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**Pay your poll tax before the 1st of May so that you can vote in the presidential election.**

### Politics in McDowell.

The political pot in McDowell is now getting ready to boil, there being several candidates who are thinking seriously of coming out in the open. Mr. Millard Poteat has already announced himself as a candidate for county treasurer on the Democratic ticket and his friends are confident he will receive the nomination. Mr. A. W. Grayson of this place has also been mentioned as a candidate for treasurer and it is understood his friends are urging him to announce his candidacy. Of further interest to the Democrats throughout the county will be the announcement that Mr. Geo. W. Chapman will be a candidate for sheriff. Mr. Chapman has for many years been one of McDowell's most prominent and successful business men. He is a splendid citizen, is well known throughout the county and would no doubt make a strong run.

For Register of Deeds and for the Legislature there are as yet no avowed candidates. Mr. R. L. C. Gibson, now serving his third term as Register of Deeds, will be urged to make the race for reelection and will no doubt be nominated. For Representative Mr. W. F. Wood, J. W. Winborne and J. K. Cowan, of Old Fort have been mentioned.

In the Republican ranks, Mr. W. H. Hawkins has been mentioned for Sheriff, and it is also rumored that Sheriff J. A. Laughridge will be a candidate for reelection. It is rumored, too, that Mr. J. P. Ray has a bee in his bonnet. For other offices, it has not yet been made public just who will be candidates, but it has been rumored that Mr. T. L. Epley will be a candidate for the Legislature.

On the whole, this will be an interesting year in the political field, since both State and national officers are to be elected.

### New Bill Calls For An Army of 140,000.

Washington, March 6.—With the introduction today of the House army bill, the second of the National defense measures recommended by President Wilson, was before Congress. The first of these measures—the Senate army bill—was introduced Saturday.

As completed the measure proposes to increase the regular army to a strength of 140,000 fighting troops, which means the addition of 40,000 men and 7,439 officers. It also provides 786 additional officers for detached service with the National guard, military schools and elsewhere. A maximum strength, however, is fixed at 170,000 men.

The House by a vote of 276 to 142 declared itself in support of President Woodrow Wilson in his negotiations with Germany.

### Kill Winter Flies Before Warm Weather.

People of the State are again being warned by the State Board of Health to kill the winter flies before the hot weather comes on. The Board is making this request very emphatic on account of the warm winter weather we have had and the large number of flies that are living through the winter ready to get busy the first warm day.

The Board says: "You can accomplish much by swatting the few flies now whereas if you wait till warm weather when they are in swarms neither swatting, trapping nor poisoning will keep them from being a great health menace. Controlling the fly nuisance now is the easiest and most sensible way of keeping flies down later. Don't take for granted that another cold spell will kill them out or that the few seen flying around can do no harm. A fly is a fly, and Dr. W. A. Evans of Chicago tells here what one fly left over from winter is capable of doing. He assumes that the fly is a female, that the season and conditions are normal and that every female hatched will live to full maturity and lay her full quota of eggs.

"She would begin laying about April and her daughters would have been ready to lay about May 1. The females of the second crop would lay in May and their young would be ready to lay about June 1. After that we figure that to pass through the stages—egg, larva, pupa, fly to fly, ready to lay—would require twenty-four days. This would mean five crops by October 1.

"The calculated number of descendants of this old lady on October 1, next, would be 131 quintillions, 220 quadrillions, or 131,220,000,000,000,000."

### U. S. Public Health Service Gives Some Timely Facts.

Washington, March 4.—The following is issued by the Public health service:

Do you know that 4 per cent. of the inhabitants of certain sections of the south have malaria?

The United States Public Health Service has trapped 615,744 rodents in New Orleans in the past 18 months.

The careless sneezer is the great gripe spreader?

Open air is the best spring tonic? Typhoid fever is a disease peculiar to man?

Measles kills over 11,000 American children annually?

There has not been a single case of yellow fever in the United States since 1905?

### Small Boy Inflicts Knife Wound on Man.

Morganton, N. C., March 6.—As a result of a knife wound received in a fight with Bob Lane and his ten-year-old son, John Tate Epley is in a hospital at Statesville, with a slim chance of recovery. Bob Lane and his son have been placed under a thousand dollar bond.

It is stated that while Epley and one of his companions were standing in front of a store, Lane and his son walked up, and that Lane, jokingly said, pointing at Epley, "What are you fellows doing associating with that thing?" Epley, it is stated, took offense at the jest, as a result of which a quarrel and fight followed. Epley was getting the best of Lane, when Lane's ten-year-old son entered the fight and stabbed Epley in the side with a pocket-knife, desperately wounding him.

Formal dedication of the Panama-California International Exposition will be held March 18.

# MEN'S CLOTHING!

We have just received several new suits for men. These suits were bought a long time ago before the advance in material. We have a good stock of Men's Clothing and can save you money. We advise you to buy your suit now, if you don't you will certainly have to pay more later.

**MEN'S EXTRA PANTS!** We are showing a splendid line of Men's Extra Pants, both for working men and for dress wear. Our Men's Working Pants are priced from \$1.25 to \$2.50 and the dress pants for \$2.50 to \$4.50.

**BOYS' SUITS and EXTRA PANTS!** We believe we have the best stock of Boys' Suits and Pants ever shown in Marion. We want you to see our line before you buy and we earnestly and conscientiously advise you to buy your Boy's Clothing now. Our suits are priced from \$1.75 to \$6.50, and extra pants from 50c to \$1.75.

**MEN'S WALK-OVER SHOES!** We have just received a big stock of Walk-Over Shoes and Oxfords. We are showing the latest styles and are selling them at the old prices, \$3.50 to \$5.00. We have a good stock of Boy's and Children's Shoes and advise you to buy now while you can get them at the old prices.

**LADIES' COAT SUITS and COATS!** We are showing some of the latest creations in Ladies Spring Suits and Coats, and positively can save you money. Ladies House Dresses and Kimonos! We have a good selection of these and are pricing them low.

## Attention, Farmers!

We will handle Fertilizers for spring planting. We have Northern grown seed Irish potatoes. We have lime-Sulphur for early spraying. We have Georgia Fulghum seed oats for early sowing. We have cotton seed meal, hay, oats, corn, molasses feed, etc.

We have a complete stock of Dress Goods, Notions, Hosiery, Underwear, Shirts, Belts, Hats, Caps, etc. and invite you to call and let us show you through our various departments.

# Gaston & Tate, Inc.

"The Square Deal Store."

Marion, - - - North Carolina.

### Announcement.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of McDowell county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I promise, if nominated and elected, to serve the people to the best of my ability.

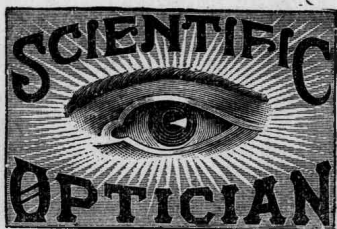
M. G. POTEAT.

### NOTICE!

To those residing in the Free Range district in McDowell County:

The matter of damages, etc., from stock running at large in this district coming before us for attention, we find after carefully investigating the matter, that Chapter 262 of the Public Laws of North Carolina, Session 1909, have never been fully complied with, hence no free range for stock is allowed in McDowell County until said law is fully complied with.

By order of Board  
G. C. CONLEY, Chairman  
Board of County Comrs.



## Dr. Johnson, The Optometrist,

will be in Marion from  
March 7th until  
the 12th.

If you are suffering with weak eyes, bad vision, headaches, red and inflamed eyes, spots before the eyes, or any other eye trouble, don't fail to see me.

I have had twenty years experience in the Optical business and have thousands of satisfied customers.

The examination is free, so come on and let's get acquainted. The first five patients who purchase a pair of glasses will get a present. Only five presents given away.

Hours from ten until one and from three until six.

## Tailoring Display

An expert custom tailor  
from the

## Hopkins Tailoring Co.,

Baltimore

will be here

Monday and Tuesday,  
March 13 and 14,

showing the newest fabrics and  
styles for correct dress for  
the coming season.

See him before placing  
your order.

J. H. L. MILLER  
CLOTHING CO.

If you need anything in  
the way of

## Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Fine China or Silverware,

Come in and see our line.

Repairing done neatly and durably.

## J. FRED SPRAGUE

Watchmaker and Jeweler

Marion, N. C.