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COUNTY BUSINESS

Full Report of Proceedings of Commissioners' Regular Meeting—Accounts Audited for the Month.

The board of county commissioners met in regular session for January at the court house in Dallas Monday morning, all members being present, including Mr. Jacob Jenkins, the newly appointed member from River Bend township. Chairman John F. Leeper, of Belmont, presided.

Mr. S. N. Boyce, chairman of the Board of Education, appeared before the commissioners in regard to the adjustment of the treasurer's salary, and it was ordered that the county of Gaston pay the treasurer's salary for the present year and that Mr. J. C. Puett be appointed a committee to confer with a like committee from the Board of Education to fix the amounts now due from each board and to agree upon the rate which each should pay.

Alonzo Newton was released from paying poll tax for 1909, \$2.75, on account of physical infirmities.

R. B. Whitener was released of taxes on \$100 on account of error in charging same.

Dr. A. L. Quicquel was released of taxes amounting to \$13.50 on account of error in charging same.

Stephen Brown's estate was ordered released of 64 cents taxes on \$70 worth of real estate in River Bend township on account of error in charging same.

Walter C. Ford was ordered to be charged with tax of \$1.00 on one dog.

Mac Crawford, colored, was ordered to be charged with \$2.26 taxes on \$246 worth of real and personal property in Gastonia township.

D. A. Jenkins was released of \$4.49 taxes on \$490 worth of real estate in River Bend township, amount to be refunded to him by the sheriff.

J. A. Kelly was ordered to be released of taxes on \$600, Lucia graded school tax, erroneously charged.

The Majestic Cotton Mills was ordered to be released of \$40 taxes on account of Belmont graded school.

Will Rogers was declared a pauper with an allowance of \$6 per quarter, A. P. H. Rhyne, agent.

Lawson Reep was declared a pauper and allowed to draw \$6 per quarter with W. R. Crouse, agent.

Dr. A. W. Howell was released from an income tax of \$5.

G. M. Gullick was released of \$2.04 taxes on bank stock on account of Belmont graded school.

The reports of the sheriff and the county treasurer were accepted, approved and ordered to be spread on the minutes.

The committee consisting of Chairman J. F. Leeper, and commissioners O. G. Falls and A. R. Anders, appointed to confer with a committee of the city council of Gastonia and of the Southern Power Company submitted a report recommending that the commissioners adopt as a public highway that part of Franklin avenue in the corporate limits of Gastonia between stations 648 and 670 as shown on a profile map on record in the office of the city clerk at Gastonia. They also recommended that Lee and Harrison, the incorporators of the street railway company, be authorized to grade said part of Franklin avenue in accordance with said profile at a cost to the county not to exceed \$400, said cost not to be more than two-thirds of the entire cost of grading. This report was officially adopted and recorded as a part of the minutes of the court.

The following accounts for the month of December, 1909, were audited and ordered paid:

G. R. Rhyne, coroner, holding inquest over Allison Jackson, deceased, \$15.80.

E. J. Elliott, work on roads, Crowders Mountain township, \$10.04.

L. N. Glenn, county physician, salary for December, small pox expenses, etc., \$89.07.

City Hospital, expenses of J. W. Cloninger, prisoner, \$10.

J. R. Rogers, work on roads, River Bend township, \$14.45.

W. R. Crouse, work on roads, Cherryville township, \$42.55.

R. A. McArver, chain gang expenses, camp No. 2, \$780.70.

J. C. Wilson, chain gang expenses, camp No. 1, \$877.70.

C. C. Craig, salary and expenses of county home for December, \$139.48.

J. M. Shuford, county treasurer,

salary for December, \$100.

S. S. Harrelson, work on roads, Cherryville township, \$22.76.

York Bridge Company, for building Mill Creek bridge, \$600.00.

J. E. Cloninger, work on roads, River Bend township, \$13.85.

Gastonia Livery Company, balance of bill for feeding stock, \$6.

N. G. Todd, work on grading Mt. Holly-Rhyne road, \$636.12.

Jim Lawrence, stone for Dallas road, \$59.83.

C. C. Cornwell, stationery, postage on pension correspondence, etc., \$16.72.

Wm. Michaux, part payment on stone for Dallas and Vestal's ford road, \$35.

Kendrick Mercantile Co., stone for Cherryville and Bessemer City road, \$368.11.

Miles Cannon, lumber for bridge, River Bend township, \$69.15.

T. E. Shuford, Sheriff, jail fees, etc., \$180.32.

Dallas Furniture Co., supplies to jail, \$18.30.

Ford Undertaking Co., three coffins for paupers and expenses of Allison Jackson, \$29.50.

Kendrick Mercantile Co., supplies to Joe Holmsley, pauper, \$3.13.

P. D. Summey, supplies to jail, medicine, etc., \$10.50.

Kendrick Mercantile Co., coffin for pauper, \$5.00.

John L. Rankin, conveying pauper to county home, \$1.50.

W. V. Ramsaur, stone for Bessemer City and Cherryville road, \$35.

GAY WEEK AT STANLEY.

The "At Home" of Miss Katherine Carpenter and the Complimentary Dance in Honor of the Visitors, Delightful Events.

Charlotte Observer.

Stanley, Jan. 1.—The holiday season has been one of unusual gaiety, owing to the large number of visitors in town. Two of the most delightful occasions being the "at home" of Miss Katherine Carpenter, in honor of her guests, Monday evening, and the complimentary dance given by the young men Wednesday evening.

Miss Carpenter entertained in honor of Misses Catherine Mason and Katie Lee Lewis of Dallas and Nancy Brunson of Florence, S. C. Besides the guests of honor to enjoy the hospitality of the hostess there were: Misses Ethel and Mamie Peterson, Kate Jenkins, Bayne Rutledge, Alice and Edith Mason, Bessie Morris, Willie Sumroe, Miss Reedy Hoke of Lowryville, S. C.; Messrs. G. B. Mason, Clyde Stowe, of Dallas, Olin and Reid Hunter, Fred Finger, Fred Lineberger, Lynn Smith John and Carl Carpenter; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Carpenter, Kings Mountain; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mason, Charlotte. The evening was spent in various forms of amusements. Delicious refreshments were served.

The complimentary dance was given in the school building and in honor of the visitors. The following attended the function: Misses Bessie and Florence Burkheimer, Pickett Anthony, Aubrey Cannon, Charlotte; Laura Graham Robinson, Shelby; Reedy Hoke, Lowryville, S. C.; Katie Carpenter, Ethel Peterson, Willie Sumroe, Bessie Morris, Alice and Edith Mason, Wixie and Beulah Rhyne, Louise Reinhardt, Katie Jenkins, and Miss Nancy Brunson of Florence, S. C.; Messrs. John and Carl Carpenter, Miles and Oscar Carpenter, Olin and Reid Hunter, Fred Finger, Fred Lineberger, Richard Rhyne, Dick Reinhardt, Graham Morrison, Lynn Smith, Lloyd Cannon, Ernest Smith, K. B. and Joe Nixon, Lincolnton; Mr. and Mrs. Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Cline, Pottstown, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mason, Charlotte.

Miss Emma Jenkins Dead.

Following an illness of two months or more from typhoid pneumonia Miss Emma Jenkins died Tuesday shortly before noon at the home of her father, Mr. Perry Jenkins, at the Arlington Mill, aged 16 years. The body, accompanied by members of the family and relatives was taken through the country Wednesday morning to El Bethel Methodist church near Kings Mountain. Funeral services were conducted there at 1 o'clock in the afternoon by Rev. J. C. Harmon, of Gastonia. Surviving the deceased are her father, four brothers, Doras, John, Jerome and George and three sisters, Miss Fay Jenkins, of Gastonia; Mrs. Fred Travis, of Marlboro, N. H., and

FIRE AT LOWELL

Tenant House and Negro Lodge Hall Burned—Young Folks Return to College—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, Jan. 6.—Our public school opened with a full attendance Monday with the same corps of teachers.

The body of Miss Bessie Warren, of Gastonia, was buried in the cemetery here Monday.

Mr. George Featherston went to Charlotte Sunday to see his sister, who is in St. Peter's Hospital.

The following boys and girls returned to school this week: Miss Myrtle Titman, Red Springs, Miss Claudia Baker to Asheville, Miss Mamie Nipper to Lenoir, Miss Edith Robinson to Charlotte, Mr. Colt Robinson to Davidson, Mr. G. H. Leonard to Rutherford College, Mr. Grady Gaston to Trinity College, Mr. Hugh Miller to Westminster.

Mr. Tom Smith, of Charlotte, was a business visitor here Monday.

Mr. Quinn Ford and Miss Annie were Gastonia visitors Monday.

Mr. R. A. Miller, Jr., made a business trip to Yorkville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kirksey, of Stanley, visited Mr. and Mrs. Long Monday night.—Mr. and Mrs. Newton Craig, of Union section, and Mrs. Robert Ratchford, of Gastonia, Mr. John Biggers, of Union, and Mrs. Neely Craig visited Mr. and Mrs. John Groves Tuesday.

Our town has been visited with an other fire this week. A tenant house belonging to Mr. John Groves was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday evening, and also a two-story lodge hall owned by the colored people.

Mrs. T. P. Rankin and Roberta visited Mr. and Mrs. James Stowe in Belmont this week.—Messrs. S. M. Robinson and J. C. Rankin attended the spinners meeting in Charlotte Tuesday.—Mr. Clarence Lineberger was a Gastonia visitor Tuesday.

Misses Virginia and Edith Robinson visited friends in Belmont Tuesday. Mrs. M. A. Cloninger, of Lincolnton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Cashion, this week.—R. A. Miller, Jr., made a business trip to Belmont Tuesday.

MAYESWORTH MUSINGS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MAYESWORTH, Jan. 6.—Mr. Gaffney, of Gaffney, S. C., visited his daughter, Mrs. Charles Boyd, last week.—Mr. J. H. Mayes and family, of Charlotte, spent Sunday afternoon here.—Rev. Charles Irwin, a Baptist minister of Hickory, preached here Saturday night and Sunday evening.—J. B. Boyd, superintendent of the Mayes Manufacturing Co., spent Saturday in Charlotte.—Mr. Cox, of Gastonia, visited homefolks here Saturday and Sunday.

The school here, taught by Miss Hinson, of Charlotte, opened Monday morning after being suspended for the holidays.

Chesley and Ernest Helms returned Sunday from a week's visit among relatives in Lincolnton county and Cherryville.—Dr. Taylor and L. W. Jenkins, of McAdenville, were pleasant visitors here Monday.

An old house on the premises of the Mayes Manufacturing Co. burned down Monday night. At this writing the origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith were Charlotte visitors Sunday.—Master Bennie Jenkins has returned from his Christmas "trip to Pineville.—Miss May Pitts, of Charlotte, is visiting her friend, Miss Fontaine Jenkins.—Mr. L. B. Rogers was a Lowell visitor this week.—Mrs. Charles Haas and children are spending this week in Hickory.—Mrs. Whitlows and children, of Charlotte, are visiting relatives here.—Mr. Cleveland Welch spent last Sunday in Gastonia.

—Miss Alice Daniel is expected to return to Gastonia today from Oxford where she was called on account of the illness and death of her father, Mr. N. B. Daniel, who died December 28th. Mr. Daniel was a prominent farmer of Granville county and was for a number of years a county commissioner. Miss Daniel's many Gastonia friends will sympathize with her in her great sorrow.

Mrs. James Lewis, of Gastonia. Her mother died about two years ago. The bereaved father, brothers and sisters have the sympathy of a large number of friends in their sorrow.

VALUED AT \$7,500 STEALS HIS BRIDE

Appraisers Fix Price on Railway's Portion of City Park, Chosen Site for Postoffice Building.

In the office of Attorney George W. Wilson Wednesday afternoon the board of appraisers appointed by Judge James L. Boyd of the Federal Court on December 17th, held a hearing and as a result fixed the value of that portion of the city park belonging to the Southern Railway, necessary to complete the desired site for the postoffice building, at \$7,500. The board was composed of Col. C. B. Armstrong, Mr. R. M. Johnston and Mr. J. Frank McArver. This committee was appointed at the first hearing in the condemnation proceedings pending in the Federal Court at Statesville between the Government and the Southern Railway and the Davis heirs, December 17th.

The tract of land in question is 62.50 feet on South street and runs back 170 feet, being considerably more than half of what is commonly known as the city park. The entire park, which has been selected by the government as the best site to be had for the new postoffice building is 97.50 feet by 170 feet. Sometime ago the city council gave the government an option on its part of the ground for \$7,500, this being generally conceded to be a remarkably low figure. At yesterday's hearing a number of prominent business men were summoned to testify as to the value of the property in question and as a result of the consensus of opinion expressed by them the committee fixed the value as stated above. Thus the entire site is valued at \$15,000 which is undoubtedly an extremely reasonable figure. Being as it is, the best located open property for business purposes in town it would probably bring \$20,000 if sold to private parties. This, of course, considering the tract as a whole. Divided as it has heretofore been its value was perhaps hard to determine.

An interesting feature of the condemnation proceedings is the fact that the heirs of the late Oliver Davis are made defendants, along with the railroad, it being understood that they will contest the ownership of the property. This will, however, be a contest between the railroad and the Davis heirs, if The Gazette understands the situation correctly, and not between the government and the two sets of defendants. It will be a matter for the courts to decide as to whether, when the property passes from the railroad for use by others than the railroad itself, the proceeds shall go to the heirs of the original owner or to the present holders. The property was secured by the railroad from the late Oliver Davis and the contest in the courts will be to determine as to the terms of the sale or agreement as originally made between the railroad and Mr. Davis. At the completion of the condemnation proceedings the price of the property will, we understand, be held by the Federal court until the matter is finally adjusted between the railroad and the Davis heirs.

The appropriation for a site and building in Gastonia is \$65,000, of which amount it will require \$15,000 to secure the site, leaving \$50,000 for the structure itself. As previously stated in The Gazette work will probably be begun on this building next year.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Gaston County Farmer's Warehouse Company, incorporated, was held in the company's office in the warehouse in East Gastonia Wednesday morning with good attendance. The work of the past year was gone over and reports had from the various officers. Among other items of business attended to was the election of officers for the ensuing year, the following being the list: President, Mr. R. L. Falls, Gastonia township; vice president, Mr. W. E. Beatty, South Point; secretary and treasurer and manager of the warehouse, Mr. H. L. Lineberger; directors—Mr. E. P. Lineberger, Gastonia township; Mr. W. E. Beatty, South Point township; Mr. A. P. Beck, Crowders Mountain township; Mr. S. L. Kiser, Cherryville township; Mr. W. S. Thornburg, Dallas township; Mr. J. F. Clemmer, River Bend township; Mr. R. Lee Falls, county at large.

Local Editor Evon Houser of Cherryville Eagle Steals Bride, Miss Madge White, and Wedding Takes Place in Big Road—Bride's Family Objected to Match.

A very romantic marriage took place in the public road a mile or two north of Dallas Tuesday afternoon when Mr. Evon Houser, local editor of The Cherryville Eagle, and Miss Madge White, a popular young lady of Dallas, were made husband and wife, the ceremony being performed by Magistrate J. B. Houser, of Cherryville, an uncle of the groom. Following the taking of the marriage vows Mr. and Mrs. Houser drove to Cherryville where they will make their home.

Early in December Mr. Houser obtained license to wed Miss White but there was strenuous objection to the match on the part of the parents of the intended bride, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. White. The two young people, it seems, had a hard time to get together but love always finds a way, so the opportunity was at last found to bring their wishes to fruition. On Tuesday evening Miss White evaded her father and walked out of town up the Dallas-Cherryville road where she knew her lover awaited her. When she reached the place no time was lost in tying the knot and the two happy young people made off for their future home in a buggy.

THE YEAR ASTRONOMICALLY.

What Will Happen During 1910 in the Way of Eclipses—Holidays of the Year Will be Different.

Charlotte Observer.

Those who have taken the time to peruse the almanac for the year 1910 have discovered that some unusual things will happen up among the stars and that the holidays will also run out of the ordinary channel. There will be four eclipses this year, two of the sun and two of the moon. This section will not receive the full benefits of these occasions. A total eclipse of the sun will occur May 9, invisible to the United States but visible to Australia and adjacent oceans. A total eclipse of the moon is scheduled for May 23-24. This will be visible to North and South America, the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and in part to southwestern Europe, the western portions of Africa and the extreme eastern part of Australia.

On November 1-2 will be presented a partial eclipse of the sun, invisible to the United States. This will be visible to the greater part of Alaska, the northeastern portion of Asia and the northern Pacific ocean. A total eclipse of the moon will be a disappearing stunt on tap for November 15. This will be visible to Europe and Africa and in part to North and South America and southwestern Asia.

The new almanac tells of many things that will be interesting. Washington's birthday, the first legal holiday after New Year's falls on Tuesday; Easter is March 27; July 4 on Monday; Thanksgiving Day is November 24, and Christmas Day falls on Sunday, and what a wall from the little ones for the noise of celebration incident to the visit of Santa Claus will have to be subdued. Labor Day is September 5.

Not a single "Friday the 13th" will occur in 1910 and the superstitious ones will have an easy time this year. Numerous narrow escapes will be recorded, for many Thursdays and Saturdays have 13 as the date. Easter Sunday is March 27. Other Church days for the year are: Epiphany, January 6; Septuagesima, January 23; Sexagesima, January 30; Quinquagesima, February 6; Ash Wednesday, February 9; Palm Sunday, March 20; Low Sunday, April 3; Ascension Day, May 5; Whitsunday, May 15, Trinity Sunday, May 22.

A dispatch from New York under date of the 4th says that J. Pierpont Morgan and associates may control, through further trust company mergers in New York now under consideration, the enormous sum of \$210,000,000 in deposits alone. This is approximately \$25,000,000 more than the deposits of the National City Bank of this city, the largest financial institution in the United States.

Personals and Locals.

—Mr. W. M. Boyce was a visitor to Charlotte yesterday.

—Mr. W. E. Jenkins was a visitor to Charlotte yesterday.

—Monday the city schools resumed work after a two-weeks holiday.

—Attorney S. J. Durham, of Bessemer City, was in Gastonia on professional business Wednesday.

—Mr. R. A. Houser, of Gastonia, spent a few days in Lincolnton last week the guest of relatives.—Lincolnton County News, Tuesday.

—Rev. R. C. Anderson went to Lincolnton yesterday to attend a meeting of the trustees of Westminster School.

—"The Fourth Estate" begins in next Tuesday's Gazette. If you like a clean, exciting and interesting story don't fail to read it.

—Mrs. L. C. Cuthbertson left this morning for Gastonia to visit her sister, who is 81 years old.—Monroe Journal, 4th.

—Miss Gene Robinson returned yesterday to her home in Charlotte after visiting Miss Violet Rankin and Miss Clara Armstrong.

—Mr. J. R. Anderson, of the Union neighborhood, was in Gastonia on business Wednesday and paid The Gazette office a call.

—Mr. E. H. Jenkins, of Shelby, manager of the Jenkins Sales Syndicate, is spending a few days in the city on business.

—Miss Jennie Pegram returned yesterday to resume her studies at the Presbyterian College, after spending the holidays here with homefolks.

—Mr. R. M. Jackson, who has been spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Jackson, returned Wednesday to Davidson College to resume his studies.

—Messrs. R. Flave Davis, Ben Boyd and Thomas Parks, who have been spending the holidays with homefolks here, returned Tuesday to Newton to resume their studies in Catawba College.

—Among those here Wednesday to attend the meeting of stockholders of the Gaston County Farmers Warehouse Company were Messrs. L. J. Lineberger, John F. Clemmer and Lloyd Flowers, all of River Bend township.

—Miss Marie Hardin has returned to her home at Gastonia after spending a short while with Miss Josephine Heath. She was accompanied as far as Charlotte by Miss Heath who expects to spend a few days there.—Rock Hill Herald, 4th.

—Mayor and Mrs. T. L. Craig returned to Gastonia this morning from Newbern. Mrs. Craig spent the Christmas holidays there with her father, Mr. W. M. Watson. Mr. Craig has been spending a few days in Richmond on business.

—Misses Stella and Mary Dellinger, delightfully entertained a party of their young friends Saturday evening in honor of their guest, Miss Velma Springs, of Mount Holly, who has been spending the holidays with them.—Lincolnton County Times, 4th.

—The Williams Furniture Company has moved its warehouse from the Davis block to the Ragan building on North Marietta street recently occupied by D. A. Mauney's pool room. The room in the Davis block next door to the express office which was vacated by the Williams Furniture Company will be occupied by Mr. Joseph H. Adams' grocery store.

—Sunday night the congregation of the First Baptist church at Kings Mountain held a special service to welcome their new pastor, Rev. J. M. Hamrick, formerly of Caroleen, who recently accepted a call extended by the Kings Mountain church. Friday night previous a large number of members of his congregation "pounded" the new pastor and his family, leaving a generous donation of good things in the parsonage larder.

—Mr. W. M. Harmon, of route two, Lowell, was in town Wednesday to attend the annual meeting of the officers, directors and stockholders of the Gaston County Farmers Warehouse Company. There, he says, considerable sickness in his neighborhood though none of it is serious. Mr. Harmon says there has been considerable ice on the pond at Spencer Mountain during the recent cold spell, there having been times when it was thick enough to skate on.