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A MILLION DOLLAR JOB IN SURRY

We heard the story not long ago about a Surry citizen that is worth repeating. He was a man of large landed property, but he had no money. He could hardly make a living on his farm, for not one in ten of his acres was under cultivation. He had poor stock. He had almost no tools. He sat about home on Sunday and shaved when he thought it worth while which was only occasionally. He and his family rarely went about among the neighbors, and they rarely ever went to church, for they had a poor and shabby way of going about.

Then the automobile craze got the country by the throat. It got the man by the throat, too. He sold a piece of land and bought a good automobile. He had plenty of land left. He took on new life. He wanted to be going about now that he had an automobile. He bought the old woman a new dress and a new suit for himself and they went to church, for they had some way to go. The man took on new life. He changed almost overnight from a drag-along citizen to a progressive up-to-date citizen. Can he hold the pace? Not unless he falls in line with modern progress in many ways. Not unless he carries that automobile to a skilled mechanic for repairs rather than to the blacksmith. He must make more and save more and stay awake if he is to hold the pace.

All this reminds us that Surry county waked up a short time ago. She got out of the mud. She got out of the woods. She put on new clothes. She built a thousand or two new farm houses along the lines of modern architecture. She bridged her streams so that automobiles can go to every nook and corner of the county. She spent a million dollars of borrowed money to do all this. Think of it, a million dollars. Now what is to be the result. Two years ago she saw all this and saw that it is a million dollar job to manage this county. Will she hold this same view at election day this year and place men of ability in office to manage this million dollar job or will she take chances and put in a new set to manage? Time will tell, but if the whole people of Surry have the practical sense that the above mentioned citizen has they will not turn a million dollar proposition over to men who are untried and who lay claim to the position for political reasons alone. Because a man is a good citizen, it does not follow that he can manage a million dollar job. Because a man is a clever fellow and wants a job does not mean that the people of Surry can afford to honor him with caring for their big investment in roads and bridges and buildings at a cost that is to mean high taxes for years to come. Good business for Surry will mean that the voters select with care the men who are to manage this million dollar county job.

Surry County Health Department Appoints Regular Hours for Elkin

Dr. R. M. Lancaster, Surry County Health Officer will open an office in Elkin Friday afternoon of each week for the purpose of examination, vaccinations and general office practice, hours 3 to 5 o'clock.

THAT AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

This is one campaign when the public speakers of both parties in this state are disposed to be reasonably charitable in their utterances against each other. Even Governor Morrison has said some nice things about Republicans.

There is just now much talk in this county about Surry's new election law, known as the Australian ballot. The Democrats are disposed to shirk the responsibility for this new election law. Col Isaac Meekins is advocating it in every one of his speeches, and he is the leading spokesman for his party in this state at this time, and yet in this county Republicans seem not to be pleased with the new law. They have been saying it for years, at least they have been crying out against the general election law of the state that has had the endorsement of the Democratic party.

A large number of the states have long had this Australian ballot. To our way of thinking about it, it is an ideal way to vote. Of course there can be no ideal way for a man to vote who does not know how he wants to vote or who is not able to read his ballot without aid. For a man of this kind it would be hard to find a system of balloting to meet his case.

There is no getting away from the fact that we have a number of voters all about over this state who are not able to vote any ticket without help from some friend who can assist in the task, for to them it is a complicated matter. The trouble with the election law that we have had here in this state for years is that the tickets can be bunched up to suit the leaders and marked as they wish them marked. Then they are handed out to the voters to be put in the box as the leaders desire them to go in. All this is possible when the voter is willing to leave his voting to his political friend. And that is just the kind of a balloting system the politicians want.

We are not surprised that the professional politician who has long been familiar with the old system in not wanting to change to something new, for he has long been able to play the old game to his satisfaction in many elections. With this new Australian ballot he will not be able to dictate to his friend how he shall vote. The new law makes it the rule for the voter to go to the election officials and secure a paper on which are all names of those to be voted for. Then he takes this paper and goes into a little room, called a booth, and there alone with no eyes to look on and no one to dictate to him how he shall vote, he checks off those who he desires to be his choice for office.

Nothing could be simpler. Nothing could be more desirable to the man who wants to vote his sentiments and wants to be left alone and not be deceived by some ward politician who wants to dictate to him how he shall vote.

For the man who is not able to read or even write there is a blank space at the head of the ticket that he can make a mark in and that means that he votes the straight ticket of his choice without even reading a name or making any other mark except in this one blank space at the head of the ticket. To a man of any judgment at all even without being able to read a line or know a letter or a figure in the book, this is the ideal way to vote a ticket straight for the party he supports.

But then, if the voter does not care to undertake to vote his sentiment without some one assisting him to make out his ballot the law provides that the election officials shall appoint some citizen to assist the voter in marking his ballot. The law makes it a heavy penalty to try to influence the voter in the manner he marks his ballot and it would be the simplest thing at all for a voter to report the man who tried to influence him, if such there should be.

In the light of all these facts it seems strange to us that there should be opposition to the Australian ballot from members of either party. To our way of thinking it is far superior to the old way we have had for years, and once the people become accustomed to its use they will never go back to the old system so long in use in our state.

COOLIDGE WON IN SEPTEMBER

Some wise one has figured it out that Coolidge won the presidency in September. The idea is that a number of men have won an office a month before the election but lost it before the election. More than once Bryan was elected in September, but he lost in November. They now say that it is almost certain that Coolidge would have been the choice of the country if the election had been a month ago, just as Bryan would have been president had the election been in September when he ran.

All this is only a way of saying that Coolidge is fast losing his fol-

Judge Lewellyn Vindicated In Surry Superior Court SERIOUS CHARGE DISMISSED

Effort to Embarrass Local Recorder Over Political Difficulty Is Frustrated by Action of the Superior Court

Verdict of Magistrate Which Declared Him Guilty of Being Drunk and Disorderly Declared Unfounded

People who believe in giving every person fair treatment, as well as the friends of Judge H. H. Lewellyn, feel that he was completely vindicated when the Superior court at Dobson yesterday morning failed to concur in the verdict of Magistrate A. L. Sparger, who some days ago, found Judge Lewellyn guilty of being drunk and disorderly. The report of the trial before the Magistrate was printed at length in last week's issue of this paper and the evidence given by both sides at Dobson Tuesday was substantially the same. Practically all the witnesses for both sides testified to the same facts as before Magistrate A. L. Sparger.

The prosecution had indicted Judge Lewellyn in 3 or 4 cases arising from the fight he had with T. W. Davis in this city during the fair. The case that was tried Tuesday was on appeal from Mr. Sparger's verdict of guilty of being drunk and disorderly. The defendant waived a bill of indictment in this case and went to trial immediately. After hearing the evidence of both sides Judge T. B. Finley dismissed the charge as being wholly unwarranted and unfounded according to the evidence that had been presented before him, and did not allow the matter to go before the jury.

During the day Tuesday the grand jury returned a bill of indictment against Judge Lewellyn for an assault with serious injury on T. W. Davis, it being supposed that this action was taken by them on the testimony presented by Mr. Davis. The prosecution also sent a bill of indictment before the grand jury asking that it indict Judge Lewellyn for being drunk, cursing and disturbing a public gathering to-wit; the gathering at the Carolina-Virginia fair. But when this bill was returned to the prosecutor it was marked: "NOT A TRUE BILL."

Then it was only for the court to take up the matter of an assault with serious injury. Both sides agreed to leave the question of guilt in this case to Judge Finley and after hearing the evidence he found no serious

injury and that Davis is rapidly gaining in popularity.

Every day it is becoming more evident in the campaign that the Republican office holders have had to buy many of the best offices at the highest bidder. Men who were in high position have literally sold these offices to the people. Detectives have unearthed the fact and men have turned on their despoilers and told how they were held up for cold hard cash before they could secure the office. These little fourth class post offices have sold for from \$75 up, and many offices have brought as much as \$500. It was not enough to filch from the government many millions in the way of oil fields, but the politicians have gone after the pocket books of the people who wanted such offices as rural carriers, post offices, and any other offices in the gift of the politicians.

The knowing ones have discovered that the man who is so often elected in September is rarely elected in November. Of course we will have to all wait to see who is the best guesser.

Col. Meekins Speaks in Surry

Many people of this county heard Col. I. M. Meekins Republican candidate for Governor, speak during his swing through Surry. Monday night he spoke at Elkin, Tuesday he spoke for three hours to an audience at Dobson and Tuesday night he spoke until about eleven o'clock to an audience in this city.

His speeches abounded in oratory, poetry and scripture quotations and to say that he is a master with the use of beautiful words and expressions is stating it mildly. His speeches in the county were free from the muddling that some political speakers have engaged in in past campaigns, but he does not fail to pay his respects to alleged mismanagement of state affairs as his party sees it. As one fellow expressed it, Col. Meekins would be a whale of a speaker if he had a subject but he can find little solace when he goes to abusing the progress North Carolina has made under a Democratic government for a quarter of a century.

injury inflicted and ordered the charge changed to a simple assault, placing a fine of \$50 on Judge Lewellyn. At the hearing before Magistrate A. L. Sparger the defense offered a plea of guilty to a simple assault but this was not accepted and the case went to the Superior court where the Judge found as above stated.

Judge Lewellyn never has at any time denied the charge of a simple assault but has contended that it grew out of a feeling that has long existed between he and Mr. Davis over some political questions and that the climax of it came when he and Mr. Davis engaged in a conversation at the fair grounds one night, in which some heated words were passed causing Judge Lewellyn to strike Mr. Davis. For the fact that Judge Lewellyn is standing for re-election, the occurrence has perhaps been more talked of than had it been an altercation between two citizens of private walks of life. Judge Lewellyn has bitterly denied the charge lodged against him of being drunk and disorderly and contends that this charge was brought in only for the purpose of embarrassing him and using it in an effort to bring about his defeat in the coming election.

"Since the trial before A. L. Sparger, when the people had an opportunity to learn the real motive back of the charges, my friends in both political parties have realized the injustice of the charges and have rallied to my support as no other move could cause them to," said Judge Lewellyn following his vindication at Dobson. "The people," he said, "realize that the entire proceedings was a lick at the Democratic ticket in this township, and at the entire county ticket for that matter, as well as at me, and the nature of the evidence produced against me has strengthened this view on their part. With a clear vindication of the false charges that were preferred against me for a purely political motive I predict that the entire Democratic constituency, with many friends of the Republican party, will roll up such a big majority in this township on election day that the result will sweep every Democratic candidate on county and township tickets into office."

FORCING NEGROES ON THE SOUTH

The Republican party is disposed to force the negro on the Southern people whenever it can. In a seaport town the collector of the port is the most important office to be had. It corresponds to the post office in a town like Mount Airy. Down at New Orleans they are up in arms about a negro being made collector. The late W. G. Harding appointed the negro collector and a Republican Senate refused to confirm the appointment on the grounds that the negro was not acceptable to the people of that city.

Then Mr. Coolidge came to the presidency and he too appointed the negro. After much delay and discussion the Senate confirmed him and he has little enough sense to try to serve a people who do not welcome his entrance into such a responsible position.

Any man who tries to force a negro on a people as is being done in New Orleans simply is ignorant of the race feeling that exists in the South. It is a great mistake that no well-informed man would make. It is not the part of a patriot or a statesman to so embarrass the city to say nothing of the negro. If the negro had sense enough to make a good collector he would have sense enough not to try to fill this high position when the people he must serve object so strongly to him.

Dr. Martin Admitted To Fellowship In American College of Surgeons

Dr. M. S. Martin left Tuesday afternoon for New York City to attend the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons held in the Waldorf-Astoria October 20-24. During this convocation the ordinance of fellowship will be conferred upon Dr. Martin which is an honor attained only after a number of years of successful service as a surgeon.

School will be suspended Friday in order that the teachers may attend a teachers' meeting in Winston-Salem Friday and Saturday.

Advertisement for W. S. Wolfe Drug Co. featuring an illustration of a woman with a mortar and pestle. Text includes 'PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY COMPOUNDED' and 'For drugs or drug store things carried by a first class drug store, come to us and we will supply your wants at reasonable charges.'

Many Liquor Cases Come Before Dobson Court

Judge T. B. Finley of North Wilkesboro is holding a term of criminal and civil court at Dobson this week. This is a two weeks' term but owing to the small calendar and the nearness of the election it is expected to adjourn about Friday. The cases on the docket are of a minor nature, most of them originating from handling liquor.

During the first day of his court Judge Finley struck terror to the hearts of those who have refused to divulge the source of their liquor. It has been the custom for some time here in Mount Airy for the Recorder in passing sentence in liquor cases to make it a little heavier where the fellow declines to answer the question as to where he secured his liquor. And on this issue Judge Lewellyn has come in for some criticism, some of our best citizens taking sides against him and feeling that this move was not right.

Many of these cases before the Recorder have been appealed to Dobson and now comes Judge Finley who Monday promptly sent a young fellow to the roads for six months when he elected to secret the name of the friend who had been supplying him. In his remarks the Judge stated that the defendant owed a greater duty to his state than he owed to the fellow who unlawfully dealt in liquor and then expected the fellow who gets caught to keep his name a secret. The

action in this case on the part of Judge Finley has made many fellows around this city think serious about what they are going to do when their case comes before him and he inquires from them where they secured their liquor.

Jailer Hutchens states that he has in prison at the present time 19 inmates—a greater number than has ever before been confined in Dobson jail at one time. About half of them are serving sentences imposed on them in the Recorder's court of Mount Airy and the remainder are waiting for trial on charges of selling and making liquor, larceny and housebreaking and in all the cases the story of liquor is wound about. In the jail are 12 white men, three white women, one colored woman and 3 colored men. As soon as the court can clear the jail cases it is expected that an adjournment will be taken.

Mrs. Perkins in Accident

Mrs. Foy C. Perkins suffered a flesh wound on the forehead and another above the knee and also severe nervous shock when the car in which she was riding, driven by Mrs. Hardbarger, collided with a car driven by Jim Johnson one day last week. She was carried to the hospital where her wounds were dressed and she remained several days to recover from the shock.



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