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**THE COUNTY AUDIT**

The report of the recent auditors who were employed to audit the county records and make a report to the county commissioners was published in the *Renfro Record* of last week. The published report is of great length and would mean nothing to most people, for it is a complicated assembling of figures, and only those who are somewhat familiar with accounting would get much out of a perusal of the report.

This much seems to be very clear to any one, and that is that some of the county records have been kept in a very inefficient way for many years. The work of making out the tax books of the county seems to have been done by those who were evidently incompetent to transcribe from one book to another, and errors were made that meant a loss to the county of many hundreds of dollars.

The records of the clerk's office at the present time are found to be in satisfactory form, but the records show that the people of the county have been kept out of the use of funds for many years by the former clerk of the court. The records show that he collected and yet retains witness fees that should have been paid to the witnesses, fines that should have been turned over to the school fund, and costs that should have gone into the treasury of the county, all to the amount of more than \$1,400, and this money has been in his hands for now more than seven years.

To say the least any system of keeping books that permits such poor business as this is faulty to that degree that it should be replaced by a more efficient system at once.

The facts developed by the audit show beyond question that the only safe course to pursue is to have the records of the county gone over annually and check up any errors that may be made, and not allow them to stand for many years before an effort is made to correct them.

**A CHAMPION OF THE POOR**

Down at Raleigh lives J. W. Bailey, reputed to be one of the smartest men of the state. Mr. Bailey is getting himself before the people by the articles he is writing to the press and by the speeches he is making in which he becomes the champion advocate of the tenant farmer. Mr. Bailey contends that he sees a way to greatly uplift the 700,000 citizens who are in this class.

Now there are those who see in all of Mr. Bailey's public utterances nothing more than his desire to become the next Governor of the state. All of which may be true, but every man who gets to be Governor usually goes into office as the champion of some great need of the people.

There is certainly much that can be done to aid the tenant class of the state. A very large number of the young men who start life start with no money and but little experience. If a young man chooses, say the mercantile business for his vocation, he can go to the bank and borrow money to finance his efforts. He can get credit from the jobbing houses and the manufacturers if he is honest and can get good endorsements as to character. But all this is different with the young man who starts life as a farmer. Banks want notes made for 90 days, and the doors are almost closed to the man who wants money to buy a farm and wants some assurance that he is not to be closed out of house and home before he can reasonably count on making the money with which to pay the debt.

There has been something done in the way of securing money for young farmers through the federal farm loan system, but this has not yet amounted to much. What this state most needs is some change in the banking system, or some state fund that young farmers can depend upon to finance their efforts to get ahead as farmers. There is much that can be accomplished along this line.

A very large number of the land-owners of the state started life as tenant farmers and struggled along, through many years before they became owners of their own homes. And the same will be true in the years to come. Not many young men in the future will have a farm or the money to buy one when they begin life. The only way they can start is to rent land, as the customs of the country are now. But financiers and men who are patriotic could easily make it so that a young, worthy farmer could get money and be assured that he would not be called on

for the amount the first time some merchant wanted a big loan.

There has been something done in the way of educating the young farmers as to the best methods of farming. Here in Surry county the men at the head of the country are not of the opinion that this is worth while, which clearly shows that this effort to educate the farming class should be a state effort rather than a county effort. Education and opportunity is the hope of the farming class, just as it is the hope of every other class.

If Mr. Bailey can show to the people that he can find a way to uplift the folks who are down and make conditions such that a much larger number of people can live under their own vine and fig tree then they will hasten to make him Governor or confer on him any other office he may aspire to hold.

**LIQUOR FORCES BUSY**

The past session of Congress appeared to be largely given over to the hearing of those who are advocates of the liquor interests of this nation. Nothing that they could do brought them relief. Now they are preparing a new bill that they will present to the next Congress which provides that light wines and beer be allowed and that the entire revenue from the sale shall go to creating a fund of a billion dollars all of which shall go to the soldiers of the world war. By adding this last feature they hope, evidently, to make the bill popular with the soldiers and secure its passage. There seems to be nothing that the liquor folks would not resort to to again get back in business. They are fighting a hopeless case. Never will this nation again see liquor sold as it was before the nation went dry.

**COMING TO SCHOOL**

From the day that the United States refused to take the war indemnity awarded to her from China as the result of the Boxer rebellion there has been a growing friendly feeling between the two nations, especially on the part of China. This friendly attitude of China is reflected in many ways. Just now it shows up by the landing in San Francisco of 169 Chinese students who come to this country to study in the colleges. No doubt they will carry back with them an even more friendly attitude and bind stronger the ties of friendship between the two great nations.

**Mount Airy School News.**

It will be good news to all those people here who are interested in our schools to know that the School Board has been able to sell the bonds to the amount of \$40,000 that were voted some months ago. The bond market has been in such condition for quite a time that no satisfactory sale could be made. The Board was able to sell the bonds at par value, 100 cents in the dollar, but out of this must come the expense of selling, which includes the printing of bonds, lawyer fees and all the red tape that goes along with a sale of bonds.

This sale was just made last week and it will be a month or possibly longer before the money will be in hand, for the legal requirements of a bond sale causes much delay at times. If the Board had the money on hand now, this early in the fall, the work of completing the North Main street building and repairing the Rockford street building would begin at once, but it is not the intention now to begin the work until the money is in hand. If there should be any great delay about securing the funds the work of completing the building will not be commenced before next spring.

Workmen have fitted up four rooms on the first floor of the North Main street building and put them in condition to be used this school year. The permanent floors have been laid in these rooms and the overhead ceiling put up. As soon as desks arrive the congestion in other buildings will be relieved by occupying these four rooms.

A force of 32 teachers is now on the job and over 1200 children are enrolled in the schools. It seems to be the prevailing idea that the years work has started off well and that we are to have a good year of school work.

**New Store Opened Up.**

R. E. Forest, former barber of this city, is opening up a stock of goods on Franklin street near Farmers Warehouse. He will carry a general line of dry goods, shoes, notions, etc. The place of business will be known as the Mount Airy Bargain House.

**THOUSANDS SEE BIG SHOW**

**Great Show Constituting Many Wild Animals, Fine Actors, Trained Hogs and Horses, Seen by Thousands of Surry Citizens.**

For several years the people of this section of the state have not had the pleasure of seeing a real good show, for it will be recalled that the world war put a stop to practically all the shows, for the very good reason that the railroads were too busy to haul them, if for no other reason.

Last Friday one of the largest shows that ever came to this town exhibited here. It was truly a marvelous display of all those things that one usually sees at the big shows. The train that makes up the outfit consisted of as many as 25 cars and six of these were Pullman sleepers. Somebody said there were as many as 600 people with the show. We have not seen a finer collection of wild animals. There were as many as half a dozen big tigers that were as perfect specimens of the tiger family as one could wish to see. There were many lions, but they were small and had an old, unhealthy look with one or two exceptions, but then a lion is always a show no matter what kind of a lion it is. One female lion was in her cage with her four little ones, not more than a month old, at least they were not larger than a cat. She furnished great entertainment for the little folks carrying one of the little lions in her mouth as she paced back and forth in her cage. She would carry one in her mouth exactly like a cat carries her kitten, and back and forth she would pace her cage for a few minutes and then put the little one down and take up another one and repeat the performance.

The show carried its own electric lighting system and was as complete a mechanical outfit as one could find. Much might be learned from a study of the marvelous system of organization that was manifest in the management of the show. To unload and move two miles 25 car loads of material, much of which is made up of large trucks weighing many thousand pounds, and take all to its proper place and unload and erect and get ready for display, in the short time of two or three hours, is a work that requires the highest degree of skill and system.

Now many people see in a show much that it bad. "All things are pure to the pure." It is a fact that a man can generally see what he is out looking for. Some folks go to a show and see only the bad, the cripples who follow along, the lewd and the low. Others are able to see a marvelous display of the finest animals, the biggest and prettiest horses, the lumbering big camels and elephants, the pretty little leopards and mountain lions, and a hundred other sights that are good to behold.

A show may be bad to the folks who are bad, but to those who are of a right mind there is much to see that instructs, and causes food for thought that is well worth while.

**Two Automobile Wrecks.**

On Monday afternoon J. J. Wallace, of Rusk, while driving his car on the streets of this city had the misfortune to be in a collision with a truck. His car was badly injured, but no personal damage was done.

On Tuesday morning of this week, E. C. Slater, a saw mill man of the Kapps Mill section of the county, was driving with his wife when they lost control of their car and it rolled down a bank, turning over twice. Mr. Slater was badly cut and bruised about the face and was brought here to the hospital for medical attention.

**Airplane Coming.**

During the week of the fair an airplane will fly to this city from Greensboro and show the visitors at the fair grounds a few flying stunts. This machine is being brought here by the local chiropractors, Drs. Cox, and they will use it to distribute literature concerning their profession.

**New Meat Market.**

The Mount Airy Meat Market is the name of the firm composed of W. E. Dunnagan and T. J. Hatcher, well known young men of this city. They have their place of business on Oak street next door east of Planters warehouse and have fitted up one of the nicest markets this city has ever had.

They are making popular prices on meats and no doubt will do a nice business.

**Ready Now With Our Fall Stock**

Now comes the season of the year when the family must have warm, bright, durable clothes. Make them glad of it. Bring them to visit our store which is overflowing with autumn suggestions. Our conservative prices this season are especially attractive.

**Ready-to-Wear For Women and Children**

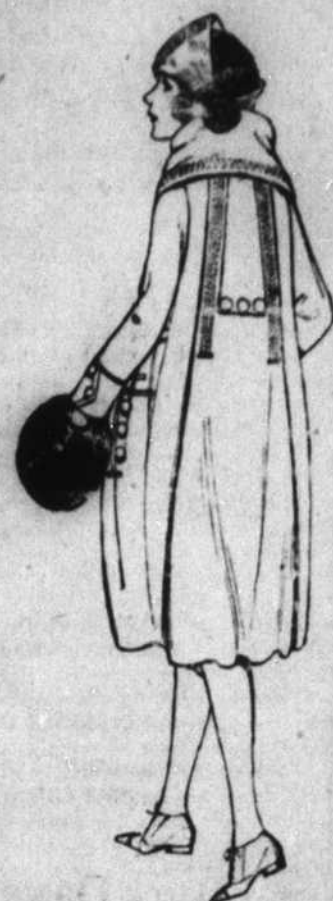


You will be delighted with the variety, charmed with the fashions, and pleased with the skill that has made possible our showing of Coats, Coat-Suits and Dresses.

Our prices on all Ready-to-Wear are worth your early inspection.

**Sport Clothes**

Women of good taste know that sport clothes fit such an unusual season as we are now having, as does nothing else. We have a very attractive display of skirts in plaids and stripes in all shades, with jersey sport coats and sweaters to match.



**Dry Goods and Notions**

We have always emphasized this phase of our stock. This season we are at your service with carefully bought materials—selected from the viewpoint of beauty and quality.



**Shoes Why**

Does our shoe department grow each year?

Because we sell:

- Good shoes for Health
- Good shoes for Wear
- Good shoes for Style
- Good shoes for Appearance
- Good shoes for Less Money



Save Money by buying a pair from our recently received shipment of sample shoes, which we are offering at wholesale cost.

**Tanlac**

America's Greatest Tonic—Fresh supply just arrived

W. S. Wolfe Drug Co.

"The Nyal Quality Store"

**JACKSON BROS.**

See Us First—Save Time and Money