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COUNTY BOARD OF APPRAISERS ORGANIZED

The County Board of Appraisers for Jackson county was organized at the meeting of the board of county commissioners Monday. Mr. J. D. Coward of Cullowhee, who has recently been appointed to that position by the State Tax Commission is the County Supervisor, and H. R. Snyder and former sheriff James W. Buchanan were appointed members of the revaluation board and assistants to the supervisor by the county commissioners. Being recommended by the county supervisor Dan Tompkins was appointed clerk to the supervisor and revaluation board by the county commissioners.

The work which this board will take up is provided for in an act passed by the last General Assembly, the design being to value all the property in the county and the state at its true value. The supervisor and at least one other member of the board will visit each piece of real estate in the county in order to be able to arrive at an opinion as to the value of the property. The first thing the board will do is to mail out a questionnaire to each property owner to be filled in by him, and if all the property holders will have these properly filled out and ready to sign when the supervisor arrives it will save much unnecessary delay as well as considerable expense to the county.

The legislature does not intend to increase the amount of the taxes that are paid; but to put the property holders of the state on an equal footing as to the taxable value of the property. At present, properties of equal value are listed at glaringly unequal amounts on the tax books in the state, and it is to put the taxable property on a more equitable basis that this work is to be done.

Mr. Coward recently attended a meeting of the county supervisors of the state who met with the state Tax Commission and the Governor in Asheville, at which time all the work ahead was thoroughly discussed and instructions given to the county and district men by the Tax Commission.

T. B. COWAN APPOINTED ATTENDANCE OFFICER.

At a joint meeting of the county commissioners and the county board of education, Tuesday, Mr. T. B. Cowan, of Webster was appointed attendance officer, under the compulsory school attendance act of the General Assembly, and welfare officer of the juvenile court. Mr. Cowan's duties will be to see that the legislation relating to school attendance is enforced in this county, and to be the officer of the juvenile court. Where he learns that the parents or guardians of children are unable to furnish the child with necessary school supplies he will arrange for them to be paid out of the public fund.

The act provides that every child in the state within the ages of 8 and 16 shall attend school for at least six months in every year, and that also all misdemeanors committed by minors under the age of 18 shall be within the jurisdiction of the clerk of the superior court, who is constituted a juvenile court in each county for that purpose.

Mr. Cowan will enter upon his duties at once.

PARTNERSHIP RETURNS

Collector A. D. Watts of Statesville, N. C., has the blanks for partnership returns and will be glad to send them to all who apply for them. He has not a list of partnerships and it will be necessary for application to be made to him for blanks.

Under the present Revenue Law it is the duty of all partnerships to make returns, but as partnerships, they do not pay taxes. It would be well for all partnerships to immediately apply to the Collector for these blanks, as the time for filing returns expires on June 15th, after which time penalties will be exacted for failure to file returns.



NOT ONE OF THEM IS SMILING.

Not a smile illumines the face of a single one of these men. Good enough reason why. They are the German financial delegates leaving Trianon Palace at Versailles, following a meeting with the Allied financial representatives. At the left is shown the military chaperone furnished the Teutonic delegates by the Allies.



FIRST REPUBLICAN SPEAKER IN EIGHT YEARS.

First photograph taken of the Hon. Frederick Huntington Gillett, new Speaker of the House of Representatives at his desk on the rostrum. Mr. Gillett is the first Republican to take the gavel in eight years.

WILLIAM ELSIE DILLARD

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Read at M. E. Church South Sylva, N. C.

It is not with unmixed emotions that I approach the task assigned me in this program. I share in the profound sadness of all who realize that our young soldier is one of the immortal number of unreturning dead; and at the same time I experience a solemn satisfaction in adding my poor mite to the sum of praise which he so richly earned.

No one not occupying the position of mother, father, brother or sister can appreciate the poignant grief and loneliness of such a passing as that of our young hero.

Without solemn and deep reflection we shall fail to grasp the awful significance of death for any cause or under any circumstances. Our Savior himself dreaded death as is shown by his agony and prayer in Gethsemane.

Man has but one natural life. He passes this way but once. The tender ties, the familiar scenes of this beautiful world are his to cultivate and enjoy, and they become a part of his very life, his food and his drink. Ah, the appeal of life in the bounding tide of youth with all of its manifold and mysterious relations: The old home with her to preside who is dearer than all the world beside, the ancestral home with its hedges of boxwood and "white pigeons fluttering down;" the ancient oaks and smiling uplands, how it must tear the heart of youth

to look upon these for the last time. Even the iron hearted Napoleon said he loved the very smell of the soil of his native Corsica.

Sometimes we speak in eloquent terms of the glory that attaches to the death of a hero for his country. Genuine vicarious sacrifice is glorious. "Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friend." It is equally glorious to die for the oppressed. The immortal Frenchman, Lafayette, headed a few unselfish patriots and nobly assisted Washington in delivering our colonies from the tyranny of German George Third, but it remained for the Twentieth Century to behold a Christian nation of the first magnitude lay all of its fabulous resources, men, money and time, upon the altar of Liberty in a foreign clime, across three thousand miles of sea. Never before had the human race gazed upon so singular and sublime a spectacle.

For the first time in history a united nation threw itself in the breach between the mailed fist and the spirit of liberty, that the latter might continue to live in the world, without thought of the immemorial rewards of conquest. No nation not Christian would have dared so momentous an adventure. Indeed you, soldiers, were actuated by the first law of life: self-preservation—the perpetuation of our free institutions from the thralldom of German military cult in full operation, but the motive that impelled you and

your dead comrade whose gallant spirit we honor and revere today was the liberation of France and Belgium and the other oppressed peoples of Central Europe from the yoke of German oppression.

Yes, young Dillard died for an ideal and more, he died for a sublime principle—that men might live and that little children and defenseless women and helpless age might be rescued from the nightmare of ultra-savage force and fiendishness. Soldiers, you offered your lives, and your comrade died, for the well-being of all future generations. Men living ten generations, aye, ten centuries from now will be as much your debtors as we who proudly look upon your manly forms today. Your task has been nobly performed. You have sown the seeds of liberty and enlightenment throughout the Eastern half of the world and the harvest may be indefinite, but is none the less sure. The sacrifice of your immortal dead—their rich, young life-blood moistening an hundred ensanguined fields from the Argonne, to Mehiel, Metz and Verdun will perpetually ascend to our God, who is the final conservator and administrator of justice, righteousness and peace among nations, as among men.

Where is the American today who would wish a return to human slavery? Who among us, however wise or simple, would advocate a disruption of the Union of these States? Just so it is in Europe and the far east. From now henceforth there will be no place on earth, much less in the Sun, for an autocratic simpleton or tyrannical egotist like Nicholas Romanoff or William Hohenzollern. They were the relic of a barbaric idea in government. They were not deluded. They were vicious and presumptive from ages of evil and false training. The world became sick and tired of all such and, through your sacrifice, has made good riddance of them.

And now Soldiers, in the soldier-death of Elsie Dillard every one of us and every one of you are re-committed to the task of citizenship. Did it ever occur to you that it should be as glorious to live as to die for a just cause? Often it requires all the finest qualities of the best soldier to do right.

In fact, the men whom you have known in public or private life, who have been of the greatest value to mankind, have evinced the courage of the martyr when occasion called. That great apostle to the gentiles and prince among men—St. Paul—was always ready to be "offered up" for Him whom he served. Ah, the transcendent, all-inclusive place of service in the life! The real heroes

are those like Garibaldi, Kossuth, Lincoln, Lee and our own great President, who exist in their physical bodies, but in reality live out of themselves and for all humanity, for all time.

To briefly paraphrase Lincoln at Gettysburg: "It is for us, civilians and soldiers, to be here dedicated to the task remaining before us—that from our honored dead, we take increased devotion to the cause for which he gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that our young friend and comrade shall not have died in vain, and that all nations, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, for the people and by the people shall not perish from the earth."

Soldiers, it grieves our hearts that the hale and happy form of Elsie is left to sleep in Flanders' Fields where poppies blow, but like the young lover whose heart was in the highlands a chasing the roe, our hearts are with our dead young lover of human rights as he awaits the blast of the hero's reveille on some golden morning in God's good time.

If the war had continued there would have been other gold stars on that white background. You have been of all men the most fortunate. You have come back to your native land and to us almost as from the grave. You have come back, most of you, strong and hopeful and full of the joy of living. You come back home with something the Grecian, the Roman soldier with his chariot wheels laden with material and human trophies, never knew. You come back with the best physical and moral health of all the soldiers of history.

Your personal conduct, your conversation and intercourse mark you as sons worthy of chevalier sires. You have shown the world that a soldier can be a Christian and a gentleman. We are proud of you and feel reassured in the most live and liberal prophecy of a glorious citizenship among us. While you were suffering from cold and hunger, or on the field of battle we suffered with you, our hopes and prayers followed you by night and by day, and often sleep was stranger to us, but now we have you and we are happy. May you never again have to perform another such errand, but may you ascend the Eastern side of the hill of life in prosperity and go down the Western slope in peace.

SENATE ADOPTS EQUAL SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Washington, June 4.—Action by congress on equal suffrage—subject of a fight of forty years duration—ended late today in adoption by the senate by a vote of 56 to 25 of the historic Susan B. Anthony constitutional amendment resolution. The proposed amendment, adopted by the house by a vote of 304 to 89 May 21, as the first act of the new congress, now goes to the states, ratification by the legislature of three-fourths of which is required for its incorporation in the federal constitution.

The roll call today showed two votes more than the necessary two-thirds for the resolution, which was drafted by Susan B. Anthony in 1875 and introduced by Senator Sergeant of California in 1878. Counting paired and absent members, the senate actually stood 66 to 30 for the measure.

MOVES OFFICE.

Brown and Brown have moved their office to the office recently occupied by A. J. Dills, next door to M. H. Morris and Sons, on Main street. When you are interested in insurance you will find them on the job.

Announcement

We wish to announce to the public that we have bought out the stock of the Sylva Millinery Co. and will conduct the business under the firm name of G. M. COLE & COMPANY.

We will soon have a full stock of first class goods, and will sell for a close margin of profit, as we are going to conduct our business strictly on the cash basis.

We will leave for market the first of the week to purchase goods.

We solicit your trade and assure you the best of treatment and will appreciate any business you may give us.

GEO. M. COLE
A. F. CLOUSE