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BONDING COUNTY OFFICERS

The folly of permitting county officers to give as sureties on their bonds private individuals instead of requiring them to furnish bonds secured by accredited surety companies is again emphasized by the transaction in Dobson last Monday.

If Mr. Eldridge upon assuming office had been required by the county Commissioners to give a responsible bonding company as surety then when the bank crash came some 2 or 3 good citizens of Surry County, his bondsmen, would have escaped a world of mental agony and possible financial loss.

We are told that the state law authorizes county Commissioners to accept any bond deemed by them sufficient and consonant with the amount of funds handled by the officer making the bond.

Here is a good man who either has political ambitions or whose friends persuade him "for the good of the party" to run for office. He is elected. He dislikes to pay out good money to a surety company for providing him with a bond, so he goes to these same friends who induced him to run for the office.

Then the unforeseen happens. A bank breaks; a highwayman robs the officer; his worthless son loots the office—any one of a hundred things happens to throw the bondsmen into hot water and the county into financial embarrassment.

In the absence of a statute requiring it, the leaders of both political parties in the county before giving a candidate their support, might require him to put himself on record by way of declaration that if elected to office he will not ask his friends to go on his bond, but will pay his money like a man to some approved surety company to provide such bond.

Crazy Stove Peddler Comes to Grief

J. N. Hundley, alias J. W. Dudley and formerly an inmate of the Southwestern Sanitarium for the Insane at Marion Va., was last week arrested by local authorities on a charge of forgery.

But last week he found himself in the toils of the law. He employed Oiler Wolfe to defend him. Oiler, after looking over the calendar of crime with which he was accused, exclaimed: "Why, Man, you are crazy!"

It was done and the mounted man's brother, who is a prominent life insurance man of that city, came to Mount Airy and left sufficient funds with Judge Leavelle to cover all of his brother's crooked deals.

Inquiry revealed the fact that the man was not representing any stove manufacturing concern and that he was conducting a skin game pure and simple.

CONCERNING DRUG STORES

(We are glad to print the following article by Mr. Hynton who thinks a story in last week's paper was unfair to his business.—Editor)

I feel that it is fair to the drug profession here in general and especially to the store whose name appeared recently in connection with the proceedings of Police Court, to give the public some information concerning the drugs or medicines in question.

In meeting our responsibility to the people as retail druggists, we have to carry preparations containing alcohol from a very low to as high as 60 per cent and occasionally even higher.

It has been my observation and information that during the past few years, several different drugs or medicines have served their turn in helping to gratify that blighting thirst for alcohol which annoys many of the people of our town.

But the point which I desire most to correct is the reference to the "So. da Jerker" quitting the store.

The reporter for The News, drawing partly on his imagination, and endeavoring to write more between than on the lines, tried to see a vital connection between the making of a certain sale to one Walter Mahone and the termination of his services with the store.

J. W. Hynton, Sec. Treas. Mount Airy Drug Co.

Good Man Passes

Walter Columbus Norman was born February 5, 1855. He died February 28, 1924. His age was 69 years and 23 days. Death came as a result of a stroke of paralysis which he suffered five weeks ago, and because of which he grew weaker unto the end.

He is survived by his wife, five brothers and 9 children. One son, Joseph Norma lives at Dobson, N. C., the other Ernest Norman lives at Galax, Va. His married daughters are as follows: Mrs. William Moore, Mount Airy; Mrs. F. M. Brannock, Mt. Airy; Mrs. N. M. Ellerbro, Roberdell, N. C., the unmarried children are as follows: Iris Lee, Ida May, Violet and Ronald all of Winston-Salem.—Contributed.

More Room for Primary Grades

The Mount Airy school board, from funds left over from the addition now being constructed to the high school, is preparing to construct a six-room addition to the grammar school on Rockford street.

school building Department Board thinks that Mount Airy is meeting its school housing problem in an intelligent and business-like fashion.

New York Sunday World "Roscoe's Radio," a full page comic a feature of this Magazine. Radio in the lighter vein. You will laugh at Roscoe's troubles. To be sure of a copy of the New York Sunday World, order in advance from your newsdealer.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Surry County. Take notice that the Town of Mt. Airy will receive bids at the Town Hall on next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock on hauling two thousand (2000) cubic yards of concrete sand for street paving job and also hauling crushed stone from the North Carolina Granite Corporation to street paving job.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Surry County, Town of Mount Airy. Under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina, and the ordinances of the Town of Mount Airy authorizing the sale of lands in Town of Mount Airy for assessments levied against said property for street improvements, I will offer for sale at the court house door in Dobson, North Carolina, on the first Monday in April, 1924, it being the 7th day of April, the following property for the assessments levied against same, interest and cost of sale.

The street paving covered by these items consists of the two six-foot wide strips on each side of the state pavement on Cherry street:

J. C. Hollingsworth, 510 front feet of paving, 2 1-2 feet curb, adjoining resident property of Mrs. Sarah Spangh on the west side, and a street or alley on east side, the property consisting of six dwellings, and the amount being \$561.37, interest \$7.02, cost \$1.70, total \$570.96, this being on north side of Cherry street.

J. C. Hollingsworth, 215 feet of paving, 2 1-2 feet curb, on the south side of Cherry street, it being a vacant lot adjoining the property of B. E. Herman on the east side and H. H. Lewellyn on the west side, and the amount being \$365.03, interest \$4.55, cost \$1.70, total \$371.28, lying on the south side of Cherry street.

J. F. Allred, 185 front feet paving, curbing and sidewalk, abutting resident property of J. F. Allred on the south side of Cherry street. Amount \$240.92, interest \$4.25, cost \$1.70, total \$246.87.

J. W. Banner, 102 ft. 2 in of paving and curbing, abutting his residence property on the south side of Cherry street, and adjoining the property of J. W. Earp on the east and B. E. Herman on the west. Amount \$43.59, interest \$0.56, cost \$1.70, total \$44.15.

R. V. DEYERLE, City Tax Collector.

Notice of Call of Republican Congressional Convention Fifth District of North Carolina

By virtue of the authority of the Republican Executive Committee of the Fifth North Carolina Congressional District, a Convention is hereby called to meet at the Court House in the City of Greensboro, North Carolina on Tuesday, the 18th day of March, 1924, at one o'clock P. M. for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress to represent the said District; of electing two delegates and two alternates to the Republican National Convention, which is called to convene in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, on the 16th day of June, 1924, to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, and for the transaction of such other and further business as may properly come before the convention.

This the 15th day of Feb. 1924. K. E. Shore, Chairman Rep. Cong. Ex. Com. 5th District.

Notice of Execution Sale

By virtue of an execution issued by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Forsyth county in the case of T. W. Kallam, attorney, vs. H. E. Wall, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Dobson on the 7th day of April, 1924, at 12 o'clock noon the following described real estate, to-wit:

A tract of land in Rockford township adjoining the lands of Rufus Shinalt, W. F. Whitaker and others, and bounded as follows: Beginning on a pine in Whitaker's line and runs west 22 chs. and 75 links to the old Moore line, now Rufus Shinalt's line, to some poplar sprouts; thence south 11 chs. with Shinalt's to his corner, a stake; thence west 15 chs. to a stake, formerly a post oak; thence south with James Holyfield's line 10.5 chs. to a stake, formerly a white oak, known as the Lester corner; thence east with T. J. Williams' line, now Glenn Holyfield's, 12 chs. to a hickory; thence north with Williams' line, now Rufus Shinalt's, 3 chs. to a perizimmon tree, east 35 chs. and 25 links to a tall white oak in W. F. Whitaker's line; thence north with Whitaker's line 9 chs. to a stake, now the north corner of an old pine field; thence west 9.5 chs. to a dead chestnut; thence north 11 chs. and 25 links to the beginning containing 60 acres more or less.—Except the following boundary which comprises the homestead of H. E. Wall, and which is exempt from execution and sale. The land excepted is bounded as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of H. E. Wall's land in Shinalt's line and runs up the creek to a point from which a due east line from said point to Whitaker's line would leave twenty acres of land including the dwelling house where H. E. Wall formerly resided.

Sale made to satisfy a debt of \$800 due plaintiff with interest and cost to add. This March 3, 1924. C. H. Hayes, Sheriff Surry Co.

PAYMENT OF \$1,000 COUNTY FUNDS SECURED

Ex-County Treasurer Eldridge Gives Notes Maturing Over Two Years to Secure Funds Lost in Defunct Bank.

F. S. Eldridge, Ex-Treasurer of Surry county, Monday gave the county commissioners his notes endorsed by his bondsmen covering \$12,000 of county funds which were lost in the crash of the Farmer's and Merchant's Bank of Elkin. All of Eldridge's bondsmen numbering twelve or fifteen endorsed the notes. The notes are timed to mature inside of two years.

Mr. Eldridge executed deeds of trust on all his real estate and chattel mortgages on all his personal property to secure his bondsmen. This arrangement was entered into for the purpose of making a final settlement of the unfortunate affair, and the notes were so timed as to permit Mr. Eldridge to dispose of his property and meet the obligations as they come due.

It will be recalled that in 1920 when the Elkin bank went to the wall some \$20,000 of the county funds were on deposit with that institution. The county suffered considerable financial embarrassment as a result of the tying up of this sum of money, and it is not known even at this late date whether the affairs of the bank will ever be got in a position where the depositors will receive even a small per cent of their deposits. The present arrangement safeguards both Mr. Eldridge's bondsmen and assures the county of getting its money within the two year period.

Mr. Eldridge is a farmer living in the Zephyr settlement in the western part of the county and is said to be the owner of some 600 acres of good land. This unfortunate affair happening while he was treasurer of Surry county is said to have so embarrassed him financially that he is liable to lose most of his property in making the county whole. And the affair is a shining commentary on the folly of office-holders who embarrass their friends by asking them to become sureties for them on their bonds to the county.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Surry County, Mount Airy Township. In Recorder's Court. J. C. Hollingsworth vs. Pine & Cypress Manufacturing Co., Defendant. To Pine & Cypress Manufacturing Company, Defendant:

TAKE NOTICE: That an action entitled as above has been commenced in the recorder's court of Mount Airy township, summons in which action is returnable the 25th day of March, 1924, before H. H. Lewellyn, Judge of said court, at the city hall in Mount Airy at 10 o'clock A. M., when and where defendant is notified to appear and answer or demur to the complaint filed in this case or the relief demanded in the complaint will be granted and let the defendant further take notice that an attachment has been issued and levied upon the property of the defendant for the payment of \$113.90 alleged to be due the plaintiff on account of breach of contract and that said attachment is returnable at the time and place mentioned for the return of the summons.

This February 16th, 1924. H. H. LEWELLYN.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. J. C. Welch and children wish to thank their many friends, for their kindness and sympathy during the brief illness and after the death of husband and father. Mrs. J. C. Welch.

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