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## Social Notes

On last Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hewitt entertained for their house guests, the Misses Little, of Karnes City, Texas, and Messrs. Clyde Hewitt and Hobert Corpening of Newton. During the course of the evening Miss Lalla Rookh Little delightfully entertained those present with several vocal selections. After a spirited game of progressive domino Miss Jennie Davis was found to be the lucky lady and received a silver belt pin, and Mr. Corpening having the highest score of the gentlemen, received a gold stick pin. Those enjoying Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt's hospitality were Misses Mary Gordon Greenlee, Jennie Davis, Marguerite House, Martha Whitten, Jessie Ratliffe, Maggie Morris, Lelia Morris and Margaret Carlton; Messrs. Ged Giles, W. A. McCall, Lester Morris, T. J. Haliburton, Wilmer Whitten and W. T. Morgan.

Thursday evening, August 17th. Mrs. John Hopper entertained in honor of her guests, Misses Whitt, Grose and Dorsett. The yard, porch and house were beautifully decorated with Japanese lanterns, parasols, and bowls of red and yellow flowers, all making a fantastic Japanese scene. Punch was served by Mrs. Pritchett and Miss Jessie Ratliffe, both ladies being in Japanese costume.

At nine tables the young people enjoyed a progressive game called "Japan." Delicious refreshments consisting of a salad course and ices were served by little girls in Japanese costume. Beautiful Japanese fans were given as favors to the ladies and miniature Japanese parasols to the men. At a late hour the guests departed, each one filled with admiration for the artistic taste of the hostess.

On last Friday night Misses Hallie and Pearl Gibbs entertained a number of friends complimentary to their guests, Miss Lela Walters, of Branch, and Miss Sallie Markham, of Chapel Hill. The parlor was beautifully decorated with ferns and clematis where Miss Hattie Gibbs gracefully presided at the punch bowl. Music and conversation made the evening lively at this most hospitable home. At a late hour delicious refreshments were served.

Dysartsville, Aug. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor entertained a number of young people at their home Saturday evening in the honor of their nieces, Misses Regina Matthews of Old Point, S. C., and Cary Taylor.

A number of games were enjoyed after which refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Myrtle, Grace and Mamie Cowan, Maggie and Lona Goforth, Lillie and Junie Laughridge, Edna Metcalf; Messrs. Neal Duval, Crawford and William Landis, Carson Jaret, Dr. Roy Long, Herbert Mangrum, Clyde and Ernest Satterwhite and Sam Upton.

## Weather Report.

Thomas McGuire, Sergeant U. S. Army, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion station for the week as follows:

Maximum	90 degrees
Minimum	68 degrees
Rain	.97 inches
Sunshine per cent	.64

## A Birthday Dinner.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Brown, near Glenwood, was the scene of much pleasure Sunday, August 18, when quite a number of friends and relatives assembled in honor of the birthday of the former's father, D. C. Brown.

The dining-room was tastefully decorated with flowers and ferns and the long dining table was spread and artistically arranged. A large birthday cake was placed in the centre of the table containing the figure 69, this being the age of the guest of honor.

Lemonade was served in the morning, and at 12:30 the guests were ushered into the dining-room where each partook of the bountiful feast. After dinner the guests assembled in the sitting room and on the long veranda and the hours of the afternoon seemed only too short. At 3:30 delicious refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served. Then at 4:30 after having spent a most enjoyable day, all took their departure feeling grateful to the kind host and hostess for the pleasant hours spent and wishing that many more such days might occur in their lives.

Those enjoying the kind hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Yelton, Dr. and Mrs. D. R. Schenck, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Padgett, Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Sorrels, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Hensley, Misses Zelta Yelton and Ada Brown and Messrs. Clyde Sorrels, Fred Yelton and Vanus Brown.

## ONE PRESENT.

## Cigarettes and Whiskey.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The people of the United States produced more whiskey and rum and smoked more cigarettes during the fiscal year 1912 than ever before in the history of the country, according to the preliminary annual report of Royal E. Cabell commissioner of internal revenue, submitted to Secretary MacVeagh yesterday. The consumption of whiskey was exceeded only by the year 1907, but beer drinking fell off by a substantial percentage.

The unprecedented smoking of 11,210,624,084 cigarettes, exceeding the record of 1911 by nearly 2,000,000,000, amazed treasury officials who were unable to account for the enormous increase.

Stored in warehouses the country over, are 263,768,070 gallons of whiskey and rum, the greatest on record.

In Kentucky alone are stored 158,000,000 gallons, which exceeds the amount of whiskey and rum in the whole United States 11 years ago. The record production of these intoxicants for 1912 was 133,376,458 gallons, the nearest approach to the record of 1,344,031,000 gallons in 1907.

The consumption of beer for 1912 was only 62,108,733 barrels, a decrease of over 1,108,000 barrels as compared with 1911.

The 1912 Premium List of the great State Fair at Raleigh has just reached this office. The book contains 164 pages, outside of the handsome covers printed in two colors and showing the dates of the Fair this year to be the week of October 14 to 19.

## SOUTHERN TRAIN ROBBED

Masked Robber Enters Enpress Car and Holds Up Messenger— Messenger Arrested.

Asheville, Aug. 15.—A lone train robber, masked and armed, boarded Southern Railway train No. 13, Spartanburg to Asheville, at 10:30 o'clock tonight as it was leaving Biltmore, three miles from this city and covering the express messenger, E. F. Carr, of Marion with a revolver secured a package containing \$3,500 in bills. The robber then commanded Carr to get in the express chest which he had just rifled and locked him in it. It is presumed that the robber left the train as it slowed up for the Asheville yards.

When the train arrived at the Asheville station express employes found Carr locked in the chest. When released, the express messenger was unable to give a description of his assailant, saying that the latter was completely masked.

The train was an hour late at Biltmore, a fact which the local police department say the robber was aware of. The express messenger says he had just finished arranging his packages, preparatory to leaving the train at Asheville, when he was confronted by a masked stranger with a loaded revolver, who demanded his money. Carr states that the robber then bound his hands and forced him (Carr) to get into the chest, which he locked.

The alarm was quickly given at Asheville and several policemen were sent toward Biltmore on a special train. Other members of the force boarded train No. 35 which leaves Asheville at 10:50. It was thought that the robber might have attempted to escape on this train. At midnight tonight the police and express officials were still without a clue.

Messenger Carr, up to July 21, was a clerk in the Southern Express office at Marion, N. C., when he was given the run from Columbia, S. C., to Asheville.

Charged with having robbed the express car, Carr was arrested by special agents of the Southern Railway Saturday night pending a preliminary hearing Wednesday. He denies his guilt.

## Chapel Hill School Notes.

Chapel Hill School, Aug. 16.—Today ends the first month of the school. While all are not in school who should be, yet we feel the month has been a successful one. Eighty-four per cent of the enrollment were here every day. We have seventy-two on roll, with an average attendance of sixty-one. Only fifty tardies with seventy-nine absences.

Next Friday afternoon we contemplate having a Friday evening exercise. This exercise will be composed of songs, recitations, compositions, etc. The patrons will be invited to attend. This is the first for the year, but we expect to repeat these from time to time.

H. S. Smith killed a large rattlesnake near the school house this week. He tells us it had eight rattles and is the largest snake he has seen for a long time.

We are glad to have a new black board. The old one was much too small. You see the examples will be easily solved on this one.

Our motto is, "Do what you do."

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jimison has been quite ill but is improving.

## Wreck at Morganton.

Morganton, Aug. 19.—West bound passenger train No. 15, collided with some runaway cars this morning about 8 o'clock one mile east of Morganton. The freight train was shifting at the Morganton Manufacturing company, when they made a flying switch and there being no brakeman on the cars they ran on down the main line. When it was noticed that they didn't stop the engine ran back to catch the cars, but just before reaching them passenger train No. 15 came around the curve at full speed and collided with them. The freight engine was then within a few yards of the cars and by the sudden stop it also collided with them, thus causing a double collision. The engineer and fireman on the passenger train seeing there was going to be a collision, threw on the brakes and reverse and jumped sustaining very slight injuries. Those injured are I. Allison, engineer, and T. W. Muse, fireman, both of Asheville; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Stell, of Charlotte; N. L. Hemmett, of Atlanta; H. W. Clifford, of Statesville; Martin Perry, of Drexel and D. G. Wilson, of Conley Springs.

## Flack for the Legislature.

In a few sections of McDowell county Mr. Flack is not well known. He is merchandising at Vein Mountain and is well known in the southern, and some other parts of the county. He is, as those of us who know him well can testify, a high toned Christian gentleman of high character and sound and high ideas, and a democrat, who has always been true to his party, and withal a man in every way competent and worthy to represent McDowell county in the next General Assembly.

Mr. Flack talked to some of us who have lately talked with him that he has not been, and is not now, a candidate for this office, and will make no effort to get the nomination, but that if his party should call him to this duty that he would make the race cheerfully and put forth every possible effort to roll up for his party a handsome majority. He states, however, that he would not have any person vote for him in the primaries without an idea of how he stands upon a few propositions, but that he would have it known that he favors good roads, and thinks the time to go to work upon the roads is now, and that no one section ought to be given any undue advantages over any other section, but that a good road ought to be first built through each township in the county to the county seat that all sections of the county may be made to know that they shall have some benefits from the expenditure of money for roads. He favors the County Commissioners being required to give much more time to the handling of the affairs of the county, and especially its finances so that all items dealt with by them shall have the same personal attention and investigation that a man would give if dealing with his own private interests. He favors the publication, at the courthouse door, and in the newspaper, all exemptions from the payment of taxes, immediately after they are allowed, and the publication of all moneys spent for all purposes and by all officials of the county that the people may know just how each and every dollar of their money is expended.

We unhesitatingly recommend Mr. Flack as competent and worthy to carry the banner of Democracy in McDowell county as the candidate of the Democratic party in the approaching campaign.

(Signed) G. C. Conley, G. W. Chapman, W. M. Goodson, J. H. Tate, T. O. Morgan, H. A. Gibbs, L. A. Hany, J. C. Brown, J. M. Clay, J. E. Jimerson, J. G. Patton, M. L. Justice, W. D. Long, E. E. Long, John Hogan, W. H. Hill, J. F. Jones, W. H. Hennessee, G. S. Tate, Thomas Porter, Will Cannon, L. H. Miller, T. C. Patton, Geo. McCurry, W. H. Greenlee, George Carson, A. M. Hensley.

## BRIDGEWATER DOINGS

Aged Lady Seriously Hurt by Fall—Singing Convention Opens Friday—Other Items.

J. D. Adams of Lancaster, S. C., who has been visiting his father-in-law, S. P. Tate, returned home last Thursday accompanied by his three little children, Sadie, Mattye Maye and Johnsey, who have spent several months here with their grandparents.

Hattie Maye Ballew and little sister, Mary Alice, were shopping in Marion Friday.

Millard Tate of Marion is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. Q. Blackburn.

Mrs. Ben Conley of Hankins has returned home after a week's visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Tate.

Little Alice Silly of Hickory visited her cousin, little Alice Lyerly, last week.

Mrs. W. Lyerly spent Thursday in Hickory.

Miss Olen Yelton has entered school at Mars Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wilson of Glenwood, visited the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Tate, last week.

Raye Brinkley of Glen Alpine was the guest of Mrs. G. C. Anthony one day last week.

The singing convention will begin here Friday, August 23, and will last through Sunday.

Mrs. M. E. Thornton and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jennings, of Hickory visited at Bridgewater last week.

Dr. Roscoe Mouser spent Sunday in Marion.

Mrs. S. R. Rust happened to a bad accident last Sunday afternoon—she was leaning against a porch column when it gave way and she fell to the ground about two feet, dislocating one shoulder and breaking one of her arms and a lower limb. Dr. Kirby of Marion and Dr. Mouser were called in and they reset the broken bones. "Aunt Sallie," as she is called by most every one, is ninety-three years of age and we are afraid it will be some time before she will be able to be out again.

Mrs. Anna Bell Delany of Morganton visited at the home of Mrs. J. R. Rust last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Tate were shopping in Marion Saturday.

BETTYE.

## Greenlee News.

Greenlee, Aug. 19.—The Greenlee Sunday School is progressing nicely.

Quite a crowd of Greenlee folks enjoyed a moving picture show at the Greenlee school house Saturday night.

Miss Ollie Mason left Sunday for a short stay with her brother in Morganton.

Deward Moody has returned home from his work in Tennessee.

Misses Beatie and Mae Jones of Forest spent last week with their grandmother, Mrs. E. Jordan.

Miss Lottie Bright and brother, Garland, of Clifton, S. C., are visiting at Greenlee and Old Fort.

Miss Alice Padgett has returned home from Forest City.

Mrs. L. B. Walsh and two children of Hendersonville are visiting relatives and friends near Greenlee.

Misses Ethel and Bertha Padgett will leave Friday for a two weeks' visit in Asheville and Hendersonville.

Quite a crowd from Greenlee enjoyed the Children's exercises at Clear Creek last Sunday.

MALINDA

The McCampbell Horse and Mule Exchange will sell a car load of horses here next Thursday.