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Social News

Mrs. E. H. Dysart delightfully entertained twelve of her friends Wednesday night of last week at a social game of Forty-Two. This game being charmingly informal brought forth much enjoyment and merriment from all present. Dainty refreshments were served late in the evening. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock Mrs. Dysart had been the hostess to twelve of her friends. Both functions were filled with gracious hospitality.

On Saturday last Mrs. Giles entertained a number of the Marion ladies at Nebo High School where for some weeks Mrs. Giles has been conducting a class in special studies. The guests going down on the 10:45 train, returning at 6 p. m. The afternoon was spent in playing "108," similar to "42." At 4 o'clock tea was served by the hostess. The day though informal was especially pleasant. Mrs. Giles returns to her home in town the middle of this month.

Mrs. P. A. Reid was hostess to a number of her friends at her home on Wednesday last. The main feature of the afternoon was a social game of cards. Beautiful bowls of hyacinths and narcissus were used as floral decorations in the sitting room. At five o'clock tea was served in the dining room where the twelve ladies were seated at one long handsome table each plate being marked by a place card and a bunch of white hyacinths and narcissus while a large bowl of ferns and white hyacinths marked the centre of the table. This pleasant social affair was most enjoyable to the guests of a gracious hostess.

Several weeks ago a number of the young ladies organized a club, purely social in its nature; they decided to call it the "T. and N. Club." The first two meetings were with Misses Lucile and Nellie Blanton at their home on Henderson street, and the hours spent with flying needles and pleasant chat passed rapidly. The hostess, on each occasion, served dainty refreshments. Last week Miss Julia Burton entertained the Club, and, notwithstanding the clouds and rain, a dozen Club members met and enjoyed the hospitality of the young hostess. The meeting this week will be on Friday afternoon with Miss Sara Copeland.

On Friday evening the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Howard was aglow with festivity when Mrs. Howard entertained sixteen of her lady friends. In the large hall and reception rooms, tastefully decorated in hyacinth blooms and potted ferns, the hostess, assisted by Miss Annie Laura Blanton, greeted each guest. After an enjoyable hour in the social game Forty-two, an exceptionally tempting tea was served consisting of salads, sandwiches, ices, cakes, ripe strawberries and bon bons. Each guest was then the recipient of a dainty favor, the handiwork of the hostess. These pretty gifts were greatly admired by all and added to what already was one of the most charming social affairs of the season.

The young people of the Metho-

dist church held their regular business and social meeting at the home of J. W. Streetman, Jr., Tuesday evening, January 18. After the business of the League, the members read and discussed the two most noted Bible characters, namely Moses and Paul. The papers read and talks made by the young men and women were excellent and would have done credit to any Christian society. After quite an interesting and exciting discussion Moses' side won. Mrs. Streetman added much to the enjoyment of the young people by her cordial hospitality. Delightful cream and cake was served.

The League will discuss at their next regular business and social meeting Esther and Deborah. The young people of the town are welcome at the Sunday evening devotional meeting in the Sunday School room of the M. E. church at 7 o'clock.

On last Friday afternoon the Twentieth Century Club held its fortnightly meeting at the home of Mrs. I. C. Griffin. The subject of the afternoon was a very pleasing one to all, "Current Events," the roll call being answered with the various things being done by the active, prominent women of our country. The papers for the afternoon were "The Parcel Post in America and England," by Mrs. D. E. Hudgins; "Child Labor in the Mills," Mrs. Giles; "Notables Who Passed Away in 1912," Mrs. Pless; "The New Theatre for Children in New York," Mrs. Geo. I. White. At the close of a very pleasant and instructive meeting, tea was served. The next meeting, which comes on St. Valentine's Day and is at the home of Mrs. D. E. Hudgins, will have for the subject "The Noted Lovers of the World" with a Valentine roll call. In two weeks time the subject for the afternoon will be "An Afternoon with Longfellow" and quotations. Later will come "The Former Women of the White House."

Nebo School Notes.

Nebo, Feb. 5.—Miss Eva Stacy, one of Nebo's most attractive young ladies, on Saturday last passed from this lonely life of sinistery to encounter the life of double blessedness with the person of one L. E. Sigmon. Mr. Sigmon was the former agent for the Southern railroad at this place, but now is transferred to the office at Ridgecrest. Miss Stacy is a member of the 1912 graduating class of Nebo High School, and the first of her class to win a life partner. We bespeak them a life of happiness in the companionship of each other.

The honor roll for the week January 27 to 31 is as follows:

Madge Brown, Neal Duval, Mamie Goforth, Daintry Graham, Edith Lonon, Faye Padgett, Cheley Sigmon, Elsie Stacy, Maggie Taylor, Effie Cannon, Alonzo Davis, Delia Gibbs, Cassie Patton, Laura Hicks, Carol Thomason, Ethel Alexander, Myrtle Brown, Ada Conley, Fred Hensley, Belle Hunter, Berry Hunter, Tracy Sigmon, Tom Stacy, Lottie Wilson, Hattie Taylor, John Rudisill.

Fire which swept the river front of Savannah, Ga., for two blocks early Sunday morning did damage to the extent of \$1,500,000.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Numerous Small Bills Are Put Before the Legislature—Solicitor's Salary, Etc.

Senate—Tuesday.

Petitions were received from Gaston, Cabarrus, Cumberland, Rockingham, Rowan and Watauga counties for six-months school terms.

The following bills passed final reading:

Senate bill to amend section 3505 of the Revisal, so as to make the minimum punishment for horse-stealing four months instead of five years. This was opposed by Wakefield and Watts.

House bill to amend the Revisal, section 93, so as to require notice of refusal to pay an account by an administrator to be in writing, the Senate amendment not to apply to transactions prior to enactment.

Senator Studdert was added to the Committee on Penal Institutions.

House—Tuesday.

Raleigh.—The Stewart bill amending the divorce laws passed the House Tuesday afternoon. It originally provided that separation for two years be ground for divorce. The committee had amended this, making the time five years, the party abandoned without cause having the right to remarry.

The House passed the Justice anti-trust bill, which applies the Federal anti-trust law to the state, enacts the provisions of the old Reid anti-trust bill of the 1907 session and provides machinery for the Attorney General to enforce the law.

A number of bills passed final reading in the house.

Senate—Wednesday.

The senate discussed at considerable length, the question of whether constitutional amendments shall be submitted to the people by this session or by a special session next fall.

Petitions were sent up by Senators Brown, Coffey, Hall, Ivie, Payne, Barnes, Peebles, Evans of Bladen, Bryant and Davis for a six-months school term and compulsory education law; by Hooks, from Woman's Club of Goldsboro, for right of women to serve on school committees, for better laws regulating labor of women and children and for a vital statistics law; by Pharr from the Eclectic Club of Charlotte, for the vital statistics law.

House—Wednesday.

There were numbers of petitions reported from various sections of the state for the child labor legislation, six-months school terms and compulsory attendance, better roads, search and seizure law, and petitions for the state to provide for the expenses of the state militia in attending the inauguration of President Wilson.

Bills passed final reading as follows:

Gordon bill to require preparation for University and four-years reading medicine before persons can be licensed to practice.

Senate bill to authorize the summoning of jurors from other counties for the trial of causes in certain cases.

House bill to prevent infant blindness.

House bill to prevent the use of firearms by children; parents and guardians being guilty of misdemeanor under certain circumstances.

Senate—Thursday.

Raleigh.—The Senate voted 37 to 10 for the appointment of the legislative committee of five from the Senate and eight from the House and the commission of five by the Governor as a constitutional amendment commission, as recommended by the Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

A message from Governor Craig submitted the proposition from E. C. Duncan to buy the State's stock in the A. & N. C. Railroad for \$949,950 in cash, 75 per cent of par value.

Among reports of committees was an unfavorable report from the Committee on Education.

House—Thursday.

Petitions from many parts of the state for six months school terms, for compulsory school attendance, child labor legislation, special school tax levies, woman's suffrage and state-wide dog tax.

A message received from the Governor, transmitting without recommendation the proposition of E. C.

Duncan to purchase the state's stock in the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad Co., was referred to the Finance Committee.

Bills passed final reading as follows:

Relative to the issuance of bonds in Forsyth county for the Roanoke & Southern Railroad.

To validate electric light bonds in Asheboro.

To allow Red Springs to issue school bonds.

Senate—Friday.

The Senate passed the Judiciary Committee's substitute for the North Carolina Bar Association jury bills providing for 12 peremptory challenges by the defendant in capital cases and four for the state, the state to stand none at the foot of the panel, and doing away with the requirement that jurors in the box must be freeholders.

Petitions were received from citizens of Northampton county for bonding railroad employes; from citizens of Littleton for an appropriation of \$20,000 for the Oxford Orphanage; from Farmers' Union of Halifax county for six-months school term and compulsory school law; from Junior Order Councils at Statesville, Gastonia, Pilot Mountain, Franklinton and Asheboro for better child labor law and compulsory school law.

House—Friday.

In the House the Kellum bill passed by a good-sized majority, directing the Corporation Commission to investigate the receiver's sale to the A. & Y. Railroad and subsequent division of the old Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad, Wilmington to Mount Airy, by the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line, and report to the Attorney General as to findings that indicate conspiracy to throttle competition in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The following bills were ratified: To authorize Commissioners of Forsyth county to issue refunding bonds for the Roanoke & Southern Railroad.

Senate—Saturday.

The Senate passed the house joint resolution for the governor to appoint a committee of three to confer with officials of railroad companies in effort to settle contest over freight rate discrimination without retaliatory legislation at this session.

House bill to amend Revisal so as to require hunters starting fires to extinguish them' passed final readings. The following also passed:

Senate bill fixing boundary line between two school tax districts in Wilkes.

Senate bill to empower Madison county to buy land adjacent to court house for better fire protection.

Senate bill to appoint magistrates in Nash and ratify their acts.

Senate resolution to pay expenses of Vacation Committee on Home for Wives and Widows of Veterans.

Announcement was made of the consideration of all divorce bills by the two judiciary committees on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the senate chamber.

House—Saturday.

There were petitions introduced advocating six-months minimum terms of public school; for compulsory attendance; for location of the proposed Western Carolina Teacher Training school and for child labor legislation.

The house passed the joint resolution endorsing the proposed Transcontinental Highway, Atlantic to the Pacific.

Representative Clark of Pitt county introduced in the house a drastic anti-cigarette bill as follows:

"Whereas, the public welfare demands that the health of its citizens be protected, and that the young men of our state be allowed to grow to a fully developed manhood; and whereas the use of tobacco in the form of cigarettes is admitted and recognized as very injurious to the human system, therefore the general assembly of North Carolina do enact:

"Section 1—That it shall be a misdemeanor for any person, firm or corporation to manufacture or sell, offer to sell, or to bring into the state for the purpose of selling, giving away, or otherwise disposing of, any cigarettes, cigarette papers or substitute for the same; and a violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.

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LATE NEWS OF INTEREST

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

It is expected that the Southern Highway convention will be largely attended at Asheville on February 12.

Participants in the Glen Alpine battle are recovering. Dr. Hennessee has improved enough to be carried from the hospital in Statesville to his home. The Pitts boys in Grace hospital at Morganton are out of danger.

Judge James E. Boyd, of Greensboro, Federal judge, will be 70 years old on February 14, 1913, and has announced that he will retire on the day he is 70. He will retire on full pay. This will give President Wilson the appointment of some one to a good job. It pays \$6,000 a year.

The Citizen says a meeting in Central Methodist church, Asheville, Sunday night, closed a campaign of two weeks in the interest of foreign missions, which has been conducted by Dr. H. K. Boyer, the missionary secretary of Western North Carolina Conference. During the past two weeks meetings have been held in fifteen cities of this state and the sum of \$15,000 has been raised among the Methodists of the Conference for the support of foreign missions. This is \$5,000 more than was expected, the campaign having been launched for the purpose of securing \$10,000.

For One Term of Six Years.

A constitutional amendment which would restrict the President of the United States to a single term of six years and would bar Woodrow Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft from a ain seeking election, was approved by the Senate Saturday by the narrow majority of one vote. After a three days' fight in which the progressives joined with many Republicans in opposing the measure as proposed, the Senate adopted the original Works resolution by a vote of 47 to 23. The language which it is proposed to insert in the constitution in place of the first paragraph of article two is as follows:

"The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. The term of President shall be six years and no person who has held the office by election, or discharge its powers or duties or acted as President under the constitution and laws made in pursuance thereof, shall be eligible to hold again the office by election." The Vice President is also elected for the same term. Senators Simmons and Overman voted for the resolution. Senator Overman also voted for an amendment, which was defeated, to elect the President and Vice President by direct vote of the people. Senator Simmons voted against the amendment. The resolution passed now goes to the House and if it passes that body and is adopted by three fourths of the State it will become a part of the permanent law of the land.

E. G. Goforth, of Nealsville, was a business visitor here yesterday.