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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.

S. S. Teacher: "Why did Peter command Ananias to 'stand forth'?"

Bright Little Boy: "Because he wanted the Enterprise and its little windy editor and its business manager to stand first, second and third."

The Enterprise suggested last week that the Record took the scabby side of every question. We would like to state that it would be impossible to take hold of the Court House Ring or its defender, the Enterprise, without taking the scabby side.

Superior Court begins here on the 24th day of this month for a two weeks' term for the trial of criminal cases only, with M. H. Justus of Rutherford county, Judge presiding. Judge Justus is one of the new Judges appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy that was created in the re-districting of the State by the last legislature. He is a man eminently qualified for the high position which he holds. His mind is of a judicial turn rather than that of a politician.

In his short career as Judge he has more than come up to the most sanguine expectations of his most enthusiastic friends.

Judge Justus will do as much as any Judge in the State to teach litigants that a court house is a temple of Justice in the true sense of the word and that each and every case shall be tried, judged and determined according to the surrounding circumstances and merits of each case as developed in a fair trial in open court; and that it is not necessary for litigants to muster up all of the political hee-lers of the surrounding country and bring them to Court in the hope that some undue influence can be had on the officers of the Court to prevent their cases from being investigated and dealt with according to the gravity of the crime.

Fruit Growing in Madison.

MADISON COUNTY RECORD: I have been thinking ever since you began the publication of your valuable paper in our county, that I would send you some short contributions relative to the development of our natural resources, knowing as I do, that your prime object is to place our county on a higher financial plane, and the highway to a substantial and abiding prosperity, the foundation of which shall be our climate, water power, timber, mineral, soil and pluck and energy of our people.

Now with all this array of natural wealth, what shall our people do to better their financial condition? In reply, I would advise those who have water power, mineral, timber, etc., to do their utmost to either develop it or bring the same to the attention of some person or firm who is able and will do so.

To those who have land suitable for the production of clover, wheat, corn, potatoes, cabbage, etc., let them plant such crops and see to it that a better system of cultivation shall be inaugurated in order to assure the very best results.

But the question comes home to the Madison county tiller of the soil every year since the American

Tobacco Trust squeezed the life out of our bright types of tobacco, "what can we produce as a cash crop that, when placed upon the markets of the world, will bring cash returns and give new impetus to energy and inspire young men to stay at home and build up the waste places?" Is there any crop or agricultural line in our county that holds out such inducements to those who would accept a flattering invitation? Most assuredly there is. By this answer I most earnestly refer to commercial horticulture. It is well known, and has been for generations past, that we possess in a very high degree, the soil, climate and every other natural condition necessary to produce apples of the very highest degree of excellence. All that stretch of country from the Yancey county line, following the Walnut mountain westwardly to the French Broad river, then down said river to the State line, then with the State line eastwardly to said Yancey county line, then Southward to said Walnut mountain, covering about one third of Madison county, more or less, is almost exclusively the very finest soil, climate, etc., to insure the best results if planted to up-to-date commercial orchards and managed in up-to-date orchard methods.

The writer has always believed that this special line of agriculture should be more vigorously brought to the attention of our people, who own fine orchard lands; but for the last two years, he has given this branch special study, which more fully emphasizes the importance of the subject to him.

We know many farmers who are making arrangements to plant large orchards in the near future. One has already ordered 450 apple trees and has 200 already growing and will plant at least 1000 next year; three others bought three hundred each and will buy largely next year; still another is preparing land for fifteen hundred trees next year and still another for five hundred, so you see some young men are thinking and thinking along the right line; while some are thinking rightly others are going to get left as usual. Let us illustrate what might be done: two young men have cash on hand \$200 each. A loans his at 8% interest for ten years, amount \$360. B purchases ten acres of good mountain land well adapted to growing commercial apples, at a cost of \$100; buys one thousand trees for one hundred dollars, making two hundred dollars. Now for results. Say, the trees if well kept, would the sixth year bear one bushel each, equal one thousand bushels; the seventh year bear two bushels each, equal two thousand bushels; the eighth year bear two and a half bushels each, equal two thousand five hundred bushels; the ninth year bear three bushels each, equal three thousand bushels; the tenth year bear three and a half bushels each, equal three thousand five hundred bushels; a total of twelve thousand bushels.

These apples, at 50 cents per bushel would yield six thousand dollars! Some one will object to this calculation as being too large; very well, cut it into, say they will bear only half that amount and B will still have three thousand dollars. Someone may be prejudiced against the apple tree and say that even this is too extravagant; alright, my friend, cut him into again and you still have fifteen hundred dollars left, now deduct price of land and trees at 8% interest for the ten years and B still has eleven hundred and fifty dollars left. Now suppose B has been too lazy to attend to his orchard during this time and gave some poor man, who needed the money, fifty dollars per year to look after it for him, then B would still have six hundred and fifty dollars and his one thousand trees just beginning their long and useful career. Now if any readers of your paper are really interested in this great money-making business and would like to investigate further, if they will call on the undersigned, or address with two cent stamp for reply, he will gladly give any information which he has acquired from extensive reading on the subject.

Respectfully,
J. R. SAMS,

Marshall Hill, N. C.

A Contest

We print below three accounts of the burning of the Big Pine church and school house, written by three students of Prof. L. D. Edwards's school. They were sent to this paper with the request that the editor decide which of the three articles was the best, his decision in the case was to be known by the one that appeared in the paper.

We most respectfully decline to sit as Judge in such a close contest and will give the question a jury trial and we hereby empanel the readers of the Record to sit together, consider the evidence and render their verdict accordingly.

The burning of the church and school-house of North Fork Big Pine, occurred on the 20th of January, 1902. Prof. L. D. Edwards and sister were teaching school here. I am sure that they were having one amongst the best schools in Madison county.

The burning of the building occurred at night while the students were preparing their lessons for next day. The wind was blowing very hard. When it was first discovered by Prof. Edwards one corner of the building was in a flame of fire. Several persons gathered around the burning building, but on account of the wind blowing so hard it was impossible to save it. O! how sad it was as it fell, the bell which had called us into books so many times, rang two or three times and it sounded so lonesome. Not many of the students knew what had happened until next morning, as they began to gather around the ruins. We all wore sad faces and began to wonder if the people would arrange for the school to go on, as all seemed to be interested in their books and wanted school to go on in some way. Sure enough the good citizens arranged another house in sight of the one which was burned down. School is now going on, although the present building is not as nice looking and convenient as the other one was. But where there is a will there is a way, so those that want to can learn just as much as if they were going to school in a fine house. The citizens are making arrangements to build another house as soon as possible.

ATTIE WILD.

On Monday night, Jan. 20, 1902, we had a bad disaster at North Fork of Big Pine, our school house was burned by an unknown hand. The building would seat between two and three hundred pupils. We were having an excellent school at the time the school house burned down.

The people of Big Pine went ahead and fixed another house that will seat from 50 to 60 persons and we are having a fine school now. Mr. L. D. Edwards and his sister of Marshall Hill were teaching before the building was burned, but Mr. Edwards is teaching alone at the present.

We hope and intend to have a new school house soon.

HUGH POSTELL.

On Monday night, Jan. 20th, 1902, the house at North Fork Big Pine, which was used for school and church purposes, caught fire and burned down. The fire was discovered, I suppose, by Mr. J. H. Davis about 10 o'clock p. m. He says that when he got to the house it was on fire on the outside. M. U. Clark says that he was at the house about 9:15 p. m. and that there was no fire then; while most of the people think it caught fire from a broken stove which sat near the door. The house was one of Madison's best school buildings.

The spring term of school had just barely begun—had just run two weeks and one day—when this terrible disaster happened. It was under the management of Prof. L. Edwards and his sister.

But the burning of the house did not stop the school. No sir! the people of Big Pine are interested too much in education to have their boys and girls stay out of school this spring, so the school was stopped only one week; just long enough for the men and boys to meet and repair a house which stands in sight of the ruins of the former. The house that burned would seat from two to three hundred people; the house that was repaired will seat about 60 persons.

H. C. COLWELL, Jr.

Buckner News.

EDITOR RECORD: A few more lines from Buckner:

Hon. R. K. Ingle and Miss Sallie Anderson were married on January 12, at the home of the bride's parents on Paint Fork. We join in wishing them great success.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hensley, a fine baby girl on Jan. 15th. Mother and baby doing well.

Mr. T. J. Keaterson's little eight months old boy died on last Saturday evening and was buried on Monday.

Mrs. T. J. Keaterson is very sick with pneumonia and her recovery is very much in doubt.

Mr. J. B. Hensley's fine Jersey cow failed with her milk so suddenly that he thought someone must be milking her but on close

investigation it was found that a 5 months old Berkshire pig was sucking her.

The writer sold a fine wagon load of Spitzbergen apples on the Asheville market last week for one dollar and one dollar and twenty cents per bushel.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. B. C. Foster, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks is improving and we hope to see her fully recover in a very short time.

Mr. Y. C. Buckner is rebuilding the water wheel to his mill and will soon have it running again. Mr. Kirby is doing the work.

Mr. J. H. Buckner is working a large force of hands cutting and logging his timber on the head of middle fork of Ivy and the saw mill of F. M. Webster & Company will move here in a very few days. Mr. Webster has a life time experience in the sawmilling business. Our mail service is some better than it has been heretofore; it only takes two or three days to get mail from Marshall now, whereas it has been taking about three weeks, and still we are on a daily line of mail, I reckon Uncle Sam has stirred the boys up a little.

Mr. J. B. Hensley of Briggsville P. O. informs me this morning that he has not received but one copy of the Record since Christmas. Now there must be something radically wrong or something wrong with the radicals. Which is it?

W. L. HENSLEY.
(It's something radically wrong with the radical ring.)

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