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SUNBEAM EXERCISES.

Largely Attended the Splendid Program.

The Sunbeam exercises at the First Baptist church last night were very largely attended, the annex being used to help accommodate the people.

Mrs. Leach Entertains.

Mrs. George T. Leach very pleasantly entertained a few friends at her home on West Main street Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. C. H. Fuller, Mrs. James Blake, Mrs. C. H. Fuller, Jr., of the yacht Thetis.

Bridge was indulged in and very much enjoyed. Ices, cake and punch were served.

Several Cases.

The following cases were disposed of before the recorder this morning:

Allen Bright. Drunk and disorderly and assault with deadly weapon. Fined \$5 and cost and ordered to give bond in sum of \$50 for good behavior and remain sober to January 1, 1912.

H. T. Wainwright. Drunk and disorderly. Fined \$3 and cost.

C. J. Brock. Drunk and disorderly. Fined \$4 and cost.

A JAB OF GINGER

Reformed spellers are in convention again. And here we thought the dethroned orthography czar was of the past.—Youngstown (O.) Telegram.

A farmer the other day plowed up a ground hog which bit him in the leg. Serves him right for trying to force the season.—Washington Herald.

"I have had enough wives," says Nat Goodwin. Solomon's record that is still safe.—Detroit Free Press.

Pointed Paragraphs.

A spinster couldn't mint it so much if she could have been born a widow.

Most young men who inherit money also inherit a faculty for getting rid of it.—Up to some suffragette to advance the theory that Solomon's wisdom was due to the advice handed him by the numerous Mrs. Solomons.

THE CITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Board of Aldermen Concerning the Street Improvements From March 10, 1910 to April 10, 1911

To the Board of Commissioners, Washington, N. C., April 10, 1911

Gentlemen: Herewith we respectfully submit an itemized report of the receipts and amounts due and the expenditures made by your committee in the work of street improvement from March 10, 1910, to April 10, 1911.

In making this report we have attempted to show clearly exactly what moneys have been received or are due and what amounts have been expended and for what and to what accounts these different amounts are chargeable.

Further it is the desire of the committee to publish this report in a city paper and the cost of doing this will reduce the surplus just that amount whatever it may be.

Last spring when your committee assumed charge of the work the first point that arose was to decide on the class and kind of pavement that should be laid.

The other work necessitated by the paving such as grading, curbing, pipe-lines, catch-basins, etc., and the sidewalk work your committee decided to get themselves rather than award a contract as the prices bid were too high.

The engineering work has been carried on with a view of providing the city with an accurate map and profiles showing the actual conditions of lines and grades not only of the streets improved but throughout the city.

The contract signed with the Barber Asphalt Paving Company called for completion of the work by October 6, 1910, under a penalty of \$10.00 for each day after that except Sundays until completion.

Acting on the advice of city attorney your committee last Monday evening recommended verbally that the amounts of the two items shown on the last page of the report for re-grading and extra engineering due to the delay on the part of the Barber Asphalt Paving Company to complete the work as specified be deducted from the amount due them in final settlement.

Simply by way of suggestion your committee recommends that these maps and profiles and the field books containing the information from which they were made should be placed somewhere for safe keeping in case of further work of other street improvement or sewerage they would be of great value and reduce the cost of the preliminary work almost to nothing.

No mention is made in our report of the bill of W. A. Blount, Jr., for sand. The amount which your committee thinks he is and have offered Mr. Blount (\$28.00) is much less than the amount that he demands that we did not include any item to cover it.

We wish to thank the board for their support for the past year and request them to accept the attached report as final as far as your committee is concerned except as to the items noted.

Respectfully,

(Signed) GEO. T. LEACH, JNO. C. RODMAN, GEO. HACKNEY, Jr., Imp. Com.

CREDITS—Received and Due

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Amt turned over to improvement committee from sale of bonds for street improvement \$25,692.92' and 'Amt charged to city acct. of 11205.7 sq yds. side-walk grading \$397.32'.

DISBURSEMENTS—Expending Accounts

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like 'Office rent \$5.00', 'Printing 50 copies contracts and specifications \$6.00', 'Cement \$2,780.00', 'Gravel \$807.50', 'Concrete Curbing Account \$2,841.80', 'Sand Account (For curb) \$269.39', 'Catch Basin Account \$44.00', 'Sidewalk Repairs \$47.50', 'Accrued Interest \$72.92', 'Street Paving Account \$645.97', 'Total yardage at 1.00 \$15,779.30'.

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