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NEW YEAR'S RECEPTIONS.

Doors of Three Homes in Concord Thrown Open to New Year Callers.

The doors of three of the city's hospitable homes swung wide last night and behind them was extended the gladness to all who entered. The new year was heralded in at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Goodman and Mr. and Mrs. John Fox and Mrs. J. C. Gibson by an open house reception to their friends. No one was invited, no one was urged to come, but everybody was welcome. Many were the visitors who called at these homes and on each was bestowed the best of the season's wishes, which were reciprocated with equal spirit, all of which made the evening of the first day of the new year attended with a closer linking of the chains that bind the life of a community into one great whole.

At Mr. and Mrs. Cannon's.

The elegant and palatial home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon was ablaze with brilliancy and splendor for the occasion and from it there reflected the bright light of welcome to every one of the many visitors who called during the evening. After receiving a cordial welcome accompanied by the season's best wishes from those who received, composed of a score or more of beautiful women magnificently gowned, a delicious salad course was served. The punch bowl, which was very elaborately presided over by Miss Elizabeth Butler, of Atlanta, and Miss Laura McGill Cannon, was in the hall and around it was drunk many a toast to the health, happiness and prosperity of every one. The following assisted Mr. and Mrs. Cannon to receive: Mesdames J. F. Cannon, J. B. Douglas, of Winston-Salem; J. S. Carr, Jr., of Durham; J. W. Cannon, Jr., C. G. Hill, of Thomasville; J. A. Cannon, E. T. Cannon, D. B. Coltrane, A. J. York, R. Reed, S. J. Ervin, J. F. Hurley, J. H. Rutledge, C. J. Harris, W. H. Gibson and J. Leonard Brown, Misses Nan Cannon, Jena Coltrane, Ruth Coltrane, Annie Parker, of New York; Pearl Forte, of Pikeville, Shirley Montgomery, Mary Frye, of Greensboro; Mary Burwell, of Chase City, Va.; E. C. Harrison, of Baltimore; Elizabeth Coltrane, Elizabeth Butler, of Atlanta, Alice Brown, Emma Ross Leslie, of New York, Laura McGill Cannon and Elizabeth Hill, Margaret Dalton and Mary Wiggins, of Winston-Salem; Amy Harlowe, of Wilmington; Blanche Brown.

At Mrs. J. C. Gibson's.

The spirit of a happy and prosperous new year to everyone reigned supreme at this hospitable home and to every visitor who called Mrs. Gibson extended a gracious welcome. The season's cheer was drunk in egg-nog, which was served together with fruit cake, sandwiches and almonds. Those who assisted Mrs. Gibson to receive were: Mrs. Leonard Brown, Mrs. M. L. Cannon, Mrs. J. Locke Erwin, Mrs. F. L. Robbins, Misses Elizabeth Gibson, Isabel Turpin, Keats Harrison, Bessie Brown, Ellen Gibson, Grace Patterson, Margaret Lentz.

At Mr. Goodman's.

Not only was an ancient custom beautifully observed by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Goodman and Mr. and Mrs. John Fox at their handsome home on North Union street last night, but the first day of the year was made a happy event in the new home by welcoming their friends to the first social event that marked their residence there. Never was a warmer welcome more cordially extended than by Mr. and Mrs. Goodman and Mr. and Mrs. Fox. At the big bay window in the spacious reception room there had been placed two magnificent punch bowls from which the guests drank "cups of good cheer to 1912, a happy new year," punch and frappe being served by Misses Kate and Belle Means and Mrs. F. P. Cobb, of Greenville, S. C., a sister of Mrs. Fox.

Would Ban Silk Stockings.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Washington is in the throes of an anti-silk stocking campaign, engineer by Mrs. Olaf C. Guidin, chairman of the home economics committee of the Federation of Women's Clubs. "There is no argument so conducive to tuberculosis and other kindred diseases," said Mrs. Guidin today. "Silk stockings are all right in summer, but foolish in winter."

It's a pity Mr. Edison did not think when he invented the concrete house and furniture to make some concrete Christmas toys.

RECEPTION YESTERDAY.

Miss Shirley Montgomery Gives Delightful New Year Reception in Honor of Her Guests.

The handsome home of Judge Montgomery was the scene of a delightful new year reception yesterday afternoon when Miss Shirley Montgomery very charmingly entertained in honor of her guests, Mrs. C. W. Renquarth, of Charlotte, Misses Mary Frye, of Greensboro, and Mary Burwell, of Chase City, Va. The home was beautifully decorated throughout with Christmas decorations. Those who assisted Miss Montgomery in receiving were: Mesdames J. B. Douglas, of Winston-Salem, J. W. Cannon, Jr., M. L. Cannon, A. J. York, N. A. Archibald, G. H. Richmond, Chalmers White, J. A. Cannon, S. J. Lowe, W. J. Montgomery, Misses May White, Mary Gilmer Grier, of Harrisburg, Amy Harlowe, of Wilmington, and Kate Means. A delicious salad course and punch was served, punch being poured by Mrs. C. J. Harris and Miss Belle Means. Several scores of guests called during the afternoon.

How the Boy Scout Movement Spreads.

Continued growth of the Scout Movement throughout the country was shown by the increase in a number of Local Councils and Scout Commissioners who have supervision of the Scout activities in various cities and towns. The Local Council acts in a sort advisory capacity while the Scout Commissioner is the chief executive for the Scout Movement in that locality. On July 31 there were 89 Scout Commissioners in different cities or counties throughout the country. On November 10 there were 136 Scout Commissioners making a gain of 47 in three months. On July 31 there were 192 councils whereas on November 10 there were 253 making a gain of 61. The local councils are composed of from 20 to 90 men representing the different professions and businesses and the different religions, so that the gain of 61 councils indicate first that there has been a great growth in the number of Boy Scouts; secondly that the interest in the adults of the different communities has increased and thirdly that the Scout Movement is regarded as an institution of great value for the proper development of the boy.

The Campaign in Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 2.—Following a truce extending over the holidays, the senatorial and gubernatorial campaigns in Arkansas reopened today with renewed activity on all sides. Tons of literature bearing upon the liquor issue are being distributed from the headquarters of Governor Donaghey, who is a candidate for a third term. Similar activity is displayed in the camp of Congressman Joe T. Robinson, who is Governor Donaghey's opponent for the nomination. Equaling the gubernatorial contest in public interest and surpassing it in bitterness is the senatorial fight between Senator Jeff Davis and former Congressman Brundidge.

Want All-Year Schools for Children.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Uncle Sam's New Year's greeting to the school children of America this year is announcement of the inauguration of a movement to reduce the number of vacation days in the year. It is given impetus by the Bureau of Education in a special bulletin made public today.

Years ago the schools of Buffalo, N. Y., were in session the year round, six days a week. Brooklyn, Baltimore and Cincinnati had school 11 months of the year; New York city had 49 weeks; Chicago, 48 weeks, and Detroit, 259 days.

New Yorkers Have Sore Heads After Debauch.

New York, Jan. 1.—Half a ton of bromides and nerve quieters were utilized by a certain portion of New York's population today in counteracting the effect of the debauch that marked the advent of 1912.

It was estimated today that the total cost of last night's celebration, which lasted until long after daylight today, was about \$750,000, or enough to keep every poor family in the city in fuel for the remainder of the winter.

Delightful Surprise Party.

Miss Jesse Willeford was delightfully surprised last night when a number of young people unexpectedly called at her home. They not only came but brought with them a number of refreshments. The evening was indeed a festive occasion and was filled with fun and enjoyment for everyone.

Use our Penny Column—It Pays.

OVER-EDUCATION RUINS AMERICA.

Children of Each Generation Worse Than Those of the Last.

New York, Jan. 1.—Educators were inclined today to take seriously the statement of Dr. Henry B. Savage, of the New York Normal School of Physical Education, that over-education of American youths was responsible for an alarming degeneration in this country.

This statement was made a part of the declaration of William Muldoon, the "man-builder," who said the "corroding influence of wealth breeds children weak in morals and vitality."

"The degeneration," said Dr. Savage, "does not apply to any particular class, as Muldoon declares. It is not a situation among the rich alone. It has attacked every class. It is an alarming situation that we must face."

"The fault lies in our educational system—in forcing education upon the young. We push the children through high school at 16 years of age, forcing them to stay in school seven and eight hours a day. All the while they have over-exerted brains still immature.

"In the meantime the body has been neglected. The physical defects that might be corrected are overlooked. The result is, with all-digested matter and a body that has been neglected and allowed to depreciate, we have a most serious situation before us. Each succeeding American generation is poorer, physically, than the one before it.

"The remedy for it all is simple living, stopping the crowding of the brain and detecting physical flaws at a period when they may be corrected."

Advertised Letters.

The following letters remain un-called for in the postoffice at Concord, for the week ending January 1, 1912:

Men.

Charlie Holly Ball, Daniel Boger, Jno. N. Blackwelder, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Craig, Mack Davis, Frank Doby, P. C. Holshouser, W. J. Johnson, M. P. Jones, Sam McCall, M. E. Murray, G. R. Misenheimer, A. P. Murray, C. C. Smith, R. I. Rimer, G. W. Turnispeed, D. Watts, W. D. Warren, R. Ely 199 Harris street.

Women.

Lula Alexander, Hudley Beaudon, Ever Bell, Mrs. Zon Brown, Zula Carter, Janie Dearnon, Edna L. Furston, Mrs. M. A. Fisher, Mrs. Katie Giles, Mrs. Martha Holdbrooks, Mamie Johnson, Mrs. K. L. Litaaker, Oru Martin, Perkins Manney, Mrs. Lillie Misenheimer, Georgie Matthews, editor; Ella J. Mitchell, Madge B. Reid, Mrs. Mary Tally, Mrs. Alice Vinson, Laura Williams.

When calling for the above please say "advertised."

M. L. BUCHANAN, Postmaster.

To Probe Election Frauds.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Pursuant to the call of Governor Dix an extraordinary term of the supreme court, with a grand jury, convened here today to consider "the evidence relating to the alleged commission of crime in Albany county, particularly in reference to crimes against the elective franchise and matters brought out by the senate investigation into affairs of the city and county of Albany." Supreme Court Justice John W. Goff, of New York is presiding over the special term of the court. Justice Goff was counsel to the so-called Lexow committee, which investigated conditions in New York and was associated with Mayor Gaynor in the prosecution of the alleged election frauds in Kings county several years ago.

Importers' Automobile Salon.

New York, Jan. 2.—Seventeen makes of foreign-built automobiles were displayed in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Astor today at the opening of the annual Importers' Automobile Salon. Practically ever well-known foreign car which has achieved distinction either here or abroad is included among the exhibits. As the name implies, the exhibition is strictly a drawing-room affair, and not an industrial show. Commercial vehicles are excluded, and a leading feature is the magnificent bodies, mounted on the various cars, which exemplify the latest productions of the famous coach builders of Europe and America.

Writing to The Columbia State, Colonel Robert M. Thompson says he will not press his \$50,000,000 scheme for holding cotton any further this season, but hopes the farmers will study it with care and find it something practical enough to make it acceptable later.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Col. Leroy Springs, of Lancaster, S. C., is here today.

Attorney J. F. Newell, of Charlotte, is a Concord visitor today.

Messrs. C. W. and Horace Johnson are visitors in the city today.

Mr. Samuel P. Maulden will leave tomorrow for Rutherford College to resume his studies.

Mr. Fred Patterson left this morning for Durham, where he will enter Trinity Park School.

Misses Bessie Widenhouse and Laura Scott returned this morning to Trinity College, Durham.

Mr. Clarence Norman, of the University of North Carolina, is visiting his mother, Mrs. V. L. Norman.

Miss Constance Cline has returned from Rockwell, where she has been visiting friends for several days.

Mrs. J. H. Krimbrell, of Fort Mill, S. C., left today for her home, after visiting relatives for ten days.

Miss Ella Belle Shirey, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John M. Cook, has returned to her home in Hickory.

Little Miss Mary Belle Umberger has returned from Charlotte, where she has been visiting friends for a week.

Dr. G. D. Moose, of Mt. Pleasant, returned this morning for Asheville, where he has been spending several days.

Mrs. Frank Robbins returned this morning to her home in Salisbury, after visiting Mrs. Jas. C. Gibson for several days.

Prof. and Mrs. W. B. West have returned to their home in Rutherford College, after visiting Rev. and Mrs. J. H. West for the holidays.

Misses Martha Moore and Bonnie Orr, who have been visiting Mrs. Z. M. Moore for several days, have returned to their home in Charlotte.

Messrs. Edwin and Alfred Brower returned this morning to Trinity College, Durham. Mr. William Sherrill will leave for Trinity tonight.

Miss Maggie Bessent returned this morning to Winston-Salem to resume her work as a member of the faculty of Salem Female Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Maulden, of Gainesville, Texas, arrived last night to visit at Mr. H. P. Guffy's. Mrs. Maulden is Mrs. Guffy's sister.

Messrs. Sidney Buchanan, Harvey Cline and Wright Tucker left last night for Baltimore to resume their studies at the University of Maryland.

Messrs. Bruner Petrea, J. H. Ritchie and J. B. Moose have returned to Columbia to resume their studies at the Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Miss Nealia Moore will return to Southern Presbyterian College at Red Springs, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Moore.

Mrs. D. B. Privett and little daughter, Anna Montgomery, of Galveston, Texas, arrived this morning to visit Mrs. Privett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sherrill.

Misses Willie May Stratford, Mary Propst, Nell Herring, and Mary Porter have returned to the State Normal College, after spending the holidays here with home folks.

Messrs. Leslie Coltrane, Warren Moody, Brice Caldwell, Charles Wadsworth, Roy Goodman and Olin Caldwell will return tomorrow to A. and M. College, Raleigh.

Mr. Olin Hoover, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Hoover, has returned to his work with the Pullman Company as conductor.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Craven and little son, Henry, Jr., returned this morning to their home in Statesville, after visiting Mr. Craven's parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Craven, for several days.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Barnhardt, who have been visiting relatives in the county, returned this morning to their home in High Point. Rev. Zeb Barnhardt left for his home in Asheville. Mrs. Barnhardt will remain here several days yet, the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. P. Fisher.

Congressman Victor L. Berger, of Wisconsin, is scheduled as the chief speaker at third annual convention of Intercollegiate Socialist Society which is to meet in New York on December 28th. The society has branches in Yale, Harvard, Brown and a number of other leading colleges of the country.

COMMISSION TO MEET.

Thursday in Charlotte to Consider Plans to Unite Lutheran Colleges.

Charlotte Observer.

The joint commission of the Evangelical Lutheran synods of North Carolina and Tennessee on consolidation of North Carolina College and Lenoir College has been called to meet in Charlotte at St. Mark's Lutheran church next Thursday, January 4, at 11 o'clock. The representatives of the North Carolina Synod are Rev. R. L. Patterson, D. D., of this city, chairman; Rev. J. H. Fisher, of Mt. Pleasant; Rev. J. L. Morgan, of Raleigh; Mr. B. L. Umberger, of Concord; Mr. J. R. Smith, of Liberty, and Dr. C. M. Van Poole, of Salisbury. The representatives of the Tennessee Synod are Rev. B. D. Wessinger, of Gilbert, S. C., chairman; Rev. C. K. Bell, of King's Mountain; Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, of Newmarket, Va., and Messrs. A. P. Rhyne, of Mount Holly; M. L. Mauney, of Cherryville; C. E. Smyre, of Newton, and Prof. W. J. Stirewalt, of Hickory.

The commission will consider plans for the uniting of North Carolina College and Lenoir College and the bringing together of the two synods in support of one female college. The meeting is held at this time in order that a report may be rendered to the special convention of the North Carolina Synod which will be held at China Grove on January 16 to consider the rebuilding of Mont Amoenia Seminary.

Greatest Day for China is Dawning.

Shanghai, Dec. 30.—"China is about to enter upon an era of prosperity and contentment that she has never enjoyed in all her long history." This was the statement today of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, provisional President of the new Republic of China. The Executive is enthusiastic over the prospects of peace. Messages are pouring in upon him from all quarters from people who are anxious to pledge their support to the new government. Dr. Sun has become quite popular with the representatives of foreign Governments, and there is little doubt that the national convention, which is to be called soon, will declare for a republic and ratify the election of Dr. Sun.

An agreement has been reached with the Imperialists for an armistice until after a national convention can be assembled.

Cotton Mill Operatives Walk Out on Account of Reduction of Hours.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 1.—As the result of the establishment today of the sixty-hour-a-week law enacted by the legislature, about 150 weavers, loom fixers and other employes went on strike at the Exposition mill here. The men had previously been working 66 hours a week and objects to a cut in wages corresponding to the cut in hours.

Company officials in a statement declared that "commercial and economic conditions" made it impossible to pay as much for sixty hours work as was paid for sixty-six hours.

It is declared the mills will be forced to close down by the strike.

Progressive Republicans Refuse to Officially Endorse LaFollette.

Columbus, O., Jan. 1.—Progressive Republicans of Ohio met today, formed a permanent organization, adopted a declaration of progressive principles but voted 52 to 32 not to give their endorsement to United States Senator Robert M. LaFollette as a candidate for the Presidential nomination.

After refusing the endorsement of the league, the delegates voted 81 to 11 in favor of a resolution as a personal expression of the delegates naming Senator LaFollette as the "living embodiment of the principles of the progressive movement and the logical candidate to carry them to successful fruition."

Norfolk Southern May Build on to Atlanta.

Raleigh, Jan. 1.—While there is nothing official as to this, there is a pretty generally credited impression here among business men that it is the real purpose of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company to not only build the Raleigh-Charlotte extension via Concord, but that there will be an extension to Atlanta and possible on south for some adequate Gulf and Panama canal port. Norfolk, Raleigh, Concord, Charlotte and Atlanta seems to be the certain chain of this growing trunk line and the end will not be Atlanta, it is believed.

Is Fourteen Below Zero in Colorado.

Denver, Jan. 1.—Temperatures as low as fourteen below zero are reported from sections of Colorado. At La Junta there are twelve inches of snow. Waters are frozen and cattle, horses and sheep are suffering.

THE YEAR'S DEATH RECORD.

One Hundred and Fifty-Three Souls Gathered in By the Grim Reaper.

The report of Mr. W. J. Montgomery, Jr., who keeps a record of the deaths in the city, shows that there were 153 deaths in Concord during the year of 1911. The report is as follows:

White females over 15 years of age	37
White males over 15 years of age	20
White females under 15 years of age	28
White males under 15 years of age	25
Colored females over 15 years of age	14
Colored males over 15 years of age	57
Colored females under 15 years of age	16
Colored males under 15 years of age	8
Total	153

KNOCKS OUT AN OLD PROVERB.

Green Christmas Doesn't Make Fat Graveyard, Doctor Wiley Says.

The old proverb, "A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard," is disputed by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley. "Winter weather, whether warm or cold, makes little difference in the health of any person who takes care of himself," said Doctor Wiley. "Dress moderately, eat wisely, bathe frequently, exercise occasionally, and don't worry."

The weather bureau says the green Christmas was due to a persistent low atmospheric pressure area in the North, when low pressures at this season usually are in the South.

It was announced at the White House Sunday night that the report of the army medical officers who have examined Charles W. Morse, convicted New York banker serving sentence in the Atlanta, Ga., Federal penitentiary, does not warrant immediate interference by the President and the pardon will not be granted at this time.

Numerous friends of 'Squire J. M. Sills were glad to welcome him down street this morning, after being confined to his home for two weeks on account of tonsillitis.

MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Regular Meeting Meeting Yesterday—Consider Matters of Making Register of Deeds Office Fire Proof.

The board of county commissioners held their regular monthly meeting yesterday and but very little business other than the usual routine of pay orders and making settlement of the monthly claims came up for consideration.

A matter that received considerable consideration at the hands of the board was that of making the register of deeds office fire proof. After receiving a number of bids the board appointed Messrs W. W. Flowe and John A. Barnhardt to report on the bids at a called meeting to be held January 10, when the matter will finally be settled.

The usual number of pay monthly bills for the county home and chain gang including supplies and medical attention were paid as were the expenses of the road supervisors in the various townships for expenses in road work.

Defective Flues Real Menace.

Mr. J. R. Young, insurance commissioner, has the following to say with regard to defective flues: "Only this morning we have a report of a large fire in one of our towns with a loss of the principle hotel, and other property, amounting to nearly \$100,000. The origin of the fire is given as a defective flue. This is nothing new. Nearly every day fires are reported as caused by defective flues. These fires are preventable. Their continuance is criminal and inexcusable. Today many of our best buildings, especially dwellings, are in danger from defective flues. It will save many of our citizens great losses if they will have their kitchen flues examined. Will they do it? Our city officials should take up the search for defective flues and make them do it."

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