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M. L. SHIPMAN CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER

He will Run for the Office of
Labor Commissioner.

Mr. Varner Will Not be a Candidate For Re-election and Editor Shipman Will Ask For Nomination.

Mr. M. L. Shipman, assistant commissioner of labor and printing, who has been intending to go as private secretary with Congressman Crawford to Washington when Congress opens in December, decides not to leave the service of the state. He was asked the pointed question yesterday and replied that while Washington life might be very pleasant and profitable in many ways that he had decided to remain in Raleigh and continue his work with the department of labor and printing, with which he has become thoroughly familiar. He says he enjoys living in Raleigh and likes the work of the department with which he has been connected for nearly three years now. Mr. Shipman moved his family to this city about two years ago and has been devoting his entire time to the duties of the position he holds.

The report that Mr. Shipman expects to be a candidate before the next Democratic State Convention for Commissioner Varner's place (that gentleman having determined not to stand for re-election, was confirmed. When questioned concerning his intentions in this regard Mr. Shipman said he would be in the race at the proper time, but did not approve the idea of annoying the people with his candidacy so long before time for the convention to be held. He says the Democratic party is aware of the services rendered it by him in the past and if the decision should be reached that he was entitled to recognition at its hands, well and good. He further suggested that his record as an officer of the state government is an open book and feels confident that he could make good at the head of the department, otherwise he should not consent to the use of his name in connection with the position of commissioner.

Mr. Shipman insists that the old stereotyped expression most candidates for office employ about being "in the hands of their friends," may truthfully apply in his case, as the proposition for him to become a candidate really did originate with friends and without his knowledge of their intentions. He adheres to the opinion that a newspaper man ought to have the place and jocularly remarked that this would be about all they could expect to get out of the "shuffle." The custom has been to select an editor for commissioner since the supervision of the public printing was placed with the department in 1899 and the friends of Mr. Shipman think him capable of filling the bill with

credit to himself, his party and the state. He says that while he will appreciate anything friends may feel disposed to say or do in his interest, he shall not impose upon them "with a song and dance" concerning his availability to secure the place or the ability to fill it.—News and Observer.

A Suggestion as to Taxes.

I note in your issue of the 15th you say, in reference to taxes; that all property owners ought to receive equal consideration, that is; each taxed upon a just and equitable assessment of his holdings. This is true, but you omit the remedy, which I herewith submit.

The only fair way to arrive at what is equitable and just, is to publish openly a list of all such property (I allude to real estate only,) showing the acreage (total,) the estimated value of lands and buildings separately, and the aggregate tax on such holdings for the year.

We can only arrive at a reasonable estimate of what our own assessment, should be, by comparing it with what our neighbors have to pay; and most of us can make a pretty close guess at the relative value of at least adjacent property.

It would only confuse matters to include taxes (if any) on personal property, investments, and the like, as they come under a very different head, as we cannot, as a rule, even as to our nearest neighbors, ascertain at all closely what they really possess in such a shape. Therefore, I claim, such published tax list should be confined to real estate lands, buildings, and the like; or in any case if other taxes levied and listed, the above two items classed and recorded separately. As I am not a resident, nor a capitalist, but only a land holder in your county, in saying this, I am not influenced by selfish motives.

It may be claimed that one can now always ascertain their data by application to the proper authorities; but, even assuming that these never disposed to misrepresent facts, and always anxious to give such information, to that very large majority of our citizens—who do not live in or very near the town, such researches cost time and therefore money. Besides, if all interested in these matters as tax-payers should insist on examining the records, it would put the "proper authorities" to much loss of valuable time—if not of patience. If however, these lists of real estate taxes, published in each of the county newspapers (just as lists of delinquents,) not only would it simplify matters, and save time to both the tax-payers and the tax-officers, but it would prevent any possible misrepresentations; and even ensure the discovery and correction of unintentional errors; as it is safe to say, nearly every tax-payer would sooner or later closely scrutinize this tax list. Few men, I think, are disposed to escape a fair and equitable tax; that is if he knew he was paying in proportion what his neighbors did; but if even suspecting that he was being unfairly treated, he would naturally employ every possible means to escape any imposition. It is difficult to make even an honest man believe that there is any dishonesty in getting the best of us. Official Brigand.

Yours very truly,
A. M. HUGER

NEWS OF THE TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lane have returned from their trip to Texas, are now at home near Hendersonville. Mrs. Lane had an exceptionally enjoyable trip and is favorably impressed with the Lone Star State, which for thirty years was the home of Mr. Lane.

The weather reports from the North indicate what Hendersonville has been spared. Nothing but bright sunshine and clear, bracing air here, against snow and ice and storms most everywhere else.

J. B. Seawell, of the Purity Ice Plant, requests that housekeepers leave the tickets for ice with the servants, each day, as otherwise the drivers are sometimes obliged to wait twenty minutes or more.

Rev. O. L. Orr, formerly of this town but now of Greenville, was here for a few days this week. Rev. Orr is being extremely successful in his new field of endeavor, and while his many friends here were sorry to have him leave the community they are pleased that he has a wider opportunity in his new home. He has held two meetings which resulted in about 100 conversions and reclamations.

Fishing Near Hendersonville.

If half the stories you hear about successful fishing in the streams near Hendersonville are true the town should be advertised as a Fisherman's Paradise, where all disciples of Isaac Walton may come with a reasonable prospect of having good luck. But as a matter of fact there are localities which are widely advertised in Field and Stream and similar publications, which cannot be compared with Henderson county, when it comes to showing actual results. Look at Toxaway. Advertised all over the world as the fishing place par excellence of Western North Carolina. Whoever heard of strings being caught there to compare with the results of a days sport by W. H. Justus or E. W. Ewbank? Not to mention Hal Ripley. Yet the fishing at Toxaway is fine and of course widely advertised. Hendersonville has an excellent attraction in the really superb fishing in the nearby streams, and it is a pity it cannot be properly advertised to the world.

A Serious Condition of Affairs in the County.

There have been no marriage licenses issued in Henderson County during the past 3 weeks. To relieve the situation and ever having the future interests of this county at heart, The Hustler hereby offers a six months subscription, free, to the first couple who make application for a marriage license. The only condition is that they call at this office and leave their names personally. Remember, no home is complete without The Hustler, and here's a chance to get it free, gratis, for nothing.



The Hotel Gates, which opens next Monday

New K. of P. Lodge at Fletcher.

Messrs. C. E. Brooks, Joseph McCrary, H. Hawkins and F. E. Allison were some of the Hendersonville men who went to Fletcher last Friday night to assist in the institution of a new K. of P. lodge at that place, and they all agree that they had the time of their life there. District Deputy Grand Chancellor Winn was present, and many prominent Knights from Asheville and Tryon were on hand, in addition to the local representatives. The lodge starts off with sixteen charter members. J. C. Sales was elected chancellor commander.

Memorial Services

At the court house on Monday, June 3, under the auspices of the Margaret Davis Hayes Chapter U. D. C., will be held the usual memorial and decoration exercises to begin at 11 a. m. Crosses of honor will be presented at the court house and decorations at the monument after which to the veterans lunch will be served by the Chapter. Ladies are requested to bring flowers.

Get ready for the unique nine cent sale at the Red Store. Full particulars in next week's paper.

The Superior Court.

The Southern Railway won only one case out of the many it had on the calendar of the last session of Superior Court. That was the case of Geo. Kincaid. In Cliff vs. Southern Railway, the company was assessed \$800, the largest verdict rendered. Mrs. Rains got \$500. J. C. Morrow was given \$100. Bane vs. Southern resulted in \$200 for Bane. Mr. Scruggs, who alleged that he was kicked off a Southern train and over a trestle 32 feet high, received only \$50 salvage, which is only a trifle over one dollar per foot. But Mr. Scruggs must be satisfied as he did not appeal the case.

The attachment against the Perkins property on Aspen Boulevard was discharged, but the plaintiffs appealed to the Supreme Court, and another attachment was issued on the same property. This is the case of Ella Piper Perkins against H. C. Perkins for divorce and damages.

In the case of A. F. Baker, who was sued by L. E. Flanders, judgement was found against Mr. Baker.

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Mr. J. P. Rickman on Vests.

If you see Mr. J. P. Rickman talking to one of his numerous friends, you will overhear something like this:

"Oh, I see your suit was made last year."

"Last year," the victim will reply, "and how do you happen to know whether it was made this year, last year, or five years ago?"

"How do I happen to know?" Mr. Rickman will reply. "It's owing, my dear sir, entirely to my remarkable powers of observation. Now your suit, while still a very good suit, has only five buttons on the vest. All suits made this year have six buttons. So you will readily see that I am justified in concluding your suit was made last year. Do you see the point?"

"Yes, I see the point," growls his friend, and hurries away to order a new suit of clothes.

It is said that Mr. Wm. Hewitt neglects to wear a vest purposely, and Mr. Rickman is unable to place the vintage of the clothes worn by the general manager of the Skating rink, for that reason.

Leonard Phinizy and family have returned to their beautiful Flat Rock home for the summer.

E. B. Golet brought suit against the retiring board of aldermen of Saluda for failing to publish the annual statement of the town's finances for the past two years. MoD. Ray was attorney for Mr. Golet, and recovered the penalty provided by law, \$100, for each year. The case was appealed by the commissioners.

IS FLYLESS HENDERSONVILLE A POSSIBILITY?

FREE TRIP TO JAMESTOWN

50,000 BALLOTS WILL BE CAST

For The Most Popular Young Lady in Hendersonville.

Contest open to Visitors also.
Hunter gives free Candy each week

The free for all contest at Hunter's Pharmacy for the most popular young lady will open promptly on June 1st.

We are glad to announce that the contest will be open to all young lady visitors who will come to our city for the summer.

They are expected to take quite an interest in the voting. It is estimated that there will be at least 50,000 little white ballots cast for the lucky contestant. Mr. Hunter is getting his big vote box ready and it is no small precinct ballot box but of the full grown senatorial variety.

For each nickel that is spent at their soda fount, or for as many nickles that he or she spends for soda, ices or ice cream, will entitle the boy or girl, lady or gentleman to a vote for their choice in the big ballot box.

Votes will be counted at first once a week, afterwards twice and thrice, as the time draws nearer, so that all can see how their favorite stands.

After the votes are counted each time by the judges, the results will be posted conspicuously at their fountain.

FREE CANDY—it will be awfully nice for the leading young ladies to get free candy each week whether they make the home run and see the great show or not, as only one can win out.

We herewith submit below a list of names of the young ladies of the city. These will be voted for in the big contest at Hunter's Pharmacy which will decide the most popular one to whom will be given the free trip to the great Jamestown Exposition with all expenses paid. It is almost impossible to obtain the names of every girl in town, especially the visitors, but if we have over looked any one, we will gladly enter their names at any stage of the election. The contest will be left open and any visitor can enter at any time, by merely having it made known at the voting place. We hope our many visitors will enter from time to time, and take a lively interest in the contest, voting early and late for the polls do no close at sundown. Let everybody vote for their choice. The prize is worthy of your attention.

Signed by the judges
MICHAEL SOBENCK
CLAUDE M. PAGE
A. C. GLAZNER

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| Nina Pace | Sadie Smathers |
| Sue Cannon | Amie Edwards |
| Bessie Carmichael | Lillian Waldrop |
| Ethel Dotson | Bertha Waldrop |
| Lula Gates | Bessie Aiken |
| Carole Horn | Edwin Hunt |
| Bessie Rickman | Bessie Hodges |
| Mamie Stedman | Juliet Reed |
| Neva Pace | Josie Gale |
| Dorothy Barrows | Norma Gambatti |
| Florence Freeman | Edith Waldrop |
| Lillie Davis | Juno Morris |
| Della Davis | Annie Smith |
| Louise Roland | Joe Lane |
| Myrtle Hawkins | Love Orr |
| Roxie Davis | Cebie RoBards |
| Hattie Walker | Ruth Burckmeyer |
| Katie Byers | Lena Lewis |
| Imogene Garren | Claudia Sample |
| Levi Moore | Emma Sample |
| Connie Morrow | Julia Breeding |
| Mary Sample | Mamie McGuire |
| Bathaway Smith | Well Justus |
| Nannie Lou Waldrop | Isabell Grinnan |
| Helen Morris | Verda Waldrop |
| Eva Smith | Inez Waldrop |
| Annie Smith | Fay Reese |
| St. Clair Hawkins | Annie Aiken |
| Mary Morris | Gussie Dotson |
| Rosa Few | Fay Gurley |
| Jennie Few | Edna Hart |
| Eva Blythe | Theo Hart |
| Jennie Vail Davis | Hattie Crane |
| Myrtle Hart | Mattie Thompson |
| Lucille Litaker | May Boyd |
| Annie Justus | Estell Egerton |
| Carrie Burckmeyer | Cristine Jordan |
| Brownie Morris | Blanche Justice |
| Lula Waldrop | Mittie Breeding |
| Eileen Smith | Charlotte Blythe |
| Mary Sunofsky | Nora Sample |
| Rosa Sunofsky | Lizzie Bannette |
| Nellie Orr | Amilee Edwards |
| Loolette Collins | Norma Bryson |
| Ada Grant | Cecile Williams |
| Louise Williams | Emily Erbank |
| Gertrude Gambatti | Romain Smith |
| Lillie Brooks | Ella Orr |

Get ready for the unique nine cent sale at the Red Store. Full particulars in next week's paper.

Think of it! No more flies in Hendersonville! You can't keep a good town down, it's always doing something or other to attract attention. Hendersonville is well known, and now it may become known as the town of flyless stores and homes.

This is all due to Mr. L. W. Walker, the genial proprietor of the Crescent Carbonating Company and of the only bill boards in town, who is about to patent an idea to keep the pesky flies out of stores and residences. Mr. Walker does not say what disposition he will make of them then, but if they congregate on the sidewalks and obstruct the highways, or commit an assault upon an innocent citizen it has been suggested that the new police officers will promptly run them in and keep them in confinement until the next train is due for Asheville. Mr. Walker's idea, or inspiration, if you please, and which he has carried out at his store near the depot is this: to take out the panes of glass in his store front, cut off about an inch at the top, and then replace it, leaving a gap, through which, according to Mr. Walker, the flies will invariably crawl up the side and then fly through and away. An interested crowd watched the free performance the other day, and sure enough the flies crawled up the pane of glass, jumped through the opening and then made a bee line for Doc Hyder's store, further down the street. Mr. Walker made this most interesting discovery in natural history through close observation and study of the habits of the fly, and he is now considering patenting the idea. Numerous applications for stock in the company to exploit it have been made, and the enthusiastic and sanguine inventor draws a most encouraging picture of the future of Hendersonville with not a fly in any home or store, but all congregated upon the street, where they may be properly handled by the town authorities as public nuisances.

Mr. Walker's place of business is near the depot, just before you come to the Mountain City Inn, and he's always pleased to go out on the street and catch a few flies and then show the inquiring citizens how successfully the scheme works.

A Solid Car Load of High grade Iron beds

I want you to come around to my store and look at the iron beds just received from the Simmons Manufacturing Co.

They are "quality goods." I ordered a solid car load, and I want to impress on you just two things: First, the high quality, and second, the price. The designs are really beautiful, and buying in such a large lot, a solid car, naturally the price is low, but I don't want you to forget for a second that it's "quality," as well as low price, that appeals to me and must appeal to you.

Yes, I want you to come and look at these beds. Examine them, ask me questions, let me tell you something about how they're made, of their durability, their "Grade"—and that's the extremely low price I have put on them.

M. M. Shepherd
opp. Hotel Gates



To the Citizens of Hendersonville

We wish to state we have started up the Purity Ice and Laundry Plant. We will distribute our own ice and from this date operate the Laundry the year round. We will compete in any prices made and propose to give our patrons a square deal.

J. B. Seawell & Son