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The Leader says that Mr. A. M. Smith of this city and Ex-Register of Deeds Warren Davis are both candidates for Sheriff. They are up against a tough problem when they try to defeat the present sheriff for the nomination. And there are reasons. We have it on good authority that no man has ever indulged certain classes of the people longer and more than has been the custom in this county. If a man was known to be a Democrat and in hard luck he was let alone about his taxes and then he deprived himself of voting. A deputy tax collector told us the past winter that in some neighborhoods a larger per cent of the people had not paid any tax in from three to five years. Of course these delinquent tax payers want a man who will indulge. Of course the sheriff has a perfect right to wait with a man if he cares to—it is a matter of business and no man has a legal right to raise a hand or say a word.

But there is another side to the question. Not all the people can be indulged by a sheriff and the truth is, if it was all brought to light, that the substantial people of both parties are forced to pay taxes promptly, as they should be, and they possibly think that there is some little grounds for complaint when a man uses the office of sheriff in a way to keep himself and his followers in office year after year for a generation. There are hundreds of deserving men in the Republican party in Surry county who know full well that there is absolutely no chance to defeat the will of the present sheriff because of the way he has indulged the people, but they are not satisfied with a state of affairs that allows all the power to rest in the hands of any one man.

No, the present sheriff will not be defeated in any convention in this county but he will be defeated at the polls. Men of all classes and parties are not willing that any one man shall control the policies of the county, absolutely, from year to year.

The Democrats are out at Denver this week to nominate a candidate for President. All things now point to the nomination of Bryan. The republicans are preparing to defeat him by spending millions of money that should never have been taken from the pockets of the people. They may defeat him, but the time is not far distant when the American people will abolish the present system of creating millionaires and allowing them to debauch the country by buying votes at any price they are offered. Taft now has two brothers who openly declare that they will spend four million dollars of their private property to elect him. Yes, with all this money they may defeat Bryan, but the American people will stand for no such conditions for any great length of time.

John R. Bowie was in the city this week in the interest of the Republican party. From talk he had while here it seems that he wants to find out if North Carolina can be bought for the republican party for about half a million dollars. If he had called around at this office we could have reliably informed him that the old state is not for sale.

LOWGAP PROTESTS

Editor Mt. Airy News,
Mt. Airy, N. C.

Dear sir:
 You did this vicinity a great injustice in your last weeks issue, saying a blockade distillery was destroyed by Revenue officers 1 mile west of Lowgap. It seems for the last 10 years every still cut outside the incorporate limits of Mt. Airy, that it is claimed to have been found "near Lowgap", when in fact there has not been a "moonshine" outfit "cut up" or even in operation in 5 miles of this place in several years.

The distillery your article refers to was found about 1 mile north of Round Peak P. O. a distance of 8 miles east of this place or in other words half way between Lowgap and Mount Airy. This vicinity is no Smithtown, the blockading districts are several miles from here.

We have good schools and churches here, and three-fourths of the men in 5 miles of this place voted for Prohibition. True this township gave a small majority against it but the other end of the Township did it. (Franklin is about fifteen miles long.)

The point one mile west of Lowgap, where you say the "still" was found, is to be found one of the largest Primitive Baptist Churches in the county. We dare not let them know that you designate this point as a moonshine still House, fearing they would tear you "line from line." We will let you off this time with a little article correcting this error, but beware in the future.

Very truly yours,

It is custom to speak of the north western part of the county as the "Lowgap section" and we suppose that many occurrences are located in the "Lowgap section" that really happen many miles from Lowgap post office.

The officer who was on the raid referred to in the letter above gave us our information and if he was mistaken in the place where he found the distillery we were not supposed to know it. It is with pleasure that we see the Lowgap people ready to defend their good name and the character of the community.

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A Bit of Modern History.

In 1865, after Lee surrendered, late one night four young men who had followed the flag of the South until it was down, stopped in the little town of Salem, N. C. and asked for a night's lodging and something to eat at the Belo hotel. They had no story to keep back—their homes were in Surry County and their names were J. M. Jarvis, Silas Pardue, Austin Gentry and Bernal Franklin. They were on their way home from the army and were poor and ragged and tired. They had not a cent to pay their bill. The proprietor of the Belo house took them in, without the least hesitation, and gave them splendid meals and good beds on which to rest. Mr. Jarvis is our author for the above and he says, further, that he will attend the soldiers' reunion in Winston-Salem next month that he shall again ask permission to stop at the old Belo house. He is now a prosperous citizen and an appreciative one, but the years are resting heavily upon him and he is feeble in health, but he wants to spend another night at the Belo house.

Picnic at Ararat, N. C.

The Masons of Ararat Lodge conducted the most beautiful Picnic and Entertainment here July 4th that has ever been held in our little village. At about 11 o'clock A. M. the Masons marched out to the Graveyard in the Grove near the Hall, wearing their uniforms and Mr. T. W. Bryant who is their Master mounted the Speakers Stand and opened the exercises by reading a chapter from the Bible and offering one of the most devout prayers your humble writer has ever heard after which he introduced Rev. C. F. Fields who delivered a beautiful address in behalf of the order to an audience of about two thousand eager listeners, after which the good women spread one of the most beautiful and best furnished tables we have ever had the pleasure of seeing. All partook freely of the good things that were spread thereon and had it not been for the rain this Picnic would have been to perfection and all would have enjoyed the best exercise of the season.

The Nominees.
GOVERNOR.
 W. W. Kitchin.
LIUTENANT GOVERNOR.
 W. C. Newland.
SECRETARY OF STATE.
 J. Bryan Grimes.
TREASURER.
 B. R. Lacy.
AUDITOR.
 B. F. Dixon.
SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.
 J. Y. Joyner.
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.
 James R. Young.
ATTORNEY GENERAL.
 T. W. Bickett.
COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND PRINTING.
 M. L. Shipman.
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.
 W. A. Graham.
CORPORATION COMMISSIONER.
 B. F. Aycock.
ELECTORS AT LARGE.
 J. W. Bailey and Walter Murphy.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION.

Granite Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of this city installed new officers last Tuesday night with Past Master S. P. Graves in charge of the ceremonies. The new officers are:

H. M. Foy, W. M.
 W. E. Barker, S. W.
 G. C. Lovill, J. W.
 Will Foy, Treasurer.
 W. R. Simpson, Secretary.
 W. P. Gilmer, S. D.
 L. C. Ashcraft, J. D.
 Robt. Short, Tyler.
 Dr. J. T. Smith, Chaplain.
 Haywood Merritt and Watson, Stewards.

The services were public and about fifty ladies were present and a number of gentlemen who are not members of the Masonic order. After the new officers were installed appropriate speeches were made by Mr. S. P. Graves and A. H. Merritt. Tables had been prepared in the hall-way outside the lodge room and ice cream, cake and fruit were served to the members and visitors. It was a most pleasant occasion and highly enjoyed by all. Music was furnished by the local string band.

Rip Van Winkle.

Rip Van Winkle returned from his long sleep looking fresh as a daisy and made his way to the village barber shop, not only because he needed a haircut and shave, but also because he wished to catch up on the news.

"Let's see," said he to the barber after he was safely tucked in the chair, "I've been asleep 20 years, haven't I?"

"Yes," replied the tonsorialist

"Have I missed much?"

"Nope, we bin standin' pat."

"Has Congress done anything yet?"

"Not a thing."

"Jerome done anything?"

"Nope."

"Platt resigned?"

"Nope."

"Panama Canal built?"

"Nope."

"Bryan been elected?"

"Nope."

"Carnegie poor?"

"Nope."

"Well, say," said Rip, rising up in the chair "never mind shaving the other side of my face, I'm going back to sleep again."

Success Magazine.

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By William Jennings Bryan.

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We would advise our young friends who are out of employment to seek the agency and canvass this book. It is certainly one of the most readable, entertaining and edifying volumes we have read in a long time. It was almost like retracing our first trip around the world, with less than one-thousandth of the money and one-hundredth of the time required for our "first trip."

The great problems of civilization, religion, philosophy and government in Japan, China, the Philippines, India, as well as Europe, are presented in a clear light by a great brain.

Mr. Bryan was accompanied on this trip by his wife and two younger children, William J., Jr., and Grace, aged 16 and 14, respectively. They started September 21, 1905, and reached home September 5, 1906, sixteen days less than one year. While most of this trip was in the North Temperate Zone, they were below the equator a few days in Java, and for a while above the arctic circle in Norway.

This book ought to be in every home where there are boys and girls with brains and promise.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Charlotte, will be in Mt. Airy, at Blue Ridge Inn on Friday, July 10th. Pilot Mt. on Thursday 9th one day only. His practice is limited to diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat and Fitting Glasses.

Dr. R. W. Reece

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