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**THE COURT HOUSE AGAIN.**

Every lover of fair play, of majority rule and the supremacy of the people will be incensed to learn of the outrageous and tyrannical action of the three DEFEATED county commissioners in their determination to proceed with the erection of an expensive and useless new court house.

These men, P. B. Beard, F. V. McCanness and A. L. Deal, went before the democratic primaries as advocates of a new court house and were overwhelmingly defeated, while others opposed to the court house proposition were nominated to take their places. There could not have been a more emphatic protest on the part of the Democratic voters of the county, and as servants of the people, especially men posing as Democrats, such a protest should have been cheerfully accented.

For elective officials to ignore the wish of a great majority of the people, is to remove all that is essential in popular government, and all Democracy stands for. It is a betrayal of the confidence bestowed in them and a deliberate, and, under the circumstances, seems to be a malicious breach of the trust imposed in them. As officials and Democrats the county commissioners, according to time-honored traditions and custom are servants of the people, and, beside the public trust and confidence with which they are honorably clothed and respected, most laws are made to safeguard this fundamental principle of government. Since the revolutionary war the voice of the people has always been recognized as the highest tribunal of authority in America, and all rights and powers not directly sanctioned remain with them. Petty officials, or others, who presume to exceed their authority are sure to be brought before the bar of public opinion, which, though often slow to condemn, does so without any doubt as to what is meant and with a finality that is unalterable.

For these gentlemen to assert that they are backed by law and are within their rights on this question is but to say that they intend to take advantage of their position to revenge their recent defeat, or to show how much authority they really have entrusted in their keeping. This court house law was enacted for use when and where the people have been consulted and wish a building erected. It does not imply that the commissioners MUST build a court house whenever three of the five can agree on such a proposition, nor does it mean the people are not to be heard or heeded.

In addition to the defeat of these three men because of their known position on this matter, the republican county convention passed resolutions against the step and the last grand jury, (They have been laying considerable stress on what the grand juries recommended,) went on record against it and suggested that the present building be repaired and painted within and without. With all this the people felt sure they had done enough and that no official could be found who would show such contempt for their wishes as to proceed further with the matter.

This takes the matter up to the people for the next step and that step should be one of the greatest mass meetings ever held in the county. It should be for the purpose of deciding upon ways and means of opposing the matter and getting a statement from all candidates for county commissioners as to their position. THE WATCHMAN suggests Saturday, June 30th, as the day, the court house as the place and 12 o'clock as the hour for the mass meeting. How about it? Shall the people rule or be ruled?

**Another Serious Fire Prevented.**

Another serious fire was fortunately prevented last Friday night by the early discovery of its existence and the quick response of the fire department. About nine o'clock smoke was discovered boiling out the top windows of the Washington building and the alarm was turned in. The fireman responded at once and soon extinguished the blaze. The fire apparently started on the second floor between the plastering of the partition ceiling. Defective electric wires are supposed to have been the source from which the fire got its start. Had it occurred after midnight the whole building would have been destroyed and probably several adjoining buildings before its progress could have been checked. The damage resulting from the fire and the building being flooded with water will reach several hundred dollars. The building belongs to D. L. Aray and he had no insurance on it.

**Congressional Convention Today.**

The Democratic Congressional Convention of the Eighth district convened in Salisbury today at 12 o'clock. Hon. R. L. Doughton was placed in nomination for Congress to succeed himself by Senator L. T. Hartsell, of Concord, and was duly unanimously nominated. Chief interest centers in the election of delegates to the Democratic National Convention. There were four candidates in the field, Dr. R. S. Young, of Concord, R. L. Smith, of Albemarle, and Whitehead Klutz and Hayden Clement, of Salisbury. It was suggested that all four of the candidates be elected and given a half vote each. In regard to this it is stated that there will be room at the convention for only two delegates from each Congressional district and if a district elected four it would cause confusion about securing seats for them.

Hayden Clement Esq., who is chairman of the district, called the convention to order and as there was only one candidate in the district the business was speedily transacted, the convention being in session about an hour and a half.

The candidates elected as delegates were Hayden Clement, R. L. Smith, R. A. Doughton, of Alleghany, and Dr. Robt. S. Young.

Miss Mary L. Holsouser, of Rockwell, and Avery L. Linker, of Mt. Pleasant, were married at Crescot, this county, Sunday evening by Rev. J. W. Bell, superintendent of Nazareth Orphan's Home.

It is understood that the Post Publishing Company will occupy the Shaver building just west of the skyscraper on West Innes street when they open their new business.

**WOMEN SHOULD BE PROTECTED**

**Against So Many Surgical Operations. How Mrs. Bethune and Mrs. Moore Escaped.**

Sikeston, Mo.—"For seven years I suffered everything. I was in bed for four or five days at a time every month, and so weak I could hardly walk. I cramped and had backache and headache, and was so nervous and weak that I dreaded to see anyone or have anyone move in the room. The doctors gave me medicine to ease me at those times, and said that I ought to have an operation. I would not listen to that, and when a friend of my husband told him about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and what it had done for his wife, I was willing to take it. Now I look the picture of health and feel like, too. I can do my own housework, hoe my garden, and milk a cow. I can entertain company and enjoy them. I can visit when I choose, and walk as far as any ordinary woman, any day in the month. I wish I could talk to every suffering woman and girl."—Mrs. DEMA BETHUNE, Sikeston, Mo.

Murrayville, Ill.—"I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for a very bad case of female trouble and it made me a well woman. My health was all broken down, the doctors said I must have an operation, and I was ready to go to the hospital, but I read that I began taking your Compound. I got along so well that I gave up the doctors and was saved from the operation."—Mrs. CHARLES MOORE, R. R. No. 3, Murrayville, Ill.

**Watson's Preliminary Hearing Friday Morning.**

Augusta, Ga., June 5.—Thomas E. Watson, Georgia delegate-at-large to the Democratic national convention and one-time Populist nominee for the presidency, was arrested at his home at Thomson, Ga., today on a Federal warrant charging sending obscene literature through the mails.

After stopping at Watson's mid-day dinner at Thomson, United States Marshal George White escorted the Georgia editor to Augusta this afternoon. A \$500 bond was quickly furnished and Friday morning at 11 o'clock he appeared for the preliminary hearing, after which Watson returned to his home.

Mr. Watson has signified his intention of acting as his own counsel at the trial. In commenting on the case against him, Mr. Watson declared that the alleged obscene matter he is charged with circulating in connection with his published attacks on the Roman Catholic hierarchy are quotations from a copyrighted book published in 1895 in Philadelphia. He declares he will fight the case to the finish.

**Captain Arthur Rostron Presented With \$10,000.**

New York, June 1.—Captain Arthur H. Rostron, of the steamship Carpathia which brought in to port the survivors of the Titanic disaster, was presented with a draft for \$10,000 today, a fund subscribed by readers of The New York American.

Captain Rostron said that whatever part he had played in the Titanic tragedy was due to the loyalty of his crew. It embarrassed him, he said, to feel that honors were being thrust upon him through the suffering of others.

**Engineer Kirkwood Killed.**

Raleigh, N. C., June 3.—Engineer W. E. Kirkwood was killed early today, when a wild locomotive broke from Johnson street station and crashed headlong into Seaboard passenger train No. 88, eight miles north of Raleigh. The firemen jumped. Both engines were demolished and the baggage car was telescoped. The baggage master is reported to have been seriously injured. The wild locomotive was running down grade and the passenger train was coming up the hill when the collision occurred. Kirkwood's wife and two children live near Roanoke, Va.

**97 Years Old.**

By reference to our old folks' column, it will be seen that Rowan now has two who are over 97 years of age. They are Jacob Holsouser, a resident of Litaaker Township, he was born June 1st, 1815; and the other, Mrs. Elmira Shuman, born June 2nd, 1815; just one day's difference in their ages. Isom Hoskey, col., of East Spencer, if he is still living is 101. The many friends of Mrs. Shuman gave her a pounding Monday evening, when she received quite a lot of good things to eat and other wise, including many good wishes for her future welfare. Many important events have taken place during her life, a span of 97 years.

**A Comedy Drama at Falth.**

"Bar Haven," will be given at this place Saturday at 8:00 p. m. June 8th, by the Daughters of Liberty, Grand Council No. 24. Come all. Admission reasonable. A MEMBER

**Mortgage Sale of House and Lot.**

Pursuant to the terms and conditions and by virtue of the authority contained in one certain MORTGAGE TRUST DEED executed by William A. Crowell and wife Janie Crowell to D. C. Lingle on October the 22nd 1907 and registered in Book of Mortgages No. 31 page 538 Register's Office Rowan county, default having been made in the payment of the note secured thereby, the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House Door in the City of Salisbury on Saturday, June 15th, 1912.

At 12 o'clock m., the following described real estate: One house and lot beginning at a stake on the North East side of Bank Street (extended) corner to Mary Griffin's lot and runs thence with Bank Street about North West 100 feet to a stake; thence about North East 86 feet more or less to James M. Monroe's line; thence with Monroe's line in a Southern easterly direction 107 feet to a stake on Monroe's line and Mary Griffin's corner; thence with Mary Griffin's line about South West 80 feet to the beginning, in the suburbs of the West Ward of the City of Salisbury. This May the 8th, 1912. D. C. LINGLE, mortgagee. P. S. Carlton attorney.

**Notice to Non-resident.**

In Superior court, Rowan county, August term 1912. Beulah F. Hoffing vs. Fred Hoffing. Summons by publication. The defendant, Fred Hoffing, will take notice that plaintiff has commenced the above entitled action against him for the purpose of obtaining a divorce from the bonds of matrimony upon the grounds of infidelity, and that complaint has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior court of Rowan county, and that he is required to appear at August term of Rowan Superior court of 1912, to be held on the first Monday before the first Monday of September, which is August 26th 1912, and answer or demur to the complaint filed or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. This May 18th 1912. J. F. McCUBBINS, clerk Superior court. R. Lee Wright, Attorney.

**MORTGAGE SALE of Real Estate**

Pursuant to the provision of a certain mortgage of trust, dated the 1st day of June, 1907, executed by A. N. Shoe and wife, Sarah J. Shoe, to F. L. Palmer, Trustee, and recorded in Book 81, page 70 of Rowan County Record of Mortgages, the undersigned trustee to secure the indebtedness recited therein; default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness and the holder thereof having demanded the foreclosure of said mortgage, the undersigned trustee will sell to the highest bidder, for cash, at the court house door in Salisbury, on Monday, the first day of July 1912 at 12 o'clock m.

the following described Real Estate: Beginning at a stone, the East corner at intersection of Vance Avenue and Bell street; thence in N. Easterly direction with Bell Street 145 ft. to stake at alley; thence in Easterly direction with line of said alley 100 ft. to a stake; thence in S. Easterly direction and parallel with Bell Street 145 ft. to a stake, in edge of Vance Avenue; thence in N. Westerly direction with Vance Avenue 100 ft. to the beginning corner; the same being Lots No. 38 and 39 of McCubbins and Shaver's lot of land situated on and one-half miles South from Square of Salisbury, N. C., and known as Bishop Moore tract. Deeded by Shaver and McCubbins to C. A. Carr, and by Carr to N. Shoe. May 28, 1912. F. L. PALMER, trustee. B. B. Miller, attorney.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF J. A. LUDWIG.**

S. F. Ludwig and B. L. Umberger having qualified as administrators of Julius A. Ludwig, deceased, all creditors and claimants are hereby notified that any and all claims and demands against Julius A. Ludwig or his estate, must be duly verified and presented to B. B. Miller at his office in Salisbury or to the undersigned administrators on or before the first day of May, 1913, or this notice will be filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of Rowan County, N. C. 5-1-13. W. G. Means, B. B. Miller, attorneys.

**Sale of Land to Make Assets.**

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior court of Rowan county, made in the special proceedings entitled Floyd B. Brown, administrator of Minnie M. Leazer vs. H. M. Leazer et al. the same being No. 106 upon the special proceedings docket of said court, the undersigned commissioner and administrator will on Saturday, 6th day of July, 1912 at the hour of 12 m. at the residence of the late Minnie M. Leazer in Atwell Township, Rowan county, re sell to the highest bidder for each the following tracts of land: 1st tract—adjoining the lands of Dewitt Overcash, Adolphus Wallace, beginning at a stake on Dewitt Overcash's line; thence n 1 deg. w 100 feet to a stake in said line; thence n 71 deg. w 200 feet to a stake; a new line; thence s 1 deg. e 100 feet to a stake; thence s 71 deg. e 200 feet to the beginning, containing 20,000 square feet. 2nd tract—also another lot, adjoining the above lot, Susan Cashion and H. R. Plaster, beginning at a stone, Wm A. Leazer's corner to the above lot; thence n 1 deg. w 100 feet to a stake; thence n 71 deg. e 62 feet to a stake; thence s 1 deg. e 90 feet to a stake on Cashion's line; thence s 71 deg. e 62 feet to the beginning, containing 6200 square feet, more or less. Bidding on both lots will begin at \$145.00. This June 3rd, 1912. FLOYD B. BROWN, Commissioner and Admr. Minnie M. Leazer John L. Rendleman, attorney

**Mortgage Sale of Real Estate.**

Pursuant to the provision of a certain Mortgage of Trust, dated the 1st day of February, 1910, executed by Annie J. Noble, (widow) to B. B. Miller, Trustee and recorded in Book 39, page 7, of Rowan County Record of Mortgages to secure the indebtedness recited therein; default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness and the holder thereof having demanded foreclosure of said mortgage, the undersigned trustee will sell to the highest bidder, for cash, at the court house door in Salisbury, on Monday, the 1st day of July, 1912 at 12 o'clock, m. the following described real estate in the West Ward of the City of Salisbury, to wit:

That certain lot lying and being in the Great West Ward of the City of Salisbury on which is built two four room cottages, situate on the N. West side of Caldwell Street and between Munroe and Marsh Streets. Beginning at a stake on the N. West side of the West corner of the intersection of Munroe and Caldwell Streets and runs thence N. West parallel with Munroe street 200 ft. to a stake; thence N. East parallel with Caldwell street 80 ft. to a stake; thence south-east parallel with Munroe street 200 ft. to a stake on the N. West side of Caldwell street; thence S. West with edge of Caldwell street 80 ft. to the beginning corner. Deeded to Annie J. Noble and deed recorded in Record of Deeds of Rowan County, North Carolina, Book 37, page 154. This the 29 day of May, 1912. B. B. Miller, Trustee

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**THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN, or THE ROWAN RECORD, Salisbury, N. C.**

The Surprise. The rich father looked the young man over with an inventorying eye. "You say you believe you can make my daughter happy," he said. "And have you any reason for believing she loves you?" "Why, yes," replied the young man briskly. "I was just coming to that. She married me last week."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Sign of the Apple. A tailor's son in a little town of Cheshire was an apple—simply an apple. The people were amazed at it. They came in crowds to the tailor's, asking whatever was the meaning of it. The tailor, with a complacent smile, replied: "If it hadn't been for an apple where would the clothing business be today?"—Pearson's Weekly.

An Amiable Maniac. Australia once possessed an amiable maniac who had a pleasant little habit of getting on a train on Sunday and pulling the bellcord as soon as the train started. She—it was a lady—would then explain to the infuriated railway officials that Providence had given her special powers to stop all trains traveling on Sundays.