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MINUTES.

The Union Meeting of the Three Fork Association met with Cove Creek Church, Friday, Nov. 27th, 1891. The introductory sermon preached by Elder J. H. Farthing from Heb. 9-13-14. Adjourned half an hour for dinner. Met pursuant to adjournment, and the house was called to order by the moderator. On motion elected C. S. Farthing moderator and J. T. Stephens secretary. On motion appointed pastor and officer of the church and a committee on religious exercises. On motion suspended the discussion of the questions in program until tomorrow and open a question box.

1st question: Is it right to grant letters of dismission to members when they have not paid their proportionate part of church expenses? Discussed by Elder J. H. Farthing, W. F. Shull and others. Majority say not right.

2. Is the world growing better or worse, religiously? Discussed by Elders A. C. Farthing, and J. J. L. Sherwood.

4. On motion adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, and spend half an hour in devotional exercises. Met Saturday morning and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Bro. P. G. Sherrill.

First question discussed by Elder J. J. L. Sherwood and Bro. J. F. Spainhour, and remarks by others. For Scriptural.

Second question discussed by Elder E. F. Jones, Bro. G. P. Sherrill and others. On motion adjourned one hour for dinner. Met after dinner, singing and prayer. On motion suspended the discussion of third question on program, and discussed the question, "Are the modern revivals of religion conducive to the upbuilding of the Redeemer's Kingdom?" Discussed by Elders E. F. Jones and J. H. Farthing. On motion took up third question on the programme. Discussed by Bro. A. M. Mast and Elder J. J. L. Sherwood. On motion the moderator appointed a committee on program, time and place for next Union Meeting viz: A. M. Mast, Jas. Mast and J. F. Spainhour.

Committee on religious exercises report preaching tomorrow at 11, a. m., by Elders E. F. Jones and C. S. Farthing. On motion agreed to take a collection tomorrow for the aged ministers' relief fund.

On Motion instructed the clerk to have these minutes published in the Watauga Democrat. On motion adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11, a. m. Met Sunday morning according to appointment; sermon by Elder E. F. Jones, who preached a splendid sermon from Judges 5th chapter and 23 verse, to a large and well ordered congregation. After sermon took collection for the aged ministers' relief fund, which amounted to \$6.79.

C. S. FARTHING, Mod. J. T. STEPHENS, CLK.

"The man who cheats a printer Out of a single cent, Will never reach that Heavenly land Where old Elijah went."

KEY OF THE BASTILE.

ADAIR, IOWA. Where is the key to the Bastille? What and where was the Bastille? READER.

Answer.—The Bastille was built by Charles V. of France, in 1369 as a royal palace. It was subsequently used as a state prison, in which political prisoners of the higher ranks were confined. These were often imprisoned most unjustly, without trial, and on the caprice of the king, and were frequently kept confined there for years without being allowed to speak or act in their own defense, or even to know what had been charged against them. July 14, 1789, a mob attacked the Bastille, overpowered the guards, and demolished the building. The key of the outer door of this prison was obtained by General Lafayette, who sent it to General Washington. It is a large, black cross-handled key of wrought iron, seven inches in length.

In offering it Lafayette wrote: "It is a tribute which I owe as a son to my adopted father, as an aid-de-camp to my general, and as a missionary of liberty to its patriarch." It is still preserved in a glass case among the relics at Mt. Vernon.—Inter-Ocean.

DEMIED.

Many of our readers will no doubt recollect the great excitement produced by the killing of State Senator Stephens, causing the arrest of Judge Keer, Joe Turner and others by Kirk and his cut throats during the "Kirk war." [Ed. DEM.]

The State Chronicle having published a statement that Dr. Felix Roan had on his death bed confessed that he and two others, now dead, had murdered Stephens, in the court house at Yanceyville, in 1870. J. R. Webster telegraphed to that paper as follows:

"Mr. Robert Roan, a brother of Dr. Felix Roan, denounces as unqualified false the statement in today's Chronicle that his brother had confessed on his death bed that he was one of the three men who murdered Stephens. Of his own personal knowledge he states that Dr. Felix Roan was not in Yanceyville the day Stephens was murdered and hence could have had no hand in his death."

It is unfortunate that such a publication should have been made, as an impression may be produced by it involving in the odium attaching to the crime of murder the families of all the persons mentioned in the publication.

We are glad that Mr. Robert Roan can so positively refute the statement.—News and Observer.

The Weight of a Grain

The smallest measure of weight in use, the grain, has its name from being originally the weight of a grain of wheat. A statute passed in England in 1266, ordained that 32 grains of wheat, taken from the middle of the ear, or head, and well dried, should make a pennyweight, twenty of which should make an ounce, while twelve ounces were to make a pound. The pound therefore consisted then of 7,680 grains. Some centuries later the pennyweight was divided into 24 grains, which makes the troy pound, and as now used, 5,760 grains. The pennyweight was the exact weight of the old silver penny.—Ex.

A GOOD MOVE.

The Railroad Commission, at its session a few days ago, made the following rules for the government of railroad officials hereafter:

"Whenever any passenger train on any railroad in the State shall be more than thirty minutes behind its schedule time, it shall be the duty of said railroad company to bulletin and to keep posted at any telegraph station along its line, and other stations if possible, the time such train is behind its schedule time, and as near as can be approximated the time of its arrival.

Sec. 2. Whenever there is any break or obstruction on any railroad in this State, thereby causing delay to any passenger train, it shall be the duty of said road to have the same bulletined at all stations, at and between the said passenger train and the place so obstructed, and it shall be the duty of the conductor to notify the passengers in the cars, before leaving the station, and of the delay probably resulting.—Progressive Farmer.

Onions for Diphtheria.

"Why don't they use onions! For goodness sake why don't they use onions! Where do they live? I will go up there today and tell them to use onions! Such were the exclamations of our mothers says the Danvers Mirror, when we reported one day at dinner that a child of G. W. Dudley was dead, and the entire family, including himself, alarmingly sick with diphtheria. Mother was moved to these earnest and interested expressions by a firm belief that she knows of several lives saved by the use of onions in diphtheria, one being our sister. In these cases raw onions were placed in a bandage and beaten to a pulp the cloths, containing onions juice and all, being then bound about the throat and well up over the ears. Renewals may be made as often as the mass becomes dry. In the cases noticed the result was almost magical; deadly pain yielding in a short time to sleepy comfort. The editor adds the wish that this remedy might have a wide enough trial to fully test its usefulness.—Scientific American.

Some of the town chaps who can figure out so nicely just how the farmers could make money if they would be "more economical" and use "better judgment," would confer a lasting benefit upon humanity if they would give an exhibition of their wonderful ability.—Western Advocate.

First Yankee: If I had been Adair I would have died a millionaire. Second Yankee: How so? First Yankee: I'd got a patent on women.—Texas Siftings.

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