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PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY THE RECORD PRINTING CO.

J. R. SWANN, BUSINESS MANAGER.

OFFICE IN 3RD FLOOR REEDON BRICK BLD'G

We extend you a cordial invitation to visit our office whenever you are in town.

WE CHALLENGE the Eagle 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.

Notice to Candidates

The Record will print your announcement from now until conventions are held for \$3.00. This will carry with it the privilege of your friends writing short letters in your behalf.

Notice to Correspondents

All communications intended for publication should be addressed to the editor and accompanied by the true name of the author. However, we will not publish your name if you do not want us to, but for self-protection we must know who our writers are.

We will gladly send the Record free to anyone who will send us the local news of his or her community regularly.

No Misappropriation Charged

The Eagle put at the head of its editorial column, a challenge to the Record "to show a single dollar that any of the present county officials have misapplied, misappropriated, or in any way disposed of while in office."

Now, we never at any time have charged the county officers with misapplying or misappropriating any money, but we have only insisted on the county officers of the county making their reports and keeping their books as required by law, and this is the right of the taxpayers of the county. And this is what has raised so much disturbance among the leaders of the Court House Ring, and what has caused its mouthpiece so much concern.

We will only cite a few instances where the books are hard to understand, and the people may be their own judges about the matter: we only say that we can not understand them, but make no charge whatever about it.

In the year 1898, in the month of October and after the final settlement had been made for some time, the candidate for representative on the democratic ticket called the fact to the attention of the people that the school funds which were collected from the railroad, amounting to several hundred dollars, had not been accounted for in the settlement between the tax collector and the commissioners, and at a subsequent meeting the matter was corrected and the remainder of the money was accounted for.

LAND SALE.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the Court House door in Marshall on Monday the 23rd day of June 1902 at 2 p. m. the following described property: The property lying between 11th street and Spring street, Hot Springs, N. C. which is more fully described in mortgage deed in Book 7 of Deeds of Trust on page 418; said property is sold to satisfy a mortgage deed given by F. C. Eble to satisfy and secure the purchase money for said property due O. T. Rambough.

J. C. REEDON, Trustee. Hot Springs, N. C., May 30, 1902.

polls \$4284"; but when we turn to the school funds we do not find anywhere in the books where the tax collector is charged with any amount as having come out of those thirty-four polls. The amount that is due the school funds out of thirty-four polls is \$51.00: money enough to pay a first grade teacher to teach a two months' school.

After the final settlement had been made, on the first Monday in September, 1901, between the tax collector and the board of commissioners, and after the insolvent lists of the year 1900 had been printed in the Record and the insolvent list of the year 1899 had just begun to be published, we find that on October the 12th, at a special meeting, the tax collector accounted to the board of commissioners \$88.75 for the year 1899 and \$27.49 for the year 1900 as having been collected from insolvents.

Now, there are many other just such mistakes, but we do not care to follow the matter now unless called on: if the county officers would make their reports as required by law and keep their books properly, just such mistakes could not occur: and that is all we have asked the county officers to do, and that we have insisted on, but we have never made any charge that they have misappropriated funds.

But we will still insist that the county officers ought to make all reports as required by law, if the mouthpieces of the Court House Ring does not take duck fits over the fact that we call on them for their reports.

How is This?

Since 1894 the present crowd and their associates have been in absolute control of county affairs. At that time poll tax was \$2.25 and the county debt was about thirty-five thousand dollars.

Now within eight years the poll tax is increased to \$8.85 and the county debt has more than doubled, being about seventy two thousand dollars.

At this same rate where will we be in eight years more. Look at this situation tax payers and study it. Can you stand it eight years more or even two years more? Try a change and if not improved change again. Conditions can certainly be improved if every tax payer will do his duty.

Vol. 1, No. 2, of the Bryson City Recorder, is before us. It is a 5 column folio, all home print and full of local news. This is the ninth venture into the journalistic field in Swain county, and eight of them have failed on account of lack of support from the business men of Bryson City. It remains to be seen whether they are going to do their duty by the county and the Recorder, and make it what old Swain needs badly—a wide-awake, prosperous newspaper. Editor Battley says "he is there to stay." We glory in his pluck, but it is a foregone conclusion with us that there is more truth than poetry in his statement, for we found it pretty hard to scrape enough together to get out of town, and we rode out on a cow then. No, no, we didn't take the cow in on subscription, for such was not our luck, but we took her there with us as part of our outfit, and verily, she was an oasis in a desert.

But here's success to you any way, Bro. Battley, may the Recorder never cease recording the "events of a week in Bryson City".

The Record was right when it foretold what the next order copied from the records would be. The Reddon and Lance order has been copied three separate and distinct times by the mouthpiece of the Court House Ring and this week it makes a great do about it. While it is an order that ought never to have been made, still the mouthpiece of the ring has never shown where the people of the county ever lost a cent by that order, neither has it been able to show where the material furnished by Mr. L. M. Bryan was not as cheap and as good as could have been furnished by anyone else. And why not talk about some of our present troubles? Why not

answer the question as to where and by whom the petition to the legislature for the high taxes was agreed upon and prepared? Why not answer the question as to how you stand in reference to the county indebtedness? There are a great many things of more importance to the people than to print and reprint time and again those old orders made by the board of commissioners that the people all know verbatim.

The mouthpiece of the Court House Ring asks The Record again if it approves the action of the board of commissioners in making an order releasing W. R. Sams from the bond of C. B. Candler. We state again that we would have been opposed to it. And when the mouthpieces of the ring changes it name again and wants to ask that question a fourth time we will refer them to our answers to that question in our issues of October the 4th, 1901, of October the 11th, 1901, and our answer of this date. We have given a plain and direct answer in every instance, but we presume that the mouthpieces of the ring thinks the people can be imposed on in their memories as they have in their finances.

"The political party that is afraid to risk its fate on clear-cut, present day issues has outlived its day of grace."—Asheville Register.

This is respectfully referred to the Eagle, who can't get up to the issue of today, but goes back ten years digging up imaginary ghosts for no other reason than to avoid present day issues. The evils of the day are sufficient thereof.

Pritchard and Moody expect to make good use of the Park bill in the way of promising every man that wants anything, a job in the Park. Before accepting these promises, our friends might do well to remember that both Pritchard and Moody will be on the retired list before this bill is passed and the other fellow might not be able to deliver the goods.

The Gastonia Gazette says that someone accused Mecklenburg Democracy of being "tough", whereupon the Gazette remarks that the aforesaid Democracy splits easier than a two dollar summer shirt. This is respectfully referred to Buncombe where they split as easy as a last season's fifty center.

Failure to "properly apply" is a mis-application of funds. Why is it that the Eagle can't show proper application instead of dodging and pretending to want specific items? If some of the officers will make itemized reports as the law directs we will then be a little more specific.

Five hundred and twenty one insolvents, two hundred and four releases granted by the commonwealth. A loss of something like three thousand dollars to the county. Tax payers do you want to continue to pay taxes for these fellows in addition to your own?

The Hickory Press did not seem to be hankering after specifications when they were offered. It found out that it was not the thing that it was cracked up to be to write a piece through which to try to get a job for its pie rooting editor.

Every time the commissioners release a man from poll tax it is robbing the school fund of \$1.50. Don't you think that the little children of the county need this.

It is rumored that Deputy Marshal E. Rector of Madison and Editor Miller of the Hickory Press have both had business with Jeter very recently.

The Congressional Convention of this the new ninth district is called to meet at Morganton, N. C., on July 22nd.

Time for a Change.

Editor RECORD:—Allow me space in your columns for a few words. I have read with much interest your many editorials about the county finances, Court House Ring, etc., and like all other tax payers of the county I am dis-

gusted at the state of affairs in our county. It appears to me that we ought to be in better shape. With a poll tax of \$3.85 and a property tax equal to the poll we ought to be able to pay our county indebtedness and also be able to run the current expenses of the county on a cash system. However this is not the case, of course most all the officers of the county get their pay when they render their services or soon afterward. But the honest toiler of the soil who feeds all, if he happens to be summoned as a witness and compelled by law to leave his crop and let his farm work alone, gets little or nothing for his time. It appears to me that it is high time for the rights of our people (who bear the burden of labor) to be respected, and if any class of people is to get pay for their services it ought to be those who need it the worst. I think that our county finances could be managed much better than they are, and I for one, would love to see a change for the better. How long, old taxpayers, how long, will you allow this state of affairs to continue? Will you not come to the rescue of our county's finances and save her fair name from further reproach.

We are informed that 725 of the tax payers of the county have failed to pay their poll tax. That 204 have been released by our present board of county commissioners. Have all of these 204 complied with the requirements of the law? Have they taken the oath prescribed? Have our county commissioners done their duty as servants and officers of the people who elected them to look after, guard and protect the finances of our county? Let them speak out on these questions. The people are anxious to hear about them.

Jack Swann.

Do you remember Jack? He is now at Marshall, N. C., in the mercantile business, and says in his advertisement: "The people's friend." He is also business manager of The Record, a newspaper published in his town, and they are just now making it hot for the "Court-house click." Good luck to you always, Jack.—Conyers, (Ga.) Free Press.

"The candidate who shakes hands with you for the fifth time only wants to be sure that he does not miss you."—Durham Herald.

Subscribe for the Record and get all the facts in reference to the 9th Congressional district and at the same time get a chance at the

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TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

To Be Held Week Beginning July 14. —Prof. Foust of Greensboro to Conduct the Examinations.

County Superintendent John M. James has had printed and distributed the following circular in regard to the Teachers' Institute:

"I want to state to all teachers who expect to teach in the public schools of Madison county, which will begin the 1st of August, that I will hold a Teachers' Institute and Public Examination at the Court House in Marshall, beginning July 14th and continuing one week.

"I am glad to state to the teachers that Prof. J. I. Foust, Professor of Pedagogy in the State Normal and Industrial College, of Greensboro, will be with us and have charge of the Institute work.

"There will be Institutes work before noon, examinations in the afternoon and some lectures at night.

"Sometime during the session the ladies of Marshall will give an ice-cream supper which will furnish some entertainment for the teachers, in a social way.

"Governor Aycock and Supt. Joyner will be invited to deliver addresses.

"The following section of the Public School Law compels teachers to attend Institutes:

"All teachers of any county in which such institute is held, are hereby required to attend the same continuously during the session thereof; and, upon failure to do so, unless provisionally hindered, shall be debarred from teaching in any of the public schools of this state for a term of one year or until such teacher shall have attended some county institute in some other county."

"Teachers of private schools who teach the public funds of the district are also required to attend.

"I mean to comply with the above section of law. Under the new law teachers must attend the Institutes if they expect to teach.

"An examination will be given on Drawing and Agriculture in addition to the examination on usual branches.

"Teachers holding first grade certificates have to attend Institute but are excused from examination as their certificates are good for two years.

"We hope to have an interesting educational meeting and all interested in public education are invited to be with us.

"Very truly yours, J. M. JAMES, County Superintendent."

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The trustees of Mars Hill College will build at Mars Hill, N. C., one school building requiring about three hundred thousand brick. Those wishing to bid on the contract will apply at once for particulars and specifications to W. H. Woodall, chairman building committee, Mars Hill, N. C.

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