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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.

Will the Eagle, the mouthpiece of the Court House Ring and the Claim Speculators of the county, please let us know how the Ring candidate for representative (Mr. Hamlin) stands on the question of forcing the Claim Speculators of the county to take their money and legal interest for their debts, and thereby saving to the county about twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars?

We would like to ask the Eagle, the mouthpiece of the Court House Ring and claim speculators of the county, why it is that the Ring requires the county treasurer to hold more than five thousand dollars of the public funds of the county in his hands, while the people to whom the money is going are asking for the money every day?

We would like to ask the Eagle, the mouthpiece of the Court House Ring, how the Ring candidate for representative (Mr. Hamlin) stands on the liquor question in the county?

### Where is the Money?

It is a well known fact by all the readers of The Record that section 729 of the Code requires all county officers to render a verified and itemized annual account on the first Monday in December or ottener if required. The law specifically declares that the account must specify the person to whom every cent is paid. The board of county commissioners must pass on the account and if they approve it, then the account must be recorded on a book kept for that purpose just the same as a deed must be recorded and the original report kept on file in the office.

We give below an exact copy of all of the reports as attempted to be made by the present register of deeds of Madison county.

Dec. 1st, 1898, annual account of V. B. Davis, register of deeds, Madison county.

Dr. To marriage license funds, beginning Dec. 1st, 1897 and ending Dec. 1st, '98, \$124.00.

Credit by paying for books and stationary for register's office, \$124.00.

Dec. 1st, 1899 marriage license due the county \$137.00.

County claims to balance same Dec. 1st, 1901, marriage license issued beginning Dec. 1st, 1900 and ending November the 1st, 1901, \$147.00.

To cash and claims to balance \$147.00.

Mr. Davis the present register of deeds has been in office since December the 1st 1896. So we see that he did not make any report whatever of the monies that went into his hands during the year 1897. Where is the money that he collected that year? How much was there of it and what did he do with it? Will he please answer that question. He says in his report that he collected \$124.00 from the first day of December 1897 to the first day of December 1898. And all that can be ascertained as to what became of it is what he says in his report for that year which is as follows: "Credit by paying for books and stationary for register's office \$124.00."

Will Mr. Davis please tell what books he bought, how many there were of them and where they are? One hundred and twenty four dollars will pay for 14 books at \$10 per book. Does it take that many books to supply the register's office for this county for one year? How much stationary does it take for that office? These are questions that the voters of the county would like to have answered before the 4th day of November. The report for the year 1899 shows that he collected 137.00 and his statement as to what he did with it is: "County claims to balance same." That seems to be something new in the way of book-keeping. To collect 137.00 and then get the county to issue a claim for the same amount and call it settled. Is it any wonder that the county is in bad shape?

We would like to ask Mr. Davis to please explain how this matter is and what he did with that 137.00? Who did you pay it to and for what purpose? The law

says that you must tell how it is. What became of the 147.00 that you collected in the year 1901? To whom did you pay it and for what purpose?

No, Mr. Davis will not answer the questions because he had much rather try to get into the fight between Mr. Swann and Mr. Cole, something that does not concern him, than to talk about his own record of the people's money that has gone into his hands. He would much prefer talking about the private business of citizens of the county who are no candidates than to hear about his own record. But Mr. Davis the questions are now up to you and the people have a right to know what you have done with the money.

### How About the Discoveries for 1899?

The following are the amounts of taxes collected from discoveries as accounted for by the sheriff in his final settlement of the tax lists for the year's mentioned below:

1900. School to discoveries 180.87. General county to discoveries 194.42.

Pauper to discoveries 8.80. County road to discoveries 44.87. Jury to discoveries 88.75. Total 517.21.

1899. School to discoveries nothing. General county to discoveries 60.61. Pauper to discoveries nothing. County road to discoveries nothing. Jury to discoveries nothing.

1898. School to discoveries 121.00. General county to discoveries 406.71.

Total 527.71.

We give above the amounts of discoveries as turned in by the sheriff for the year's 1898, 1899 and 1900, as shown by the finance settlement book. We give the amounts of discoveries for the years 1898 and 1900 for the purpose of showing about what the average amounts of discoveries is usually turned in.

The strange thing about the account for the year 1899 is how the general county fund could get 60.61 as its part of the discoveries for that year and the school children of the county did not get a cent. It is our understanding of the law that taxes collected from discoveries is distributed among the various county funds just the same as any other taxes.

Will the Eagle, the mouthpiece of the Court House Ring, please tell us what became of the part of the discoveries for the year 1899 that ought to have been paid into the school funds?

This is a question that not only affects every taxpayer in the county but every little boy and girl in the county has a right to know why they did not get the benefit of that part of the money collected out of the discoveries for the year 1899 that belonged to the school funds.

To cry persecution of good county officers and to shout corruption at the old board of commissioners who have been out of office for six years may satisfy some of the voters of the county but it will not give to the school children of the county the advantages that they have been deprived of by reason of the fact the money was not paid in. Answer the question.

GOES LIKE HOT CAKES.

"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 save sufferers from throat and lung diseases, who could get no help from doctors or any other remedy." Mothers rely on it, best physicians prescribe it and, Radmon & Roberts guarantee satisfaction or refund price. Trial bottles free Reg. sizes, 50c and \$1.

The fellows who are looking for park jobs or any other jobs from Jeter had best have the good delivered at once as Jeter will be on the retired list after the 4th of next March.

The entire Court House Ring ticket from Levi down to Zeb are making a special light on Swann. Do you see the point, tax payers? The Ring wants a man that they can control.

Far bluff bluster and a general disregard for the truth Dr. Roberts is the whole thing.

### Public Offices as Private Property

Who ever heard tell of candidates carrying around over the county in a campaign, the public records which belong in the offices of the public officers? But that is the way of these members of the Court House Ring. They don't only think that the public offices belong to them as private property but they think that the public records of the county is to be used by them as private property and that the taxpayers of the county have no interest in them.

For an instance some of the candidates have with them the settlement book of the finance committee, which contains a record of the settlements of the county's finances from the year 1892 back for fifteen or twenty years. And the settlement book which contains the settlements from the year 1892 up to the year 1896 can not be found in the office in which it belongs and there is no satisfactory reason given for its absence.

It would make very interesting reading in this campaign but it can't be found and won't be found till after the election. But where is it? If some of these officers would give some of the time that they are trying to fight Mr. Swann in cleaning out and arranging the books in their offices and hunting up the books that they claim (?) is lost they would be doing more good for themselves in the campaign.

The reporter of the Eagle quoted Mr. Hamlin the Court House Ring candidate for representative as saying in his speeches that he was opposed to forcing the claim speculators to take their money back with legal interest on the same in settlement of their debt against the county. Certainly! It is nothing more than we expected. His boss has something like seventeen thousand dollars of these speculation claims against the county and of course these claims have to be looked after in the legislature for the reason that the taxes are not near high enough to pay off those claims as soon as the money will be needed to look out taxpayers if this man is elected.

The treasurer's quarterly reports now all seem to be on the record back to the time the present treasurer went into office. When this paper was started those reports were not on the record as they are now and we do not think that Mr. White, the clerk of the court, will state that they were. How came them to be put on the record nearly a year after they ought to have been put on, as though they were put on at the proper time? Can't you see the reason that they are mad at this paper? The people can now see who gets the money and that is enough to make the court house ring crowd mad.

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.....\$215.18  
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 good county officers in answer to the question. That will not satisfy the tax payers. Answer this question. Answer this question.

### AMERICA'S FAMOUS BEAUTIES.

Look with horror on Skin Eruptions, Blisters, Sores, Pimples, They don't have them, nor will any one, who uses Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It glorifies the face. Eczema or Salt Rheum vanishes before it. It cures sore lips, chapped hands, chilblains, is infallible for Piles. Sold at Radmon & Roberts drug store.

It is rather strange that the settlement book from 1892 to 1896 can't be found, the register of deeds should have it but has failed to produce it so far.

With Majr Rollins and Blackwell Sams going in front and "Swing" Ibbbs and Enoch following behind, the county canvass should not be short of wind.

Van speaks fifteen minutes and never mentions his own office but tries to cover the faults of his Ring associates better sweep in front of your own door first, Van.

If you want Ring rules and high taxes vote for the Ring ticket. If you want reform try the other ticket.

### The Cocks Brown-Discussion

Hon Wm J Cocks and Hon Mark Brown nominees for solicitor in the fifteenth Judicial District addressed the people here on Saturday. The crowd filled the courtroom. Both speakers were accorded a respectful hearing.

Wm Cocks had the first speech and in his opening remarks he said he proposed to make Mark Brown sing and he soon did what he said he would do. He commenced by showing up the Marshall convention that took the nomination for solicitor from C B Mashburn and gave it to Mark Brown. He said that Mashburn's representation from Buncombe was taken from him by gag rule, that while Mashburn was the choice of the people the ring forced Mark Brown on them. He read an affidavit from Joe Ball, which stated that Mashburn was treated unfairly in the convention and Mr Ball asked in his statement that such conduct be rebuked by his republican friends refusing to vote for Brown.

Brown tried to deny that Charley Mashburn was robbed of any of his representation. But this assertion in the face of the facts and at the very place where the convention was held fell flat. The people hadn't yet forgotten how the Asheville crowd "run the show over them" and about them bringing their Buncombe allies along to bully all opposition. Cocks's speech had evidently warmed Brown up and for the first few minutes he showed some spirit, but in a very short time he dropped into a disjointed and commonplace discussion. There was nothing in his speech calculated to stir up enthusiasm, but some few ringsters cheered at times when Brown didn't expect applause and it seemed to rather disturb the speaker. It was cheer or lose their job, so they cheered.

All who heard the discussion and will disabuse their minds of prejudice must admit that Wm J Cocks is the proper man for solicitor. It is absolutely essential to the welfare of Madison County that we make no mistake in filling this important office.

The Superior court did not meet on Monday owing to the unavoidable absence of Judge Council. His Honor opened court on Tuesday morning and delivered a terse, able charge to the grand jury, recounting in clear, lucid language the duties and responsibilities of that body.

On Tuesday Solicitor J. M. Gu'ger Jr., disposed a number of misdemeanor cases by submission and several jury trials were had.

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The following are the election officers appointed for this ward: J. W. Daniel, registrar. V. H. Reynolds, judge. Amos Stackhouse, jr., judge. JOSEPH R. MESS, Chairman. W. A. MELTON, Secretary.

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The entire force of the Court House Ring and its professional liar, the Eagle seems to be directing all its bombast at Swann.

## SALT

W. J. GUDGER & SON

### 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 secured were 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, p. m. 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 54 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 metes and bounds 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 records of deeds of trust for Madison county on page 506 where said metes and bounds 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 H. HESB, 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. HONEY, UTI, Mars Hill, N. C.

### SECOND WARD-NO. 9 TOWNSHIP.

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 top 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 Putnam.

### 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 the people on short notice.

## WHISKEY BEANS.

Something absolutely new and with which we have experimented for years. One Bean makes one glass Artificial Whiskey (Eye or Bourbon) six Beans to the pint. Just the thing for travellers, and convenient for picnics, excursions, etc. Contains all the virtues of the best whiskeys without the deleterious effects. Made from the pure vegetable matter, and guaranteed to contain no poisonous or narcotic drugs of any description. If a beverage is not desired, a Bean may be taken in the month without water, and the most exhilarating effect will be experienced. Box of 12 Beans, 50c. The Beans retail at five cents and can be prepared from any drug, fancy grocery, or first-class bar. For sale in dining cars. One box sent postpaid on receipt of 50 cts. Glass Chilling Company DISTILLERS OF RYE AND MOUNTAIN WHISKIES 814 LOUIS, MO.

### EXCURSION

Southern Inter-State Fair ATLANTA, Ga.

October 9th, to 25th, 1902.

ATLANTA, KNOXVILLE AND NORTHERN RAILWAY.

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

KNOXVILLE, TENN., \$6.80

Above rates include one admission to the Fair. Tickets to be sold from all Georgia stations daily Oct. 7th to 25th, except Sundays. From all other stations Oct. 10th, 18th, 24th, 15th, 16th and 21st. Final limit of all tickets Oct. 27th, 1902. Be sure that your tickets read via the A. K. & N. Ry., the Southern Scenic Line over the loop.

### WANTED.

1000 Cords good Hickory for Ax Handles 8 feet and 2 inches long with 2 1/2 inches or more white wood. White Oak shingles for Wagon Spokes - tough young growth, cut 25 and 29 inches long, split 2 1/2 inches, board fashion. For which we will pay a good price delivered at Bernard. NICHOLS & NICHOLS

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The snorer you know, the better your chances are to get a prize. Write to our prize offer on another page and read it carefully.

### 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. PEBBLES. 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: ERASIMUS 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. Buncombe 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. R. SWANN. Register of Deeds - J. WILL GOLDSMITH.

Treasurer - JAMES E. BRYAN. Coroner - Dr. I. E. BURNETT. Surveyor - J. HARDY HUNTER.

Commissioners - MERRITT F. WHITT, W. C. BUCKNER, HENRY E. BALDING.