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NOT ONLY AN EXPERT JUGGLER, BUT A PROFESSIONAL SIDE STEPPER AS WELL

Our esteemed contemporary, the News, in order to show its appreciation for the favor of being awarded the contract to publish the county exhibit and feeling that it had not rendered proper service for value received, rushed into a comparison of expenditures by the Republican and Democratic county administrations just at a time when everything was quiet and peaceful, and our citizens were pursuing the even tenor of their way, little dreaming of county politics, much less publicly discussing them. But the hog will return to his mire and the dog to his vomit. So with the Editor of the News, he must return to his juggling lest the pen refuse to do his bidding, and his hand would lose its cunning. Did the News feel that the Democratic county administration needed a little boosting at this particular time in order to hide its many short comings? and is this why it opened the campaign so early? If it did, we want to say the people are aware of the cold deal given them in the location of macadam roads by the administration you are trying to boost, and they are on to the juggler as well. You may not find it so easy to get them to blindly believe all that you say in the future, as you have in the past, and above all, the people of Alamance county believe in, and love fair play. You may obscure the facts by muddying the waters and deceive them once, as you did in the last campaign, but have a care for the future. The tax payers of this county are fast learning that the figures have been juggled upon them, and they will render their verdict at the proper time.

The Republican party is not ashamed of its past record in Alamance county affairs, and it welcomes a campaign of education and publicity. Every man, woman and child of school age in this county is familiar with the Republican record, and if the News will continue its juggling a little while longer, they will be familiar with the party the News represents. Now if the News wanted to be fair with its readers and the Republican party, why didn't it select the first year of the Republican administration to compare with the first year of the Democratic administration? But when it comes to politics the News does not know the moral code of fairness, therefore it selects the last year of the Republican county administration and tries to compare it with the first year of the Democratic administration. The News knows, and so does every taxpayer in the county that these two years are not a fair comparison, because the floods came (which no one could control) and washed away a large number of bridges and displaced many others, and in this year the Republicans were compelled to spend the sum of thirteen thousand, eight hundred and seventy-nine dollars and thirty-four cents for bridges, whereas the Democratic board last year only spent two thousand, two hundred and forty-eight dollars and sixty-six cents for bridges, a difference in favor of the Republicans of eleven thousand, six hundred and thirty-one dollars and eighteen cents. Then is this a fair comparison? We say no, and our farmer friends regardless of party who live in the country and have to travel over these bridges will say no, and no amount of juggling the News can do will make them believe otherwise. The last year of the Republican administration there was held two elections, and the expenses of these two elections was twelve hundred and eighty-two dollars and fifty cents. The first year of the Democratic administration there was no general elections, and the election expenses was only \$6.60 making a difference of twelve hundred and seventy-five dollars and ninety cents in favor of the Republicans. In these two items alone, and over which the Republicans had no control, the Republicans had to spend twelve thousand, nine hundred and seven dollars and eight cents more than the Democrats. The election had to be held and the bridges had to be built, or let the rural citizens ford the streams at the risk of their lives. In this instance as in all others the Republican party met the situation like men. This heavy drain upon the county finances made it necessary to borrow nine thousand dollars, and when the Dispatch asked the News what was done with the ten thousand dollars borrowed from the highway commission, the News says they paid off the nine thousand dollar debt of the Republicans, but it turns out that instead of borrowing only ten thousand dollars which we charged them with, the Democrats had borrowed eleven thousand dollars, ten thousand from the highway commission and one thousand from one of their own, Mr. E. Long, making eleven thousand dollars to pay off a nine thousand dollar debt, contracted by the Republicans. Just how much more they have borrowed no one but the Juggler knows. Now will the News kindly tell the tax payers of Alamance county just why they had to borrow eleven thousand dollars to pay a nine thousand dollar debt. No juggling this time, come clean for once in your life and tell the plain naked truth. The old chestnut that it was used to pay off Republican debts won't go any more, that stale yarn is worn thread bare.

The nine thousand dollar debt due the Bank of Alamance is all your exhibit, published in your own paper shows existed, and that has been accounted for, what did your board do with the other two thousand? This is what the tax payers want to know, and they want the expert juggler and professional side stepper to tell them. They feel that you have given the matter considerable study in your efforts to juggle the figures satisfactory, and therefore you are in a better position to tell them than any one else. They have a suspicion that since this matter has been under discussion that possibly a consultation has been held and that you have been allowed to look at the books, a privilege that the rest of us do not enjoy. Is this suspicion well founded, or will you side step the question? In this connection the Dispatch desires to say that it is in this controversy against its will, because we preferred to eschew politics until a more convenient season, but we do not allow any person or paper to make such a reckless statement as made by the News to go unchallenged, and we propose to pursue this subject until the News acknowledges in words or acts that the figures have been purposely juggled to suit the occasion. So lay it on Medd and d-m-d be he who first cries hold enough.

Now the News says that the total expenditures by the Republican board the last year of their administration, for the year 1908 was \$40,144.27, and the total expenditures by the Democrats the first year of their administration for the year '09 was \$23,928.01. Now this was the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, then the Dispatch would shut up like a clam, but it is wholly false and not only wholly false, but maliciously false, and the person making it knew it false when he made it. We have preferred heretofore to call it juggling, but when the attention of the News was called to the error and an opportunity given for a correction, which was forth coming, but a re-iteration of the same false statement then the situation called for stronger terms, and we shall continue to use them. The Dispatch charged the Democrats with expending the first year of their administration \$40261.84, and

we called upon the News to say if this was correct and to answer yes or no, and without even a blush, so far as it showed upon the paper, he answered no, and this is the only time that he has come near the truth, for which we commend him. Better once than never, but even then he referred us back to his first false statement \$23,928.01. We are glad for our neighbor's sake that the Lord is not dealing out the same kind of punishment that He dealt out to Ananias, and Saphias in the days of old, and the fact that he is not may be responsible for our neighbor's reckless statements. Now let's see from the juggler's own figures just how much the Democratic board did spend the first year of their administration. Here is what he says himself, let's see if we can get him to stick to his own figures.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1909 SPENT BY DEMOCRATIC BOARD.	
HOME OF AGED AND INFIRM.	
Simon Thompson, Supt. 3 months salary	\$ 75.00
J. H. Tarpley, Supt. 9 months	225.00
Inmates Account	1,555.42
Outside Poor	1,147.79
Work House	6,407.69
ROADS	
W. N. Thompson, Supt. 12 months salary	600.00
General Road Account	1,987.25
Patterson Township	64.93
Coble Township	66.19
Boone Township	119.39
Morton Township	120.62
Faucette Township	132.95
Albright Township	108.44
Newlin Township	336.96
Thompson Township	247.67
Melville Township	310.49
Pleasant Grove	111.92
Burlington Township	741.73
Haw River	9.53
Bridges	2,248.23
Superior Court	2,884.66
Jail	367.33
Small Pox	3.91
Listing and making Tax lists	1,075.58
Pension Board	14.00
Election	6.60
Interest on County Notes	142.67
Commissioners Court	697.85
Miscellaneous	1,618.21
Amount paid, interest county bonds	6,333.33
Amount paid National Bank of Graham	9,000.00
Amount paid Act's past due and presented at 1st meeting	2,928.00
Amount paid paid on road leading from Glencoe road to Big Falls	685.00
TOTAL	\$ 42,874.34

This does not include the amount loaned out on sinking fund, although this is an expenditure so far as the board is concerned, as this money is not supposed to ever come back into their hands for general purposes. What does the juggler say to this? Did the Democratic board disburse this money, if they did, why did you say they only spent \$23,928.01? If they did not disburse this money, then the debts made by the Republicans have not been paid off, and why did you say they had? If false in one false in all, is the English maxim. Then again you said that the Democratic board during its first year loaned out upon the sinking fund \$4,275.00, and when we called for names, dates and amounts, this amount dropped to \$3,275.00, a difference of one thousand dollars. Were you juggling in regard to this item or were you honestly mistaken? and if mistaken about this, are you not mistaken about all the other items? Here is where you have been juggling some more. When the Republicans went out of power there were loaned out as a sinking fund the sum of \$6,000.00 and the statement published by the News in the county exhibit shows that there is now only \$7,275.00 or only \$1,275.00 more than when the Republicans went out of power. Now you know this is the truth, and will you please tell the tax payers why you tried to deceive them in regard to this item. No juggling or side stepping they are entitled to know and you should have the manhood to tell them. Be a man and admit that you were only juggling, they may believe you next time. Now finally, will you please tell the tax payers what your Democratic board done with the \$2,000.00 belonging to the sinking fund, and paid back to them by the Christian Orphanage at Elon College. Now of course we do not think any of them stole this money, because they are all supposed to be honorable high toned gentlemen. But we thought perhaps there were some more old Republican debts outstanding and that your board had paid this money out for this purpose. Is this surmise correct, or possibly your Democratic board has the money now in the treasury. Would you mind telling the tax payers the amount of cash in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, or when you began the publication of the county exhibit.

We asked you to tell the tax payers how much money was in the treasury in our issue of the 9th. inst. But you side stepped the question, and failed to answer. Surely a party that has been as economical as you say the present Democratic board has been, and has only spent a few thousand dollars for all purposes during the year 1909, must have loads of money in the treasury. You say the Republicans spent nearly twice as much as the Democrats, and yet the Republicans only borrowed nine thousand dollars, so with the eleven thousand borrowed by your board, and the two thousand dollars paid back by the Christian Orphanage, makes four thousand dollars left to their credit after all the Republican debts was paid. The present board ought to be in fine shape financially. But we notice that a committee was appointed a few days ago to have a bridge built across a certain stream at the McBride Holt place, just as soon as the money was in sight. Is it possible that there is no money in sight after the extraordinary showing made by your present board. And that too when there are no old republican debts to be paid. The total income of the county is \$32,253.34 and the eleven thousand dollars borrowed, and the two thousand dollars paid back by the Christian orphanage making a grand total of forty five thousand two hundred fifty three dollars and thirty four cents. And your board according to your own statement twice repeated says that the democratic board only spent \$23,928.01 the first year of their administration, and if this statement was true, which of course it is not, there would now be in the treasury the sum of \$21,325.33 all of which would be in sight. Will you tell the tax payers if this amount is now in the county treasury, and if not what has become of it. No side stepping, just give the facts which will be highly appreciated by a long waiting public. Now in conclusion. The News says that two hundred thousand dollars worth of good road bonds was issued by the republican board, the last year of their administration, and that if we insist in charging the amount spent by the highway commission upon the public roads of Alamance county to the Democrats the NEWS will charge the Republicans with the good roads bonds. We want to say for the benefit of the NEWS, that no good road bonds or any other kind was issued by the republican county administration. The NEWS cannot find any bonds bearing the names of the republican board of county commissions.

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For over a quarter of a century The World Almanac has been smashing records in maintaining the information of the land in a most admirable manner. Its accuracy has been vouched for by thousands—yes, millions, and it has won for itself the well deserved position among reference books which has outclassed every competitor. Edition after edition has gone to press—the high water mark of circulation has been reached—so take warning and get a copy today before announcement is made "out of print." 1910 edition on all news stands, 25c.; by mail, 35c., west of Buffalo and Pittsburg, 30.

Attempt Highway Robbery.

Will and Robt. Burch of Spray who had been visiting their uncle, Mr. Charles Bradsher, near this city, attempted highway robbery on Mr. Bradsher at an early hour last Sunday morning at the railway station here. It appears that Mr. Bradsher accompanied the boys to the station preparatory to their return home and as they neared the depot, the boys knew Mr. Bradsher had a neat sum of money on his person, they demanded it, threatening death if he refused, upon a refusal to comply with the request, they assaulted Mr. Bradsher in a brutal manner. He received several ugly gashes about the head and face inflicted by a knife, while the other boy used an iron rod to persuade the uncle to part with his wad. The boys were frightened away and are still at large. Mr. Bradsher had to have medical attention.

Mrs. Tempie Shepherd Dead.

Rev. J. D. Andrew, was called to Brick church in Guilford county last Saturday to assist the pastor Rev. J. L. Bowers in conducting the funeral of Mrs. Tempie Shepherd, the wife of elder Abraham Shepherd of that congregation. Mrs. Shepherd was a little past 71 years old and was the mother of 9 children 6 of whom are still living. Her maiden name was Whitesell and she belonged to a family of 16 brothers and sisters. One lone sister, Mrs. Geo. Coble, of the Mt. Hope neighborhood, still survives her. Mrs. Shepherd was a most excellent woman, faithful to her family, industrious in her home and loyal to her church. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Death of Harvey Steele.

Harvey Steele died at the home of his mother Friday night at 9:30 after a very severe attack of pneumonia lasting only seven days. Mr. Steele was a young man only seventeen years old of good morals and has many friends not only in this town but also near Mt. Pleasant church where they formerly lived. The funeral was conducted at the home by Rev. J. D. Williams burial taking place Sunday at Mt. Pleasant cemetery. He leaves two sisters two brothers and a mother to mourn their loss.

Visitation by Bishop Cheshire.

Right Rev. J. B. Cheshire D. D. Bishop of North Carolina will make his annual visitation to St. Athanasius Episcopal church on Monday Feb. 28th, and Tuesday March 1st. Services will be held in the church consisting of evening prayer and a sermon by the Bishop on Monday night at 7:30 and celebration of the Holy Communion Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock confirmation will be administered at both services.

The good road bonds were authorized by the voters of Alamance county during the republican administration. But were not sold and the money received there until after the republican went out of power. The News who claims to know so much about Alamance county finances should have known this, which we suspect it did. But would not admit it for fear that this fact would interfere with its juggling arrangements. Now, in conclusion, will the News tell the tax payers of this county if it ever heard of fifty thousand dollars worth of bonds being issued by Alamance county, and what party was in power, how long they had been in power, and for what purpose was the bonds issued, and what was done with the money? No juggling, no side stepping. If you will tell this and tell it straight, it may help you regain your lost prestige caused by your expert juggling trick.

He juggled in and he juggled out, but with all his juggling he couldn't get out.

ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

Special to The Dispatch.

Elon College, Feb. 18.—The college has decided to offer an eight week's course to the public school teachers of the State, beginning April 5. This normal will be of the character usually offered in summer teachers institutes, and teachers who avail themselves of this opportunity will have every advantage of college life and community. The library, the reading room, the athletic field, the physical culture course and the lecture rooms will all be at their disposal. There will be no charge for instruction which will be given by the professors in their respective departments. Only \$6.00 will be charged as an entrance fee. State Superintendent Joyner, Superintendent Fleming, of Alamance county, and the Superintendents of many other counties have given their hearty approval to this, and have agreed that the certificate from this normal department may take the place of attendance on the county institutes. Drs. Joyner and Fleming will deliver a course of lectures while the normal is in progress.

The interest in athletics is increasing day by day and will burst into fever heat when the new coach, Mr. L. L. Hobbs, Jr., of Guilford College, shall have arrived. Mr. Hobbs is no stranger to baseball in North Carolina, and it is expected that he will do efficient and effective work in the position to which he has been called by the athletic association. Already several practice games of baseball have arranged for the coming season. It is not the intention of the college to put out a regular college team this year, but to put out a team which will play practice games with other institutions and looking to the putting out of a regular college team in 1911. This decision has been arrived at after careful consideration of the evils of professionalism in college athletics which will be eliminated from the team this year. By 1911 the athletic authorities hope to be able to put out a winning college team, absolutely from professional players, which can make a creditable showing with the other college teams of the State.

Hornaday-Williams.

The marriage of Thos. L. Hornaday and Miss Bessie Mack Williams at the Reformed Parsonage at 7 p. m. last Wednesday Feb. 16th 1910, came as a surprise to their many friends. The ceremony was performed by their pastor, Rev. J. D. Andrew. Immediately after the ceremony they drove to the home of R. G. Hornaday, the groom's father just west of town. Mr. Hornaday is a successful farmer having taken a course at the A. & M. College sometime ago preparatory to his life work. Miss Williams is the oldest daughter of L. N. Williams, of Burlington and was still in the city graded schools which position she gave up to accept the more responsible position of mistress in the home.

Death of Mrs. Banks Quackenbush.

Mrs. Banks Quackenbush died at her home in east Burlington Monday morning at 7 o'clock and was buried Tuesday at Pine Hill cemetery. The funeral service being conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. D. Williams, of the Methodist Protestant church, at one o'clock Tuesday. Mrs. Quackenbush was 36 years of age. She leaves a husband and one child.

Spend an hour of pleasure and recreation at the Grotto.

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