



# Christmas Suggestions

## This Christmas Give Something Useful

You can't go wrong if you give all your Men friends a gift from "MELLON'S"

Our complete stocks and skilled store organization can furnish you "the goods" of all kinds, affording comfort, style and quality at the right price. Our big assortment permits you to gratify your taste. Come now. "If 'he' lives in Charlotte, we know him and can help you make your selections.

### MOTHERS

The second floor of this store is a regular Boys' and Youths' Store—no other like it in the State. You can fit the boy from head to foot. You can do your Christmas shopping here for the boy and get every article most appreciated—useful and appropriate articles that carry the Christmas Spirit and give service for many days to come. Special salesmen on this floor are anxious to show you and give you a special invitation to come and make your selections now.

- BATH ROBES**—Blanket Robes, \$3 to \$15; Terry Cloth, \$3.50 to \$7.50
- SMOKING JACKETS**... \$4 to \$10  
Dressing Gowns... \$7.50 to \$35.00
- HANDKERCHIEFS**—Plain or initial; Cambric, Linen and Silk... 10c to 50c
- GLOVES**—For dress, street, driving or auto wear... \$1 to \$5.00  
Fur Gloves... \$3 to \$10
- HALF HOSE**—Balbriggan, Lisle and Silk... 25c to \$1.50 a pair  
Phoenix Silk Socks... 50c
- SHIRTS**—White, Negligees or Plaited bosoms;... \$1 to \$2.50  
Fancy Shirts... \$1 to \$3.50  
Silk Shirts... \$5 to \$7.50
- JEWELRY**—Cuff Links, Pins, Tie Clasps, Watch Chains, Full-Dress and Tuxedo Sets.

- NECKWEAR**—Silks and Knitted Goods... 50c to \$3.50
- MUFFLERS and Fulldress Protectors**; Silk and Knitted... \$1 to \$3.50
- SWEATERS**—Men's... \$2 to \$8.50  
Boys' and Children's... \$1 to \$4.00  
Combinations — Sweater Coats, Leggings and Togue; knitted wool and Angora... \$3 and \$3.50
- COMBINATION SETS**—Ties, Socks and Handkerchiefs to match... 50c to \$2.00
- TRAVELING SETS**... \$2 to \$7.50  
Leather Collar Bags... \$1 to \$4.00
- UMBRELLA AND CANE SETS**... \$5.00 and \$7.50
- CANES**... \$1.50 to \$15.00
- UMBRELLAS**... \$3.50 to \$10.00  
Leather Traveling Bags and Suit Cases.



# Ed. Mellon Co.

"THE CHRISTMAS STORE FOR MEN AND BOYS."

### COMPANY IS WILLING TO CHANGE RATE

President Z. V. Taylor of Southern Public Utilities Company Ready to Put in 10 Cents Initial Schedule if City Wants It.

Hearing on Electric Rates Resolved Itself Into Friendly Conference in Which City and Company Are Striving for the Same End.

With the probability of changing the initial charge for power from 10 cents per kilowatt hour to 15 cents and the elimination of installing as a feature for the computation of the monthly bills for such service by the Southern Public Utilities Company, the special committee of the executive board feels that a step toward their goal has been made. The board met yesterday afternoon and it became apparent at the beginning that there would be no pyrotechnics, and the meeting resolved itself into a friendly conference when it appeared that both parties thereto were seeking the same end, the largest number of satisfied residents of this city.

City Electrician Connelly read a report which dealt principally with the question in the abstract in which repeated references were made to the Wilmington rate and it was stated that the first real interest was shown in the conference when President Taylor interrupted Mr. Connelly and said that the Charlotte Company would be delighted to put in the Wilmington rate. "But we do not want the Wilmington rate," replied Mr. Connelly, whereupon he went into the matter elsewhere and finally into the matter of classification according to the installation in the city of Charlotte.

Mr. Taylor talks, when the report was before the special committee, asked Mr. Connelly what statement he had to make on whether he desired to discuss the matter, whereupon Mr. Taylor declared that it is his ambition to build up a chain of companies which will supply light and power to other companies are supporting it, and if I live long enough the Lord is good to me I will prefer to discuss the entire matter fully and freely and informally with you gentlemen will permit it to sit while I talk. At the outset I will say that if I am going to make a rate for electric power in Charlotte it would not be the

present system. I inherited this rate from the company before me. I can not say whether Mr. Latta put this rate in, or not, but I am under the impression that he did. And when it was done no other rate would have suited. It was equitable at that time, and since it has been modified to changing conditions.

"Under that system a man has, for instance, 20 lights in his home. His initial rating is 15 cents per K. W. hour and remains so until he has used 10 cents worth of electricity for each lamp, after which the rate drops to 7 1/2 cents where it remains for a time, and coming down further as the amount of current used increases. "Mr. Connelly, in his report, states to your body that the rates for light in Charlotte compare favorably with those for the average American city. We have lower rates than many of these cities and we are higher it is because of peculiar conditions prevailing at that city, as for instance, the city shown where the rate is 8 cents. The water plant is only seven miles from the city and the cost of coal is \$1.75 per ton while ours is \$3.45 per ton."

Mr. Taylor then discussed the rates in a number of towns, showing that Greensboro and Columbia both have a higher rate than Charlotte at this time. Winston-Salem's plant is owned by the Southern Public Utilities Company and there the initial charge is 10 cents per K. W. hour as against 15 cents here. But the reduction is when the amount consumed reaches 50 K. W. hours and then it is only 9 cents, while the reduction here is from 15 cents to 7 1/2 cents the first time, and thence down.

This attracted the attention of the entire board and Mr. Taylor was asked why he maintains one rate in Winston and another in Charlotte.

"If you gentlemen want the Winston rate put in and will stand behind the company once it is in, I shall take pleasure in making the change immediately," said the service company president.

"But we do not know whether we want the Winston rate," said Chairman Austin. "We want you to do the best you can for us."

**Brenizer Queries.** "What will be the difference in the net return to your company under the present Charlotte rate and under the Winston rate were it put in here?" asked City Attorney Chase Brenizer.

"Very little, if any," replied Mr. Taylor. "It would mean that some people here would pay a little less for their lights and that some would pay a little more. It means that the small user of electricity would get a slight reduction on his bill and the larger user might get a slight increase on his."

At this juncture Mr. Brenizer, who had been calling for scratch paper from time to time, announced that he had figured the thing out which showed that if the Winston rate were put in here the man who paid \$1.30 for his lights would pay under the new system, about \$1.35, and in this he was sustained by President Taylor.

that at Winston-Salem would equalize at about 25 K. W. hours consumption, which was agreed to by the service people.

Then it was shown that 15 K. W. hours is the average consumption which showed that the average man uses less than the 25 K. W. hours, which means that the average man would secure a slight reduction on his bill, were the Winston rate put in here.

Mr. Taylor was asked to bring in a new rate which he would be willing to put in but others suggested that the burden is on the executive board and that they should prepare a rate and submit it to Mr. Taylor to see if he can put it in without seriously affecting the interests of his company, and this was agreed to.

**As to Stores.** Committeeman Erskine Smith called attention to the fact that the stores of Charlotte, under the Winston rate would be compelled to pay more for light than they are paying under the Charlotte rate and Mr. Taylor announced that there might be a possibility of a re-arrangement of this part of the Winston schedule which would obviate this trouble and he said he would have the engineers of the company to work on the matter immediately to the end that he may know just what the actual facts are and so be able to announce whether this readjustment will be possible.

With this agreement, which virtually means changing from the 15 cent initial charge to 10 cents and the elimination of the installation feature of rate making, the board adjourned to meet next Wednesday in regular session or sooner if it is expedient for the consideration of a new rating plan.

Charlotte, Dec. 14.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy. I am just as good as I can be, and I want you to bring me a little elevator to run on rainy days, and a little gun, so I can go hunting, some sparklers, and a little drum, some candy and fruits. Your little friend,  
Jenkins Leak,  
Chatham Estate.

### THRONG OF BUYERS CONTINUE

Special Half Price Brings Many Patrons to R. H. Jordan & Co. & Jno. S. Blake Drug Co.

The people of Charlotte and vicinity appreciate the great advantage R. H. Jordan & Co. and Jno. S. Blake Drug Co. obtained for them, in getting the Dr. Howard Co. to allow the regular 50 cent size of Dr. Howard's specific, for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia, to be sold at half price, 25 cents, and have bought hundreds of bottles.

Unlike ordinary medicines for constipation and dyspepsia, the dose of Dr. Howard's specific is reduced after a few days' use, and the cure is soon complete and lasting. If you have not already taken advantage of this chance to get a month's medical treatment for 25 cents, be sure to call at R. H. Jordan & Co. or Jno. S. Blake Drug Co. today, for they have only a small amount of the specific on hand.

### TOMPKINS ESTATE BY INVENTORY IS VALUED AT \$357,606

An inventory of the estate of the late D. A. Tompkins, filed with the clerk of the court yesterday afternoon shows that a valuation of \$357,606.06 is placed upon the properties

left by the deceased. The largest individual asset of Mr. Tompkins as disclosed by the inventory was his newspaper stock, which is valued at \$66,255. The summarized items given of the estate in the inventory filed by Miss Anna L. Twelvetrees, one of the executors and bookkeeper of the estate are as follows:  
Cash on hand... \$ 2,734.75  
Bank stock... 14,000.00  
Mill stock... 26,715.00  
Sundry stock... 72,636.00  
Newspaper... 66,255.00  
Club stock... 311.00  
Bonds... 10,000.00  
Bills receivable... 35,355.00  
Library... 200.00  
Sanatorium, process of pay

ment	3,477.78
Montreat furniture	436.00
Radiators	18.36
Published books	400.00
Sundry B. & L. Associations	10,052.51
Sundry debtors	3,538.55
Life insurance	21,529.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$267,629.90</b>
<b>Real Estate.</b>	
Bethlehem, Pa.	\$ 1,650.00
Edgefield, S. C.	19,250.00
North Carolina property	81,608.00
Total property	102,508.00
Grand total	370,209.90
Liabilities	12,603.84
Net balance	357,606.06

same. Various conjectures have been made as to the valuation of his estate, some estimating it as much as \$500,000. The above inventory, as made by Miss Twelvetrees, Mr. Tompkins' private secretary, bookkeeper and general manager of his personal business, will be read with interest.

### STOP THAT COUGH—NOW

When you catch Cold, or begin to Cough, the first thing to do is to take Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It penetrates the linings of the Throat and Lungs and fights the Germs of the Disease, giving quick relief and natural healing. "Our whole family depend on Pine-Tar-Honey for Coughs and Colds," writes Mr. E. Williams, Hamilton, Ohio. It always helps. 25c at your Druggist.

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