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PAY UP.

United States Government Strictly Enforcing Law Relative to Weekly Newspapers.

The United States Government is enforcing strictly the law relative to newspapers. This ruling provides that weekly newspapers that are mailed to subscribers who are more than NINE MONTHS in arrears will be required to pay first class postage. We cannot afford to pay first class postage.

We have only a small number of subscribers on our books now who are more than nine months in arrears and we wish these accounts settled at once. We must observe the law and everyone who does not pay up his subscription will be cut off the subscription books and the account placed in the hands of our attorney for collection.

We regret to take action like this and hope that all subscribers who are in arrears will pay up promptly. A newspaper cannot be run on hot air. The paper mills do not ship us paper free and then pay the freight, printers will not work for the joy of working, the man we rent this office from is a regular visitor on the first of the month and we must pay up or move out, the United States Government will not credit us for postage and therefore we cannot afford to extend credit for several years to subscribers.

To all those in arrears bills will be sent in the next few days and we expect a prompt remittance.

We wish to get the accounts of the McDowell Democrat settled up.

It requires a good deal of time and labor to keep two sets of books so please remit upon the receipt of your bill.

The Homeseeker.

"How can a town of Marion's population advertise its advantages to the homeseeker?" was a question asked of us by a prominent business man several days ago. Continuing he said, "I realize that this is a day of opportunity and I also believe that the fight for the homeseeker will be between the small towns and country districts on one side and the manufacturers of the cities on the other but how can we reach the great army of homeseekers?"

Alone the business men of Marion cannot reach them but the business men located in the counties of McDowell, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Rutherford and Cleveland can reach them if they go about it in a systematic way.

To do this the commercial organizations in the towns located in the above counties must work together. No one organization advertising a town or county could accomplish anything, but combined good results could be obtained.

The Marion Progress has communicated with the newspapers located in the above towns asking for their support in such a move and this has been assured from all that we have heard from.

By systematic advertising in the farm journals of the west it would be easy to reach several million people and this could be done at a comparatively small cost. If the commercial organizations of this section would raise say \$50 or \$100 dollars each we would be enabled to reach the homeseekers of the north west.

Building Hotels.

The towns of Murphy, Brevard and others in Western North Carolina are building and preparing to build more hotels for the accommodation of summer tourists. Bakersville and Morganton are now agitating the question. Morganton has forty thousand dollars in sight for such a hotel for commercial and tourist travel.

Can Marion afford to wait until those towns become established resorts before putting in its bid for summer tourists? It will not be but a few months before hot weather in the far south will drive the tourists northward and yet Marion is not prepared to accommodate a good handful.

ENTHUSIASTIC ENDORSEMENT

Of Wm. J. Cocke for Democratic Nomination.

COCKE OR GUDGER?

Franklin Press, of Macon County Discusses Candidacy of Two Prominent Democrats, Believes Cocke Stronger of the Two. Merits of the Candidates Considered.

Strong and enthusiastic endorsement of Hon. William J. Cocke, of Buncombe for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Tenth North Carolina district are coming from all parts of the district and his friends are greatly pleased with the enthusiasm with which his candidacy has been received. In a strong editorial under the caption: "Cocke or Gudger?" the Franklin Press of Macon county says that Cocke is the man and gives endorsement in the following language:

"If we were looking for the strongest and most popular democratic leaders in Western North Carolina we would immediately find two names standing high. These names are J. M. Gudger, Jr., and William J. Cocke. Both men are from Asheville, both are advocates of the highest and purest party principles, and both stand high in the esteem of all who know them. Gudger and Cocke—two stronger democrats it would be hard to find."

But now it is not a question of Gudger and Cocke. It is Gudger or Cocke. Both of those men are making the fight for democratic nomination for congressman from the Tenth district.

Which shall it be, Gudger or Cocke?

Let us consider the merits of the two candidates for a moment. Mr. Gudger was congressman from the Tenth district two terms, and although he didn't "set the world on fire" it is certain he did some good work for his district, and left an excellent record.

Mr. Cocke, on the other hand, is still a comparatively young man, and is making his first race. He has served his party well in different capacities, having been mayor of Asheville, state senator, North Carolina delegate to the national democratic convention, etc. He is a man of vigor, fire, enthusiasm, and a big ambition, and possessing the ability to realize this ambition he is necessarily a very strong personality. It is this very fact that makes him a better man for congressman than Mr. Gudger. The latter has had the place before and in going back to Washington would resume his old position with the fire and vigor of his victory, practically burnt out. We could expect little in the way of positive legislation from him. Mr. Cocke, going into congress full of the fire and enthusiasm of his victorious realization of the ambition of a life, will make his power felt. A strong man come into his own, exerting his strength in the cause of his constituents—that will be William J. Cocke on the floor of the house.

In the point of ability Mr. Cocke is probably the superior of his opponent. His career has been more spectacular, and has shown more strength and individuality than has that of Mr. Gudger. As a speaker he certainly has the advantage of Mr. Gudger, being one of the strongest and most forceful talkers in Western North Carolina. And this district needs a man in congress who can talk.

The voters of Macon county will have an important part in the nomination of a candidate. They should think the question over and get the right man. In our opinion William J. Cocke is that man. A young man, a man of big brain and strong character, with purity of principle and steadfastness of purpose, a man who has the fire and ambition that is bound to bring him through a winner—that is William J. Cocke of Asheville, the man who is going to congress from the Tenth district next fall."

After Good Citizens.

David A. Shaw, of Pittsburg, Pa., has written to Postmaster McCall asking for information relative to Marion. He asks if Marion is only seeking capitalists, or capitalists and other citizens. The writer also stated that he had been working in a planing mill and wished to move south to escape the severe winters of the north.

Mr. McCall referred the letter to H. W. Dysart, secretary of the Manufacturers' Club, for answer. Mr. Dysart in writing Shaw told him that Marion was after good citizens as well as capitalists and new industries.

Nabo Notes

Our little town seems very quiet and peaceful. There have been no great big events in our midst for the past few days. And yet the people are busy. These last few autumn days when have continued so long have been very favorable for work and the farmers and others have been making good use of them.

Once in a while during the past few weeks some have yielded to the temptation of prophesying as to the weather, some saying it would rain, some saying it would snow, others even saying it would be a very severe winter. But, so far, the weather has not gone along nicely paying attention to any of them, but giving beautiful sunshine to all.

These are busy days in New High School. The watchword is "Work." "Advance." And the regular class work, the school is preparing to give an entertainment just at the closing for the Christmas holidays. Some of the close on Tuesday last, and the entertainment will be Tuesday night. A fine programme is being arranged at that time, and Misses Eddie Young and Lillian Loman were visitors in Marion Saturday. Miss Young remained over to attend the funeral of her grandmother.

Calvin Kincaid, wife and two children, visited a few days Sunday at the home of J. E. W. Wilson.

Dr. Ashworth was in town a short time on professional business Saturday, and Dr. J. H. Giles spent a few hours in town on the same day.

Misses Betty and Alice Beck were in town Saturday and returned Sunday afternoon.

John W. White, who has been coming to town for some time, is now in town.

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J. D. BLANTON

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