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SEEKS TO COLLECT TAX FROM UNION BLOCKADERS

Government Dockets Lie for Nearly Three Thousand Against John Knight and Negro Associates.

ONE MAN PROTECTS CREDITORS

The Federal government, seeking to make blockading an unprofitable as well as a hazardous undertaking, has docketed in the clerk of court's office for \$2259.60 against John Knight, and Adam Wall, Clayton Wall and Isaac Blount, colored, Lanes Creek men, who were convicted in the last term of Superior court for the illicit manufacture of whiskey. This sum represents a tax on the estimated output of the quarter's still.

A similar lien, amounting to \$2250, has been docketed against Cy Mullis and Jim Helms, of Marshville township, but this is thought to be an error, as Deputy Sheriff Paul Griffith is under the impression that Helms was declared not guilty, and that the case against Mullis still pending in federal court.

Knight, one of the Lanes Creek men, is serving an eighteen months' road sentence, while the three negroes were released on the payment of a fine. However, it is doubtful if the judgment against them will ever be collected, as Adam Wall, the only land-owner of the four defendants, is said to be deeply in debt.

An effort, it is said, will be made by the government to collect taxes from all of the Union county men who have been convicted of blockading in the past few months. Henry Haigler, who is serving a term in the federal penitentiary, is reported to have been assessed taxes amounting to several thousand dollars. In his case, officers say the government can enforce collection, his holdings being estimated at a sum in excess of \$15,000.

A New Salem township convict blockader, anticipating the filing of a government lien against his property, has sought to protect local creditors by confessing to judgments. Judgments already docketed against him include one for \$225; one for \$1150; one for \$199.25; and another for \$175.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Latest Happenings In and Around Monroe

Mrs. J. F. Laney's "Near East Relief" report will be printed in Tuesday's Journal, lack of space having crowded it out of this issue.

Dr. W. R. Cullum, for many years professor of Bible at Wake Forest college, will occupy the pulpit at the first Baptist church at both services Sunday.

Mr. C. R. Hill and Miss Bertha Taylor, daughter of Elder H. Taylor, all of Monroe township, were married Sunday by Esq. S. A. Helms at his residence on Benton Heights.

Rev. W. B. Homes closed a successful meeting at North Monroe Baptist church Sunday night. The church was much revived and twenty-five added to the church.

Messrs. Joe Heath, N. C. English, J. W. Hamilton, W. E. Funderburk and Ike Blair returned Tuesday afternoon from a fishing trip to Everette's pond, near Rockingham. They caught a number of jack, trout and red fins.

Crowell street is entirely blocked to traffic from the fall west, as it is being graded, curbed and guttered, and the large culvert at the foot of the fall hill is being relayed in stone. It is a much needed improvement, as the street has been in bad shape for some time.

Mr. T. A. DeLaney, a Grange organizer, will deliver an address at Rock Rest Saturday evening at 7:30. As Rock Rest was the center of Grange activities in this county almost half a century ago, much interest is being manifested in this approaching meeting.

Superior court for the trial of civil cases, has been postponed from Monday, March 28, to Thursday, March 31st, for the reason that Messrs. J. J. Parker, A. M. Staek and E. T. Casler, attorneys in the Ross will case, which it is thought will take up most of the court's time, being engaged in trying a case in Mecklenburg county.

"The best and cheapest hotel in the state," is what scores of traveling men are saying about the Joffre since Mr. Isaac Brown, the manager, voluntarily reduced his rates about twenty-five per cent. Such service as can now be secured at Monroe's hotel, according to local traveling men, will cause many "knights of the grip" to spend Sundays here instead of in Charlotte.

The Monroe high school baseball team left today for Chester where they will open the 1921 season with the high school team there. The local lads have been practicing every afternoon for the past six weeks and are in good shape for the opening game. On Monday they will journey to Salisbury for their second game, and on Tuesday will meet Baird's school, of Charlotte, here. Coach C. N. Bruner yesterday announced the line-up of the team as follows: Snyder, catcher; Williams, first base; Wray, second base; English, s. s. and p; Fairley, third base; Laney, r. f.; Fairley, M., c. f.; Horton, l. f.; Crowell, s. s. and p.; Lemmond, Wiggs, Secrest and Caldwell, substitutes.

Old people's memories have no wrinkles in them.

Ben Greet Players In "As You Like It" at Redpath Chautauqua



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25 PER CENT CUT IN PROPERTY ASSESSMENT FORECASTED

JOHNSON OR HAWFIELD FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

Either One Can Get the Job, According to Those Who are Close to the County Officials.

TO HAVE TOWNSHIP ASSISTANTS

Persons close to the county officials forecast a horizontal reduction of twenty-five per cent in the assessment of real property and the appointment of either Mr. P. H. Johnson or Mr. W. D. Hawfield as county tax supervisor when the county commissioners meet here the first Monday in April for the purpose of complying with the machinery act of 1921 in reference to the listing of property for the ensuing year.

The commissioners are said to have agreed that property has declined twenty-five per cent in value, and this is the amount of the reduction they will seek to make. Whether or not such a reduction will meet the approval of the state tax commission, the final arbiter, remains to be seen. There will be no change in personal property valuations, however.

Neither Mr. Johnson or Mr. Hawfield are in any sense a candidate, but it is stated on good authority that either one can secure the job. The former is a candidate for alderman from his ward, and if he should accept the appointment he would be forced to retire from the race, as the state constitution forbids one from holding two offices. The salary of the tax supervisor will be set by the commissioners.

Whoever is appointed is given the authority, under the machinery act, to appoint an assistant from each township, to be known as township list-takers and assessors, whose duties are set forth, as follows:

Duties of Assessors.

"Each township list-taker and assessor appointed under the authority of this act shall advertise in five or more public places within the township not later than the twentieth day of April, notifying all taxpayers to return to him all real and personal property which each taxpayer shall own on the first day of May, and said return shall be made to the list-taker during the month of May under the pains and penalties imposed by law, and naming the times and places at which he will be present to receive tax lists. The township list-taker and assessor shall obtain from each taxpayer a full, complete and detailed statement of each and every piece and kind of property, real, personal, and mixed, which said taxpayer shall own on the first day of May, together with, as near as possible, the true value in money of all such property owned by him or their control as agent, guardian, administrator, or otherwise, and which should be listed for taxation; and it shall be the duty of said township list-taker and assessor to ascertain by visitation, investigation, or otherwise, the actual cash value in money of each piece or class of property in his township, and to list such property at its actual value for taxation. He is hereby authorized and empowered to administer oaths in all cases necessary to obtain full and correct information concerning any taxable real and personal property in his township.

Listing in Off-Years.

"Except in the year when there shall be an assessment of real property, and except as otherwise provided in this act, the township list-taker and assessor shall list the lands in his township at the valuation previously assessed on the same, and shall list and assess all personal property in said township. Such township list-taker and assessor shall correct any parcel of real property on which any structure of over one hundred dollars value may have been erected or improved in excess of the value of one hundred dollars, or on which any structure of the

like value shall have been destroyed, agreeably to the returns made in accordance with the provisions of this act.

County Board to Review Valuations.

"The board of county commissioners and the county board of appraisers and review, heretofore appointed under chapter 84 of the public laws of 1919, shall meet jointly in each county on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April, 1921, as a county board of review, to determine if the value of real property, as heretofore appraised and assessed in the county as a whole, is in excess of the fair value of such property at the time of meeting of such board. The chairman of the board of county commissioners shall be the chairman of the county board of review, as thus constituted, and the clerk of the board of county commissioners shall be secretary of the said board. The said board shall make proper inquiry and investigation into the existing values of real property, as compared with the assessed and appraised values thereof in the several cities, towns and townships of the county; and if it shall find that the assessed value of such property is in excess of the actual value, it shall find the average percentage of such excess in the county as a whole or in the several cities, towns and townships, and shall report its findings so made to the state tax commission not later than the twentieth day of April, 1921. The values so reported shall be the values at which the property shall be assessed for taxation, unless and until the same have been changed and revised by the state tax commission and certified to the board of county commissioners of such county, which shall be done not later than the first day of July, 1921.

Specific Complaints.

"The board of county commissioners of the several counties shall have and exercise authority to hear and determine specific complaints of over-valuation or under-valuation of any particular tracts of real property, and after the general equalization order provided for in the preceding subsection has been made, any person who owns property subject to taxation and who finds that said property stands assessed for taxation, after such equalization order has been made, at an amount in excess of the actual value of such property on the first day of May, 1921, may have the right to have the same re-assessed and reappraised by the said board, by filing with the clerk of the board of county commissioners, some time during the month of May, 1921, an application in form and substance as follows:

"To the Board of County Commissioners:

"I hereby make application for the reassessment of the real property hereinafter described, for the reason that the said property is now assessed in excess of its actual value on the first day of May, 1921, and do hereby certify that in my best judgment the actual value of the said property on that date was as it is stated here to be:

DESCRIPTION

Location county.
Condition
Acreage
Assessed value
Actual value May 1, 1921
(Signature of complainant)

"Any citizen of the county may file complaint of the under-valuation of any real property in the county, or the board, of its own motion, review the valuation of any property that it finds to be valued at more or less than the actual value of such property on the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one."

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends both white and colored for the kindness shown us through the efforts and death of our father and myself. —R. H. and Jane Covington.

MCMILLAN COLLEGE MATE OF SHERWOOD AND BEACH

The Trio Were at Wake Forest College Years Ago—Former Wingate Lad Stirs up the Dust.

Wingate, March 24.—Despite the bad weather large crowds are attending the services that are being conducted in the high school auditorium by Rev. J. A. McMillan, of McCall, S. C. Much enthusiasm is being manifested. Rev. Mr. McMillan was in college at Wake Forest with Rev. A. C. Sherwood, the beloved pastor of the Baptist church here, and Prof. C. M. Beach, the highly efficient principal of the Wingate school.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black of Badin are the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Lydia Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Small are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Miss Thelma Humphrey is receiving treatment in a Charlotte hospital.

Mr. Y. M. Bogan, who has been in Badin on business since the latter part of last week, has returned home.

Flowers have been replanted and ditches filled on the school campus.

Wingate was visited Saturday by a former Wingate boy, now living in a neighboring town, who gave an exhibition of fast automobile riding, raising the dust to unusual heights. So fast did he run his car that had the war been on the residents would certainly have thought that a German zeppelin had suddenly fallen in their midst. The young fellow came back Monday and paid a small fine for violating the law.

Mrs. C. J. Thompson has been suffering from a light attack of influenza.

Mr. Jesse Williams, of Waxhaw, was a visitor here Sunday.

It has been learned that the thieves who broke into the store of Mr. E. L. McWhirter a few weeks ago spent sometime in a tenant house on the farm of Mr. E. H. Williams.

Blue Is Seen to Advantage in Maignes "The Kentuckians"

Monte Blue, the big westerner who made a distinct success recently in the Ceil De Mille production of "Something to Think About," has probably the strongest role in his screen career in the Charles Maigne production of "The Kentuckians," the well known John Fox, Jr., novel, which comes to the Strand Theatre Monday next. He enacts the role of Boone Stallard, a Kentucky mountaineer, who goes to the legislature with the ambition of winning emancipation for his fellowmen.

No sooner does he attend a session of the legislature than he has a clash with Randolph Marshall, a Kentucky aristocrat, who vows that the only way to get order into the mountainous regions is to disrupt the mountainous country. A feud in the mountains causes Stallard to flee to his people and he demonstrates successfully that he can rule them. When he returns to Frankfort, planning to ask the hand of the governor's daughter in marriage, he is brought to a sudden realization of the difference between the mountaineers and the Blue Grass people and refrains from any such step and the picture closes with the assumption that Marshall wins the girl.

A Statement from Rev. Mr. Snyder.

To the Editor of The Journal:—I desire to call attention to the erroneous idea of the patrons of the schools of Union county in regard to the attendance law. The law excuses from attendance those provisionally hindered only. The board of education in session in March advised the chief attendance officer in cases of dire need he could grant a working permit. I am informed that some have already taken advantage of this and have misled the attendance officer. I desire to call your attention to three considerations, first, the interest of the child, second, regard for the law, and third, the oath that must be made to secure this permit. It is my desire to deal justly with every applicant for a permit and I earnestly request that the applicant deal justly with me.—Yours for educational development, E. C. Snyder, County Welfare Officer.

PINE BEETLE THOUGHT TO BE WORKING IN COUNTY

Something Is Killing the Foliage and These Insects May Be Cause of the Trouble.

Mineral Springs, N. C., March 24.—Mr. and Mrs. John Futch of Monroe spent Sunday with Mrs. Futch's brother, Mr. Henry Plyler.

Mr. Carl Hinson had the misfortune of getting an eye injured by a piece of emery wheel lodging in it.

Mr. J. R. Craig of the Armfield mill section is visiting old friends here.

Mr. Grady Plyler will leave for an extended visit to New York and other northern cities in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Plyler and Messrs. Jay and C. C. Starnes made a business trip to Kershaw last Friday. They report considerable cotton planted and some cotton up.

An unusual accident occurred at Mr. W. P. Plyler's mill last Saturday, when the belt that pulls the mill jumped from the pulley and caught up a heavy oak scantling and threw it against the mill, considerably injuring it and playing havoc generally. However, the power was turned off before any one was hurt.

Mr. Barnes Plyler had a mule right badly cut when it ran into a barbed wire fence last Monday.

Mr. W. P. Plyler left for Greensboro Monday to attend the state Woodmen camp.

I understand that Prospect has a chance to get a state appropriation for a high school, provided enough students can be had. I have always thought that if a high school was ever needed in a place, it is needed here. The graded school has been here for sixteen years and I will say not more than a dozen of the five hundred students that have passed through this school have ever completed their high school studies and only four or five have ever entered college. This is not a reflection on the children's ability to learn, however, for not a school in the county has turned out more first grade teachers than Prospect, and if we had that high school we would do business.

A friend called my attention to the foliage of pine trees dying. Since then I have observed that it is general, and seems to have affected the scrub pine the most. Just what is the cause I am not able to ascertain. Most people think it is the pine beetle at work, others the heavy sleet and cold of the past winter. If it should be the pine beetle as some think, it's goodbye tobacco patch, for they seldom do any damage before mid-summer and where they hit a section of timber they seldom leave a living tree.

Mr. Carl Belk was home from a Charlotte hospital for a few days recently. He is taking a treatment for his legs.

Presbyterian Church Notes

Services on Sunday next as follows: 10 a. m., Sunday school, W. A. Henderson, supt.; 11 a. m., Worship and sermon; 7:30 p. m., Praise service and sermon. This will be the last Sunday of the church year. Let all arrangements be made up. Presbyterial Auxiliary April 4-6.—Reporter.

For Alderman Ward Three.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from ward three, subject to the Democratic primary.

J. T. SHUTE.

Eubanks For Alderman.

We, voters and taxpayers of ward 5, present the name of Mr. D. E. Eubanks as the logical candidate for alderman from our ward. There is no one more efficient.

VOTERS.

For Mayor.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for mayor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

T. FRANK LIMERICK.

For Alderman Fourth Ward.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from the fourth ward, subject to the Democratic primary.

W. E. FUNDERBURK.

For Alderman Fourth Ward.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from the fourth ward, subject to the Democratic primary.

V. H. WOOD.

For Alderman From Ward One.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from Ward 1, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

LEE BROOM.

For Mayor.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for mayor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

J. D. McRAE.

For Alderman, Fifth Ward.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for alderman from the fifth ward, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

J. W. FOWLER.

For Mayor.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Mayor of the City of Monroe, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

J. C. M. VANN.

For Alderman From Fourth Ward.

We, the voters of the fourth ward, hereby announce the candidacy of Mr. J. W. Lathan as alderman from our ward, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

VOTERS.

For Alderman Ward Four.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from ward four, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

J. DUNHAM BUNDY.

Whatever we leave to God, God does and blesses us.

"MAN FROM HOME" IS ON THE CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM

Ben Greet Players Will Also Appear in Shakespeare's Comedy-Drama "As You Like It."

LECTURES ON VITAL THEMES

The successful comedy drama, "The Man From Home," the famous Ben Greet Players in Shakespeare's immortal comedy, "As You Like It," Katherine Ridgeway and Ralph Bingham, popular entertainers; a musical recital by the artists of the Mercer Company; significant, informative lectures and exceptional musical entertainment companies—these are notable attractions which will appear here on the 1921 Redpath Chautauqua, beginning Thursday, April 28th. Music, drama, fun and philosophy all blend into an exceptionally superior seven days' program.

The Nevils Concert Company, appearing on the first afternoon, is composed of the young artists of personality. They feature with distinction and versatility the tuneful and melodic compositions of the great American composer, Ethelbert Nevin. Their truly artistic program will be varied with clever impersonations and popular ensemble numbers.

"America Looking Ahead" is the lecture, on the opening night, by Montaville Flowers, eminent publicist. This compelling speaker emphasizes the principles upon which the future life and happiness of the nation depend. His is a stirring thought-provoking presentation of the problems of today.

The Chapel Singers, on the second day, feature representative sacred music, beautifully sung. Their program also offers a splendid variety of popular numbers and will be sure to please the entire audience.

Lewis A. Convis, lecturing on the second night, presents an interesting and vitally informative address on Bolshevism in Russia and Siberia. His interpretation of the soul of the Slavic race is authoritative and challenging. Of exceptional interest are his experiences as a member of the famous Polish Legion.

The artist's recital by the Mercer Company, on the third afternoon, will be highly appreciated and enjoyed. Harry Yeazel Mercer, well-known tenor, and Harold Ryres, violinist, are the feature artists of the company.

The third night will be "Artists' Night." A concert by the Mercer Company will be followed by an interpretative recital by Katharine Ridgeway. Miss Ridgeway has been enthusiastically received in all parts of the United States. Pathos, fire and love of outdoor things, all contribute to one central theme in her program. Miss Ridgeway's exceptional art is enriched by delightful wit and a charming personality.

The famous Ben Greet Players with a splendid cast appear on the fourth night in Shakespeare's great comedy, "As You Like It." Sympathetic interpretation of the dramatist's subtle humor and brilliant characterizations distinguish this excellent production which possesses all the witchery of the poet's genius.

A popular concert by the National Male Quartet is the feature of the fifth afternoon. This organization is notable for an unusually blending of exceptional solo voices, and for rare musical and entertainment ability. Quartet music of the highest type as well as humorous impersonations by Charles Cox, manager of the company, render the program thoroughly delightful.

A big Chautauqua feature will be Dr. Frederick Mosen's illustrated lecture on the sixth night, "The Truth About Mexico" is especially valuable because it includes a vigorous presentation of personal experiences with such men as Diaz, Huerta, Villa, Carranza and Obregon. The lecture is illustrated by magnificent pictures.

Dr. Frank L. Loveland's challenging address on "The Perils of Democracy" is the result of extensive investigations both at home and in Europe. His lecture on the sixth afternoon stimulates a patriotism based on a sane and sturdy Americanism. It fills a genuine need in these days of economic unrest.

"The Man From Home" on the sixth night, is one of the most successful of modern comedy dramas. The plot centers around the adventures of an eccentric young lawyer and his efforts to save his ward, a romantic title-hunting girl, from a conspiring family of the "fine flower" of Europe. Thrilling situations, bubbling humor and clever acting make this play an exceptionally popular Chautauqua feature.

Following a delightful musical program on the last afternoon, Wallace Bruce Ambsary, author and interpreter, will give a lecture-recital. He renews for his audiences the elusive charm and wholesome humor of James Whitcomb Riley. Entertaining sketches from the life and works of Riley are interspersed with interesting personal reminiscences of the beloved Hoosier poet. Mr. Ambsary is both an entertainer and a lecturer.

As a fitting close to a delightfully entertaining and up-to-the-minute program comes Ralph Bingham, one of America's greatest fun makers, a humorist of the highest order. Ten thousand performances throughout the country have cemented his popularity in the north, south, east and west. Wit, wisdom, music, drollery and mirth enliven his program.

Nothing but a good life can fit people for a better one.