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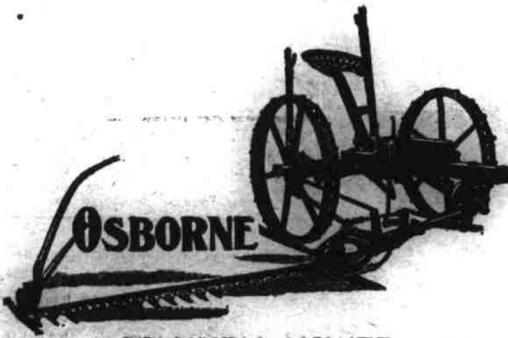
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We challenge the Enterprise, the official organ of the Court-House Ring and the claim speculators of the county, to point out a single instance in which we have made a mis-statement of facts, or have mis-quoted the records of the county.

Federal Courts, Political Machines.

A recent issue of the Asheville Daily Gazette contains the following: "While on the bench in the Federal court yesterday Judge Boyd took occasion to allude to a matter that was outside the case then on trial."

"Now," said Judge Boyd, "the jury boxes of this district are selected by two commissioners, one from each political party and these commissioners obtain a list of names from prominent and substantial business men of each party equally, from the different counties in the district and these names are placed in the box from which the jurors are drawn."

"While there have been no specific complaints made to me on the subject, my attention has been drawn to the matter through the newspapers as I have stated and if there is any ground for talk on the subject I have not been cognizant of it and I will see that the selection of the jurors is carried on strictly as I have outlined."

"The two commissioners in this judicial district are Mr. McKesson and Mr. Miller, who represent respectively the two main political parties."

Judge Boyd may do everything in his power, until he shall be retired from the bench by reason of his age, but he will never be able to raise the dignity of the Federal Court above that of a political machine used for the coercion of voters into a political party to which they do not want to belong, so long as United States Senators and Congressmen, through whose influence almost every officer connected with that Court holds his job, desert their posts of duty and attempt to take charge of the Court and its docket and spend weeks messing with misdemeanor cases.

The people pay their Senators and Congressmen handsome salaries for their services, not for a part or their time but for all of their time, and what right have they to disregard the interests of the people and put in their time looking after private matters in the Federal Courts?

Not only do these representatives feel that they have an undue advantage by reason of the fact that they were instrumental in procuring the positions for all those who are connected with the Court, but even their political heclers throughout the district, who are kept in positions through the influence of these same gentlemen, or who are looking to them for some promised job, exercise themselves in behalf of their political bosses by trying to make some political gain out of every case which is prosecuted in the Courts by means of threats and promises.

These political heclers make such representations to litigants as to make them believe that the Judge, District Attorney, Marshal and all other officers connected with the Court are under the absolute control of these Senators and Representatives for the reason that it is through the influence of such

Senators and Representatives that these officers procure their jobs. It is also perfectly natural for the general impression to be abroad in the land, that the jury system of the Federal Court is conducted with an eye single to politics, when political heclers try to make a point with jurors who are summoned to attend a Federal Court by trying to make them believe that they had been chosen as a juror as a special favor coming to them from the Republican party.

Why is it that people who live in and around the cities of Statesville, Greensboro and Charlotte feel compelled to come to the mountains of Madison county to get a lawyer to defend them when they get entangled in the Federal Courts? Is it because these cities and surrounding counties have no attorneys capable of trying a liquor case? Or is it because by coming to the mountains of Madison county they can get a man who is a law-partner and son-in-law of a United States Senator? We don't think that there is a man in the State of North Carolina so ignorant as to imagine for a moment that it is on account of legal ability that such is the case.

It is perfectly plain that the people are of the opinion that the Federal Courts are nothing but political machines operated by politicians for political ends, and the people are hard to fool.

Poll Taxes

We expect to give to our readers to aid them in making a guess as to the whole number of votes that will be cast in the 9th Congressional district at the November election, the number of white men and the number of negroes, with an estimate as to how the white men are divided on politics, who failed to pay their poll taxes on or before the first day of May.

But so far we are only able to give the figures as to the following counties:

Table with 2 columns: County Name and Total. Includes CATAWBA, CLEVELAND, and LITTLE OLDMAN.

The following are the exact figures as to the number of poll taxes paid as returned by the sheriff to the clerk of the court, as having been paid on or before the first day of May 1902:

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Brother Ira Flemmons, of Hot Springs Lodge of I. O. O. F., No. 178, left Sunday 11th for Greensboro to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge at that place on the 12th, 13th and 14th.

The N. C. L. T. Co., are sawing and shipping a large lot of lumber at Putnam.

The writer attended the Missionary Baptist meeting at Lower Big Pine church, Sunday 11th inst. I can say Big Pine Creek is noted for its pretty girls, pure mountain air and good cold water.

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Taxes a little higher and county debt getting larger each year and the Court House Ring still fattening.

Tax payer did you ever stop to think that every time a man is released or returned as insolvent that it will necessarily add that much more to your taxes?

We have heard it reported that Mr. J. R. Cody disclaims having authorized the publication of his letter which appeared in the Record of May 2, 1902. Our authority for printing the letter was Mr. S. S. Coats, one of the best citizens of the county, who brought the letter to our office, addressed to the Editor of the Record, and signed in Mr. Cody's own handwriting and the letter appeared in this paper verbatim as it was given to us.

Oldman's Autobiography.

Editor Record:—Since my prominence before the public as one of the greatest poets and prose-writers since the days of Geoffrey Chaucer, no doubt a brief sketch of my hitherto brilliant career will be much appreciated by my many admirers.

In the early morning of the first day of the week and the first day of the twelfth month of the seventy eighth year of the nineteenth century was my visible existence begun in a hewn-log structure, the house of the maidenhood of my mother, near the present city of Marshall in the county of Madison and state of Sir Walter Raleigh.

Owing to an obscure and illiterate ancestry my lineage can not be traced further back than my great grand-parents, but think I am descended from somewhere over the sea.

While I have been a philomath from early childhood and have seemingly stuffed my cranium to its utmost bound with sound and valuable lore, yet, if my ignorance were written, I suppose that the world would be too small to contain the volumes.

My present home is in the land of Liberty, the state of a Bachelor, county of Peace and town of Contentment.

Wishing The Record, the political organ of county reform, and its co-workers great success, I will close for the meantime. Lovingly, LITTLE OLDMAN. Worley, N. C., May 12, 1902.

Sandy Siftings. Editor Record:—The weather is warm and delightful. The farmers in this section are about through planting corn.

James Fortner has taken a contract to log a lot of timber at Wolf Creek, Tenn. Lewis Sawyer is raising a variety of vegetables for home and market use.

W. H. Roberts has the best field of clover and grass in this section. W. F. Runion is building a new ferry boat at Sandy.

Wm. J. Ruble, of Woolsey College, Greene county, Tennessee, was a pleasant visitor at the home of Mrs. Dr. Reynolds on the 7th and 8th inst.

The writer went to Hot Springs Friday of 9th and attended the meeting of the I. O. O. F. Brother Ira Flemmons, of Hot Springs Lodge of I. O. O. F., No. 178, left Sunday 11th for Greensboro to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge at that place on the 12th, 13th and 14th.

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and Stackhouse at present. With best wishes to the editor. Au Revoir, CONTRIBUTOR. Sandy, N. C., May 12, 1902.

Superior Court.

Superior Court is still in session and has been engaged this week in the trial of Civil cases. The court is keeping right up with the calendar and took up the case of Samantha Johnson vs. the railroad. It is thought that the court will be able to try all of the cases that are ready for trial at this time as a great many cases have been continued by consent of parties on account of the fact that the people are too busy to attend court at this busy season of the year.

A Dream.

In 1866 I married a pretty mountain girl, eighteen years old, I married her because I loved her. We settled down on a mountain farm and we lived a happy life until disease came and finally ruined her health. In 1890, God saw fit, in His wisdom, to end her sufferings and take her home. On the night before she did the next day, in bed, behind her, just before day, I dreamed we went to Heaven, I saw her go in at one of the Southern gates of the city, I was told I could not go in. And the last sight I saw of her, she was resting on a red marble block which said was to be the emblem of the blood of Jesus. While standing at the gate a great concourse of the redeemed were passing in all the time. It was one of the most lovely occasions I ever witnessed in life.

After my wife died I had her picture enlarged which is hanging in my room, and often on Sunday while all are gone to church I remain at home with it and read my bible, for I am impressed with the idea, she is watching at the gate, where she went in, for me to come. What an awful thought it is to me to think of missing heaven for I want to meet my wife again, for I know she is there for I saw her go in, and then we will be able to take in Heaven with its grandeur, love and beauty through all eternity. What a happy reunion it will be when we meet our fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers and friends who are there and help them sing the new song of the blood and the Lamb. D. S. BALL. Holcombe, N. C.

Sexton Notes.

Editor Record:—The people of this vicinity were much dismayed the other day at seeing one of our well-known farmers going to mill for the first time since the Civil war. They think, however, that his going was actuated by the desire to see the mill, for he gave a very thrilling account of his adventure.

He says the contrast in the mill and surroundings is very marked to what it use to be. In his report of his journey he said that after travelling for more than a mile on his white mare, he came to the National bridge that crosses the Way-yonder river, which he crossed, and passing by the miller's residence and post office, he was greeted by the miller and by-standing friends at his destination—the grand old Patty Messer Mill.

His sons hope he may have this pleasure again. Sexton, N. C., May 13, 1902.

Outlook Det.

Editor Record:—Corn planting is about over and the farmers in this section seem to be glad of it. The outlook for what is very unfavorable, but it is hoped that the crop will be better than the fields indicate. The people say they will have

apples and peaches to eat, if they don't biscuits.

Miss Georgia Edna is teaching school at Bull Creek, and is apparently satisfying all.

Hardy Merrell, of Halsewood, has been very sick for sometime and his many friends anxiously hope for his speedy recovery.

The Sunday school here is in a flourishing condition with an attendance of 75. Last Sunday we listened attentively to a talk from Prof. U. B. Phillips, in the course of which, to illustrate his belief in union, he said he was going to marry some of these days. The people think, however, that it takes two to make a match.

Wishing The Record a hearty welcome and patronage by all, I remain, Respectfully, H. T. HUNTER. Outlook, N. C., May 13, 1902.

Birgand Home.

Prof. R. F. Johnston returned from Goheen, Tenn., the 7th, with the remains of our beloved teacher, Miss Winona Boydston, who died on her way to Bell Institute, July 31, 1901.

Miss Boydston, loved the beautiful flower covered peaks of Western North Carolina so well that her relations thought that she had much rather be buried here as in Tennessee, so they decided to bring her remains back to the Old North State.

After the grave had been made ready and lined with ferns and beautiful May flowers by the kind young ladies and little children whom she loved so well her remains were laid to rest among the beautiful flowers in the old Jewel Hill cemetery to await that great day when we shall see her face to face in that land where death and parting of friends will be no more forever.

May her last resting place bring fresh to the memory of her many pupils as they view it day after day the good advice and faithful teaching that she has given and taught them in days that are past and gone.

Prof. R. F. Johnston, moved the remains of his little son, Robert, who died July 6, 1897, from the south side of the cemetery to the new yard that had been prepared for Miss Boydston.

Dr. A. J. McDevitt and S. A. Ramsey spent several days in Brevard last week. They returned accompanied by Mrs. McDevitt and report a very pleasant visit.

The foundation for the Nichols factory is progressing rapidly. Mr. and Mrs. Stackhouse were very pleasant visitors in our village May 4.

Miss Sophia Shoemaker, one of the teachers of Bell Institute, left for her home in Evansville, Indiana, May 9.

Mr. Roe Davis is now building a new dwelling house at Jewel Hill. The Industrial Home is now completed and the contractors have returned to their homes at Newport, Tenn.

We are glad to see Miss Lillian B. Wines who has been sick for several weeks able to be on our streets again. O. H. Frye, of Walnut Creek, has moved his family to Jewel Hill.

C. A. Nichols spent last week in Buncombe county looking after the interest of his farm. Dr. Reagan, preached in the Methodist church last Sunday. Prof. R. F. Johnston filled his regular appointment last Sunday night in Bell Institute chapel. R. E. GREENE.

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