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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.

**Who is Responsible for the High Taxes?**  
We take the following paragraph from the letter of Mr. John A. Hendricks as published in the Eagle of Oct. 2nd.

"After a lengthy discussion the commissioners adopted my recommendation and much to my disapproval Mr. Gudger's recommendations were tacked on to the end of mine. The paper which Gudger says he has deposited with P. A. McElroy contains the recommendations I prepared and at the end of the paper are Gudger's."

We do not deem it necessary to print again the recommendations of the board of commissioners to the General Assembly as it has been printed in this paper more than one time before this and all the tax payers of the county are well acquainted with the high tax law passed by the last legislature.

With a few minor exceptions the law was passed in exact accordance with the recommendation of the board of commissioners and those exceptions were in reference to the bridges of the county. It is remarkably strange that Mr. Hendricks and the other leaders of the Court House Ring crowd have the audacity to try to make an intelligent people think under the circumstances that a democratic legislature was responsible for the law.

Mr. Hendricks says, "After a lengthy discussion the commissioners adopted my recommendations." If the legislature is to be responsible for the local legislation effecting the county why was it necessary for the commissioners to pass on the question at all? Why was it necessary for a "lengthy discussion" about the matter at all unless it was expected that the legislature would do what the commissioners asked? If the legislature did not act on account of the request of the commissioners how was it that the law was in almost the exact terms as asked by the board of commissioners?

These are some questions that we would like for the Eagle, through its trade and professional editor, to answer without any attempt to dodge and cry persecution of good officers.

Under the circumstances who is responsible for the high taxes? In the first place the board of commissioners are elected by the people for the sole purpose of taking care of the finances of the county and they are the ones who ought to know the situation and whose opinions ought to be respected. Mr. Gudger and Mr. Eibs are not as much to blame as the commissioners are for the reason the commissioners are presumed to know what was the best for the county and then as the representatives of the people ask the representative and senator to pass certain legislation for the county which they say is best for the county and their request is complied with.

In the next place who is interested in getting this legislation passed? We have charged time and again in this paper that there was a conference in the office of Senator Fritchard for the purpose of deciding to have the commissioners to petition the General Assembly, which charge has never been successfully denied, while at the same time Senator Fritchard owned more than sixteen thousand dollars worth of the counties indebtedness T. S. Rollins the attorney for the board of commissioners at the time was present, and Mr. Hendricks says that Mr. Rollins favored the recommendations in the General Assembly afterwards adopted by the board of commissioners at the request of Mr. Hendricks.

So the conclusion to which any fair minded man is irresistibly driven is that the board of commissioners would have been responsible for the legislation had they made the recommendations of their own free will and accord. But if they were only the tools in the hands of other parties who were interested and allowed themselves to be made that use of for some of the claim speculators of the county they would be responsible for allowing themselves to be

thus used and the men who got up the scheme and for whose benefit the law was passed are the people who are solely responsible for the high taxes of the county.

Did it ever occur to the minds of the people of this county why it is that the Court House Ring so dominates the convention as to nominate men for commissioners who have but little or no moral stamina of their own but who are perfectly submissive to do what the ring wants done. Can it be for any other purpose than to be able to control all the county finances in the interest of the ring even the legislation which effects the county matters.

And why is it that they always put out a man for the legislature who is under the absolute control of the ring? Can it be for any other purpose than to see that the interest of the ring is protected in the legislature?

Why is it that the Eagle, the ring organ, will not answer the question as to whether it is in favor of the next legislature compelling the claim speculators to take their money back with legal interest for their claims? Isn't it because that some of the bosses of the ring have too many claims? Isn't that the reason that the ring is so anxious for Mr. Hamlin to be elected, in order to further protect these claims? Time will reveal to the people of the county how all these matters are.

The same legislature which provided that the people should pay poll taxes also provided that any sheriff who held in his hands more than three hundred dollars for more than ten days should pay 2 per cent per month for all such amounts. It is a well known fact to the taxpayers of the county of Madison and a fact that the Eagle, the mouthpiece of the Court House Ring will not deny, that the sheriff of this county held in his hands several thousand dollars of the public funds of the county from before the first day of last May till the first Monday in September and he was not required to pay the 2 per cent per month as required by law and the board of commissioners turned him over the tax list for the next year without requiring him to pay that amount which they could not have done unless they released him from the same.

So here now LITTLE COCOANUT IRE, is your little question again: "Will you please tell us why it is that the board of commissioners require men who only have a poll tax to pay to pay their taxes and at the same time not require the sheriff to pay the two per cent for holding the money that the law says that he shall pay over?"

LITTLE COCOANUT, who wrote your last piece for you?

The following is a list of the amounts of the arrears of insolvents as accounted for by the sheriff of the county in his final settlements of the tax lists for the years below named:

1901	\$215.13
1900	nothing
1899	nothing
1898	nothing
1897	nothing

The year 1897 is as far back as we could find any books in the office wherein anything could be ascertained about the settlements of the public funds of the county. We would be glad to be able to run the above list back for several years more but it is impossible on account of not being able to find the books.

Will the Eagle, through its trade and professional editor, please tell us why it is that there was not a cent turned in at the final settlement of the sheriff of the tax lists of the years 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1900 and that there were \$215.13 turned in at the final settlement of the list of 1901, after The Record had been started? We want no dodging and crying persecution of our county officers in answer to the question. That will not satisfy the tax payer. Answer this question. Answer this question. Answer this question.

Wm. J. Cook, and Mark W. Brown candidates for Solicitor will speak at Hot Springs Friday Oct. 17th and at Marshall, Saturday Oct. 18th.

In all history of county finances that has ever been in any county in the state of North Carolina, we venture the assertion that there never was as high handed a case of domination finances as in the case of the special funds levied and collected to pay on the indebtedness of this county by the present crowd in power.

The money had been nearly all collected before the first day of last May but was held by the sheriff until the first Monday in September when he was forced to pay it over in order to get the next list.

Now there is more than five thousand dollars in the hands of the present treasurer which belongs to the creditors of county but they refused to pay out a cent of it without any reason whatever. The interest is accumulating every day while the money is held by the Court House Ring for reasons known only to themselves.

Such conduct is the outgrowth of an overwhelming majority by one party over the other. They seem to think that they have behind them such a majority that there can be no danger to them in the next election as they think they can use some of their ill gotten gains in getting up a rally and barbecue and appeal to the prejudice of the people to put them in power for another term and during the next term they can make their money back and be ready to contribute to another rally. And thus they think the endless chain will go on forever. But the honest tax-payers of the county, some of these times are going to feel them when they least expect it.

"We want to impress this fact upon our readers" sagely remarks the trade and professional editor of the ring's organ, in last issue. "The Record writers or editors" continued the organ, so long as they had it pretty much their own way abused these men (the county official) and other officials—abused them in a manner worse than by direct charge of theft or malfeasance—insinuations that were calculated to lead the people to believe that these men were totally unfit to hold office."

Well, well! When was it The Record writers "had it pretty much their own way"? Was it in the days of the late lamented Enterprise? Well where were little Tommy Rot and big Tommy Rot, and Anonymous and Annanias and the crowd that then defamed the faith? They couldn't hold their own against an impromptu editor whose business was the law, and a citizen who got his start buying and selling Madison chickens?

"But no sooner than they are run to cover they take another tact and cry persecution," squeals the Eagle. Ah stand from under! It is all different now! A trade and professional editor is on the scene and people must look out for big things! Here's the genius of the North Carolina press—a masthead in literature—that makes things hum. Here's an editor that knows things, and listen, all ye people to the veracious occasions words of wisdom as they roll from his pencil at so much per roll.

The most conservative guess for the \$100 Record price put the whole number of votes cast in the district from twenty-five thousand to twenty eight thousand while some men of good judgment put their guess as high as twenty-nine thousand. It is an interesting question to figure on and the time will soon be out. We would like very much for our readers to take interest in the contest as they get value received for their money and at the same time stand as good a chance as any one else to get one of the prizes.

Will the Eagle, the mouthpiece of the Court House Ring, please tell us how Mark W. Brown, the candidate for solicitor for whom the ring organ has had so much blowing to do, stands on the question as to whether a solicitor should make contracts outside of the court house as to what disposition shall be made of cases?

There is no entire new registration this year register if you want to vote.

The friends of the Hon. Geo. B. Eibs, candidate for congress on the republican ticket, hope to see him make gains in the city of Charlotte for the reason that all of the members of the Roman Catholic church who are democrats will vote for him on the ground that he is an avowed catholic. We have no doubt but they will all vote for him, but it is thought by Mr. Webb's friends that the Baptist denomination of which Mr. Webb is a leading member will give him such support on that account as to almost make up the loss of the Catholic vote. But there has always been a secret influence that the Roman Catholic church can bring to bear upon their members that no other denomination ever attempts.

The people of Madison County who are in favor of educating the young people of the county, ought to remember when they go to cast their votes, that it is the democratic party, through the aid of the new constitution, which is giving the children of the county a four months public school in every district. And if the New Constitution shall not be interlarded with by the courts and the democratic party remains in power in the state it will not be many years till every child in the county will be furnished with a six months free school. Let every body who is in favor of better free schools in the county vote to continue the democrats in power.

Why should confederate pensioners vote against the democratic party which has done all in its power to help alleviate the suffering of this honorable class of citizens and vote for the republicans who did all in their power to prevent these old battle scarred veterans from getting a cent.

If the Court House Ring candidate for representative, Mr. Hamlin, is elected, which will be the most anxious about his boss's job in the United States Senate or his boss's \$17000.00 in speculation claims, against the county?

The trade and professional editor continues to blow the horns of Jeter and the Ring, after Nov. 4th he will go where the "woodbin swine" and the whang doodle mourneth" to be resurrected two years hence to blow rot for the Ring again.

The Ring candidates say that the Record will die after the election. But we beg to inform them that it will be doing business at the old stand to these many days yet.

Will W. W. Hayward the "Trade and professional" editor of the Eagle please give the public a short sketch of himself in as much as he has been losing sleep over a very brief one of ours.

**GOES LIKE HOT OAKS.**  
"The fastest selling article I have in my store," writes druggist T. C. Smith, of Davis, Ky., "is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds, because it always cures. In my six years of sales it has never failed. I have known it to cure sufferers from throat and lung disease, who could get no help from doctors or any other remedy." Mothers rely on it, best physicians prescribe it and, Redman & Roberts guarantee satisfaction or refund price. Trial bottles free Reg. sim. 50c and \$1.

The following are the election officers appointed for this ward:  
J. W. Daniel, registrar.  
V. H. Reynolds, judge.  
Anna Stachhouse, Jr. judge.  
JOSEPH R. HESS, Chairman.  
W. A. MELTON, Secretary.

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### NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE.

By virtue of the power vested in the undersigned trustee in a certain deed of trust executed on the 22nd day of March 1902 by J. C. Kilpatrick and S. K. Kilpatrick to W. W. Zachary which deed of trust and the note which it was given to secure have been duly transferred to J. J. Redmon and default having been made in the payment of the note secured by said deed of trust and having been requested by the holder of the said note and deed of trust to proceed to sell the land hereinafter described I will therefore sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door in the town of Marshall on SATURDAY THE FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1902, at 12 o'clock in the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the county of Madison, adjoining the lands of H. G. Chandley, H. D. McCain, W. J. West and others, this being a 64 acre tract of land, lying and being on the Landers branch of Walnut creek, and what is known as Lot No. 6 of the estate of A. J. Ramsey, as divided among his heirs. And for the notes and bonds of the said tract of land reference is had to an old deed in trust given to secure a debt to J. N. West and recorded in Book of the records of deeds of trust for Madison county on page 506 where said deeds and bonds are fully set out. The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the discharge of the debt above referred to together with interest and cost of sale, and the remainder if any will be paid to the said J. C. Kilpatrick and S. K. Kilpatrick.  
This October 1st, 1902.  
JOSEPH R. HESS, Trustee

### TEAMS WANTED

WANTED teams to haul lumber from Laurel to Marshall, distance 12 to 18 miles, cash at end of each load. Good teams making from two to three dollars per day. For further particulars address,  
B. E. HONEYCUTT,  
Mars Hill, N. C.

### SECOND WARD-N. O. 9 TOWN SHIP.

Boundaries as follows:  
Beginning at the mouth of Big Hurricane creek on the line of No. 2 township, then running up the Big Hurricane creek which is the line that separates No. 9 from No. 2 township to the Tennessee State line, thence with the Tennessee State line to the top of Rich mountain, thence with the leading ridge which divides the waters of the Laurel River to the pump gap, thence down the pump branch to the French Broad river, thence crossing the French Broad river to the ridge that divides the waters of Doe Branch on the waters of Mountain Island branch, then with the tops of the leading ridges to the line of No. 8 township, (So as to include in this second ward all persons who live on the waters of Doe Branch), thence with the lines of No. 8 township and No. 12 township to the French Broad river, thence crossing the French Broad river and with the line of No. 1 township and the line of No. 2 township to the beginning. Voting place to be at Patnam.

### SURVEYING.

All persons who have land to survey would do well to remember that J. H. Hunter of Outlook, N. C., is one among the best if not the best land surveyor in Western Carolina and always ready to serve his people on short notice.

### DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

Superintendent of Public Instruction:  
J. Y. JOYNER,  
Guilford County.

Member of the North Carolina Corporation Commission:  
EUGENE C. BEDDINGFIELD,  
Wake County.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court:  
WALTER CLARK,  
Wake County.

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court:  
HENRY G. CONNOR,  
Wilson County.

PLATT D. WALKER,  
Mecklenburg County.

Judge of the Superior Court of the Second Judicial District:  
ROBERT B. PEEBLES,  
Northampton County.

Judge of the Superior Court of the Fourth Judicial District:  
CHARLES M. COOKE,  
Franklin County.

Judge of the Superior Court of the Sixth Judicial District:  
WILLIAM R. ALLEN,  
Wayne County.

Judge of the Superior Court of the Eighth Judicial District:  
WALTER H. NEAL,  
Scotland County.

Judge of the Superior Court of the Tenth Judicial District:  
BENJAMIN F. LONG,  
Iredell County.

Judge of the Superior Court of the Eleventh Judicial District:  
ERASUS B. JONES,  
Forsyth County.

Judge of the Superior Court of the Thirteenth Judicial District:  
WILLIAM B. COUNCIL,  
Catawba County.

Judge of the Superior Court of the Fourteenth Judicial District:  
MICHAEL H. JUSTICE,  
Rutherford County.

Judge of the Superior Court of the Fifteenth Judicial District:  
FREDERICK MOORE,  
Suncombe County.

Judge of the Superior Court of the Sixteenth Judicial District:  
GARLAND S. FERGUSON,  
Haywood County.

Solicitor 15th district:  
Wm. J. COCKE.

Congressman, 9th district:  
HON. E. Y. WEBB

### COUNTY TICKET.

Representative—THOMAS N. JAMES,  
Clerk Superior Court—HOWARD A. ANGEL,  
Sheriff—J. E. SWANN,  
Register of Deeds—J. WILL GOLDSMITH.

Treasurer—JAMES E. BRYAN,  
Comptroller—Dr. I. E. BURNETT,  
Surveyor—J. HARDY FORTNER.

Commissioners—MERRITT F. WHITT, M. C. BUCKNER, HENRY B. BALDING.

### NOTICE.

All who may be concerned will take notice that the undersigned has qualified as administratrix of the estate of H. F. Merrill deceased. All accounts against said estate must be presented within twelve months from this date or this notice will be plead against the filing of said accounts against the estate.  
This 17. day of Sept. 1902.  
Jane Merrill,  
Executrix.

### EXCURSION

Southern  
Inter-State Fair  
ATLANTA, Ga.  
October 8th. to 25th, 1902.

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Will for the above occasion sell round trip tickets from all Agency Stations to Atlanta and return at the following rates:

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