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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.

has been in his hands and if it has not been collected the people have a right to know it.

But we presume that our GIANT COMMISSIONERS are too busily engaged in politics to give the matter any attention and the Eagle is too much afraid of the people of the county to know anything about where the money is if it could prevent it. But we expect to still keep calling for the verified statement of the sheriff until the law is changed that requires him to make such statement even if the Eagle does cry persecution of good county officers. All we ask of the county officers is to make their reports and keep their accounts as required by law and then we will give the reports and accounts to the people just as they are made without any comment and the people can be their own judges about things. But if the reports are not made how can the people know how these matters are.

We would like to ask The Eagle, the mouthpiece of the Court House Ring, if that \$9986.59 has been collected and if it has been collected, how long has it been collected and in whose hands has it been all the time and why it is that the GIANT COMMISSIONERS do not collect the 2 per cent. per month on the same as required by law.

Transylvania republicans have endorsed John A. Hendricks as a candidate for judge of the 15th district. John is long haired and long legged, but past experiences indicate that he is rather short winded on a judicial race.

John L. McLaarin of South Carolina has declined a district judgeship offered by President Roosevelt on the grounds that it is charged that the radicals bought him with this job. Just as well take the job, Johnny, the people are satisfied about the selling.

The primary plan of Dr. Roberts is a great "joke" on the primary system. It will no doubt serve the purpose of the few, though.

Webb Nominated
The first Congressional Convention of the New Ninth district was held at Morganton on the 22nd and was one of the largest and most enthusiastic conventions ever held anywhere and was entirely harmonious throughout.

The candidates before the convention were Abernethy of Burke, Hufham of Catawba, Webb of Cleveland, Dowd and Maxwell of Mecklenburg, and no district in the State has ever offered a better lot of timber to select from. So there was no danger of a mistake in any event. The convention met and organized at noon and adjourned to 2:30 p. m. On reassembling, Mr. R. R. Ray, of Gaston county, was made permanent chairman, and members of the democratic press secretaries and the balloting was begun. Webb led by a good majority on the first ballot and there was only a change

and was the leading spirit in redeeming his home county of Cleveland from the misrule of the republican gang in this State. He was State Senator in 1900 and made an enviable reputation as a legislator. He is a clean, honorable gentleman, a fine campaigner and "one of the boys" everytime that you meet him and we are going to elect him to congress by five thousand majority. So drop in boys and help us and when its all over, we can come together and say "we" did it and "we" feel proud of it.

THE UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.
A Happy Day at Jewel Hill.
A happier outing and more deluged crowd than the Union Sunday school on the annual picnic to Jewel Hill, on last Wednesday, would be hard to find.

The day was perfect and the party numbered something near a round hundred. Under the shade of the fine grove near the Methodist church the bounteous and tempting dinner was spread, full justice was done to it by adults as well as the children. A merry, happy day it was, and it will not soon be forgotten.

Not a thing happened to mar the pleasure of the occasion, as all details were so well managed. Clerk White furnished, without charge, conveyances for the entire party. The school has felt his generosity before.

While at the Hill quite a party visited the new industrial school for girls and were shown through the handsome structure by Miss Minnie Grundstaff who is to be matron of the school next year.

Jewel Hill is an ideal place to hold a picnic and the beautiful views, the cool shady walks and fresh mountain breezes added greatly to the enjoyment of the day. Good humor and good order prevailed throughout. The picnic party were out for a good time and they had it.

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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.

One of the great causes of unnecessary cost to Madison and one of the most fruitful sources of crime in the county is the manner in which the solicitor's office has been run the most of the time for several years. It has been a custom in the county part of the time to allow guilty parties who were indicted in the courts to escape without punishment on condition that they would make a certain number of cases against other people as the price of such releasing, and the county would often have to pay the cost in cases thus allowed to be disposed of. The consequence was that the county would have the cost to pay in many of the cases thus brought in and so the accumulation of cost was immense in a short time.

An Important Question
As it is a very important question to Madison county as to what is to be done with the debt of the county and as The Record has stated its position in reference to paying off these old speculation debts we again state our position to be as follows:
That is to pay the claim holder back the money that he paid for the claims together with legal interest on the money invested for such time as it has been invested and upon payment of that amount let the claim speculator surrender his claim against the county.



HON. E. Y. WEBB
OF CLEVELAND, First Congressman of the New Ninth district.

of a few votes either way until the 7th ball when Burke county broke from Abernethy and gave Webb a sufficient number to nominate him.

The 7th and last ballot stood as follows: Webb 178.75, Dowd 51.80, Maxwell 49.35, Hufham 70.60; necessary to a choice, any fraction over 177. So it will be seen that Mr. Webb received 1 1/2 votes more than was necessary for nomination which made him the first standard bearer of the untrified democracy of the New Ninth district.

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We would like to ask the Eagle, the official organ of the Court House Ring and the claim speculators of the county, if it is not a fact that about the time the Legislature of 1901 met, there was a conference held in the office of Pritchard and Rollins, between Senator Pritchard, T. S. Rollins, Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of the district and County Attorney, I. N. Ebbs Representative from Madison county, John A. Hendricks Chairman Republican Executive Committee of the county, the Board of County Commissioners of Madison county, together with some claim holders against the county, in reference to formulating a petition to the General Assembly asking for special taxes of 1.20 on each poll and 40c. on 1.00 worth of property?

If it is not a fact that T. S. Rollins, attorney for the Board of Commissioners did not have drawn up on his typewriter, a petition to the General Assembly asking for such tax, which W. M. English and W. S. Rice, who make a majority of the Board of County Commissioners adopted in open session, copies of which petition was forwarded to the representative of Madison county and the senators of this district?

We notice that Editor Miller of the Hickory Press has been appointed a brandy gauger. This is a considerable "drap" from the Hickory post office which he expected to get, but no doubt the brandy business suits this camp follower the best. If Johnny would get a few more specifications on Jeter's federal court manoeuvres he would no doubt get a promotion. Nit!

Mr. Webb made a rousing speech of acceptance denouncing trusts, high tariffs, imperialism and lynchery of the Filipinos as practiced by the present Bronco and Jeteristic maladministration.

Grapevine Dots.
Grapevine, N. C., July 21.—Mrs. Jas. Scott, of Dallas, Texas, has been visiting her brother, C. W. Cargile of Grapevine, for some time.

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And if it is not a fact that a bill was prepared in almost the exact terms of the petition and if a copy of the same was not introduced in the Lower House by the representative of Madison county, which afterwards became a law?

"I, R. S. Ramsey, sheriff of Madison county, certify that I have collected \$278.69 taxes during the month of June 1902.
July 7, 1902.
R. S. RAMSEY, Sheriff."

The State Convention was a very large and enthusiastic one and was composed of the best manhood of the State.

It is reported in the town that it is contended by some that the title to the public school property of the Marshall public district never was good and that the property is now out of the possession of the school authorities. The patrons of the district are anxious to know how the matter is. It is the duty of the board of education to investigate the matter and let the people know whether they have possession of the property or whether it is in the possession of private individuals. This is too important a matter to let go by default.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Farmer, of Alexander, N. C., visited their daughter, Mrs. W. L. Coats of Laurelton, N. C., last week and paid short visits to some of their many friends at Grapevine as they passed through.

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The above amount being all of the taxes that were collected during the month of June and the law requiring the sheriff to make final settlement on or by the first Monday in May of each year would indicate that nearly all of the taxes of the county have already been collected. The law requires the sheriff to make a sworn statement of the amount of taxes he has on hand on the first Monday in every month and if he has as much as three hundred dollars on hand for a longer time than ten days he is liable for 2 per cent. per month for all such amounts so held by him. These facts have been stated in The Record time and again and there can be no over-sight in the failure to make such reports.

But if matters are allowed to go on as they have been in the past by allowing the solicitor to turn guilty men lose by the dozen for no other purpose than to get more cases and the custom of political heebers coming from all parts of the county to practice law before the solicitor is kept up the county will never be in any better shape than it is now. There is only one way to conduct the solicitor's office according to law: that is to indict just such cases as ought to be prosecuted and punished for the public good and when such a man is convicted then let the judge pass on the amount of punishment that ought to be put on him, then the people will have some respect for the law. If a man ought to be let off on the cost, he ought not to have been indicted for if there were to be a failure in the conviction the county pays the cost and if he is convicted all the good it does is to give the officers their fees and boys of the country have an example of how easy it is to get out of court and the consequences is that they go and violate the law expecting to get out of it just as the man did who got out upon payment of the cost. We hope that it is a thing of the past in Madison county that cases should be brought in the courts with no other idea than for the fees that the officers can get out of it.

VERD ITEMS.
Verd, N. C., July 17.—As I am a reader of The Record and love to peruse its pages, I thought I would write a few dots from Verd.
We have a promising crop here; corn, oats, Irish potatoes, buckwheat, cabbage, beans, onions and down to peanuts.
We have a nice country in summer to fern and fish an squirrel hunt, but every bitter has its sweet and every sweet its bitter. It is a cold disagreeable piece in winter.
We are having windy, rainy, hot weather at this time.
Our people are about up with their work.
The health of the neighborhood is very good. All lovely and lively.
Hurrah for The Record pour it to the Court House Ring for I knew their was a flaw somewhere about Marshall years ago.
Success to The Record.
MAMADO.

Mrs. Emma Wheeler, wife of Mr. John Wheeler of Laurelton was buried Thursday, July 17. We tender our sympathy to the bereaved husband and children.
Candidates and handshaking is no strange thing now, but it seems that if all wants to be sheriff. Why don't some run for pill agent?
Wishing The Record success and if this don't find its way to the waste basket I will try and do better next time.
BUCKEY G.

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Now, let us see how this matter is. The 60 cents on the poll and the 20 cents on each one hundred dollars worth of property on the amount of property in Madison county raises \$5986.99 as shown by the abstract now on file in the register of deeds office. This being the levy that was made to pay on the old debt of the county, or in the interest of the claim speculators. If our readers will refer back to the treasurer's reports for several months as printed in The Record, they will find that there has been paid in out of the above levy several months ago the sum of \$2000.00, which leaves the sum of \$3986.99 of that levy not accounted for. Now, the question that the tax payers of the county have a right to know is whether that money has been collected or not. If it has been collected and has been in the sheriff's hands for more than ten days he is liable for 2 per cent. per month for such time as the money

has been in his hands and if it has not been collected the people have a right to know it.

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How do you like Dr. Roberts' muzzled primary. It looks like it would work alright, provided that the doctor turns the crank.

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