

## THE PIANO CONTEST VOTE TO-DAY.

Miss Margie McEachern gains first place in the Piano Contest ahead of the Collegiate Institute for the first time in several years. It will now be a race to the finish. Misses Barnhardt, Watkins and Misenerheim also make gains in their vote.

Several contestants have shown no special efforts to win the prizes, but they are working, reserving their strength for the closing hours of the contest, and surprises may be in store for somebody. Others think that they could not win the first or second prizes (though it is possible for any of them to win these) and are busy at work for the prize, which is a beautiful gold watch, and is well worth any effort they may put forth.

The contest is interesting. You have heard of it. Pluck, energy, and nerve will count more than anything else. Don't get discouraged. Hustle around among your friends. Get those who are already pledged to renew. Get all the new names you can. The premiums are high and are worth winning. "There's no time to reason why, but to do or die." Don't lose a single hour from now until the vote to-day stands as follows:

Miss Margie McEachern, Concord	34,595
Miss Pleasant Collegiate Institute	36,257
Miss Laura Barnhardt, Concord	11,577
Company L, Concord	8,170
Miss Mary Moser Misenerheim, No. 5 Township	7,880
Rocky River High School	6,555
Miss Grace Watkins, Concord	5,165
Mrs. C. C. Hill, Glass	3,120
Miss Ola Yerton, Newell	2,040
Miss Loula Hartsell, R. F. D. No. 7, Concord	1,812
Miss Bertha Linker, Concord	950
Miss Aylma Ridenhour	450
Kannapolis School	250
Miss Louise Means, Concord	250

## Corn Day.

Farmers of Cabarrus: The corn crop is one of the most important in this section of the State. From good methods of preparation, fertilization, etc., the part of seed planted plays quite a part in the question of yields.

In order to assist farmers in getting ready to plant, the Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work will hold a Corn Day at Concord on Saturday 14. Several expert judges will select the best seed corn and will talk upon corn growing. They will be on the grounds from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. The talks will probably begin at 10 a. m. Please come with you from thirty to fifty of the best ears of your seed and have enough selected to make a seed patch of one acre. In the afternoon we will go into the seed patch and help you make a careful selection. We will then talk preserving from weevils, storing seed corn perfectly sound through the winter. Next spring we start the same operation again and hope by this means to have some of the best seed corn on a large scale of farms in this county.

We hope you will show your interest in this forward movement by coming, and be sure to invite your neighbors and the boys to come. Remember the date, the place and come.

A. H. LITAKER,  
Local Agent,  
Hudson, State Agent,  
Raleigh, N. C.

## ment for Our Military Company.

At L. A. Brown has returned a business trip to Winston and Raleigh. While in Raleigh, he called on General Armfield, General Macon in the interest of the military company, among them the following:

Eight olive drab uniforms, including caps; six U. S. magazine bayonets; 7 scabbards; 6 gun straps; 7 waist belts and suspenders; 25 aid packets; 58 housewives; 58 roll staps; 4 hand axes and 6 mattocks; 18 entrenching tools; 3 wire cutters, one stove and 500 revolver cartridges; 500 ball cartridges; 8 tents; 1 bugle; 1 complete outdoor Aiken target outfit; many other supplies necessary in equipment of a first-class military company, such as Co. L has always

## Wassett Mills Loses Case.

In the civil suit Thursday, the Wassett Mills Co. vs. Wm. Mason, a cotton broker of New Orleans, brought in a verdict in favor of the defendant. The suit was brought by the mills on account of the damages sustained by them on the part of Smith sending them an inferior grade of cotton other than the one with which he called for.

The Wassett Mills bought 400 bales of cotton from Smith, and claimed that their contract called for a difference of \$10 on the sum of \$1900 was involved in the suit.

Karl B. Cline, local editor of Evening Tribune, has resigned his position, and left last night for Norfolk, Va., to accept a position with Pullman Company as Pullman car inspector.

The Olympia Candy Store is having a new plate glass front placed in their store. The front will also be painted and several other improvements made.

## A Good Minstrel Show.

A number of the members of the local military company in Salisbury have given minstrel performances lately in Salisbury and Albemarle. The Salisbury Post speaks highly of the performance there, saying among other things:

"The local military company made good in its minstrel performance at the Meroney theatre last night. There was an absence of amateurishness about the performance that gave it the spice and ring of the professional kind."

"Under the direction of Mr. J. M. Andrews and management of Mr. Whitehead Klutz, the participants have been practicing faithfully for three weeks, and that they have been in splendid hands was evidenced by their work."

"When the curtain went up the stage presented an unpretentious but very pretty setting. Three soldiers stood under an American flag at the rear of the stage as the other members of the company, all but the black faces dressed in Khaki uniform came upon the stage. Then the fun by the tambo and bones began and every line was as clever as could be and gotten off with a vim that made a big hit with the house."

This show will appear here at the opera house next Friday night, February 11.

## To Push the Car Line.

Last Thursday's Salisbury Post contains the following which will be of interest to our people:

"Work is being steadily pushed on the inter-urban line between Salisbury and Concord and the line will be completed some time during the summer and cars will be running by early fall."

"This is the announcement made today by Mr. T. H. Vanderford, Sr., who has all along been the active representative of the interested parties. A construction is engaged in Concord and all the work preliminary to the grading, but little of which will be required, and placing of the track from Salisbury to the Concord limits is in progress."

"The completion of this line will be a notable event and will prove of incalculable benefit to the commercial and industrial life of all the points it touches."

## New Advertisements.

The famous Royal Telt Mattresses made by Royal & Borden, of Goldsboro, have stood the test for 18 years. They are sold in Concord by the Concord Furniture Co. See their ad. about them on page three.

Mr. Hugh M. Propst has some new offerings in real estate. See his ad. in this paper.

The bi-monthly statement of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. appears in this paper.

W. J. Hill handles the very best oils for both steam and gasoline engines.

W. L. Robbins wants all kinds of hides, old rubber, and old iron and metal of every kind. See ad. in our Penny Column.

Cline Bros. want to sell you your shoes. See what they have to say in their new ad.

The new spring goods are beginning to arrive at Black & Shepard's, and the winter garments must go regardless of price.

Noah's Liniment is sold in Concord by the Gibson Drug Co. This is said to be one of the best liniments made.

It will be a source of deep sorrow throughout North Carolina to know that there are fifteen cases of smallpox at the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage.

## BOYS' CORN CLUB.

### Organized Here Last Saturday.—Names of Those Who Have Entered Contest.

The boys who have entered the boys' corn-raising contest from this county met at the court house Saturday morning and organized the Boys' Corn Club.

The following are some of the requirements for contestants:

The contestant must be between twelve and seventeen years of age, except that any boy who will be twelve not later than June 1st will be eligible, and any boy who is seventeen and will not be eighteen not later than August 1st will be eligible. Any acre of land on the farm may be used, provided that it is a part of the regular farm; but garden plots, or city lots or plots belonging to other corporations cannot be used for this contest. The contestant must live on the farm and the acre must be a part of some regular field. It must be a full acre; less than an acre will not be considered. The plot must not be less than a half acre wide; a square plot of land is preferred.

Not exceeding \$10.00 worth of commercial fertilizer may be used on one acre. Cotton seed, cotton-seed meal, city garbage, fish and fish scraps will be considered commercial fertilizer. All the stable and home-gathered manure may be used that is available. The contestant must do all the work of cultivation himself, but he may get some other person to plow his land for him so as to break it well with a two horse plow, but after it is well broken the contestant must do all the work himself. Any contestant permitting another to do the work of cultivation, or receiving help other than advice from another, will be ruled out.

This ruling is made in justice to all and to get the boys interested in doing the work themselves.

The following officers were elected: William P. Harry, Chairman; Lloyd Yerton, secretary, and Hilbert Holland, treasurer.

The following boys have entered the contest: Clarence Hough, Bost Mill; Leroy Blackwelder, Concord, Route 5; Willie White, Concord, Route 7; Hilbert Holland, Harrisburg, Route 3; William P. Harry, Harrisburg, Route 3, and Lloyd Yerton, Newells. Many more boys are expected to enter this contest in the next few days. All of those who expect to enter the contest are requested to meet Mr. M. B. Stickleby, at the court house next Saturday.

## Report of the Grand Jury.

To the Hon. E. B. Jones, Judge:

We, the grand jury for the January term, 1910, Superior Court of Cabarrus county, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have acted on all bills of indictments handed us by the solicitor, and have made presentments of all violations of the law that have been brought to our knowledge.

We visited the County Home by committee and found things in good condition, except the buildings need some repairing and a new granary built. Inmates well cared for. Number of inmates 26; 13 white and 13 colored. We found on the farm 2 mules, 6 head of cattle, 8 hogs, with plenty of feed of all kinds for the year.

We visited the chain gang by committee and found everything in good running order and doing splendid work. Number of convicts 36; 12 white and 24 colored, with separate sleeping apartments; 16 head of mules, 2 hogs, and all in good condition.

We visited the jail in a body and found things in good order, except the building needs repairing which is at present being done.

We visited the Clerk's office and found records and everything properly kept. On investigation and inquiry from the clerk we find that guardians are making their annual accounts and renewing their bonds, with the exception of a few who are not as prompt on such matters as they should be.

Our work being done, so far as we know, we respectfully ask to be discharged.

JAS. W. BLACKWELDER,  
Foreman.

## Blume-Lyerly.

Mr. G. A. Blume and Miss Lilly Lyerly were married Friday night at 9:30 o'clock by Rev. W. H. Causey at the Reformed church parsonage. The only attendants were Miss Vernie Blume, a sister of the groom, and Mr. Frank Weddington. Mrs. Blume is the daughter of Mr. W. A. Lyerly, of Misenerheim Springs, and has been a resident of Concord for the past two years, where she held a position at Dayvault Co.'s store. Mr. Blume has been money order clerk at the post-office here for the past two years, where, by his clever and pleasing manner of dealing with the public, he has won many friends.

Mr. L. E. Boger, State agent for the Jackson Automobile Company, has received a large 40-horse power car, which makes a fine appearance. This car will be used as a demonstration car, and Mr. Boger will no doubt place a good many orders with it.

## LOCAL PENCILINGS.

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

The family of Rev. J. Brice Cochran, pastor of McKinnon Presbyterian Church, arrived in Concord last Saturday morning.

Prof. Geo. F. McAllister, of the Collegiate Institute, delivered an excellent address in St. James Lutheran Church yesterday morning on Christian Education.

During the absence of Miss Belle Means, who is with her mother in a Philadelphia hospital, Miss Anna D. Sherrill is teaching in her place at No. 2 graded school.

It was not Mr. H. C. Hastings, son-in-law of Mr. D. A. Caldwell, as was reported, who had moved to Concord to accept a position at the depot, but a brother of his.

On Monday, February 14, at Salisbury, Hon. Whitehead Klutz, commissioner, will sell 105 1/2 acres of the Pethel lands lying near Kannapolis. See ad. in this paper.

Mrs. G. A. Oglesby had a serious spell of sickness yesterday morning, falling to the floor unconscious, and it was some time before she revived. Her condition now is much better.

When you come in to pay your subscription, get certificates to vote for your favorite in our Piano contest. You are entitled to 100 votes for every dollar paid on subscription.

Rev. A. J. Crane has resigned the pastorate of the Amity Presbyterian church which he has been serving in connection with the Newell Presbyterian church for a number of years.

Mrs. H. M. Barrow, who went to Tarboro on a visit recently, has decided to remain in Tarboro. She expected to go to Norfolk to spend the winter. Her daughter, Miss Adelaide, is in Norfolk attending school.

Mr. James C. Fink has resigned as secretary of the United Citizens' Club on account of having made business engagements which will occupy all his time. He has made a good secretary, and the Club regrets to give him up.

The three-year old child of Mr. Harvey Porter, of the Brown mill, died last Friday of pneumonia following measles. There have been quite a number of deaths among the children here recently from this cause.

Thursday's Salisbury Post: Messrs. John Miller and Bud Palmer left this morning for Concord to bill the town for the local military minstrel company. The boys go to Concord on Friday night of next week and are looking forward to a big trip.

For every new subscriber you get for THE TIMES with the cash, you are entitled to 300 votes for any one you wish in our Piano Contest. Any one can get two or three new subscribers and many more if a little work is done.

Mrs. W. G. Means, who has been in a serious condition for some time, was taken to a Philadelphia hospital last night by her son, Mr. Gaston B. Means, and her daughter Miss Belle Means. Mrs. Means' many friends hope for her speedy and permanent recovery.

Winston correspondence 5th: Mrs. Charles Hill entertained most charmingly yesterday afternoon at her home on West End, complimentary to her two sisters-in-law, Mrs. James W. Cannon, Jr., and Mrs. Martin Luther Cannon, of Concord, who are the guests of Mrs. J. Barnette Douglas.

In his series of prayer-meeting talks on "The Religious Voices of Literature," Rev. Plato Durham last Wednesday spoke on Alfred Tennyson, the last of the great poets of England. The prayer-meeting room at Central Church was packed. Mr. Durham will speak next Wednesday on Browning.

Master Randall Harris has received a letter from the Curtis Publishing Company stating that he is the winner of the first prize for North Carolina, given to the boy who sells the largest number of Saturday Evening Posts during each month. This is the second time that he has won this prize, having won it during the month of December.

Mrs. J. C. Timmerman, nee Miss Rosa May Phillips, died at her home at Plains, Ga., last Monday. She is survived by her husband Rev. J. C. Timmerman, and one child two years old. Before her marriage she made her home in this city with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hartsell, being a cousin of Mrs. Hartsell and a grand daughter of Phillip Correll.

A business process of almost daily demonstration is truthfully described by the Waxhaw Enterprise. That paper says: "When a man starts out to pay his bills he at once puts a long row of men in motion, each one starting to pay his also. When business seems to come to a temporary standstill, it may be due to the fact that some man in a long row has failed to settle his account with some other person when it was due and thus the latter was unable to settle his account with others, and so on down the line."

## Wabby and Weak Versus Solid and Strong.



Water can't rise above its level. Nor can a community rise above the level of its citizenship.

If the citizens are lukewarm, limp and lazy, the town will be whysy-washy, wabby and weak.

If the citizens have VERTEBRA, VIM AND VIGOR, the town will be substantial, solid and strong.

Let's all brace up and make this town of ours a place of energy, ambition and enterprise.

Capt. and Mrs. Edward Hill, who have been spending some time with Capt. Hill's parents here, will leave Wednesday for Worcester, Mass., where they will spend a month with Mrs. Hill's relatives.

Mr. W. Ross Cox, the Salisbury groceryman who failed last week, has arranged to again open his place of business, and his numerous friends hope he will be entirely on his feet again financially within a short time.

Mrs. Jane V. Walters, 57 years of age, died at her home on Church street Saturday morning of tuberculosis. She was a well known and most highly respected lady of the city, and is survived by her husband and several children. She was a faithful member of McKinnon Presbyterian Church. The funeral services were held yesterday and the interment made at Bethpage.

Mr. Mack Brooks, of Wilkes county, and Miss Annie Ledville, of Mooresville, were married here in the office of "Squire Pitts" this morning. There was no objection on the part of the parents of the young people to the marriage. Mr. Brooks was in Mooresville, and he and Miss Ledville decided to drive to Concord and be married. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for Mooresville.

The board of county commissioners is holding the regular monthly meeting to-day. Up to the noon hour no matters of unusual importance had come before the board. It was ordered by the board that the Burroughs adding machine, now in the Sheriff's office be purchased for \$200 with the privilege of exchanging it for a \$250 one within 60 days, and that a contract for the same be drawn up and issued.

## Work of the Court.

The Superior Court adjourned last Thursday till to-day, the State docket, except the murder case, having been finished.

The case of the State vs. Pink Dry and Gaston Blake, charged with the murder of Myrtle Flowe, colored, will be called Thursday morning. A special venire of 100 has been summoned as jurors in this case.

The case of the State vs. Duncan, the young man charged with complicity in the robbery of the goods of the railroad and express companies at Kannapolis, will be called for trial immediately after the murder case has been disposed of.

## Political Outlook.

Winston Journal.

I have talked with many people on the subject of politics since I have been away, and everywhere I find the Democrats hopeful and the Republicans downcast, as every one is charging the present high cost of living up to the Republican party."

The above statement was made Tuesday afternoon by ex-Governor R. B. Glenn, having returned home that morning after an absence of over two months from a lecturing tour. He will be here only a few days and will then go to Memphis, Tenn. On the completion of this trip he will return home for a vacation.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Mrs. Nan Cannon is attending the Mardi Gras at New Orleans.

Mr. A. E. Lentz, of Salisbury, spent Sunday in the city with Mrs. Lentz.

Mr. Theo. Harris, of Kannapolis, is visiting friends at Trinity College for a few days.

Dr. S. W. Williams has returned to the city, after spending a week in Wake county visiting relatives.

Mr. Allan Gibson has returned from Richmond, Va., where he has been at St. Peter's hospital for treatment.

Mrs. J. H. Witherspoon returned Saturday to her home in Lancaster. Her sister, Miss Shirley Montgomery accompanied her.

Mrs. A. A. King, Miss Ida May King and Mrs. D. P. Dayvault are at Hickory at the bedside of Dr. P. J. Johnson, who is not expected to live.

Mr. Gaston B. Means arrived here last Friday from Cincinnati, where he was on business when called to Concord on account of his mother's illness.

Miss Nannie Alexander will leave to-night for New York to buy her spring line of millinery. She will be joined in Salisbury by Miss Martha Lentz.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Coble, Miss Grace Watkins and Mr. J. L. Robinson, went to Charlotte Saturday to witness the play at the Academy. They stopped at the Selwyn.

Mr. J. R. Swann, editor of Madison Record, and oil inspector of the ninth district, was in Concord last Saturday on official business, having been transferred temporarily to the eighth district.

## Reduced Rates for Times Subscribers.

All subscribers of THE TIMES, whether new or old, who pay in advance will have the privilege of subscribing through us for any of the papers named below at the prices named. These papers may be secured through us at any time at the reduced price. Note the following list and prices for a year's subscription:

Charlotte Semi-Weekly Observer, 75 cents.

Progressive Farmer, new subscriptions, 50 cents; renewals, 70 cents.

New York Thrice-a-Week World, 65 cents.

Home and Farm, 25 cents.

Cotton Journal, 60 cents.

Atlanta Thrice-a-Week Constitution, 75 cents.

Philadelphia Daily Press, \$2.00.

Uncle Remus Magazine, 50 cents.

Carolina Union Farmer, 50 cents.

Southern Ruralist, 60 cents.

Remember these low prices are open to all who pay a year in advance to THE TIMES.

Don't forget that every subscriber who pays a year in advance gets free a pair of 8-inch Spring Tension Shears, that would cost 50¢ or 75¢ cents anywhere.

## Subscriptions Paid.

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

Lawson Bostian, Ed. Menius, W. N. Barnhardt, L. R. Stricker, C. M. Bost, Mrs. M. A. Litaker, Mrs. V. Ervin, J. A. Peck, Will Spears, J. D. Littleton, G. B. Caldwell, T. H. Rinehardt, Z. A. Klutz, H. A. Cruse, R. E. Ridenhour, Mrs. B. F. Rogers, Dr. W. L. Ezell, H. I. Woodhouse, Rev. H. A. Trexler, H. M. Saffrit, G. D. Honeycutt, H. C. M. Goodnight, E. L. Fisher, J. H. Howell, Zelma Watson, V. C. Kizer, W. H. Wadsworth, Palace Barber Shop, T. F. Litaker, F. C. Carroll, Mrs. C. W. Easterday, J. D. Moffitt, Mrs. Harry Ruth, R. L. Hartsell, Miss Florence Paul, C. M. Cook, J. A. Cline, Mrs. Frances Petrea, Mrs. J. W. Fetzer, R. T. Honeycutt, M. J. Hartsell, F. E. Cook, Henry Graeber, J. Watson Morris, E. A. Cress, C. W. Bost, W. F. Barnhardt, J. D. Cline, W. H. Hutchins, Miss Annie Carter, P. J. Blackwelder, T. R. Alexander, Joe Barnhardt, George Cori, C. M. B. Goodnight, J. B. Rose, J. A. McEachern, Miss Carrie Hathcock.

## Peck School Makes Record.

The Peck School in No. 7 township has broken all the attendance records of the county. They have an enrollment of 67, and during all the bad weather of the past month they had a daily average attendance of 64.

The measles are still rampant in many of the schools and are causing the school authorities no little trouble. The aggregate attendance of all the schools this year will be largely decreased on account of the measles.

Dave Hannon, a well known character here, was tried in the Police court last Thursday for an affray and fined \$17. He was given a day in which to raise the fine, but failed to do so, and was sentenced to the county roads for 45 days.