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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.

We do not give the verified statement of the sheriff of the amount of money he had on hand on the first Monday in the month as required by Sec. 98, chapter 7 of the Public Laws of 1901, for the reason he did not make one.

Every time the Commissioners fail to require the sheriff to make such report, there is a misdemeanor committed, the punishment of which is more severe than that of carrying a pistol or assault with a deadly weapon.

The Superior Court has been in session here for nearly two weeks and a good many people have been prosecuted for nearly every crime known to the criminal code of the State except for misdemeanor in office.

The people of the county would like to know why it is that their sons are prosecuted for every frivolous case that can be raked up against them and at the same time the officers of the county who make their living out of the prosecutions of other people are allowed to violate the law with impunity.

Washington Letter

Washington March 8d.—By its staunch adherence to the constitution and its logical exposition of the law, as voted by Senator Bailey of Texas, the democratic minority in the Senate scored a signal victory last week and forced President pro tem Frye to recede from the autocratic position which he had assumed. Following the personal encounter between Senators Tillman and McLaurin which had occurred last Saturday, and to which only the unjustifiable action of Senator Frye leads me to refer, the President pro tem caused to be erased from the rolls of the Senate the names of the two senators from South Carolina. For the reason named, when the Philippine bill was passed on Monday afternoon neither senator was given an opportunity to vote. Senator Bailey, however, so ably presented the unconstitutionality of the action of the Chair that their names were restored on the following day and the republicans caused an immediate adjournment of Tuesday's and Wednesday's sessions because they feared to act in the matter until the Committee on Privileges and Elections had reported. Thursday the Senate met in joint session with the House to participate in the memorial services held for President McKinley and on Friday the above committee reported, censuring both senators for having violated the dignity of the Senate and removing from them the stigma of contempt which had been placed upon them by the whole Senate in executive session.

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federal appointments in his state. The democratic senators declare that the republicans dare not pursue the investigation of Mr. Tillman's charges and say that no further report will be brought in.

On Friday the Senate passed the permanent census bill. It was passed by the House on the same day and the President will have now an opportunity of demonstrating how sincere he is in his protestations of regard for civil service reform, as the bill is the severest blow to the reform and the aims of the Commission which has been struck by Congress in years. By its provisions it gives precedent in the line of appointment, to about 1500 employees of the Census Office who were appointed by the "spoils system" over a nearly equal number who have passed civil service examinations and are eligible to appointment as soon as vacancies occur.

Senator Rawlins of Utah, who is a member of the Philippines Committee, and has been in constant attendance at the hearings of that Committee gave me yesterday some of the impressions and views which he has formed on the Philippine question: "The policy of the administration," he said, "as is made evident by the investigation and testimony before the committee and the policy of the republicans so far as they have announced it, is contrary, not only to democratic principles but to every precedent in the government of this country and the only outcome must be if these plans are carried into execution, the virtual surrender of the islands to large capitalists and the attendant enslavement of the people. As you know, there is a scheme now on foot to purchase the land held by the friars. That is all right as far as it goes but now the Taft Commission represents that it will be impractical to dispose of these lands, as has been the custom with government lands in this country, to the small owners and settlers. Great capital, they say, is needed to develop the islands and accordingly they would sell or lease immense tracts of land to large corporations. It will then be their policy to admit Chinese immigration. At the present time the labor in the islands is employed, in so far as it is willing to be, but they wish to import Chinese labor for the development of the islands, again, which will work for from \$5 to \$10 per month and find itself. This labor will be employed in the production of sugar and other profitable crops and will result in a menace to American industries."

THE FLOOD!

In view of the fact that such exaggerated statements have been sent out concerning the flood in the town of Marshall, we have deemed it necessary to give to our readers, as near as possible, the exact situation.

According to the most conservative estimate of the damages to the property in the town, outside of the damage to railroad property, it could not be over ten thousand dollars. There was not a single house damaged on the side of the street next to the mountain below the Hardwick branch near the depot. All of the small buildings on the side of the street next to the river, down as far as the old warehouse, were either carried away or badly damaged, and the old warehouse was also somewhat injured, but it did not take very much to repair it and make it as good as it was before.

There was not a single house injured on the side of the street next to the river, below the old warehouse, except the small houses near the jail which were dislodged from their foundations, but not destroyed, and the barn of Fowler Eshelton and the warehouse of J. Wiley Nelson, which were carried off.

The water was up in a good many, but not all, the buildings on that side of the street and injured goods and home plunder but no damage was done to the buildings themselves. Although the

water in the town was nearly three feet higher, as shown by the water marks in the old jail, than in June 1876, still the larger portion of the town was in no danger whatever. The most of the houses that were washed away, were built on grounds which had been redeemed from the river by the railroad being built past the town on a rock wall considerably out in the river, and had been filled up between the town and the wall.

Epoch of the Flood.

It is reported that the new iron bridge near the Palmer ford, which had not been completed, was washed away by the recent high water.

The North Carolina Land and Timber Company was a heavy loser by the flood. One section of their boom near Putnam gave away and it is said they lost a million and a half feet of fine logs.

The water was the highest ever known at the Hot Springs, running all over the golf ground and the lawn at the Mountain Park Hotel. The bath house and the swimming pool were overflowed and the bath house washed away. But arrangements were already on foot to tear down the old bath house to build new and more commodious ones in its place. The management of the property hope to have every thing in perfect trim in a short time. It seems that the lower down the river the worse the damages were. The farms of C. T. Garratt, Ed. N. Fry, the Ottinger farms, Col. Ray's farm and in fact, all of the bottoms from below the Hot Springs in this county, were almost ruined.

AT OUTLOOK.

EDITOR RECORD: As every one that takes the Record tells his story about the recent flood, I desire to add a word.

I am agreeably surprised to see that Marshall is no worse damaged than it is; we heard that it was almost totally destroyed. In the upper part of the county, east of Marshall, on the creeks known as Bull Creek, Gabriel's creek, White Oak, Little Ivy and Big Ivy river, considerable damage was done. The mill dam of Whitt Bros., was washed away.

On Gabriel's creek, the mill dam of Ray & Tillery, near Mars Hill, was washed away and the torrent was so raging that it utterly demolished Ben Debruh's packhouse, containing mowing machines and various other farming implements, also Phillip Buckner's mill race; besides doing great damage to Robert Beckner, sr., near the dam, about midnight the water surrounded his house, knocking the pillars from under his dwelling house, and most turning his stable over.

On White Oak, at 4 o'clock p. m. the small creek began to swell with great rapidity; at dark it was out of the banks, threatening destruction.

The writer knew of a certainty that the flood would play havoc. The darkness kept our people indoors and as the wee sma's hours of the night wore on, uneasiness rested upon the brow of every one. At 11:30 a strange noise was heard, as though it was a woman in distress. I hurried to the door, and found Sol Fisher, his mother, his wife, and all his children, standing on my front porch. Sol politely raised his hat and said "good evening". The ladies were in excitement, while Sol stood erect, not a nerve twitching, looked me straight in the eye and said "I would like to stay all night with you." "To be sure," I remarked. I inquired what was the matter, and he said "Oh nothing, only the creek is so high that it has washed my steps away and knocked the pillars out from under my house and I carried my children out of the house in water to my knees."

On Little Ivy the bottom land is very badly damaged. Prof. Buckner's mill race is washed away. Sprinkle & George's store came very near washing away and was considerably damaged.

The rolling mill of Edwards Bros' was very badly damaged. The farms of White Oak are very badly damaged.

We all know it rises near the

famous Black mountain. The snow was laying in great drifts, hence, when the rain descended last Thursday the stream began to swell without notice. The bystanders could see that there was danger ahead.

In the course of two hours, it became a rushing torrent, bristling with wreckage, tecked with foam, maddened to desperation by its downward tumble.

The mill property just below Democrat was totally destroyed. Then every little house or barn was swept away and the mill house of Logan and other buildings, ran against the new bridge recently built to Palmer's ford and it was swept away.

The roads are in a shape that it will be 30 days before they can be travelled. THOS. J. MURRAY.

AT BARNARD

Mr. Editor.—In regard to the destruction at Barnard, caused by the high waters of French Broad, it is almost too great to mention.

The vigorous waves broke their way through the botoms above the depot, gathering up the ruins of an old store, that the rail road Co., had left there, carrying it on in a breast until it struck Mr. Miles's stock-barn, wrecking the barn considerably and knocking off several planks from his corn crib, which caused a nice lot of corn destroyed. The old ruins washed on and lodged against the upper corner of his dwelling, causing the water to flow in at the windows. Mr. Miles and Mr. John Warner were forced to take their families from the house and move their household goods to the depot. The waves dashed higher and higher until they swept the porch from the dwelling, undermining the upper corner causing it to sink several feet all through the house leaving the house almost a complete wreck. Mr. Miles's garden fence, wagon, and mowing

machine and many other valuable things washed away.

Mr. R. H. Haynie lost about 14 thousand feet of lumber. His saw-mill was almost buried by drifts of logs and mud.

The damage done to the rail road between Barnard and Hot Springs is to great to mention, the road is almost a complete wreck.

The waves of Brush Creek rolled higher than they have for many years. Washing the bridge away between Barnard and Jewell Hill, and sweeping little things on before her as she went.

The well known barber of Putman Mr. Hail Chandler from Jewell Hill lost his barber shop and all his tools, but he will rebuild at once.

Surely the people will learn better and quit building on the water's edge, when we have so many beautiful hill tops in our country.

The remains of Bob Chandler who fell asleep at his post of duty on the rail road and was killed by the train above Barnard, were buried at Jewell Hill, Feb. 27.

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