

AN ALMANAC OF
YE OLDEN TIME

FORTUNATELY for our forefathers, the almanacs had some claims to literary merits in their day. Reading matter was scarce outside of the larger towns of the colonies. Magazines were practically unknown. Filled with prognostications as to the weather, with matches of wisdom and humor, verse and essay, the annual almanac became a compendium of useful knowledge that was most eagerly awaited and was hailed as an important event in many a home. One might say that it was treated as a household god, for hung upon a hook in some corner, it always was ready for instant reference. The wise saws and quaint sayings which ran through its pages were read over time and again by every member of the family.

CHRISTMAS FOX
HUNT IN AMERICA

WHEN the weather is favorable on Christmas day the members of many country clubs throughout the United States engage in a fox hunt. This is the modern survival of the ancient chase that used to furnish game for the great holiday feast.

WITH DICKENS AT THE
CHRISTMAS HEARTH

THE fact that the centenary of Charles Dickens is to be observed Feb. 7 in this poem particularly appropriate in reading this Christmas.]

LAST CALL
FOR
COLLECTIONS DURING
1911

Now gentlemen, colored men, cracker boys and coons, I want the balance you owe me on this year's account.

I once heard an old gentleman say:
Bad Debts and Bad Bargains Was Hell

Now I don't propose to have any old debts after Christmas. I am going to close up the deal, that is, get ready to have another big Mortgage Sale in January. Sometimes, now don't tell me about holding your cotton any longer, I want you to settle because I need my money. Now I know several little stores that have bought seed cotton that did not keep any record of it, I know several men who owe me money who sold cotton that I had a mortgage on and would have them up but they have kin-folks who trade with me and pay me, and I don't want to have any articles, but unless I collect all of the money owing to me I am going to have a talk with the Solicitor about this business at January term of court. There is no use to have up negroes for shooting or a few sorry negroes for selling whiskey and allow a lot of high church members to run like the wet weather stores and buy cotton at half price when they know it was mortgaged and not keep any record as the law requires.

Now save your money and get ready for a big mortgage sale in January, dates to be announced latter.

At this sale I am going to sell all the buggies that people have bought from me and have not paid for, all the horses, mules, wagons, harness, mowers, rakes, disc harrows, cattle, hogs and a lot of household and kitchen furniture. A lot of them owe me small accounts that I have carried a long time and are about as near out as they ever will be and now is the time to close down. Now you fellows who don't want to be closed out make your arrangements to pay me or get somebody to take up your note. This advertisement will only appear once, after now this space will belong to the Hill Live Stock Co., for later announced sales of mules, horses and buggies on next years time.

K. P. HILL

W. B. MORTON

Special Attention is called to the fact that my OPTICAL OFFICE is equipped with all instruments necessary for making the most thorough and scientific examination of the eye. Is Now Open and Ready For Service.

The opportunity of having your eyes examined by an experienced specialist is thus offered the public with the assurance that nothing possible shall be left undone to discover the cause of and correct all errors of vision.

Office Next Door to Hotel Entrance
Office Hours From 10 to 4 O'clock

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Franklin county, made in a special proceeding entitled, Mrs. Sue F. Alford, admx. of L. S. Alford the undersigned commissioner will expose to sale to the highest bidder, at the court house door in Louisburg, N. C. on Monday the first day of January 1912, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described real estate situated in said Franklin county, to wit:

TO
BEEF
USERS

This is to inform you that I have bought out the beef business of J. D. Hill on Nash street and will continue same at the same place. Further you will take notice that on and after Nov. 1st, I will place my business on a strictly cash basis. This means that all beef leaving my market must be paid for on delivery. I shall have no pots but make all pay cash. By this means I can sell cheaper and furnish better service at the same time save myself from being interest on investment or the entire bill. Will be glad to have your trade but will have to require you to pay cash.

T. G. HILL
P. S. I want to buy your hides, will pay highest market price for same.

Fire Works!

Now is the time to get your fireworks I am Selling Them Now CHEAPER than I will Christmas eve. For the reason I am overstocked and will continue to sell cheap until my stock is reduced. Buy now before the rush. I have a complete line of candies, cakes, nuts, oranges, bananas, apples, malaga grapes, seeded raisins and cocoanuts and everything else in the confectionery line. I am still selling shoes, underwear and staple dry goods at cost. My stock of heavy and fancy groceries is complete, cheaper than ever before. I sell Tarbell Cheese, I bought futures and have the price right, can save you money on whole cheese. Price 16 8-4.

J. W. KING

At
Racket
Store

Just received 500 ladies and Misses hats to sell at 25, 50, 75 and \$1.00. These hats are all good quality and

...Stylish Shapes...

Our Dry Goods Department is Complete

We call your attention to our Coat Suits and cloaks for ladies and misses—Ask to see them.

We Have Opened Up
TOY-LAND
Under the Racket.

and have lots of Xmas and holiday presents to suit everybody. A lot of pretty things in china, glassware and silver, dolls, tea sets, games, wagons, hobby horses and doll carriages, paint boxes, horns and drums.

Mrs. A. M. Hall



CHARLES DICKENS, "A GREAT MASTER OF LAUREL AND MIRTH, WHO WAVED HIS WAND TO GLID THE LONG AGO."

A world too pleasant; while their horses speed The Wellers make the welkin ring indeed. Lo, Deadlock House looms darkly through the rain.

CHRISTMAS TOWN.

IT lieth sweet as a little street That sweeps to a good green valley. It lieth clean, with no squalor seen. No dark and leathoms alley. It lieth there in the golden air, A town of song and gleaming. With childhood's chatter and bugler's clatter And the make-believe of dreaming.



ALWAYS READY FOR INSTANT REFERENCE with each calendar month. A few illustrations will suffice to show the sort of thing that amused our ancestors.