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OFFICE IN 3RD FLOOR REDMON 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.

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### Another Falsehood

"Now, as to the lost abstract which the editor seems so familiar with and who has asked so often to see and which cannot be found, we admit hangs a tale.

In making inquiry about this lost abstract we learn that upon a certain day Attorney Zachary called at the register of deeds office and asked to see that abstract. He was given the document to examine. The following day Mr. Zachary called again to see the aforesaid document and upon Mr. Davis looking for it failed to find it and asked Mr. Zachary what he did with it the day before, but Mr. Zachary disclaimed all knowledge of it, but the last time the register of deeds saw that abstract it was in the hands of Mr. Zachary. The Eagle is not charging that Mr. Zachary, extracted that abstract, it only recites the incident as it occurred and was related to the writer."—Eagle.

All that I have to say about the above statement is that every syllable and sentence of the same which insinuates or was intended to insinuate that I, at any time ever took the abstract referred to out of the office of register of deeds or misplaced the same in that office is absolutely false.

It is true that I examined that abstract more than one time in the office of register of deeds. It is also true that I discovered a mistake in the abstract in favor of the tax collector of more than fourteen hundred dollars. I discovered the mistake after the first Monday in September and after the tax collector had given the receipt for the next tax list, as published in the Eagle, which he could not do until he had made final settlement and if he had made final settlement there was still over fourteen hundred dollars left in his hands after the final settlement, when the mistake was discovered. But the Eagle tries to make it appear that the tax collector did not receive the tax list at that time. If he did not receive the tax list at

that time why did he give a receipt for it? Will the Eagle answer that question?

I discovered the mistake in the abstract, I then made the charge in the campaign. It created a considerable stir in politics and the Eagle now admits the mistake was made as I charged it. And why I should have destroyed, misplaced or abstracted all the proof of the charge that I was making is a question beyond the comprehension of man.

I did call to see the abstract just before the election and I was informed by Mr. Davis, the register of deeds, that it had been misplaced by some one and that he had hunted for it, time and again and that he could not find it. He said that so many people had been looking at it that he could not tell who had it last, but this was more than two weeks after I had seen it before. The above is a true and correct statement of the facts as they occurred.

W. W. ZACHARY.

"Looking over the records and the published statement of the indebtedness of Madison county, compiled by Mr. Van B. Davis, register of deeds, we find, out of the \$70,000.00 indebtedness \$50,000.00 in round numbers are held by democrats."—Eagle.

We print below two items of the indebtedness out of the statement referred to which proves the utter falsity of the statement.

Geo. H. Smathers, receiver of the W. N. C. Bank.....\$20,655.16  
J. C. Pritchard..... \$16,275.46

It is true that a good many small claims are in the hands of democrats and some democrats have some considerable amounts of the indebtedness but that only proves the charge that certain members of the Court House Ring could get their claims paid off while democrats who did not belong to the ring had to hold theirs and have them yet.

At the judicial convention of the 15th judicial district held in Asheville on July the 12th, the democrats nominated W. J. Coe as solicitor of Buncombe county for solicitor, on the 5th ballot.

The 5th ballot stood as follows:  
Buncombe county voted:  
Coe.....62 96  
Zachary.....28 26  
Madison county voted:  
Zachary.....24 00  
Transylvania county voted:  
Zachary.....12 00

It was necessary to get 62 votes for an election and W. J. Coe having received the necessary number was duly declared nominated by the convention.

Mr. Coe is a young man of ability and will make a vigorous and aggressive campaign, and will, of course, be elected in the district.

An Open Letter to Senator Pritchard from the Secretary of the Republican Executive Committee.

Asheville, N. C.  
Hon. J. C. Pritchard,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:—I addressed to you an open letter dated Sept. 18th, in which I asked you to tell the republicans of North Carolina how many of your relatives you have placed in office since you have been the leader of our party. You have ignored the question and have continued to lead them up to the pie-counter. W. S. Hyams, your brother-in-law, has been appointed Clerk of the Federal Court, at Asheville, N. C. It has been announced in the press of this city that Emmet Gudger, a democrat and the son of a democrat, J. M. Gudger, the present solicitor of this the Fifteenth Judicial District, has been appointed Assistant Paymaster in the army. Mr. Pritchard, is there no young republican competent to fill this place that you must select the son of the bitterest of democrats. Mr. Gudger is an aspirant for the democratic nomination for congress from the Tenth District of North Carolina. Is it your purpose to put a collar on Mr. Gudger in the event of his election to congress by giving his son and democrat an

office? Or is it because he is the Uncle of Thomas S. Rolling, who married your daughter, and therefore it is all in the family? Or is it because he is the brother of "Ki" Gudger, another democrat who holds a six thousand dollar office, together with his son, who also draws a fat salary? Mr. Pritchard, you are bidding high for the Gudger family. Are they worth it? Tell us all about these things. In addition to the former questions I will now ask you another: How is it that all your kinsfolks can pass the Civil Service examination and secure an office and others, who are more worthy get turned down. Senator, these questions may not be altogether to your liking, but to refuse to answer them will not do. Like Banquo's ghost they will not be down, but will be answered by republicans on the fourth day of November.

Very truly,  
J. M. PATTERSON  
Secretary Republican Executive Committee Western District of North Carolina.

Mr. Edwards Kicks Against the Bogus Primary.

The following circular letter has been circulated very extensively throughout the county: "WM EDWARDS ON FAIR PLAY TO THE REPUBLICANS OF MADISON COUNTY:

"In order to insure harmony in the republican convention for the county of Madison, which meets at Marshall, August 7th, 1902, it is absolutely necessary that every loyal republican has a fair opportunity to say who he favors as candidates for the various offices. This having been done, every republican would feel obliged to stand by those receiving the highest vote. Then, I am confident, harmony would prevail and the grand old party would swell to majority to 1500.

"I doubt very seriously that the strength of each candidate can't all be fairly tested by the proposed township primary. My objection is this: we have no organization requiring each township chairman to appoint officers of election by which the name of each elector may be taken and passed upon his ballot properly deposited, and only one ballot cast by each elector. In the proposed plan of the township primary there are no such safeguards, and any voter full of enthusiasm for his candidate can vote a half dozen votes if he wants to. It is this perversion and prostitution of an election—yes, we may say, a counterfeit election—that I object to, and that I believe the fair minded people of our party object to. These new-fangled notions should be received with great caution. No fair-minded man can object to reasonable restrictions and safe-guarding in order to properly register the voice of the people and keep them from being the unconscious victims of schemers and tricksters and thus give them good reasons to be disgruntled at their own party. Now this, my fellow citizens, is what we want to avoid.

"This is my solution of the problem: That the republican party of the good county of Madison shall have a real, genuine, county primary, under the supervision of the Executive Committee of the county, and not this hybrid, half breed township primary that is so dangerous to our future welfare; then, the man that gets the highest number of votes in the entire county shall be the nominee for the office which he may be a candidate for.

"Now, in all fairness, I wish to say that from a republican standpoint, and to preserve party harmony, that this is the only just and proper plan. This would prevent a man forcing himself upon the people, by use of his heels and agents when he is in no sense the choice of a majority of the people. It is folly to say that the people are not abreast of the times. They are saying in both political parties that the average office-seeker in the county has no politics. Should the convention go off in the way that it has been proposed and the good republicans of the county be imposed upon, then their diagnosis and slaking up of the situation would be confirmed.

"Now, my fellow republicans, let us avoid all these dangers, and as one who loves the grand old party and who has helped to fight her battles ever since he was 21 years of age, I beg you in the name of everything that is sacred to stand by what is right and just and proper and then the convention on the 7th will adjourn in that

spirit of perfect unity, harmony and fraternity that will certainly insure victory to the party.

"I am a candidate and I will stand or fall by the above plan.  
Wm. M. EDWARDS,  
Holcomb, N. C.

Notice of Application.  
Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the next General Assembly of North Carolina to change the name of Buncombe county. Lon Wells has suggested that it be changed to "The Great American Hog." We will pay a handsome premium for a suggestion that would be any more appropriate.

Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners.  
July meeting, July 14, 1902.  
Board of Equalizers not members present Wm. S. Rice, Ira Pennington and W. M. English, chairman, and the following proceedings were had:  
Ordered by the board that C. T. Rumbough's real estate be valued at \$21,548.00 for taxation for year 1902.

Ordered by the board that the Mountain Park Hotel Co., real estate be valued at \$43,037.00 for taxation for the year 1902.

Ordered by the board that Noah Ball's real estate be valued for taxation for the year 1902, at \$4,500.00.

Ordered by the board that H. C. Buckner's real estate be valued for taxation for the year 1902, at \$150.00.

Ordered by the board that G. W. or Sallie Rotund's real estate be valued for taxation for the year 1902, at \$300.00.

Ordered by the board that T. C. Clarks real estate of No. 5 township be valued for taxation for the year 1902, at \$367.00.

Ordered by the board that E. T. Worley's real estate be valued for taxation for the year 1902, at \$1200.00.

Proceedings of the Board of Education.  
July 14, 1902.  
The Board of Education met in regular session, all members being present.

Ordered by the board that J. E. Laws, J. S. Ponder, J. T. Barnett, G. P. Ponder, be transferred from Laurel Valley district to lower Little Creek district.

Ordered by the board that P. C. Crawford and Elbert Buckner be transferred from Gabriel's Creek district to Oak Grove district.

Ordered by the board that Robt. Buckner be appointed a school committeeman for Gabriel's Creek district to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of T. J. Murray.

Ordered by the board that E. M. Shelton's farm be transferred from Spill Corn district to Laurel Seminary.

Ordered by the board that Jasper

Barnes be appointed a school committeeman in Upper Little Creek district in the place of Alex Cole, resigned.

Ordered by the board that James Leak be appointed a school committeeman for Sodom district in the place of A. McDevitt resigned.

Ordered by the board that J. J. Taylor be transferred from the Pantler Branch district to Poplar Gap, township 13

Ordered by the board that Pink Weaver be appointed a school committeeman in Rector's Chapel district to fill the vacancy caused by George Banks who moved away.

Ordered that Charlie Bell and Doggett Marlor be transferred from the Bear Creek district to the Laurel Fork district.

Received from R. S. Ramsey whiskey tax from January 1902, to July 1902, two hundred and eighty five dollars (\$285.00).

July 15, 1902.  
The Board of Education met from yesterday's adjourned session and members being present.

Ordered by the board that the Little Hurricane district be consolidated, but it is agreed that the school be taught separately and as usual this fall, as contracts are made with teacher. The consolidated district shall be known as the Putnam school district. Ordered that Silas Greenman, W. T. Henderson and A. J. Rector be appointed school committeeman for the Putnam district.

Ordered that A. D. Randall be appointed school committeeman for Middle Sandy, Musk, to fill the vacancy caused by E. D. Robinson's moving out of the district.

Ordered that J. E. James be appointed a school committeeman of Laurel Fork to fill the vacancy caused by Pink Weaver moving away.

Ordered that White Oak district be discontinued and the part of the district that is in Bull Creek township belong to the Bull Creek district and the part in Mars Hill township belong to Mars Hill district. The township lines between township No. 3 and No. 15 shall be the line between Mars Hill and Bull Creek districts.

Ordered by the board that Little Ivy district be discontinued and added to the following school districts: Families being west of the leading ridge, on which the Little Ivy church is located belong to Mars Hill district; from the church with the Ramsey and S. E. Edwards' line across the creek on the lower end belong to Beech Glen district. The upper end belong to Lower California.

Ordered by the board that Oak Grove district be paid twenty-five dollars out of the general funds to make them a four months school as Buncombe county withdrew their proposition first made.

Clerk of the Court J. H. White  
(continued on last page).

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30c Cashmeres at	20c
20c Cashmeres at	15c
15c Cashmeres at	10c
Calicoes at	3 1/2 to 5c
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A few Lawns at 4, 5 and 7 1/2 cents per yard, worth from 6 to 12 1/2c; Fancy Negligee Shirts, 38c; Good Jeans Pants, 50c; Folding and Woven Wire Bed Springs, 1 75 and 2 00; Crock-Ware, 7 1-2c per gal; Best Coffee in town, 9 lbs to 1 00; A real good one at 12 lbs to 1 00

## J. R. Swann

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