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DID YOU KNOW?

THAT on Jan'y 20th, when I announced that I was going out of the goods business, I had on hand over

\$7,000.00 worth of stock

Which I have been selling at wholesale cost?

DO YOU KNOW?

THAT more than half of those goods have been sold? And how much you have lost by not supplying yourself here?

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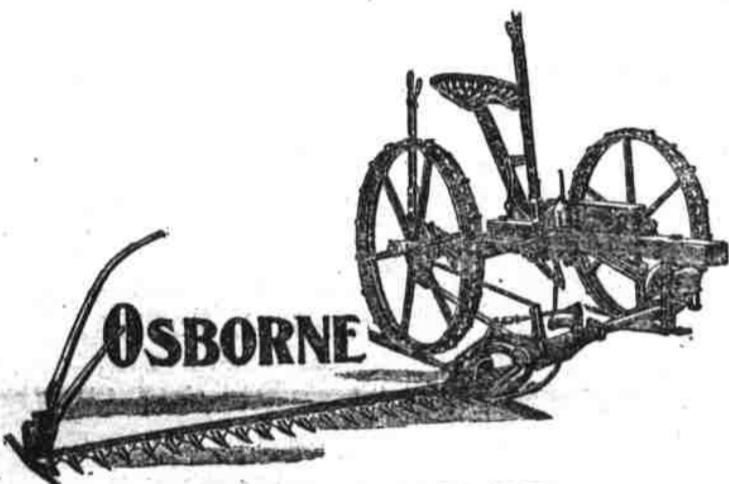
If you miss a bargain its YOUR LOSS,—not mine—for as originally stated, I AM GOING OUT OF THE GOODS BUSINESS.

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W. C. SPRINKLE, Marshall, North Carolina.

Advertisement for Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory, featuring a map and text about the Cotton Belt route.

Advertisement for The Asheville Carriage and Wagon Repository, listing various types of wagons and buggies.

Advertisement for Dr. T. C. Smith, Wholesale Druggist, Asheville, N. C., with 40 years in drugs.

MADISON COUNTY RECORD

Published Every Friday, by THE RECORD PRINTING CO. J. R. SWANN, Business Manager.

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.

Little Windy Tommy, the editor-in-chief, of the Enterprise last week used two columns of that paper trying to throw some personal slurs at the business manager and editor of THE RECORD. That only shows the desperate effort of the Court House Ring to divert the minds of the people from the issue that is of interest to the people to a personal wrangle among individuals that is of no interest to any taxpayer in the county.

But let us see who the lords and masters of the Enterprise and its editor-in-chief, Senator Pritchard the one that they look to for support came from the State of Tennessee; John A. Hendricks, who now is, and has been their chairman for years and who issues the orders of the Ring came from the county of Davie; the Hon. I. N. Ebbs their representative came from the State of Tennessee and not a word of complaint is brought against them by the Enterprise and its editor-in-chief.

Now, Little Widdy, as the taxpayers of this county are paying you a good fee, by the year, out of the public funds of the county to look after the county's interest, instead of spending all of your time in trying to champion the cause of one side of an imaginary fight in the democratic party that never existed save in the feeble brain of the editor-in-chief of the Enterprise, why not try to devise some way to get rid of the hub tax that you helped to force on the good people of this county?

We would like to ask the Enterprise and its editor-in-chief if they are in favor of repealing that part of the high taxes of the county that was levied to pay interest to the claim speculators?

The above is a plain straight forward question and the people would like to hear it answered. Let us have a straight answer to it.

Hon. W. C. Dowd, editor of the Charlotte News and Times-Democrat, of Charlotte, and also a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in this district was here first of the week distributing pleasant smiles and hearty hand-shakes among the boys. Mr. Dowd was presidential elector in 1900 and is an able writer and debater and will let no grass grow around his opponent and would make an able representative.

Hon. E. Y. Webb, of Shelby, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in this, the New Ninth district, spent Monday and Tuesday in our town getting acquainted with the boys and telling them what a nice thing it would be to be Congressman. Mr. Webb is a bright, young man and is "chock full" of pure Democracy and if nominated will make a vigorous campaign and a good congressman.

Ben Tillman has pitched Little Johnny McLaurin into the Radical party just where he belongs. Now the subsidized organs of this State can quote from him for what he is worth.

The Raleigh News and Observer in its issue of the 7th inst. has the following gracious things to say of The Record:

The Madison Record is doing a good work for the tax-payers in compelling the Republican officeholders to print the reports required by law in exposing the release from poll tax for political reasons and for bad management of county affairs. Last week it had a letter from a life long Republican, cutting loose from that party. This week it publishes another letter of the same kind. * * * The Record shows that "men who own farms and others who own mules and wagons, cattle, 100 to 300 bushels of grain and various other property and ABLE BODIED MEN were released from paying poll-taxes, while poor old Dave Adams, who we all know is not able bodied and who lost everything in the recent flood was left to pay or lose his vote. The Republicans, replying to the attack of The Record, say that the former Democratic board released as many from poll tax as the Republican board, the records show forty-nine released by the Democratic board and 204 by the Republican board.

The good work done by the Record in Madison county will

bear fruit. It has shown that in the mountain counties, as well as in the East, Republican rule in North Carolina is bad, extravagant, and run in the interest of peanut politicians.

Buckner Items.

EDITOR RECORD:—The people of this section are talking a great deal in regard to the county commissioners releasing so many men from paying their poll tax this year. There is about 12 men exempted in No. 4 township and I am personally acquainted with them all and I think that some of them was entitled to be exempted while some of them are as able-bodied men as there is in No. 4 township. Some of them are worth from three to eight hundred dollars, and they are very good farmers and have plenty to live on and besides that there was not a single democrat in No. 4 township exempted. So I take it there was not very many democrats in the 204 that was exempted. I think that when county commissioners use their office in a political way that it is time to call them to a halt and see if we can't elect men that will have some regard for their oath of office at least.

The good Republicans in No. 4 township are as much opposed to the act of the county commissioners on the 28th inst. as the democrats and on next November they will be heard from, for I have heard a good many of them say that they were getting tired of the Court House Ring and never expected to vote for them again and they say further that if the democrats will nominate good men that is not connected with the Court House Ring that they will vote for them. So I think that if the good people of the county will get together and put up a good clean ticket that it will win.

Old Uncle Jimmie Rice died on April 25th and was buried on the 26th. Mr. Rice was one of the oldest men in this part of the

county, being in his 88th year. Mr. Rice leaves a wife and several children and a large number of grand children and great grand children and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Peace to his ashes.

Mr. Arcamus Duck who has been confined to his room for several months with rheumatism is no better and his chances for recovery is very doubtful.

Thomas Chandler who had a surgical operation performed on him a few weeks ago is improving and we hope to see him out again very soon.

F. M. Webster & Co., have moved their saw mill from here to Swain county where they have a very large contract for sawing.

The farmers are very busy planting corn just now in this part of the county.

The wheat prospect in this community looks very gloomy just now.

T. C. Buckner has gone to Asheville this week to attend Federal court.

The fruit crop promises to be a good one this year.

Success to THE RECORD. W. L. HENSLEY. Buckner, N. C., May 5, 1902.

Commissioners' Meeting.

May meeting, May 6th, 1902. Board met, members present, Wm. S. Rice, Ira Plimmens and W. M. English chairman. The following proceedings were had:

Ordered by the board that Wm. Tarlton, guardian of Henry Tarlton, be allowed to list his real estate for the year 1900, 150 acres of land valued at \$400; taxes to-wit: State 87; pension 18; school 72cts; county \$1.75cts, total \$3.47.

Ordered by the board that W. M. Tarlton, guardian of Henry Tarlton, be allowed to list his real estate for the year 1901, taxes to-wit: State 84; pension 16cts; school 72; county \$2.75; total \$4.47.

Ordered by the board that John Metcalf, A. J. Arrington and W. M. Dodd, be and they are hereby appointed jurors to lay off and amend the public road in 14 township, beginning near the mouth of Bee Tree Creek runs up east fork to the Cole log yard.

Ordered by the board that J. J. Ramsey be released of the taxes on \$130, the same having been listed twice; taxes to-wit: State 28cts; pension 5cts; school 24cts; county 98cts; total \$1.50.

Ordered by the board that N. D. Shelton, Thos C Crain and Stephen Dill be and they are hereby appointed jurors to lay off and amend the public road in 16 township, beginning at Peck's school house and runs to mouth of Long branch and from Peck's school house to Robert's mill on Foster's creek, the amendments are to be only to the parts of the road washed away by the recent flood and no other.

Ordered by the board that Gilbert & Campbell be allowed 2.85 for burial clothes of S. Henry.

Ordered by the board that Len Henderson be allowed 185 60 for keeping jail.

Ordered by the board that Dan Lewis be allowed 10.00 for killing two wildcats.

Ordered by the board that N. C. Electric Power Co., be allowed 58 05 part payment for building road up Ivy.

Ordered by the board that A. J. Arrington be allowed 95cts half fees.

Ordered by the board that R. B. Caldwell be allowed 1.75 half fees.

Ordered by the board that D. P. Miles be allowed 3.90 half fees.

Ordered by the board that H. P. Campbell be allowed 5.13 building parties to jail.

Ordered by the board Wm. S. Rice be allowed 3.40 services county commissioner.

Ordered by the board that H. M. Smith be allowed \$100.00 part payment on building bridge pillars for bridge at Hot Springs, N. C.

Ordered by the board that Redmond & Roberts be allowed 12.00 merchandise for county.

Worley Notes.

Editor Record:—Being at leisure from other vocations I shall attempt a brief contribution to your esteemed weekly, trusting it may interest the many readers thereof.

Lady readers will please take cognizance of the fact that on the arrival of May I had my long black whiskers removed and now resume my former good looks (?) I give them this notice gratuitous, in order that they be not surprised when I come and I am likely to make a call any day except Sunday. Our Sunday school work demands my time and attention for that day.

Those of the young ladies who have seen me wearing my beard say that my only hope is among those who have never seen me in that ancient garb, while the old ladies tell me that my long beard become no better. However, I have cheerfully acquiesced to the tastes of the former and trust they will regard my previous appearance as an inevitable thing of the past, attributing it all to my late and serious illness and to the sage advice of my good physician in consequence thereof.

Lovingly, LITTLE OLDMAN. Worley, N. C., May 3, 1902.

Polls Not Paid

The following is a list of the number by township, as the best that it can be estimated from the tax books, that failed to pay their poll taxes for last year. The list includes all those who have died, removed and otherwise failed to pay their poll taxes:

Table listing poll tax statistics by township, including Marshall, Shelton Laurel, Old Bull Creek, Middle Fork Ivy, West Fork Ivy, Sandy Mush, Little Pine, Spring Creek, Hot Springs, Big Laurel, Upper Laurel, Big Pine, Meadow Fork Sp'r Creek, Grapevine, Mars Hill, and Foster's Creek.

Total.....521 Number of releases.....204 725

725 is the number that have not paid their poll taxes for last year. When the books are finally corrected to be certified to the Clerk of the Court, which must be done by the 11th day of May, there may be some changes in the above figures.

Mr. Sams Resigns.

Grapevine, N. C., May 6, 1902. To the Secretary and Board of Trustees of Mars Hill College: Gentlemen:—I have this day resigned as chairman of said board, also as a member of said board, I therefore declare myself no longer a member of said board.

W. R. SAMS.

Marshall, N. C., May 6, 1902. I take pleasure in stating that I used the Osborne reaper, No. 8, on my farm last year. I operated it with a pair of mules and found that the reaping was most admirably and easily done on exceedingly steep hill sides and rough land as well as where it was smoother. This machine I bought of Hon. W. C. Sprinkle, who represents the well known establishment of D. M. Osborne & Co., of Auburn New York. (Signed) J. C. PRITCHARD.

If rumors are true the grand jury was about to puncture a link or two of the "ring." It's a pity they had to adjourn so soon.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

OF MONEYS ON HAND AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1902.

Treasurer's Report table showing School Fund, General County, Road Fund, Pines, Jury Fund, Pauper Fund, Bridges, and Outstanding Indebtedness.