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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.

The provisions of the new Constitution requiring all those who are liable to a poll tax to pay the same before the first day of May of the year in which they vote, that is, the taxes of the previous year must be paid by that time, made it necessary to make new provisions in the election law in order to carry into effect that provision of the Constitution.

We give below the provisions of the election law relative to the tax feature of the Constitution:

Sec. 13. That no person shall be entitled to vote, unless he shall have paid his poll tax for the previous year, on or before the first day of May of the year in which he offers to vote, as prescribed under Article V, section 1, of the Constitution. Every person liable for such poll tax shall, before being allowed to vote, exhibit to the registrar his poll tax receipt for the previous year, issued under the hand of the Sheriff or Tax Collector of the county or township where he then resided; and unless such poll tax receipt shall bear date on or before the first day of May of the year in which he offers to vote, such person shall not be allowed to vote: Provided, that in lieu of such poll tax receipt it shall be competent for the registrar and judges of election to allow such person to vote upon his taking and subscribing the following oath: "North Carolina, . . . County. I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that on or before the first day of May, of this year, I paid my poll tax for the previous year, as required by Article VI, section 4, of the Constitution of North Carolina. . . .

"Sworn to and subscribed before me this . . . day of . . . 19"

"Registrar."

Which oath shall bear date on the day on which such election is held: Provided further, that if not satisfied, the registrar and judges of election may require other and further proof of such payment of poll tax. Every Sheriff or Tax Collector upon payment of the poll tax, shall issue to the person paying the same a certificate showing the amount of such poll tax and the true date upon which the same was paid. Any Tax Collector or Sheriff wilfully failing to give a tax receipt to any person paying his poll tax, or giving a false date, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person having paid his poll tax as above provided, and having lost his tax receipt shall upon making affidavit of such loss and satisfactory proof of his identity, be entitled to a duplicate thereof from the Sheriff or Tax Collector. And any sheriff or Tax Collector who shall falsely date any tax receipt or duplicate thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished in the discretion of the Court. No person who has become of age since the first day of June of the previous year, or who was fifty years of age or over on the first day of June of the previous year, shall be required to produce any poll tax receipt, or take the oath as to payment of poll tax hereinafore provided, in order to vote.

No person who has been exempted by the Commissioners of the county wherein he resides on account of poverty or infirmity shall be required to produce any poll tax receipt or to take said oath as to payment of poll tax. Any person wilfully and knowingly presenting a false certificate of exemption shall be guilty of forgery. It shall be the duty of every Sheriff and Tax Collector, between the first and tenth days of May, 1902, and biennially thereafter, to certify under oath a true and correct list of all persons who have paid their poll tax for the previous year on or before the first day of May, to the Clerk of the Superior Court, who shall, within ten days, record the same in a book to be provided for that purpose, keeping each township separate, and certify a true copy thereof to the chairman of the Board of Elections for such county. Any Sheriff, Tax Collector or Clerk failing to comply with the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, forfeit his office, and be fined or imprisoned.

The first day of May has been the time provided by law for a great many years in this state as the time before which the sheriff's and tax collectors of the State must make final settlement with the Boards of Commissioners and account for all the taxes collected or ought to have been collected out of the tax list of the previous year. Taxes do not have to be paid but one time during the year and if they are paid prior to the first day of May, the tax payer has twelve whole months before the first day of next May, which is as much as he could expect unless he wishes to pay two taxes in one year.

But when the law is complied with as laid down above, there will be no more complaint in Madison county of having paid your taxes and then being returned on the insolvent list or that men who have plenty of property have been returned on the insolvent list, for it will be a matter of record from the 10th day of May as to just who have paid their taxes and who have not.

And as 75% of the poll taxes go to the school fund of the county, the time when the new Constitution went into effect will forever mark the beginning of an era in which the poor school children of the county of Madison will get their dues and thousands of bright boys and girls will receive a good education and spend their lives in useful pursuits who, otherwise, would have added to the sum total of ignorance, dissipation and crime had it not been for the improved condition of the public schools brought about by the new Constitution.

We would like to call the attention of our readers to the letters of Mr. J. R. Sams on the subject of Fruit Growing in Madison. We print his second article in another column of this issue of our paper. Mr. Sams is one of Madison's best citizens, thoroughly practical and well up on the art of fruit growing.

We are unable to see why Madison should not be one of the leading fruit growing counties of the State. Haywood county, adjoining us on the west and Yancey county on the north-east are perhaps the finest apple growing counties in the State and there is no good reason why Madison county should not come up to either of them.

As Madison county was placed in a new district by the last Legislature and as the people of the counties composing the new district are not so well acquainted with each other as they are from the respective districts from which they came and in order to assist in bringing about a closer familiarity among the people of the new district, we have offered a prize for the best guess made on the total number of votes cast in the Congressional contest in next November. Our proposition is given in full in another column of this paper and we hope that our friends will take an interest in the contest.

It will be our purpose during the whole campaign to give all political developments in each county in the district free from any bias whatever.

A Good Thing.

The North Carolina Year Book, published by the News and Observer, Raleigh, is a compendium of valuable information and as a reference book for matters pertaining to the various cities, towns, and counties is exceedingly full and satisfactory. The work of compilation has been faithfully done and the News and Observer has performed a notable service to the State by reason of this publication.

Whatever is undertaken by this old reliable newspaper, with the brainy and accomplished Josephus Daniels as editor, the public may expect to be well done, as in the case of the Year Book.

Tad and His Letter.

The fact remains just as we stated it, that Tad (J. Will) Roberts did write a letter endorsing the Crumpacker bill, for he read the letter to several persons in the Record office, also to other parties in town.

But we wish to apologize to our readers for printing anything that Tad may have said or even read, without some further proof to substantiate it.

Barnard Items.

I am informed that Mr. C. A. Nichols of Barnard is contemplating establishing a broom factory between Barnard and Jewel Hill. This will add greatly to the interest of our community.

Died—near Barnard February 16, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac McGee. The little body was laid in its resting place at Jewel Hill, to sleep until awoken by Him who does all things well.

John T. Bell has sold his house and lot to S. A. Ramsey and has moved his family to Green county, Tenn. Mr. Bell was a good citizen and will be greatly missed in our community.

Rev. Lucas, of Tennessee, preached to a large audience in the Baptist church last Sunday.

Miss Bartie Leonard, has returned to Jewel Hill after a visit to her home in Tennessee.

The Barnard Literary Society will hold a public debate in the chapel of Bell Institute February 22, at 7:30 p. m.

The work on the Industrial Home is progressing very slowly on account of the bad weather.

Mr. E. W. Reeves is now building a barber shop near the new store of McClure & Co., at Jewel Hill.

B. E. GUTHRIE.

Thomas M. Hufham for Congress.

From the Newton Enterprise.

It was a great source of pleasure to the many friends whom Thomas M. Hufham has in Madison county to hear how generally through his district his candidacy for the Democratic Congressional nomination is endorsed. This is only a just meed of praise, and his many friends in Madison county and elsewhere in the west rejoice to see his merit recognized. The ninth being a new Congressional district, has not yet had time to get its bearing, and hence these words of commendation from one who has known this valiant Democrat, this scholarly lawyer and this very gallant gentleman for eleven years. At the bar he has met with signal success and has proven himself fully equal to the occasion in conducting intricate and important cases. As a public speaker he possesses the traits of the orator; wit, humor, pathos, sarcasm, invective. In ability as a writer he comes second to none.

No more masterly production appeared anywhere in North Carolina during the campaign of 1900 than his three articles, "The Case Against Negro Suffrage," "The Southern Policy of the Republican Party," "The Amendment. Its Friends and Its Foes." They were copied and recopied by the newspapers and scattered far and wide as campaign documents by Democratic State executive committees.

Before entering the fields of law

and politics he won for himself distinction as a scholar and educator. He was president of Mars Hill College during the years 1890-1898 and was largely instrumental in building up that institution until it became the great intellectual light of the west. Out from its halls went forth hundreds of young men who are now fighting the battle of life in many portions of the district and who will unite in urging that the man who was their preceptor for four years shall represent the district in the nation's capitol. He comes from one of the old southern families. His father is one of foremost pulpiterators of the State, founder of the Baptist Tabernacle in Raleigh, editor of the Recorder, agent for Wake Forest College and Baptist Orphanage, he has represented his people in many high position forty seven years, Thomas M. Hufham on his mother's side is a descendant of the distinguished Mosley and Fairson families. But in his nature and tendencies he is thoroughly democratic. He has fought his own fight and blazed his own path. He is a good mixer and makes friends everywhere because he loves men and despises distinctions based on anything save merit. His character is above reproach. As a campaigner he is second to none in the district. Wherever he goes he will arouse the Democrats to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. Since his name has been mentioned for this position a large number of the strongest Republicans have bravely expressed their determination to support him for Congress as loyally as they did when they followed him as president of Mars Hill College and he carried their institution from the darkness of failure to the sunlight of success. By nature he is as gentle and tender hearted as a woman. He loves little children with whom he is a great favorite. But in all matters of conviction and principle he is a stern man who pursues what seems to him the right course and let the consequences take care of themselves. It would be impossible to imagine any one more incapable of fear. Devotion to his friends constitutes one of his chief characteristics, and in turn he has the rare faculty of personal magnetism and attracts his friends to him by bands of steel. Above all, he has the unconquerable will that, defeated to-day returns tirelessly to the pursuit of its object to-morrow and never rests until its purpose is accomplished. With this gifted young Democratic leader in the front as our standard bearer there will be no more talk of Democratic losses in the west. If he is the nominee it is conceded by all in this section that Democracy will sweep the new district like a fire on the prairie. We have followed him before and we will follow him again. Our watchword and battle-cry will be unity, harmony and victory.

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