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## THE PIANO CONTEST VOTE TO-DAY.

Over 6000 votes have been cast in our Piano contest since last year. The Collegiate Institute is still ahead of Miss McEachern, but not much as on last count. Biss Marnhardt also makes a good gain.

On with the contest," is the cry that grows louder as each day passes the other, and as the competition advances renewed energy is exerted by the active contestants to secure the much coveted goal. Enthusiastic contestants are getting busier, and are doing things that would have surprised you last year. The goal of success is nearer the candidate who yesterday thought another candidate had some advantage or perhaps felt that indifferent to the proposition.

One of the contestants believe that they have a corner on the votes, and the votes are the things that count. After you get them and they are counted, no one can take them away.

Another suggestion we will make to the candidates is that the remaining days of the contest should be devoted to working harder than ever for new subscribers to THE TIMES. Of course collections from old subscribers count, but new subscribers count double and they are the ones to work hardest for. There is much interest among our readers in the contest, and many who come to the office to pay their subscription vote for the candidate they prefer. This helps, too, as every subscriber has the privilege of voting for their choice. Come pay your subscription and help one of the candidates. If you have not yet done so, get out and work as the prize is worth striving for. Subscribe and pay your subscription and vote somebody. Do it now!

The vote to-day stands as follows:

Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute	33,107
Miss Margie McEachern, Concord	31,595
Miss Laura Barnhardt, Concord	11,427
Company L, Concord	8170
Miss Mary Moser Misenheimer, No. 5 Township	7580
Rocky River High School	6555
Miss Grace Watkins, Concord	4765
Mrs. C. C. Hill, Glass	3120
Miss Ola Yerton, Newell	2040
Miss Loula Hartsell, R. F. D. No. 7, Concord	1812
Miss Bertha Linker, Concord	950
Miss Aylma Ridenhour	450
Kannapolis School	250
Miss Louise Means, Concord	250
Miss Lena Harris, Concord	150

## Corn Meetings.

It is known as Seed Corn Meetings now being held throughout the State under the direction of experts in growing and seed selection.

Several expert judges and several local corn growers will be present at the meeting to help seed corn and to talk upon corn growing. They will be on the grounds from 10 a. m. to 12 p. m. The talks will probably be from 1 to 2 p. m., and farmers are urged to be present and to bring thirty to fifty of the best ears of seed corn and have enough tied to plant a seed patch of one acre.

In the fall the experts will go to the seed patch with the farmers help to make a careful field selection and will talk about preserving seed corn, storing and keeping it perfectly sound through the winter.

Next spring the same operation will be started again, and it is hoped by this means to have some first class seed corn on a large number of farms.

C. R. Hudson, the State agent in the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry charge of the Farmers' Co-operative Construction Work, has charge of the meetings. The date for the meetings in this section are as follows: Concord, Monday February 14. Albemarle, Monday February 15. Belmont, February 16.

## Cat and the Fiddle.

Theatre goes in this city will soothe the pleasure of witnessing the musical hit of last season, "The Cat and the Fiddle," which comes to the opera house on Wednesday night, February 16.

The critics pronounce this attraction being one of the season's best—the essence of musical comedy, extravaganza, vaudeville, etc., and it was fully equal to any of the Broadway successes, "The Wizard of Oz," "Babies in Toyland," and later "The Top of the World."

Practically the same big cast that has been seen last season, including Chas. Bellon, the El More sisters and a beauty chorus, is promised. The production is all new and very elaborate this season.

The big song hits which are so lively and airy are Rosy Dreams, Old Date Tree, I Wish I Were a Boy, Won't You Take a Ride With Me, Nearly Grand Opera, all remembered from last season, and the newer My Maid in the Moon, Mother of Pearls, and several more.

The Cat and the Fiddle, the big musical extravaganza, will appear here. This will be one of the season's best attractions.

At the Opera House. Manager Biles has some good attractions at the opera house for this month. On Monday night, the 7th, St. Elmo will be given, and on Thursday night The Banker's Child will be played. On Saturday night, the 19th, De Rue's Minstrels will give a performance, and on the 21st Meadow Brook Farm will be given.

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The Euchre Club will meet with Mrs. A. J. Yorke next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Frank Brumley this week moved his family to their new home on the Luburger place, in No. 4.

## CORPORATION COMMISSION WILL ACT.

### Say if Railroad Does Not Grant Petition for New Depot, Date for Hearing Will Be Fixed.

Last week J. B. Sherrill, chairman of the transportation committee of the United Citizens Club, wrote to the Corporation Commission stating that petitions praying for a new depot here and necessary data were being prepared, and would be forwarded to the Commission in a few days. To this he received the following reply, dated January 31:

MR. J. B. SHERRILL, Chairman.  
DEAR SIR:—I am directed by the Chairman to acknowledge receipt of your letter with reference to petition which will be forwarded at an early day for a new passenger station at Concord, and to say that upon receipt of the petition it will be served on the railroad company, and, if the petition is not granted, a day will be fixed for hearing the matter.

Very respectfully,  
H. C. Brown, Clerk.

The board of aldermen met last Tuesday night at the city hall in a special session for the purpose of endorsing the petition of the United Citizens' Club for a new depot for Concord. Every member of the board was strongly in favor of the petition, and they instructed the City Clerk, Mr. James C. Fink, to frame a letter to that effect to be mailed with the petition.

The petitions for a new depot are being largely signed, and our people are very determined about this matter.

## CATER GIVEN FOUR YEARS.

### The Trial of Duncan to Take Place Next Week.

J. N. Cater, the young man who was arrested in Rocky Mount last week and brought here to be tried on the charge of larceny and embezzlement from the Southern Railroad and Southern Express Company, while employed by them at Kannapolis as their agent last year, was given a preliminary hearing yesterday morning before Esq. C. A. Pitts. He pleaded guilty to the charges and was bound over to the present term of the Superior Court. Thomas C. Duncan, who conducted a jewelry store at Kannapolis at the time it is alleged that the goods and money were taken, was tried as an accessory with Cater. He pleaded not guilty, and denies being in any way connected with the embezzlement. He was also bound over to court. George C. Bunn, who was employed as clerk at the depot in Kannapolis at the time Cater was agent, is also wanted by the officers for being implicated with Cater and Duncan in the swindle, but as yet they have been unable to locate him.

Cater's case came up yesterday in the Superior Court, and he was given four years in the penitentiary. There are several other cases against him, which will be pushed when his term expires.

Cater is a young man of good appearance and has more than an average education. He is 23 years of age and has a wife and one child, who live at his former home in Society Hill, S. C.

It is alleged that Duncan and Cater were partners in a jewelry store at Kannapolis and that they would order goods C. O. D. from different firms throughout the country; that Cater, as agent of the express company, would receive the goods and turn them over to Duncan and that no record would be made of them at the company's office. Cater is charged with embezzling \$1,900 in money and \$400 worth of goods.

Cater lays the blame of his downfall on Duncan and Bunn. He says that when he came to Kannapolis that he was young and inexperienced, and had never had any experience with keeping railroad accounts; that his accounts were at first badly mixed up, and from this he began to go downward. Duncan is rather rough looking in appearance and declines to talk, but he seems very hopeful as to the outcome of the trial.

## Rev. J. E. Shenk Given Vacation.

Rev. J. E. Shenk, who has been in confinement to his home on account of sickness for sometime, has been granted a six months vacation by the members of the St. James Lutheran church of which he is pastor. The many friends of this popular pastor regret to have him leave here even for a short time and all of them hope that he will be entirely recovered from his illness during his vacation. Mr. Shenk has not yet decided where he will spend his vacation. Another minister will be secured to continue Mr. Shenk's work during his absence.

Mrs. Lilly Gaines Whitley, wife of Dr. V. A. Whitley, of Albemarle, died at her home there last Saturday night after a long spell of pneumonia. She was an excellent woman. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Misses Pauline and Louise, and three sons, Messrs. Gaines, Don and Will. The latter is assistant cashier of the Stanly Loan & Trust Co., of Albemarle.

## LOCAL PENCILINGS.

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

Dr. R. M. King is the latest Concord physician to buy an automobile to use in his practice.

Myrtle Baker, aged four years, died at her home on Franklin avenue last Monday of pneumonia.

Mr. Eugene Correll left Tuesday for Spartanburg, S. C. where he has accepted a position with the D. C. Correll Jewelry Co.

Mr. Hawley Petrea was taken to a Charlotte hospital this morning by Dr. Rogers to have an operation performed for appendicitis.

Ella Hopkins, the one year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sam Hopkins, died Tuesday morning at their home on Powder street, of measles.

Archie Wiley, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wiley, died at the home of his parents on Kerr street yesterday morning of pneumonia.

The Boston Transcript mentions a business man's New Year's resolution as being, "Early to bed, early to rise, Work like thunder and advertise."

The J. W. Wadsworth's Sons Co., of Charlotte, offer \$25.00 reward for information which will locate one M. Luther Beaman, formerly of this county.

Rev. W. T. Walker, of Red Springs, who at first declined to accept the superintendency of the Barium Springs Orphanage, has been induced to accept.

Mrs. J. M. Grier died last Saturday at her home at Fort Mill. She was a sister of Mrs. S. J. Lowe, of Concord, who was with her at the time of her death.

Mr. James Kirk, who formerly worked in the beef market at Kannapolis, has gone to California to live. He worked here last week for J. F. Dayvault & Co.

The boys who expect to enter the Boys' Corn Contest are requested by Mr. M. B. Stickley to meet at the court house here Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

Statesville Landmark: "The snow was good for the wheat, say the farmers. The only complaint they have to make is that it didn't stay on the ground long enough."

Mr. J. F. Dayvault dropped a meat knife on his foot last Tuesday, and the knife cut a considerable gash in the foot through the shoe. The wound is not serious, however.

Last Tuesday marked the day for an additional penalty of 1 per cent. to be added to the total sum of delinquent tax payers' accounts in so far as the city of Concord is concerned.

At the boys' prayer-meeting next Friday night the subject will be The Publican and the Pharisee, and Self-Righteousness is the bible word. George Fisher, Harry Isenhour and Louis Peck will read selections.

Rev. M. Luther Canup, who was installed Sunday as pastor of the Woman's Memorial Lutheran church at High Point, is a native of Rowan county, having been raised in the St. Paul neighborhood.

Yesterday was ground-hog day. If the tradition is correct, we will have six more weeks of winter weather. The day was a beautiful one, and the ground-hog, seeing his shadow, went back into his hole again.

The editor of THE TIMES has received a commission as one of the delegates from North Carolina to the twenty-fifth annual session of the National Editorial Association at New Orleans, La., February 10 to 12.

Mr. William Revels died this morning at 10 o'clock at his home in No. 6 township. He was 65 years of age and had been in declining health for sometime. He is survived by his wife. The funeral services will be conducted at the home this afternoon.

Postmaster Buchanan tells us that he has decided to change the hour of opening the general delivery and carrier's windows at the postoffice on Sundays. The hour is now from 12:30 to 1 o'clock, and on and after Sunday, February 6, it will be changed and the windows opened at 12 o'clock and remain open until 12:30.

Mr. Walter Moser, who pitched for the Lynchburg team in the Virginia League last season, has been drafted by the Oakland, Cal., team in the Pacific Coast League. This is quite an advancement for Mr. Moser, as the Pacific Coast League is one of the fastest class A organizations in the country with a high salary limit.

Salisbury correspondence Charlotte Observer: "A former office-holder and leading Democrat of Cabarrus county, in talking with the Observer correspondent in regard to the political situation in that county, said that the Democratic chances for success in the approaching fall election were brighter than two years ago and with an aggressive campaign he was confident the county could be reclaimed, especially so far as the county offices were concerned."

## Who's the Town Booster? Why, Here He Is!



The citizen who praises his own town.

The citizen who encourages local enterprises.

The citizen who helps along home improvements.

The citizen who patronizes the home merchants.

The citizen who gets his job printing done in his own town.

That man's THE TOWN BOOSTER.

## Vaudeville at the Opera House.

The management wishes to announce to the general public that he has secured a high class Vaudeville Company for Friday and Saturday night of this week, (Feb. 4 and 5) and assures the theatre goers of this city that he will have one of the cleanest and cleverest shows ever presented here. This company comes direct from the Academy of Music, Charlotte, N. C., where they have played the first part of the week.

"The Rainfords" (Monarchs of Comedy-Magic) are heading the bill, and, with their material and reputation are sure to please both young and old.

The Two-Ingrams, Renowned Jugglers and Bag Punchers, present an elaborate spectacular act that appeals to every one. This team has worked only the best in vaudeville.

George C. Richard, the Black-Face Artist, who has won the title "The Popular Entertainer," will be on the bill.

Miss Lula Ingram, the entertaining contortionist, is another strong feature.

Taken all in all, this is promised to be the cleanest Vaudeville show ever presented in this city, at Popular Prices, 10c, 20c and 30c. Seats on sale at Gibson's Drug Store.

## Court Cases Disposed of.

Hill Ellis, larceny, 4 months on the roads.

Ellis McGalty, forcible trespass, guilty, 60 days on the roads.

Frank Litaker, larceny, guilty, 5 months on the roads.

Baker Arthur, embezzlement, not guilty.

Geo. Henry, forcible trespass, not guilty.

J. H. Yates, f. and a., guilty, 18 months on roads.

Nelson Stirewalt, murder, guilty of murder in the second degree, 15 years in the penitentiary.

John Edwards and Jim Holdbrooks, robbery, guilty.

Lovie Howie, larceny, guilty, 1 year in the penitentiary.

Robert Dry, a. d. w., not guilty.

J. N. Cater, embezzlement and larceny, plead guilty, four years in the penitentiary.

John Ewart, s. l. w. l., guilty.

The grand jury found a true bill for murder against Pink Dry and Gaston Blake and they were arraigned in court yesterday. It was ordered that a special venire of 100 be summoned to appear at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning, February 10th.

The witnesses in all the civil cases were discharged until Monday except those in the cases of the Wiscasset Mill Co. vs W. Mason Smith and the Greensboro Boiler Co. vs C. L. Carrier which will be called for trial to-day.

## New Advertisements.

Efrid's have another full page of new specials for Friday and Saturday. They are receiving new spring goods every day.

Cline & Moose want to sell you your seed oats, clover and grass seeds. Look up their ad. and see what kinds they have.

On Saturday, February 5, the prices of the few remaining coat suits at Black & Shepard's will be cut in half.

Capt. L. A. Brown is having the plans made for a handsome residence to be built on the lot adjoining his mother's, Mrs. R. A. Brown.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Mr. Ernest McConnell, of Charlotte, is here.

Mr. Paul Efrid, of Charlotte, is here for a few days.

Mr. Ed. S. Efrid is spending this week in Charlotte.

Mr. J. Locke Erwin left yesterday on a business trip north.

Mr. L. W. Brander left last night on a business trip.

Mr. John Cruse, Chief of Police of Spencer, was here this week.

Miss Constance Cline is spending several days in Charlotte.

Mrs. Jessie Johnson, of Salisbury, is visiting in Concord.

Miss Janet Quinn, of Salisbury, is visiting Miss Ellen Gibson.

Mr. M. J. Cori has gone to Missouri to buy a car load of horses and mules.

Mr. R. K. Black has gone north to buy goods for Black & Shepard.

Mrs. R. L. Patterson and children, of Charlotte, are visiting in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Braswell have returned from a visit to the eastern part of the State.

Mr. Arthur Odell is spending several days in Greensboro with his brother, Mr. Fred C. Odell.

Mrs. C. C. Ramsaur returned Monday from Salisbury, where she had been in a hospital some time for treatment.

Mr. C. B. Long, of Charlotte, was in Concord this week. We learn it is probable that he will return to Concord to live.

Rev. D. A. Braswell, who had been visiting here for several days, left today for his home at Shetucket, Alamance county.

Mrs. D. B. Privett and children, who have been visiting for some time at her father's, J. B. Sherrill, expect to leave to-morrow for their home at Mebane.

## County Teachers' Meeting.

The County Teachers' Association met Saturday at the Central graded school. Notwithstanding the cold weather and the snow that covered the ground, thirty-eight teachers were present, many of them being ladies from the extreme edge of the county. For the benefit of those who thought the weather was too rough for them to attend the meeting this incident is given: One young man who lives eleven miles from here, and who was not provided with any means of conveyance, walked from his school to the Jackson Training School, where he met a friend with a horse and buggy and came on to town with him. Not knowing all the circumstances, it is safe to wager that this young man is a good school teacher.

The program consisted in a study of The Recitation, Its Importance, The Characteristics of a Good Recitation. Many practical points were brought out that will be very helpful in classroom work.

Prof. McAllister addressed the meeting on The Defects of The Students Coming from The Public Schools As Seen by High School Men. The most noticeable defects mentioned by the speaker were: their inability to write, spell, read and to understand the importance and use of the decimal point, and their inability to recognize the elementary facts of grammar.

Prof. McAllister's address was listened to with great interest by the teachers and if they will strive harder to remedy the defects as pointed out by him, the efficiency of the public schools of Cabarrus will be greatly increased.

Prof. Webb made a talk on the first formal steps in the recitation, this being preparation. Prof. Webb's talk was clear and logical and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the teachers.

The teachers decided to make a study of Hamilton on Recitation and were assigned the third and fourth chapters as the recitation for the next teachers meeting.

\$60.50 was paid in for the teachers library.

The following collections were reported for the Jackson Training School: Gilwood School, No. 3, \$1.50; Dry School 50; St. John 70; Cruse School \$1.25.

## White-Weddington.

Mr. A. P. White and Miss Hattie Weddington were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's father, Mr. W. M. Weddington on Corbin street. The marriage was to have taken place two weeks ago but on account of the sickness of the bride's father it was postponed. Owing to sickness of the bride's father and brother, the marriage was a very quiet one, only the members of the immediate family and a few intimate friends being present. Mr. and Mrs. White have gone to Davidson on a visit, after which they will return to Concord for a few days before going to their home at Boise City, Idaho.