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THE YEAR'S FINANCIAL RECORD.

The County Fathers held their last session for this year... The Commissioners were present at Monday's session, Mr. J. G. Hall was re-elected chairman for ensuing year.

The following accounts were paid: Lawson Reynolds, paper \$ 3.00; J. L. Smith, ditto, 3.00; G. H. Jenkins, Co. physician 13.20; H. I. Crank, one half payment for iron bridge at Boyle's 965.00; H. J. Rhine, keeper of poor, 16.30; J. E. Lewis & Co., supplies for the poor, month, 33.75; M. Carpenter, dia. Betts Whetstone as outside paper; J. J. Wilson, lumber and repairs on bridge, 6.10; G. P. Lindeberger, coffin for pauper, 2.75; M. A. Moore, medicine for poor, 9.10; A. W. Titman, lumber for public roads, 12.12; H. C. Hafstetter, tax returned on 8 acres of land, 37; Mrs. M. C. Reynolds, burial expense, Lawson Reynolds, 3.50; S. E. Foy, election judge, 3.00; J. A. White, election registrar, 5.00; J. Ormand, services clerk and registrar of deeds, 17.07; Geo. Knapp, coffin, pauper, Pink Moss, expenses of J. L. Smith, pauper, 2.30; Dr. J. M. Sloan, exam. lunatic Larkin Hanks, damages by public road, 15.00; W. F. Marshall, J. P. blanks W. F. Marshall, error income tax '05, 1.19.

TUESDAY'S SESSION.

Dr. C. E. Adams, post-mortem exam. Thomas Collins L. M. Hoffman, 3 days on Treas. books, 4.00; J. A. White, com'r and mileage A. K. Loftin, release of taxes charged by error, 30.64; Jno. C. Puetz, services as commissioner etc., 10.00.

TUESDAY'S SESSION.

Reports of the Justices of the Peace, and county officers were heard and approved; likewise reports of committees to examine books of officers. G. A. Patrick and H. A. White are appointed as finance committee for ensuing year. J. M. Hoffman is appointed on committee to assist chairman in examining treasurer's books etc. following year. Bonds of county officers are duly examined and found sufficient and approved. Likewise bonds of E. G. Mantz, E. M. Huffstetter, H. S. Adams, E. Lee McGinnis, constables. G. A. Patrick is appointed to have necessary repairs done on Crowder's Creek bridge. Jno. J. Ormand, Clerk, is ordered to the publication of annual exhibit of county revenues and charges. Release for W. T. Liva, Sheriff, made as per list furnished.

ROADVILLE NOTES.

Pleased With Mr. Wiseman's Lecture—New System of Sprinklers and New Boiler Put in the Mills—Two Christmas Trees—Open Air Concert Christmas Eve—Town Hall Need—Other Items of Interest.

Mr. J. B. Jones, as director, and Miss Jessie Wilson as organist, gave charge of the program at the Methodist church, and Mrs. Minnie Groves has charge at the Baptist church. The McAdenville Band will give their regular Christmas Eve, open air concert, on the lawn near the hotel if the weather is nice. An excellent program will be rendered, including several new selections not yet performed in public. Visitors from the country are cordially invited to attend the concert, afternoon, December 24th.

A Good Investment.

"Knowledge is power" according to the old adage, but it is also said that a man never knows a thing until he can tell it, and he who can express his knowledge in language more terse, vigorous, and appropriate than others becomes a leader of men. In gaining this power of expression as well as knowledge itself there is no aid so helpful, from which so much may be obtained, and for so small an outlay as WEBSTER'S INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY. This work is the universal acknowledgment standard for the derivation of ailing, pronunciation, and meaning of words, and with its numerous tables of useful and reliable information it quickly and satisfactorily answers the thousand and one questions which are constantly arising in our reading and study. The purchase of this source of knowledge and power will prove a profitable investment for every household, and for every teacher, scholar, professional man, and self-educator.

Bunch of Items from Harde.

The Sunday School at Pine Park is expecting a happy day at Christmas. Already a handsome collection has been raised to fit out a loaded Christmas tree for the benefit of the Sunday School at that place.

A Little Child.

A little child of Mr. Havel's dropped dead, a few days since, while standing at the fire-singing. Dr. Smith has been attending a little boy of Mr. Michael Friday. He has been sick for some time.

Warning—Good Pastors!

All persons are hereby forbidden to walk, ride, drive, hunt, or otherwise trespass upon my lands near Crowder's Creek, and this is warning that those who trespass are at their peril of prosecution at law.

PROFIT ON 4 BALES TO THE ACRE.

An Additional Statement From the Point, S. C. Cotton Grower—Netted Profit of \$44.75 on One Acre. Co. Yearly Requirement.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Showing Amount of Per Diem and Mileage Allowed to the County Commissioners for the Year Ending Nov. 30, 1897.

For 18 days as Com'r @ \$2.00 \$36.00; 1 day on Education 2.00; 336 miles traveled @ 5c 16.80; 7 days on Committee 14.00; Total \$68.80.

For 18 days as Com'r @ \$2.00 \$36.00; 1 day on Education 2.00; 336 miles traveled @ 5c 16.80; 4 days on Committee 8.00; Total \$62.80.

For 17 days as Com'r @ \$2.00 \$34.00; 1 day on Education 2.00; 336 miles traveled @ 5c 16.80; 4 days on Committee 8.00; Total \$60.80.

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Grand Opening! Holiday Novelties!

J. H. KENNEDY & CO., Druggists, (White Front—Next door to Morris Brothers) WILL HAVE THEIR First Christmas Opening, Friday eve, Dec. 10, 1897, FROM 7 TO 11.

All are invited to visit us and look through our stock. Don't feel compelled to buy. Remember our store is open to the public. Come to see us—feel free to examine our goods—stroll through our store and remain as long as you like. If you wish a nice present for father, mother, brother, or sister, remember we have it. Things useful, ornamental, and valuable—something to please the fancy of your sweetheart—we have it.

Prices Cut to the Core In all Heavy Winter Goods. Ladies' Dress Goods a specialty. Profit divided with all ladies in a new dress purchased before Xmas. Beautiful line to select from. Hard lines knocked out of the rug with Low Price.

Moore, White & Co. Desire again to call attention to the excellence of SWAN'S DOWN flour. A fresh lot just received this week. Try it. Fruits, Vegetables, and Sweets. We are making a specialty of fruits and vegetables. See that our line of real fine candies, fancy and plain. Delicious jellies and preserves like your mother used to make.

Valuable Real Estate. Some desirable real estate almost right in the heart of Gastonia is now for sale, and it is suitable for either residence or business purposes.

Money to Loan. That's not my business; I always borrow. But you can have money to loan if you care to. And then I can care for you by paying judgment on it—especially when you out. A dollar well spent goes a long way.

This is the Man WHO SAVED THE PEOPLE Their Best Friend Money. FREE!

Sale of Valuable Town Lots. Pursuant to an order of the Superior Court of Gastonia County, North Carolina, made in the premises in the case of J. H. Wilson vs. J. H. Wilson, et al., the following lots are being sold.

Mortgage Sale. By virtue of a mortgage made, executed and delivered to, by J. A. Harris and wife on the 14th day of February, 1893, with full power of sale, if default was made in the payment of \$150.00 dollars and interest on the same from date of the mortgage, and more money being demanded and refused, we will therefore sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in Dallas on

Judson Huss's. BIG HATTERS, for sale at the GAZETTE office for 5 cents a dozen. No printing on them. Different colors. A thicker boiler for 4 cents a dozen; 2 dozen for 15 cents; 4 dozen for 25 cents.

JUST IN. The finest and most complete lines of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Spectacles and Musical Goods ever brought to Gastonia. Respectfully, TORRENCE, JEWELER AND OPTICIAN.

Webster's International Dictionary. THE BEST FOR PRACTICAL USE. It is easy to find the word wanted. It is easy to ascertain the pronunciation. It is easy to trace the growth of a word. It is easy to learn what a word means. THE NEW ORLEANS PHOENIX says: 'It is now a recognized authority in every school, college, and university in the South. It is a work that every family should have.