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CHRISTMAS CHARITY

It would be well for our people just now to think, and think seriously, before making up their Christmas presents. To give, and give lavishly, to those who do not need it, and would hardly give it a second thought is foolishness in the superlative degree.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

As the year is waning and the New Year will soon be ushered in upon us, The Democrat wishes to extend greetings to its long list of faithful supporters through the year now closing.

The Passion Players

The people of this country have never tired of reading of the Passion Play as staged by the simple folk of Oberammergau in the Tyrolean Alps. The play has been given each 10 years since 1633, when it was originated as a pledge to God for having stopped the plague which followed the Thirty Years War.

apply the money to continued existence of the Passion Players of Oberammergau. If they have any left it will go to the relief of the after-war sufferers in Bavaria.

Fifty years ago a Bavarian youth worked his way to this country on a sailing vessel. The instinct of painting and carving was born in him and although he could not speak a word of English when he arrived, he picked up an education and developed into one of the greatest wood-carvers and artists and preachers in this country.

His paintings hang in many of the Universities of this country, the reredos and altar in the Episcopal Church in Lenoir, carved in grapes and leaves and vines, stand today as one of the finest examples of the carver's art in this country.

MELON BROUGHT MAN BACK

Interesting Story of How Melon Brought Statesville Citizen Back.

It was watermelon that changed the current of the life of Mr. N. B. Mills and gave to Statesville one of its foremost and most useful citizens.

Mr. Mills probably gave little thought to the watermelon incident, but it was really a melon that moved him from Illinois back to North Carolina. Early after the war between the states, Mr. Noble Bloomfield Mills, then a youth, felt the urge to go west.

sick changed the current of your life," remarked a friend of Mr. Mills who heard him relate some of his early experiences.

"It did," was the answer. "I was struck on a big western gal and if that watermelon hadn't made me sick which resulted in my coming home I might have been married to the lady and been fastened in Illinois for good."

"I bought a horse in Kentucky en route home," said Mr. Mills. "It was my first experience in trading. I gave \$80 for the horse. They were cheap then. He was a fine looking animal and rode well but he wouldn't work to anything and wouldn't lead hitched behind the wagon.

In those early days tanyards were a chief industry in this section. There were two or more in Stateville and several in the countryside. As a youngster Mr. Mills learned the tanner's trade and worked at it for a while. More than 50 years ago he located in Stateville and engaged in merchandising, first as an employee and later for himself.

And Statesville has this useful and valuable citizen all because that Illinois watermelon made him sick, more than a half century ago. But for that watermelon he would have helped to develop Illinois or some other section he would have made his mark wherever he located, but his home town and county would have lost him.

HIGHWAYS OF N. C. ARE MODELS FOR U. S.

No state in the union is so careful of the convenience of the motoring public as is North Carolina, is the opinion of John Armstrong Chaloner, Millionaire, writer, philanthropist.

Mr. Chaloner was making the trip from his home at Cobham, Va. to Charleston, S. C. and drew a sharp contrast between the roads of North Carolina and Virginia.

What babe new born is this that in a manger cries? Near on her lowly bed his happy mother lies. Oh, see the air is shaken with white and heavenly wings— This is the Lord of all the earth— This is the King of Kings. Gilder—A Christmas Hymn.

MORTGAGE SALE

NORTH CAROLINA WATAUGA COUNTY

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed to the undersigned by J. A. Miller and wife S. J. Miller on the 4th day of September 1922, to secure the payment of \$150 with interest on the same, I will on

Monday January 7, 1924 between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. at the court house door in Boone, N. C., to satisfy said mortgage, interest and costs, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate to wit:

Adjoining the lands of W. W. Hampton

BEGINNING on a chestnut and white pine, runs north west direction 25 poles, more or less to a hickory in the gap of the ridge, thence north East 6 poles to a Spanish oak, thence north 30 degrees East 25 poles to a black gum, thence east 20 poles to two hickorys, thence north 20 degrees east 12 poles to a chestnut oak, thence east 52 poles to a rock between two branches, thence south 26 degrees east 12 poles to a hickory, thence east 10 poles more or less to a conditional line between Enoch Milton and Thomas Miller, thence with said conditional line 169 poles, more or less to a chestnut, thence north 62 degrees west 10 poles more or less to a white oak, thence north 14 poles to a poplar, thence a south direction 75 poles more or less to the beginning, containing 40 acres, more or less.

This the 6th day of December '23. W. G. WILCOX, Mortgagee.

NOTICE OF SALE OF BONDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the town of Boone, North Carolina at noon January 7, 1924, for the purchase of \$15,000 5 per cent Street Improvement bonds, dated January 1, 1924, maturing \$1,000 each year, 1927 to 1931, both inclusive, in denominations of \$1,000 each, interest payable semi-annually, and both the principal and interest payable in New York.

Legal proceedings and preparation and sale of the bonds under the supervision of Bruce Craven, Esq., of Trinity, North Carolina.

Bidders must deposit with the Treasurer before making their bids a certified check drawn to the order of the Treasurer upon an incorporated bank or trust company, or a sum of money for or in an amount equal to 2 per centum of the face amount of the bonds bid for, to secure the municipality against any loss resulting from the failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of his bid. Said bonds will be awarded to the highest bidder at not less than par, unless all bids are rejected. J. F. MOORE, Clerk.

ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the board of town commissioners of Boone, North Carolina:

Section 1. That the negotiable coupon bonds of the town of Boone, North Carolina be issued in the maximum principal amount of \$15,000 for the purpose of improving the streets and sidewalks of the town.

Section 2. That a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the said bonds as same fall due, shall be annually levied and collected.

Section 3. That a statement of indebtedness of said town has been filed with the Clerk and is open to public inspection.

Section 4. That this ordinance authorizing bonds for improvements, shall take effect thirty days after the date of the first publication thereof, unless in the meantime, a petition for its submission to the voters shall be filed under said act and in such event, it shall take effect when

approved by the voters of the Municipality at an election as provided in said Act. The foregoing ordinance was passed on the 3rd day of December 1923, and was first published on the 13th day of December 1923. Any action or proceeding questioning the validity of said Ordinance must be commenced within thirty days after its first publication. J. F. MOORE, Clerk.

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