

# We Wish Our Friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year

and we want to thank you all for the very liberal patronage given us during the fall months. Our friends have patronized freely, and thanks to your kind favors we still

## Lead All Other Houses in Pounds and Prices.

We truly appreciate this liberal patronage, and want to say that in sticking to old

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doing the right thing for yourself, and shall never lose anything by doing so. Come to see us whenever you come to market and you shall get every dollar the buyer can stand on your tobacco. Your friends,

## M. W. NORFLEET & CO.

WINSON, N. C.

FIRST SALE DAYS:  
FOR JANUARY—Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays.  
FOR FEBRUARY—Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays.  
FOR MARCH—Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays.

# THE OLD RELIABLE Brown's Warehouse

Leads the market every year in the highest average prices for tobacco. Talk is cheap, but it takes work to make averages. Bring your tobacco to Brown's and every pile shall have close attention and bring the very highest market price. Our new Auctioneer, Mr. Jack Palmer, stays with every pile till he gets the very last bid possible on it.

First Sale Days for January 1905—Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays.  
" " " " February, 1905—Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays.  
" " " " March, 1905—Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays.

We thank you for your liberal patronage for the past 32 years, and last year especially, and hope by hard work to have the same in the future.

## Brown's is Headquarters for High Prices

Your friends.

# BROWN & CARTER.

# BANNER WAREHOUSE

Martinsville, Va.

## Wants to Sell Your Tobacco.

Farmers always form new plans and new resolutions with the New Year, but none of them amount to anything unless carried out. Martinsville manufacturers want your tobacco, and will pay you good prices for it. Our plug trade was never better, and it will take double the leaf of any previous year to supply their trade.

I have sold tobacco for most all the Stokes County farmers and have most always gotten good prices. I can do so now, and beg that you bring me your first load in the New Year.

Our average for the month of December were only 10¢ per hundred less than during the month of November. Would you have thought that? I look for active market and better prices still on remainder of this crop. Farmers, I ask you to consider your best interest, and give me a trial and I will convince you that ours is your best market. I have two Stokes County men associated with me in my warehouse business, who will take pleasure in assisting me and my able force in making your trips to the Banner, both pleasant and profitable: W. M. Flynt, of Gideon, and also James Beasley, of State Line, neighborhood.

Hoping it will be my good pleasure to serve each and every one of you on the balance of the crop.

A prosperous and Happy New Year to each and all.  
Your friend truly,  
E. J. DAVIS.

## WISHING YOU A

# Happy New Year,

## And Much Prosperity,

We are prepared with a store full of anything you need at the very lowest prices, to serve you during the New Year as in 1904.

# R. P. Joyce and Co.,

Walnut Cove, N. C.

## Clerk's Annual Report.

(CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.)

recd Sept. 26, 04, in suit Chandler vs Moody et al, due B F Pulliam	\$ 33
recd Sept. 26, 04, in suit Chandler vs Moody et al, due J W Mitchell	33
recd Sept. 26, 04, in suit Chandler vs Moody et al, due I G Ross	33
recd Sept. 26, 04, in suit Chandler vs Moody et al, due R P Glidewell	2 67
recd Sept. 26, 04, in suit Chandler vs Moody et al, due J Walter Fowler	34
recd Sept. 26, 04, in suit Chandler vs Moody et al, due H M Smith	34
recd Oct. 4, 04, in suit Venable vs Venable and Boyles, due Abel Edwards	1 20
recd Oct. 4, 04, in suit Venable vs Venable and Boyles, due J C Dodson	25
recd Oct. 4, 04, in suit Venable vs Venable and Boyles, due N O Petree ex-c s c o pliff.,	1 85
recd Oct. 4, 04, in suit State vs Crouse, due H W Gordon	30
recd Oct. 29, 04, in suit State vs Crouse, due J R Caudle	1 00
recd Oct. 29, 04, in suit State vs Crouse, due J L Parish	30
recd Oct. 29, 04, in suit State vs Crouse, due W N Houchens	2 10
recd Oct. 29, 04, in suit State vs Crouse, due A F Christian	30
recd Oct. 29, 04, in suit State vs Crouse, due J L Hutchens	60
recd Oct. 29, 04, in suit State vs Crouse, due W J Edwards	60
recd Oct. 29, 04, in suit State vs Crouse, due W L Culler	50
recd Oct. 29, 04, in suit State vs Crouse, due R W George	1 58
recd Oct. 29, 04, in suit State vs Crouse, due J T Floyd	2 78
recd Oct. 29, 04, in suit State vs Crouse, due J F Wright to W M Overby	6 50
recd Oct. 29, 04, in suit State vs Crouse, due Cicero Whitt	7 00
recd Nov. 28, 04, in suit George vs Caudle, due Y S Smith	1 80
recd Nov. 28, 04, in suit George vs Caudle, due A F Christian	30
recd Nov. 28, 04, in suit George vs Caudle, due W H Moore to R W George	1 00
recd Nov. 28, 04, in suit George vs Caudle, due W H Moore	4 00
recd Nov. 28, 04, in suit George vs Caudle, due N E & E P Pepper to R W George	3 00
recd Nov. 28, 04, in suit George vs Caudle, due S F Moir	15 00
recd Nov. 28, 04, in suit George vs Caudle, due J E Crews	25
The Clerk has in his hands in certain cases on the cost docket, etc., more than is entered said cases, to-wit:	
In case State vs P E Hooker deposit in lieu of bond	100 00
In case Alley vs Fallen	45
In case Watts vs Stewart	15 80
In case Shepperd vs Shepperd	15 75
The Clerk has on hand jury taxes to the amount of	5 00
Amounts of interest collected, but uninvested, which is cash on hand.	
recd Sept. 7, 04, interest to date on Stokes county bridge bonds, for Wm. Covington	7 71
recd Sept. 7, 04, interest to date on Stokes county bridge bonds, for Mart Covington	7 72
recd Sept. 7, 04, interest to date on Stokes county bridge bonds, for John Covington	7 72
recd Sept. 7, 04, interest to date on Stokes co. bridge bonds, for Francis Covington	7 72
recd Sept. 7, 04, interest to date on Stokes county bridge bonds, for Laura Covington	7 72
recd Sept. 7, 04, interest to date on Stokes county bridge bonds, for Annie Covington	7 72
recd Sept. 7, 04, interest to date on Stokes county bridge bonds, for Josie Covington	7 72
recd Sept. 7, 04, interest to date on Stokes county bridge bonds, for Jas. M Booze	5 97
recd Oct. 26, 04, interest on note for Floney Gravitt	2 16
recd Oct. 26, 04, interest on note for Loony Gravitt	2 16
recd Oct. 26, 04, interest on note for Wm. Gravitt	2 16
recd Oct. 26, 04, interest on note for Grant Gravitt	2 16
recd Oct. 26, 04, interest on note for Walter Gravitt	2 16
recd Oct. 26, 04, interest on note for Heirs of A P Duncan	2 05
Total amount not invested	\$ 846.45

### RECAPITULATION.

Total certificates of deposit in banks, including interest to Dec. 5, 1904,	3341 85
Total loans other than to the banks, including interest to Dec. 5, 1904	2262 81
Total amount of cash not invested	846 45
Total liabilities of Clerk Dec. 5, 1904, \$6451 11 less the 14 last above named items of interest which are charged to Clerk twice, once in his report above of loans other than to the banks and once in cash not invested amounting to	72 85
and which deducted will make total liabilities December 5, 1904,	\$ 6378 26
Respectfully reported December 5th, 1904, before me, Dec. 5, 1904.	
Sworn to and subscribed M. T. CHILTON, Clerk Superior Court.	
J. W. GANN, Chairman Board C. C. Stokes County, } Office of the Board of County Commissioners.	
State of North Carolina, } Stokes County, }	
Upon the filing of the foregoing report, it is ordered by the Board of Commissioners that R. F. Shelton be appointed as a committee to examine the report and compare the same with the records in the Clerk's office and report his findings to the Board. This December 5th, 1904.	

J. W. GANN,  
Chairman Board County Commissioners,  
State of North Carolina,  
Stokes County,  
To the Board of Commissioners of Stokes County.  
The undersigned having been appointed as a committee to examine the foregoing report of M. T. Chilton, Clerk Superior Court of Stokes county,

with the records in his office respectfully reports to the Board that he examined said report and compared it with the records of the Clerk's office and finds the same to be correct.

Respectfully reported December 5th, 1904.  
R. F. SHELTON, Committee.

State of North Carolina, } Office of Board Co. Coms.  
Stokes County, } December 5th, 1904.  
Upon the coming in of the report of R. F. Shelton, committee appointed to examine the foregoing report of M. T. Chilton, C. S. C., of Stokes county, and it appearing to the Board that said report is correct. It is ordered by the Board that the report be and the same is hereby approved and it is further ordered that the said report be recorded in the Record of Official Reports, and filed in the office of the Register of Deeds, and that the Clerk of the Board post a copy of said report at the court house door in Danbury, and cause a copy of same to be published in the Danbury Reporter.

J. W. GANN,  
Chairman Board County Commissioners.

### CIRCULAR LETTER TO TEACHERS.

Sent Out By Supt. of Schools Smith—Teachers' Meeting Required To Be Held In Each Township.

Supt. of Schools J. T. Smith recently sent out to the teachers of Stokes the following circular letter: Danbury, N. C., Jan. 12, 1905.

Dear Teacher:  
The law requires that at least one Teachers' Meeting shall be held in each township during the school year. The meeting for..... Township, will be held at..... on..... 1905. Exercises will begin promptly at 10 A. M.

Each teacher will be required to read a report of his present school. This report will contain a description of the exact size of the house and grounds, school furniture, etc., number of children on census roll, number of pupils enrolled in school, and the average daily attendance; what you have done to maintain a high average attendance, number of families on census roll, number of families sending to school, number not sending. Give names and postoffice address of those families not sending. Give name and age as correctly as possible of each child in the families not sending. Have you tried to get these families to patronize your school? If not, why? Are there any families in your district that patronize a private school or any other public school in or out of the county? Give names and address of such families, also the names and ages of children in such families. Tell what you have done in the way of improving the school house and grounds. State the feeling in the district in regard to consolidation and local taxation and what efforts you have made, if any, to induce the people to vote a local tax. Is your school register kept according to law and have you copied the census roll and the gradation of your school in it? Are your pupils well supplied with the text books they need? If not, what are you doing about this matter? Do the parents and teacher work harmoniously together. Tell of any troubles with either the parents or children. Name some of your plans for interesting and holding children in school. Can the Board of Education do anything to better the educational condition of your district? Did you observe North Carolina Day? If not, why not? What do you consider the greatest need of our public schools and give your plan for bringing about the results desired. Give any other suggestions which may occur to you that might be helpful to your fellow teachers. Do you take an educational journal? If so, what? If not, why?  
Please prepare your report before coming to the meeting, and do not fail to give fully the information desired. You see we want this report in the form of a letter, using legal cap paper and writing on one side only. Trusting that we may have a pleasant and profitable meeting, and with best wishes for your success in the work, I am,  
Yours very truly,  
J. T. SMITH,  
County Superintendent of Schools.

### SUDDEN DEATH OF C. C. INMAN.

Froze to Death Or Drank too Much Whiskey—Death of William Cox—Other Items.

Pilot Mountain, January 7, 1905.  
We regret to learn of the death of Mr. C. C. Inman. Mr. Inman was found dead some seven miles north of his home near Westfield in an old tobacco basement. He had been absent from home a week and the last time he was seen alive was on Monday, January 2nd, and the supposition is that he either froze to death or died from the effect of strong drink. He was a good citizen when not under the influence of alcohol, but would take these periodical sprees. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his tragic death.

Hon. James A. Leak, of Francisco, was in town last Friday enroute home from a business trip to Raleigh.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Wm. Cox, which occurred on last Tuesday night at his home near Francisco. Mr. Cox was an old and highly respected citizen of that section, and was a brave Confederate soldier.

Capt. T. J. Blackburn, who is teaching the public school at Delk, was in town Saturday, and tells us that notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather last Friday he had 75 scholars in school.

Mr. G. L. Simmons returned Tuesday evening from a trip to his farm in Stokes county.

Mr. O. N. Swanson is suffering from a severe kick of a horse.

Quarterly Conference of the Pilot Mountain circuit will be held in the Methodist church at this place Wednesday, Jan. 25th, 1905. Preaching at 11 o'clock, A. M. by the Presiding Elder. Conference at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

### Two Marriages.

Two marriages were celebrated near Capella, this county, on Wednesday by Justice Joe Covington, and at his residence. The contracting parties were W. S. Southern to Miss Martha Tucker, and Abram Carroll to Miss Ellen Tillotson, all of this county.

### NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Stokes County, rendered in the Special proceeding, entitled "J. H. Covington, Admr., of Albert Boyles, Decd., against A. M. Boyles, and others," I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the late residence of the said Albert Boyles, Decd., in Stokes County, on Saturday, Feb. 11, 1905, at one o'clock, P. M., two tracts of land belonging to the said Albert Boyles, in Stokes County, and described as follows, to-wit:

First tract known as the home place of the said Albert Boyles, adjoining the lands of D. M. Tuttle, Louis Miller, Tillotson, and others, on the waters of the Little Yadkin, containing 75 acres, more or less, (excepting a small lot out off of same to the Trustees of Mount Olive Church). For more particular description of said tract of land, see deeds from Calvin R. Shore to Albert Boyles, in the Registers' Office of Stokes County, in Book No. 27, Page 558, and Book No. 29, Page 32. This tract will be sold subject to the dower right of the widow of Albert Boyles, which has already been assigned to her.

Second tract, containing 90 acres more or less, on the waters of Sizemore Branch, known as the Steele tract, and being the tract conveyed to Albert Boyles, by W. W. King, Trustee, for boundaries of which, see deed in the Registers' Office of Stokes County, in Book No. 36, Page 54.

This the 2d day of Jan. 1905.  
J. H. COVINGTON,  
Administrator of Albert Boyles, Decd.

State of North Car. | In Superior Court  
Stokes County, |  
T. L. Smith, plff., | Summons for  
vs | relief before the  
Locky Gilbert and her | Clerk.  
husband, Demion Gil-  
bert, Bettie Scales and  
her husband, Robert  
Scales, Rilla Benson and  
her husband—Benson  
and Lilla Tilley.

State of North Carolina,  
To the Sheriff of Stokes County—greet-  
ing:  
You are commanded to summon Locky Gilbert and her husband, Demion Gilbert, Bettie Scales and her husband, Robt. Scales, Rilla Benson and her husband—Benson and Lilla Tilley, the defendants above named, if they be found within your county, to appear at the office of the Clerk Superior Court, for the county of Stokes, on the 21st day of January, 1905 and answer the complaint, a copy of which will be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county within ten days from the date of this summons, and let the defendants take notice that if they fail to answer the said complaint at that time, the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Hereof fail not and of this summons make due return.

Given under my hand, this 12th day of December, 1904.  
M. T. CHILTON, C. S. C.,  
Stokes County.

State of North Car. | In the Superior Court  
Stokes County, | Before the Clerk.  
Order.

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This the 15th day of Dec., 1904.  
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J. D. Humphreys, Atty.

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