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HAYING DECIDED

To go out of the goods business
beginning **MONDAY MORNING,**

Jany. 20th

I will sell my entire stock of
goods at **Actual Wholesale
Cost**, nothing held back.

THEY ARE GOING GET IN THE PUSH!!!!

Can't get room here for a list of pri-
ces, but you can call at my store and
I'll do the rest.

ALL BOOK ACCOUNTS ARE CLOSED AND
POSITIVELY NOTHING CHARGED!

STRICTLY CASH GRAIN OR PRODUCE

J. R. Swann

We have a few odds and ends in

SHOES

which we are offering at

50c. TO \$1.00 A PAIR.

They are all exceptionally good values. Come in and see them.

WON'T YOU?

WE BUY Everything GUDGER'S Anything WE

**Do you want to buy anything
Do you want to sell anything**

VAN SMITH
(NEAR THE DEPOT)

buys all kinds of produce at high-
est market price, and sells all
kinds of

**FAMILY & FANCY
GROCERIES**

at Lowest Possible Figures.

FRESH MEATS

of all kinds, constantly on hand
HOME MADE SAUSAGE a
specialty.

Goods Delivered free anywhere in town.

ROUND TRIP REDUCED RATE
Offered by the Southern Railway
Company for the following special
occasions:

On account Mardi Gras, New
Orleans, La., and Mobile, Ala., Feb.
4th to 11th. Tickets will be on
sale Feb. 4th to 11th inclusive, with
final limit to return Feb. 15th, ex-

DR. T. C. SMITH.

**Wholesale Druggist,
ASHEVILLE, N. C.**

40 years in drugs.

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Published Every Friday, by
THE RECORD PRINTING CO.
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We challenge the Enterprise, the official organ of the Court-House Ring and the claim speculators of the county, to point out a single instance in which we have made a mis-statement of facts, or have mis-quoted the records of the county.

MATTERS EDUCATIONAL.

Conspicuous among the most notable features of this new century which is yet only a yearling, may be mentioned the educational uplift that it is bringing. For years the leaders in thought and statecraft in this commonwealth have recognized illiteracy as one of the chief obstacles to the highest progress and attainment of the best results to citizenship. The trend of legislation for a decade has been along this line and with the spirit of our ancestors who founded the first University in the south and one amongst the first in the country, the steady aim of the law-making power has been to open more schools, keep them open longer and provide them with better teachers and equipments. One fifth of a million dollars more was appropriated by the last General Assembly for the purpose of public schools than ever before. The present administration of the state is committed to the idea of enlarged educational advantages for all. The late constitutional amendment has accentuated the necessity of the public school and it is believed has had the effect to increase attendance. The idea that after 1908 no citizen then coming of age can vote unless he can read, will spur parents to send, and children to go to school, but it must be understood that the provisions of this law are such that no white man now of age, or attaining his majority prior to that date, will be disfranchised by reason of his inability to read.

The great steps forward that Madison county is making in the matter of public schools are noteworthy and gratifying. There is an earnest, determined, intelligent spirit manifested by the citizens of the county, indicating a resolution to measure up to the responsibilities thrust upon them by these new modern days, and this seems to be the case regardless of political creeds. The fact of enlarged attendance at the public schools, as shown by the records of the County Superintendent James, is a matter of congratulation and is fine prophecy for the future. The proportion of attendance has been for the year now closing, 8 per cent higher than in Buncombe county, which in many respects leads the public schools of the state.

Another thing well worthy of mention is that the average length of schools during this scholastic year has been four and a half months—a longer term than ever before known in the history of the county. Some schools will have continued for 8 months and none less than 6, and under the law now in force none can be for less than four months.

The proficiency and fitness of the teachers are features that mark the excellence of the management of this county's public schools. They have gone to work not only with riper scholarship and equipped with modern progressive ideas, but have entered upon their duties with more elevated ideals and the most modern methods that are known to the school room. The county is not advancing more rapidly in any other respect than in the quality and amount of well directed labor on the part of the teachers of her public schools.

QUESTIONS UNANSWERED.

Will the Enterprise, the official organ of the Court House Ring and the claim speculators of the county (commonly known as Little Achanias) please answer the following questions, all of which have been asked several times before but have never been answered?

First—Why do not the GIANT Commissioners require the county officers to make their itemized and verified annual reports as required by sections 728 of the Code and section 98 of chapter 7 of the public laws of 1901?

Second—Why do not the GIANT Commissioners require the Sheriff to file a verified statement of the money on hand on the first Monday in every month as required by Chapter 7, Section 98 of the Acts of 1901?

Bad Mail service
Buckner, N. C.,
January 13, 1902.

HELLO! RECORD: Have you gone into winter quarters? There has not been a copy of the Record received at Buckner P. O. since the 20th day of December, and we are getting very anxious to hear from you and to know what the Court House Ring is doing.

If you have on hand, a copy of issues of January 3rd and 10th, please send me a copy of each number.
W. L. HENSLEY.

We have mailed the papers each week except Dec. 27th, and there was no paper printed that week. There is something wrong with the mail; we are receiving other complaints. We request the post masters throughout the county to be sure that each and every subscriber get their papers promptly and avoid the necessity of a complaint to the department.

Schemes and Schemers.

The newspapers over the state have had a good deal to say about the famous Cherry Tree swindle at Henrietta, N. C. But there has been little said about the hundred and one other just such schemes, with slight changes, to try to evade the law, and one would have to screw up their consciences very tight to try to call any such thing a legitimate business.

In the Cherry Tree Co., you got a small sprout of some kind for a dollar; the Stereoscopic Co., gave you a 20 cent stereoscope for a dollar; another gives you a 20 cent coffee pot for a dollar; and another a 10 cent bottle of medicine for a dollar and numerous other such schemes. Let them alone one and all.

On January 1st, Mr. W. P. Jervis of the Enterprise, succeeded R. F. Fox, as deputy revenue collector, Mr. Fox being put on the retired list without pay. This puts both the editors and proprietors of the Enterprise, Messrs. R. B. Sams and W. P. Jervis, in the revenue business. According to Joe Daniels' definition, the Enterprise will now be a "doe-ile organ" in connection with being a Court House Ring and claim speculator advocate.

It is current rumor about the town that the Board of Education contracted to sell the public school property of Marshall district at their meeting the first of this week. We have been unable to find any record made by the Board regarding the transaction and Prof. James informs us that the Board took no action in open session regarding such sale and that he has refused to sign the deed as made by the members of the Board for the reason that the school committee of the district and the patrons of the school had protested against the sale. We are unable to understand what interest the Board of Education had in attempting to make sale of the property when the patrons of the district, Prof. James whose home is here, and the school committee of the district were all opposed making any disposition of

the property until they had an opportunity to procure other property as desirable as the property to be disposed of.

Board of Education Proceedings

The Board of Education for Madison County met in Regular session Monday Jan. 18 1902, present Jasper Ebbs, chairman, E. N. Ery and L. J. Bailey.

Ordered by the Board, that a school district be made on Bear Creek, known as Bear Creek district, in Township No. 1, District No. 13. The lines shall be as follows:

Beginning at the old boat landing and running with the top of the leading ridge to the head of Bear Creek and then with the top of the leading mountain to Caney Fork Gap; then down with the road to G. G. Wilsons; then back with the Dry Pond road to the Joe Ball farm; and then to the river to the place known as the Warner place; thence with the river to the beginning. The district contains 84 children of school age. Joseph R. Ball, James Wilson and Rob't Payne are hereby appointed committee for the said Bear Creek school district.

It is ordered by the Board that No. 1 and No. 2 districts on Spring Creek, Township 8, Zion and Balm Groves, be consolidated and hereafter be only one. The original lines shall be the present lines for said district. The name of the district shall be Zion school district and shall be No. 1 in said Township. The committeemen for said district are D. R. Lusk, D. P. Plemmons and H. W. Waldrop.

Ordered by the Board that a new school district be made in No. 13 Township, (Meadow Fork) known as Panther Branch school district, bounded as follows:

Beginning at the mouth of Panther Branch and running down Meadow Fork Creek to the lower end of E. J. Rheinhardt's home place; thence up ridge to the top of Roaring Fork Mountain and down the north side of said mountain one fourth mile; thence a straight line westward to Millers' Gap on the state line; thence south to the top of the Buckeye near the Knotly cabin place; then down the Buckeye mountain, the dividing ridge between Panther and Long branches to the Meadow Fork creek; thence down said Meadow Fork creek to the beginning. District contains 61 children of school age.

The committee for the above new district are: M. C. Connor, J. T. Shelton and George Banks.

January 14th, 1902.

Board met in regular session second day. All members being present.

J. H. White, clerk of Superior Court made an official report of the fines that had been collected by him from the July and October terms, 1901. Fines as follows:

JULY TERM OF COURT:

Ed McFall,	\$ 5 00
Wade Shelton	5 00
Sylvanus Shelton,	15 00
John R. Shelton,	5 00
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Joe Metcalf,	5 00

OCTOBER TERM OF COURT.

Charley Ramsey,	5 00
Ed Kirkpatrick,	5 00
Chas Shelton,	5 00
John Sams,	10 00
Burgess Hensley,	5 00
E. V. Russell,	5 00
Norman Thorp,	5 00
Peter Haynie,	5 00
Henry Knight,	5 00
James Metcalf,	25 00
Pardee Morris,	5 00
Reuben Hensley,	5 00
E. A. Shelton,	5 00
W. G. Shelton,	5 00
Anderson Shelton,	10 00
Frank Dockery, et al	25 00
Ross Redmon,	10 00
J. G. Boone	5 00
Reuber Franklin,	5 00
Son Franklin	5 00
Clark Rany,	10 00
Jack P. Moore,	15 00
Jerry Redmon,	15 00
Rebecca Hensley,	10 00
J. H. Hollow	10 00
Total,	\$360 00

Clark's commission, 5%—
Turned over to Treasurer, \$347 00

Ordered by the Board, that the Southern Railway be granted a release of the school part of \$38 40, amount they were over-taxed for the years 1899 and 1900. This amount being granted them by the recent decisions of the courts and the county authorities being informed of this fact by the N. C. Corporation Commission.

Ordered by the Board that Jasper Ebbs be paid \$6.60 for services as a member of Board.

Ordered that L. J. Bailey be paid \$4.80 for services rendered as a member of Board.

Ordered that J. M. James be paid \$42.00 for services as Superintendent and \$4.00 as clerk to Board two days.

Ordered that Dr. Frank Roberts county treasurer, be paid \$78.14 commissions, 2 1/2 p. c. on \$3125.68, the amount of school vouchers turned over by him and settled on by Board at this meeting.

The Board and county treasurer went into settlement and was found that treasurer still has in his hands \$1661.99 which it takes to square the books and pay his commissions of last year's apportionment, except \$8.04 which is added to the new apportionment.

Ordered that Mr. William Willis be released as a committeemen for Lower Little Creek district.

RECEIPTS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES:

Abstract,	\$522 88
Whiskey,	800 00
State,	1266 00
Fines from C. S. C.,	247 00
Fines from Mayor Haynie,	23 60
Fines from Mayor Weaver,	11 86
Insolvents,	91 25
Insolvents,	52 12
Certificate money,	80 00
E. Rector, (county claims)	319 68
Magistrate fines,	15 60
From last year unapport'd	8 04
Total,	\$10576.32

Insolvents,	\$ 925 64
Releases,	98 90
Commissions S. H. T's	382 06
Treasurer's	238 79
Current Expenses	462 90
Total,	\$2108 19

Ap'rt'd among schools, \$2108 19
Total amount apportioned for schools: there are 8902 white and colored children of school age in Madison county for 1902; apportionment for each child is \$1.02 which equals \$8468.04.

JANUARY APPORTIONMENT OF THE
SCHOOL FUNDS FOR THE
YEAR 1902:

TOWNSHIP NO. 1.	
Marshall,	\$158 10
Madison Seminary,	188 62
Panhandle,	136 48
Rector's Chapel,	88 84
Hay's Mountain,	119 34
Walnut Creek,	111 18
Dewel Hill,	153 00
Red Hill,	104 04
Walnut Run,	188 72
Dry Branch,	146 98
Hopewell,	75 48
Laurel Fork,	115 26
Bear Creek,	85 88
Marshall, (col)	92 82

TOWNSHIP NO. 2:

Chapel Hill,	125 46
Allen Creek,	53 04
Middle Laurel,	76 50
Shelton Laurel,	69 86
Spilloom,	56 10
Cutchall,	48 96
Cook Farm,	82 62
Upper Shelton Laurel,	93 90

TOWNSHIP NO. 8:

Flint Knob,	150 96
Bull Creek,	138 62
Gabriel's Creek,	92 82
Oak Grove,	54 06

TOWNSHIP NO. 4:

Beech Glenn,	99 96
Paint Fork,	118 22
Terry's Fork,	72 42
Faint Gap,	130 56
Middle Fork,	108 02
Bethel,	114 24
Ivy (col)	82 84

TOWNSHIP NO. 5:

Little Ivy,	65 28
Upper California,	108 02
Lower California,	154 02

TOWNSHIP NO. 6:

Cross Beck,	69 82
Middle Sandy Mush,	98 34
Pinny Grove,	107 10
Pleasant View,	75 44

TOWNSHIP NO. 7:

Caney Fork,	184 64
Little Pine,	184 04
Shoal Hill,	108 12
Anderson Branch,	96 96

TOWNSHIP NO. 8:

Zion,	184 64
Spring Creek Seminary,	161 16
Freesland,	104 04
Woody's school house,	108 12
Sliding Knob,	87 72

TOWNSHIP NO. 9:

Hot Springs,	211 14
Autioch,	144 84
Bluff,	62 22
Doe Branch,	77 52
Sandy Bottom,	128 42
Little Hurricane,	46 92
Highland,	61 20
Hot Springs (col)	45 90

TOWNSHIP NO. 10:

Big Laurel,	74 48
Big Laurel Seminary,	76 50
Sodom,	99 96
Lower Sodom,	76 60
Rice Cove,	52 02

TOWNSHIP NO. 11

Laurel Valley,	119 34
English,	98 94
Upper Little Creek,	92 82
Lower Little Creek,	116 28

TOWNSHIP NO. 12

Upper Big Pine,	255 00
Lower Big Pine,	146 88

TOWNSHIP NO. 13

Roaring Fork,	100 98
Meadow Fork,	92 84
Keenersville,	72 42
Poplar Gap,	61 20
Panther Branch,	62 22

TOWNSHIP NO. 14

Grapevine,	125 46
Centre District,	168 80
East Fork,	104 04
Grapevine, (col)	21 42

TOWNSHIP NO. 15

Mars Hill,	199 92
White Oak,	81 60
Grassy Knob,	80 58
Mars Hill, (col)	21 42

TOWNSHIP NO. 16

Foster's Creek,	137 70
Ivy Ridge,	98 84

Watson for the Senate.

(Danbury Reporter.)

The Reporter feels confident it voiced the sentiment of Stokes county Democracy when it nominated for the seat of Mr. Pritchard in the United States Senate, Hon. Cyrus B. Watson, of Forsyth county.

A number of sterling Democrats and excellent gentlemen have permitted their names to be mentioned as candidates for this exalted position. We have no quarrel with them. We declare unequivocally for Mr. Watson because we believe he is the most guileless able man in North Carolina, and that no man living could so nearly satisfy the constituency of the immortal Vaude. He has eminently those virtues which are so rare in the public men of the day. A self-made man, familiar with the wants and needs of the masses, a friend to the poor and just to the rich. Mr. Watson has in him the elements that constitute the great commoner, the true, conservative statesman. Our industrial and commercial rights—so prone to be invaded at this day and time by combination of capital—would not suffer if such watchdogs guarded the walls. No man would stand firmer against the blandishment of the corporations, or the seductions of the "community of interest." We do not believe the gold of the oppressive and unconscionable trusts would ever bribe his honest convictions, nor enlist his talent against his own people. His record in the North Carolina Legislature is evidence that it would not: No man would stand more obstinately just, more inflexible to till—no man would wear closer to his heart the needs of his constituents. "Would be a dignity and an honor to the State to acknowledge Cy Watson as Senator. He was a gallant and a brave Confederate soldier. In the after-days that tested the strongest souls he was as steel. An accomplished debater, a shrewd politician, a skillful lawyer, a true friend and a Christian gentleman of the 20th century. His record in the North Carolina Legislature is evidence that it would not: No man would stand more obstinately just, more inflexible to till—no man would wear closer to his heart the needs of his constituents. "Would be a dignity and an honor to the State to acknowledge Cy Watson as Senator. He was a gallant and a brave Confederate soldier. In the after-days that tested the strongest souls he was as steel. An accomplished debater, a shrewd politician, a skillful lawyer, a true friend and a Christian gentleman of the 20th century.