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MADISON COUNTY RECORD

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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.

It has become an unfeeling sign to the mind of every thinking person that if the Enterprise is for a man that man certainly belongs to the Court House Ring.

The democratic party of Madison is divided into two parts—one element is led by J. M. Gudger, Jasper Ebbs, Ed Fry and others, and the other faction is led by Zachary and Swann and their henchmen. Which will come out on top?—Enterprise.

True democrats and conscientious republicans are not led by anybody. They vote for what they think is the best for the county. Those who expect to make big money out of insolvent lists and the claim speculating business are the ones who try to lead the people for their own benefit. The Enterprise is always found on the side of the ringsters and claim speculators. We were not aware of the fact that there is any split in the ranks of the democratic party in the county, but if there were to be one and the Enterprise thought it could do any dirty work for the Court House Ring by so doing, we have no doubt but it would join the democratic party to take side in the fight, notwithstanding its boasted allegiance to the republican party.

The Record in its last issue devoted a whole column of complaints about things and matters in general. The editor and owner of that paper seems to be sore and mad at the courts. He says some cases are left off lightly, and other defendants are persecuted, we ask him to name the cases and the officers who are responsible for the grievances about which he complains. In making reply please let the gentleman sign his name to his article.—Enterprise

It is an easy matter to find out who the editor of THE RECORD is and who is responsible for what appears in its columns.

But which one of the mongrel headed editorial staff of Little Annias wrote the above is hard to tell. Whether its nominal editors, whose names appear at the head of the editorial column, stopped their hunt for moonshine distilleries long enough to get their sleepy brains to bring forth such a wonderful production; or whether its editor-in-chief, Little Windy Tom, stepped aside in his wild career of exaggerations and let the above fall as a specimen of his best; or whether the business manager, being over-proud of his scientific art, is seeking for further admiration in his line as a specialist and expert by the prestige the production of the above would give him, we are unable to say. But from the combination of scientific falsehood, gas, wind and slop, in our opinion each and every one of them had a hand in the get up of this wonderful production.

Which one of that aggregation it was that made the request that the editor of THE RECORD should sign his name to his answer, is unknown, and if he wants his request complied with let him please sign his name to his request and if they all want it let the whole mobly sign their names to their request and it shall be granted.

The issue of THE RECORD referred to contained an article in reference to the removal of combination of court officers making every effort in their power to induce defendants by intimidation, through threats of the influence of

the sheriff and solicitor to not employ attorneys that did not belong to their ring and combination. If that is not the fact let the Enterprise come to their aid and show that it is not the case and if those are the facts why does the Enterprise seek to defend it? Is it because they all belong to the Court House Ring together?

In an other issue of the paper we called attention to the fact that public officers of the county openly and notoriously refuse to comply with the law in reference to giving information as to the disposition of public funds, which is a misdemeanor, and were not prosecuted, while many boys of the county were prosecuted for frivolous cases, which the Enterprise took great umbrage at.

We would like to ask the question if it is not a fact that some of the public officers of the county do not openly and notoriously refuse to make the reports required by law; that if such failure is not a crime; that if they have ever been prosecuted for such crime; and if there are not many boys of the county who are prosecuted for less crimes in the eyes of the law than a misdemeanor in office?

Let the Enterprise please answer these questions and if they are true on what ground can such conduct be defended in a question the people would like to know.

Closing Exercises of Friesland Public School.

On the 18th and 14th of March the closing exercises of Friesland Public School of this county were held. It was possibly one of the most successful and agreeable entertainments of the sort that has ever been held in the county. Good fortune was with the management of the school when nature furnished the most agreeable weather for the occasion.

As a result of the fine weather and marked popularity of the teachers the house was crowded to its utmost capacity at all of the exercises and standing room was in demand.

The teachers, Prof. Howard A. Angel and Miss Pearl Ebbs have reasons to feel proud of the way everything went off on this occasion, as the Record's correspondent is informed that it was most delightful and entertaining in all its features.

On Thursday night the evening was devoted to the primary department including recitals, songs, dialogues, tableaux, etc. in which the children acquitted themselves most admirably. This feature of the exercise went off without a hitch, and the auditors were delighted, and the fathers and mothers of the youngsters engaged in the performance were exceedingly happy over the evidences of the fact of the fine training that their children had had under these two admirable and popular teachers.

One of the most admirable features of this occasion was a striking and forceful address by Jasper Ebbs, Esq., on what one might call "the improvement and evolution of the Spring Creek country and especially the Friesland community." No man in Madison county is intelligently interested more deeply in the educational interest than is Jasper Ebbs, Esq., and this was evinced most forcibly by his strong, masterly and entertaining speech.

On Friday morning a ball dozen little girls, bright and well trained occupied the stage for a recitatorial contest and in this little Larata Prior won the prize, though she had several exceedingly close contestants. A handsome book was awarded by Jasper Ebbs, Esq., as the prize.

This number was followed by recitations from the young ladies of the school who numbered about a dozen. Their efforts were admirable and of a very high order and indicated an educational training that has heretofore been very rare in country schools; succeeding this Rev. C. H. Carpenter, now of Asheville, made a short address commending in the good work of the school as shown by the

entertaining exercises at which he had the pleasure of being present.

At this point the exercises were adjourned for dinner on the ground. After a most delightful, old-fashioned picnic dinner out in the pleasant spring time air, Hon. Thos. J. Murray regaled the audience (of whom most were his strong personal friends) with one of the strongest and most forceful and eloquent speeches that he has ever made in the county. "Man and his general history" was his theme and your correspondent regrets that no mere synopsis would do justice to this discourse and he therefore does not attempt it.

County Superintendent James whose work has been so thorough and efficient then commented on the schools of the county in a most intelligent and entertaining manner and in his remarks alluded in a most complimentary way to the excellent work of which he had that day seen convincing proof as to what had been done at the Friesland school.

Rev. Mr. Brown was then called on for a speech and responded in a sensible and practical manner.

On Friday evening at 7:30 the intermediate department occupied the stage with songs and amateur theatricals to the great delight of the audience.

In a very dramatic way Rev. C. H. Carpenter conducted the closing exercises, leaving the different departments of the school each separated to itself and making appropriate remarks closed with singing, "God be with you 'till we meet again." So closed one of the most pleasing occasions of a literary and educational character that has ever been enjoyed in the Spring Creek section. And it is but fair to add that much of the pleasure of the whole occasion is to be attributed to the excellent music furnished by the Paint Fork orchestra composed of Smith Bros., Boone and Edney, G.

Big Pine Notes.

Editor Record:—We are having some very fine weather at the present and most all of our farmers are preparing to make good crops this season.

On last Sunday, March 23, Mr. Hezekiah Caldwell and Miss Delta Henderson were married. The wedding was, indeed, a nice one. Mr. Caldwell is the son of Mr. John Caldwell and is one of the community's most highly esteemed young men. The bride is the daughter of Mr. James Henderson and is one of our most popular young ladies. After the marriage the wedding party went to the home of the groom's father, where they partook of an elegant repast.

Wild Bill Henderson is in serious trouble—someone has killed his favorite dog.

Mr. John Warner has moved his saw mill to the log yard of G. W. Roberts and Son, where he is sawing a fine lot of lumber. Mr. Warner will soon move his mill to the other side of the river where he has a lot of timber to saw.

The school closed at this place Friday, March 21. The teacher, Mr. I. D. Edwards, returned to his home at Mars Hill. Mr. Edwards is one of Madison's best teachers. Success always follows him wherever he goes.

Success to the Record. Henry Caldwell, Jr.

Indicted for Laying Campaign Contributions.

Louisville, March 21—Indictments against Former Internal Revenue Collector Sapp, Leonard Parsons, assignment clerk under Collector Sapp and Jos. Piquaire, were returned to the federal grand jury today. A capias for each of them is in the hands of the United States deputy marshal. The indictment alleges that in November, '95, Sapp, Parsons and Piquaire unlawfully conspired to solicit and receive assessments and contributions for political purposes, to-wit, to aid and abet the election of certain candidates for public office on the Republican ticket in Jefferson county.—Genette.

A Call to Duty.

Asheville Register (Rep.)

You owe it to yourself and to your country to vote. So, bestir yourselves. Husband your resources. Make sacrifices if necessity requires it. Whether you vote or not you will not be released from the payment of your tax. They must be paid later on anyway. If you can't pay all, then pay your poll tax and sustain your right to vote. Then, when you have received your receipt, take the time to make a canvass of your neighbors, warn them of their danger and see that they pay their taxes before the first day of May. It will be a work of love and duty that you will be glad to reflect upon.

Politics Not the Whole Thing.

The boys have been taught that about all there is to live for is some political job. It's that way from the University down to the old field school. This political job inducement has been held out to the North Carolina boys in order to make him aspire about long enough. We need to teach the boys to aim high but there are higher things than governorships. To be master

of a factory and to know its complicated machinery is a greater thing than to hold down a governor's chair. To know how to bring from the soil all that soil is capable of producing requires a lot more brain than it does to be president.

We have enough men in the political plum orchards and around the political pie counters in this state. We need men who know how to do things, who consider the construction of a bridge, the fine cultivation of a farm, the skillful management of machinery greater than political jobs. Young men, your chances to be governor, congressman, senator or president are "none scarcely," but your chances to do something in the material upbuilding of this great undeveloped state, which needs men of strong red, brown and active brain so much to develop it, are as stars for multitude. Get away from the fool ideas that there is no honor save in the line of politics.—Monroe Enquirer.

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