALLPOX.

May Become Epidemic.—Vaccination the Only Preventive.

There are twelve well developed, genuine cases of smallpox in this county. The cases so far reported and examined by the health authorities are as follows:

Wilson Phifer, colored, who lives on Happy Hill, this city; Adam Black and wife and eight children, who live about two miles from Flows' store, in No. 1 township, and Wilson Garland, who lives near Mill Hill church, in No. 10 township. All are negroes.

It is rumored that there are several other cases, but as yet no others have been reported to any of the physicians of the city. There is a grave danger of an epidemic of this dreadful disease throughout the city and county, and unless the citizens of the county co-operate with the health authorities it is more than likely that there will be as many cases here as there are now in High Point, where they were recently compelled to resort to compulsory vaccination, and were later compelled to close all places of public worship, their public schools and all places of amusement. There many of the best people of the town were victims of this disease.

The disease affects persons who may be exposed to it at all ages, and remarkably few people who are unvaccinated are able to resist the infection, not more than from one to five percent. The negro race is peculiarly susceptible, and in this race the rate of mortality from the disease is usually very high. Smallpox is more common in winter and spring than in the summer, perhaps because of the crowding in the houses of the poor during the winter months.

The contagion of smallpox is spread in several different ways—directly, that is by contact with the patient's body and clothing, and indirectly, by the air, insects and animals.

There is one measure above all others to be used in the prevention of an epidemic of smallpox, and that is vaccination, which by its beneficial influence has changed smallpox from a common and fearful scourge of mankind to a disease that can be controlled and easily cured if the public will co-operate with the health authorities by being vaccinated and compel their servants also to be vaccinated.

Vaccination when properly performed, and when an active vaccine is used, may be said to be a sure preventive of smallpox for a very considerable space of time, if not for the life-time of the individual; but it is safer to be vaccinated every few years, and every year if exposed during an epidemic. Not only does vaccination protect the individual for a long period of time, but it also modifies the severity of smallpox if the patient contracts the disease before vaccination can completely protect him.

Weather Report for 1909.

Mr. L. C. Dry sends us the following weather report for the year 1909, which he kept daily:

Rain fell on the following dates during the year 1909:

January 4, 5, 7, 12, 13 and 14 freezing rains; 15, 16, 26.

February 9, 21, 22, 23, 24.

March 3 heavy hailstorm, 4 hail, 6, 8, 9, 13, 21, 24, 27.

April 8, 13, 30 heavy rain storm.

May last frost, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26.

June 2, 3, 5, 8, 12, 14.

June 17, 20, 26, 28.

July 3, 6, 7, 13, 15, 27, 30, 31.

August 2, 3, 6.

September 4, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23; first frost on the 30th.

October 5, 11, 14, 21; first ice on the 31st.

November 2, 8, 17, 23.

December 7, 13, 18; snow 19, 25.

There were 70 rains during the year 1909.

Mr. M. Safrit also kept a report of the number of times that rain fell during the year, and his report is as follows:

January, rained 8 times; February,

12; March, 12; April, 8; May, 13;

June, 18; July, 17; August, 14; Sep-

tember, 11; October, 7; November, 5;

December, 6.

It rained 131 times in the year 1909,

and I did not see the sun for two days in the year.

Medals for Sunday School Attendance.

As the Sunday School of Central Methodist church yesterday the gold crosses were given out to the members of the school who had not missed a Sunday during the year of 1909.

There were 21 pupils who had not missed a Sunday during the past year, their names being: Messrs. W. C. Gibson, J. M. Fisher, Earle Dayvault, R. P. Benson, Leslie Correll, Lee Cromell, Jr., Ernest Klutts, Robert Fisher, Jethro King, Archie Gibson, William Glass, Ralph Dayvault and Ingram Harris, Misses Josie Hill, Louise Dayvault, Grace Gibson, Helen Troy, Virginia Smoot, Nannie Lee Patterson and Mary Crowell.

The Emery Club will be entertained by Mrs. J. D. Lentz this afternoon.

The following ladies will be present: Mesdames J. W. Cannon, E. A. Moss, P. T. Durham, P. B. Fetzer, J. M. Craven, A. J. Yorke, M. L. Cannon, J. F. Cannon, Irving H. Eldridge, J. H. Witherspoon, D. B. Privett, D. L. Bost, and Misses Shirley Montgomery, Jenn. Coltrane and Lilly Howe.

Misses Maude and Grace Brown will entertain at euchre next Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in honor of Mesdames Separck, Barkley, Bernhardt and Morris.

LOCAL PENCILINGS.

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

The Lenten season commences February 9, which is Ash Wednesday.

Mr. Baxter Gillon and family have returned to the city from China Grove, and are living in the Deal house on Georgia avenue.

The Christian Reid Book Club has issued engraved invitations to an "At Home" with Mrs. P. B. Fetzer on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Milton S. Brown, of Salisbury, died last Friday following an illness of several weeks. She was one of Salisbury's most estimable women.

Rev. Wm. T. Walker, of Red Springs, was last week elected superintendent of the Orphan's Home at Barium Springs to succeed the late Rev. John Wakefield.

The next term of Cabarrus Superior Court will convene January 31, Judge Jones presiding. This will be Judge Jones' first visit to Cabarrus. The civil docket will be called February 2.

The Dayvault Co. is having another big sale, which began last Friday and will continue until February 1. This firm is determined to close out the entire stock as soon as possible and offers some very low prices.

We publish on page six an interesting account of the big snow of 1857, copied from the Charlotte News. If we remember correctly, the late Mr. J. W. Meaffey, of Concord, was also on this train referred to.

Among the attractions to be given under the auspices of the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute is an entertainment in the auditorium, February, by the noted Swedish impersonator, Karl Jansen.

Rev. J. Brice Cochran, of Gaston county, who recently received a call to the pastorate of McKinnon and Bayless Memorial Presbyterian churches, has accepted the call, and will be here to occupy his pulpit next Sunday.

Messrs. Jno. C. Correll and Chas. E. Stratford have bought the stock of merchandise of D. L. Seahorn, who recently made an assignment, and will dispose of the Southern Loan & Trust Company.

Rev. E. Garver Williams, D. D., until the first of the year pastor of St. James' Reformed Church at Mt. Pleasant, moved the first of last week to Crescent, where, it is understood, he will have charge of the orphanage of the Reformed Church.

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Marriage license has been issued to Mr. S. L. Holdbrooks, of Forest Hill, and Miss Nannie Alexander, of Mt. Pleasant.