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Saturday, January 6, 1906.

With its issue of Wednesday Mr. J. Otis Hull assumed editorial charge of the Rock Hill Herald, which since the death of his father, the former editor and proprietor, Mr. J. J. Hull, in July last, has been edited by Mr. John Wood, who now leaves Rock Hill to accept the position of business manager of the Greenville Daily News. Mr. Hull is a thorough young newspaper man, having been trained in the business by his lamented father, and he will no doubt fully maintain the Herald's high standard of excellence.

Our readers were no doubt impressed with the unusually fine and satisfactory showing made by the Bank of Lancaster in its quarterly statement published in Wednesday's issue of The News, to which, for lack of space, we were unable to direct attention. The bank's deposits now amount to $372,412.96, the largest sum within its history. Its total resources exceed $475,000.00. The notably large deposit account of the bank bears eloquent testimony to two facts: the general prosperity of the country and the confidence reposed by the people in the management of the institution.

TOWN TREASUR'S REPORT.

[illegible] annual report of Treasurer [illegible] of the town council, [illegible] today's paper. The [illegible]ade is indeed a fine [illegible] much credit on [illegible] municipal adminis[illegible] will be seen that [illegible] us the New Year [illegible] thousand dollars [illegible]. Owing to this [illegible] balance on hand, [illegible] no increase in the [illegible] year to make up [illegible] loss of the dispensary [illegible]—that loss will not be [illegible] until another year. The town received last year from the dispensary, which was closed before the opening of the winter and holiday trade, over thirty-five hundred dollars, which sum represents the greater part of the balance now in the treasury.

It appears from Mr. Jones's report that $1,665.98 was expended "for streets, pavements and machinery." This sum seems small when the amount of work done is considered, for some improvement on sidewalks and streets was made in many parts of the town during the year.

Notwithstanding the amount of work done however, there is very, very much more awaiting the street force, for one of Lancaster's great needs is better streets and pavements, especially the latter. In our judgment the council should materially increase the street force and expend a very large part of that balance on hand in making permanent improvements on Lancaster's thoroughfares.

THE AGE AT WHICH A CHILD SHOULD ENTER SCHOOL.

At the recent annual meeting in Columbia of superintendents of graded schools, Superintendent Edmunds, of the Sumter schools, submitted a very interesting paper, since published in the News and Courier, on the subject of the age at which a child should be admitted into school. Mr. Edmunds ranks among the leading educators of the state and his opinion relative to school matters is entitled to much weight.

In the article referred to Mr. Edmonds takes the ground that a child is too young to enter school at six years of age, that time will be saved and better results obtained by waiting until it is eight years old. He says:

"As the conditions now exist our pupils enter at six and complete the full course prescribed in our schools at seventeen. I believe that, if the pupils should enter at eight, they could complete the course in nine instead of eleven years. I believe that the work that it now takes two years to do the first grade could be as thoroughly completed in one year and another year would be made up between the second and sixth grades. Thus a pupil entering at eight would do in five years the same amount of work as is now done in seven years."

Continuing, Mr. Edmunds discusses the objections to a child's entering school at the tender age of six, as viewed from a physical standpoint. From six to seven, he says, children have reached one of the most critical periods of their lives. At the age of six children are in a condition of nervous restlessness resulting from the cutting of their permanent teeth, and while in that condition Mr. Edmunds does not think that they should be confined in the school room, but should be allowed every opportunity for obtaining plenty of outdoor exercise, sunshine and fresh air.

As to the effect upon the child of changing the school age from 6 to 8 Mr. Edmunds says:

"Will a child be the loser by these two years of what some may term enforced idleness? First let us deny the truth of the term, "enforced idleness." The child will not be idle and there is no force applied.

Nature, the kind old nurse, has simply been allowed for two more years to take the child upon her knee and the lessons she will teach; the bone, sinew and nerve that she will give during this additional period will fit the child better to receive the artificial lessons that he must learn, and in the race before him he will run faster and last longer by having sat two years more upon nature's loving lap."

Our legislators will find much food for thought in Mr. Edmunds's able article. It is not likely that the change suggested in the law will be made at an early day, but we believe that the time is coming when children will not be permitted to enter the public schools until they are at least seven, if not eight, years of age.

Miss Nannie Irene McCardell visited friends in Rock Hill this week.

Messrs. S. J and A. N. Funderburk, Clemson College students, who have been spending the holidays with their father, Mr. D A Funderburk, of Dwight, returned yesterday to Clemson.

Notice to the Public!

All persons indebted to me are earnestly requested to come up and settle at once, as I cannot afford to carry your account any longer. I shall also be compelled to ask all persons who bring or send work to my shop to pay cash, for I have credited so much and collected so little I cannot afford to do so any longer.

I desire to thank those of my patrons who have given me their work and paid for it and I hope to continue to serve you. But to those who have not paid I will say that while I should like to have your patronage I cannot work simply to hear the ring of my hammer.

F. R. MASSEY.

P. S.—Don't forget that I buy cow hides, horse hides, dog hides and all other kind of hides, and pay the cash for them. F.R.M.

Statement

Receipts and Disbursements of the Town of Lancaster, S. C., for the Year Ending December 31st, 1905.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1904	$1,770.47
Taxes (5 Mill Levy)	1,906.93
Taxes, Commutation	245.00
Fines	953.07
License	1,260.25
Dispensary	3,527.94
Sale Cemetery Lots	33.00
Water & Light Franchise Forfeit	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	55.55
	$10,752.21

DISRURSEMENTS.

Lighting (including salary Joe Evans)	$ 378.78
Streets, Pavements & Machinery	1,665.98
Police (including extras)	1,508.00
General Running Expenses, Live Stock, etc	1,566.72
Mayor's Salary and Clerk's Commissions	559.14
Cash on Hand	5,073.59
	$10,752.21

I, C. D. Jones, Clerk and Treasurer of the Town of Lancaster, S. C., do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. D. JONES.

Sworn to before me this 2nd January, 1906.

{L.S.} E. M. CROXTON, N. P. of S. C.

We, T. S. Carter and A. J Clark, do hereby certify that we have carefully examined the books of C. D Jones, Clerk and Treasurer of the Town of Lancaster, and find the same to be correct, and that the above is a true statement to the best of our knowledge and belief.

T. S. CARTER,
A. J. CLARK,
Special Committee.

...AND...
TIME ROLLS ON

We are at the end of another year's business and as we stand on the threshold of the New Year and look back at the superb trade we have had during the past twelve months, we feel very grateful to our friends and patrons. We desire to express our sincere appreciation to each and every one of you for the part you have taken in building up the best year's business in our history. In order to show our appreciation of your support we are going to sell goods for the next 30 days at prices that will astonish the natives. We will not say AT COST—it's so common. All we ask is that you come and see the goods and get the prices. Again thanking you and hoping that the coming year may be to you the most happy and prosperous of your life, we are, gratefully,

Williams-Hughes Co

The Underselling Store.

CLOSING OUT.... SALE

On the first of February, I will move into the Moore block, next to corner store, and from now till then I will offer, at bargain prices, my entire stock of Merchandise, consisting principally of Shoes, Pants, Hats, Overalls, Shirts, Underwear, Plaids, Outings, Denims, yard-wide Sheetings, Hickory Shirting, Cheviots, Prints, Ginghams, Bleechings, Lap Blankets, big lot of Overshoes, Men's Collars, Neckties, Umbrellas, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Purses, Collar and Cuff Buttons, Pins, Needles, and a job lot of Suspenders at surprisingly low prices. Crockery and Glassware of all kinds. Big lot of Tobacco that must be sold. Respectfully,

J. J. Blackmon

Dr. C. MITCHELL

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Scientific Optician

Graduate of Philadelphia Optical College. Headaches relieved with properly adjusted Glasses. Artificial Eyes furnished. Eyes tested and examined free. Will call at your office or home by appointment.

Home Office, Columbia, S.C., Mitchell Hotel.

Notice of Discharge

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as administratrix of the estate of Saml. E. Usher, deceased, will, on the 6th day of February, 1906, make her final return as such administratrix and apply to the Probate Court for Lancaster County, for a final discharge.

EMMA A. SMALL,
Administratrix of Estate of
Sam'l. E. Usher.

Lancaster, S.C., Jan. 5, 1906.-1m.

Lexington Roller Mill Co.

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY.

Highest grade Flour. We are offering to our trade this next year the highest grade flour ever sold in Lancaster.....

"HENRY CLAY."

Every sack guaranteed to please or money refunded. For sale by

BENNETT GROCERY CO.

Notice of Discharge.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, as Executrix of the will of Wm. Knight, deceased, will, on the 7th day of February, 1906 make her final return as such Executrix, and apply to the Probate Court for Lancaster County for a final discharge.

ANNIE E. WILSON,
Executrix of the Will of
Wm. Knight, deceased.

Lancaster, S. C., Jan. 5, 1906—1mo.