

The Watauga Democrat

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The Board of magistrates and Board of county commissioners met in joint session at the court house Monday. The annual taxes were levied. The constitutional limit 66 2/3 cents on the \$100 worth of property was levied. This will make the poll tax \$2.00. The school tax 90 cents per capita. Our county finances are in a very healthy condition. Our county Board of commissioners have discharged their duty to the general satisfaction of all the people. They have lessened the county taxes perceptibly and the county affairs have been well administered. A resolution of thanks and approval was unanimously voted the Board, and each member of the Board was re-elected again for the next two years. The Board of education made a report of the schools, teachers, the money paid to run the same, number of scholars, and other matters connected with the school interest. This report was very creditable to the Board and county Superintendent. Prof. Francum was unanimously re-elected county Superintendent which was very creditable to him. Kind and generous feelings prevailed throughout the session of the joint Boards. No politics or prejudice entered into the business of the Board, all were disposed to recognize honest efficient work and to be governed in their actions by a desire that our good old county of Watauga shall be honestly and economically administered in all her varied interests. The people of the county of what ever shade of political opinion ought to feel justly proud (and no doubt they do) of the favorable condition of the county finances taken into consideration the unusual hard crises of the times. The county has had for several years one of the best sheriffs and also efficient Board county commissioners and with prudence and economy the people have managed to pass through the severe hard times without any sacrifice of property being sold for taxes. Perhaps it would be hard for any county to be found that has fared so well in this respect as has Watauga. Why do any of our people clamor for a different county government when we are faring so well under the present system? Political reasons can only be urged and such reasons are no account when compared to actual facts existing to the contrary.

Be kind to your neighbor, loan him your horse, plow, oxen and wagon. If he won't feed the stock and otherwise abuses them, don't loan him any more. If your dearest neighbor don't bring back the borrowed hoe, singletree, axe, mattock, shovel plow, maul, and iron wedge but keeps them so long that he sets up ownership and claims them as his own by possession; or loses them then in that case you need not keep up such neighborship with him, a generous and confiding public will excuse you.

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Suppose a fellow creature who claims to be a Republican from principle and is honest in it, and says he is "agin" high tariff and is in favor of both gold and silver and for free coinage, and is in favor of the income tax upon the rich nabobs to help run the expenses of this big country, he agrees with his fellow man that high tariff, the demoneytizing of silver by the Republican Congress in the year of our Lord 1873 and the great extravagance of the Republican Congress in past years, in many ways. Notable the big pension fraud, the big jobs let out by the Government that certain men might make a huge fortune. These squandering of the one hundred millions left in the United States Treasury by Cleveland, and the many useless men employed by the departments and a general recklessness and waste of the people's money. If he still votes for men whose party advocates such legislation and is doing everything possible to prevent such frauds and bad laws from being repealed do you believe he is honest or is he mistaken? We think most of them are mistaken for they will often say "how hard are the times under Democratic rule and you promised good times when the Democrats got into power." To make better times the many wrongs that have been done must be undone and times will be no better until it has been done.

The charge made by the newspaper correspondents that certain Senators were in the sugar trust and had made big money out of it and in consideration of this big steal they were to vote in the Senate to protect this sugar trust. The committee appointed to investigate these and other charges against these Senators and against Secretary Carlisle have so far found nothing in the charges, however further investigations are to be made. The offer of the man Butts to pay certain Senators big money to induce them to vote against the tariff bill did not succeed and Senators Hutton of Va., and Kyle of South Dakota are exonerated by the committee. The committee further reports that they have not found any evidence of actual money being on hand to comply with Butts's promise to pay for the votes that he proposed to buy. We trust that Senators who are charged with dickering with the sugar trust will be found to be free from any crookedness and that such charges will be idle rumor only. We do not agree with Senator Hill, however when he declares that Senators have a right to deal in sugar trusts, or at least they do not criminate themselves in doing so.

When the country people's hogs and cattle come into town to eat the fine grass now growing at will on the streets and the marshal with his vigilant eye spies them and transfers them to the pound and the owner of said stock are notified to come and take the same away and pay cost, then there is a feeling against the town laws that is close akin to "cussen" provided the party ever indulges in such past time, but how are we poor depressed ones here to live and enjoy "life, liberty

and the pursuit of happiness," with town hogs and cattle, and country hogs and cattle, besides the sheep upon a thousand hills, occupying the streets gardens and fields. Think of it our country men.

The Congress now in session at Augusta Georgia for the purpose of organizing means to induce immigration to the South, "called the Southern inter-state immigration and industrial Congress." This Congress is well represented as a large delegation from all sections are there. Many of whom are men of influence. Much speech making and many resolutions are engaging the Congress. Governor Carr and Senator Jarvis and others from North Carolina are in attendance. We hope much good may be done for the South, and if we can start immigration in this direction with capital and enterprise and such emigrants are the right type of men we would cordially welcome them, but if they are of the Jesuite-Anarchist type we would ask them to stay away.

We have lately mingled considerably with the people and find the political feeling, though kept well in the back ground so far, is very encouraging to us. We find all parties conservative and serious, we hear no extravagant declaration from any one. All are anxious for the tariff question to be speedily settled some way. Unless we are mistaken there will be no bitter feeling among our people during the coming campaign. The quality of the candidate will be closely scrutinized and if he is successful he must be the genuine article. The Democrats will not vote for a candidate unless he is the simon-pure stuff and advocates the National Democratic idea and the Republicans preach the same doctrine. Most of the Republicans are with the Democrats on the income tax, and many want a lower tariff and free coinage of silver. These are the issues and there will be but a slight difference in Watauga, while the National Republican party holds to the high protective tariff idea and also to the gold standard, as well as opposition to the coinage of silver. The Republicans North agree with Mr. Cleveland on silver question alone.

On Sunday last we attended the Three Fork church and heard an able sermon from Rev. Sherwood. At Three Fork you always meet with a large and interesting congregation and we always meet with the kindest hospitality from the good people. One would be impressed when viewing the large assembly that everybody from several miles around had put in their appearance, but we went by Mount Vernon church and there was a considerable crowd just broke up from Sunday school we felt amazed to see so many good looking healthy young people who attend the churches and Sunday school. Stopping at Esq. T. L. Critcher for dinner we were told that the number of children of the school age numbered 101 scholars a long the Blue Ridge in a small area composing the school district. Two families in this district have 24

children. Near Esq. Critcher the good people have erected an unusually large frame for church. This is up and one of the best we have ever seen in the county, being put up by J. L. Kincaid one among the best carpenters in the county. It would be a commendable thing for the outside public to help some on this excellent church house located on the Blue Ridge in Cook's Gap, on a beautiful location. The house will cost a considerable sum and some generous help would be thankfully received by the committee. We visited our good friend Adam Critcher who is still selling goods farming etc., he is a thrifty citizen. He being a widower and going it alone reminded us of our own like condition and wondered how long before a change would come over our dreams. Let no good woman take alarm at any suggestion here made.

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From Vilas, N. C.

Editor Democrat. As other parties have been expressing their opinions in regard to the political situation at this time, and offering the names of their friends as standard-bearers in the coming campaign, will you kindly allow me to make a few suggestions through your paper to the Democratic party of Watauga county? In the first place, we must select good men to run for the various offices. Men who have shown true faith to the principles of democracy; men who have voted the straight ticket from President down to constable; men who can look the issues straight in the face, and defend our time-honored principles. With such men as these for our leaders these will be no difficulty in our winning the fight in the coming election.

And as other men have offered the names of some of their friends as suitable persons for office, I will suggest the names of some other men for the consideration of the Democratic party. Dr. J. B. Phillips having faithfully served us one term in the Legislature, I think now we might run him successfully for State Senator.

Mr. James W. Horton would make us a good treasurer. Shepherd M. Dugger would make us an excellent representative I do not think we could place our banner in safer hands, and in this opinion, I am seconded by a goodly number of Democrats. Notwithstanding I have that confidence in the wisdom of the Democratic party to feel assured that every true Democrat can and will support the ticket which may be put in the field by the party.

J. W. HOLSCLOW.

Notice of Application

A petition of many persons in the county of Watauga and of the townships of Watauga, Laurel Creek and Shawneehaw having been filed before the Board of Co. Commissioners to re-establish the township lines in the said townships to run as follows, to wit: Beginning at the Hanging Rock Gap, thence to run a straight line to the White Rock, thence to the high part of Bishop Mountain, thence to the old Cranberry Road at the top of the Valley Mountain, thence to the low Gap of the Long Mountain, thence to the Blankinship place, then to the top of the Ridge at the old Ridge road thence to the South pinals of the Beech Mountain. Said petition will be heard at the July meeting of the said Board of County Commissioners.

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