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MUNICIPAL PLATFORM.

A number of taxpayers met recently and discussed the question of taxes and decided that some thing should be done to lessen the rate of taxes, in our town. In order to have something tangible for the people to act upon, a committee was appointed to formulate a plan or platform to be submitted to a mass meeting. That plan is given below and the mass meeting is called for next Friday night 25th at the court house. Every taxpayer in the town is earnestly requested to be present and to take part in the proceedings of this meeting. The matter is an important one and instead of standing off and talking, it is the duty of every taxpayer to come to the meeting and help all he can in adjusting a difficult matter. The following is the report of that committee:

"Your committee begs leave to report that it has carefully considered the affairs of our town and we believe that it is the duty of all good citizens, to lay aside all past differences and to come together in an united effort to alleviate some of the burdens of taxation and to work together for the future welfare of our community. In the management of the town affairs, we believe we see from the following information, where the tax rate may be materially decreased and at the same time the department of the town affairs be made to suffer. We find that the several sources from which the town derives revenue, show estimated receipts of \$26,835

To be deducted from the above we find:—

Graded school expense	\$8,500
Interest on bonds	6,000
Lights	2,500
Salaries as described below	1,300
Street work	1,000
Total	\$19,300
Total town receipts	\$26,835
Total town expenses	19,300
Balance	\$7,535

To make our report clear, it is necessary to explain certain features.

First as to officers, we find that good men can be employed, who will take the combined office of Chief of Police, Tax Collector and Superintendent of Water Works, for the sum of \$75. per month or \$900. per year and make good bond for the faithful performance of duty.

We recommend that the office of Night Policeman be abolished and substitute therefor, a number of Special Policemen, one in each part of the town, who shall at all times have authority to preserve order or make arrests and that they be paid the regular fees, only, provided in such cases. As to Mayor, we find good men can be had who will faithfully discharge the duties of this office, furnishing office, fuel and lights for the sum of \$400. per year. The mayor and chief of police each turning all fees collected into the town treasury.

In regard to street work, we find that two men with a good team can be employed for the sum of \$3.50 per day, in round numbers \$1,000 per year, to work under the supervision of the Chief of Police, who is ex-officio street overseer and we believe this force so employed will keep the streets of the town in better condition, than they have been kept in the past.

In view therefore of the foregoing facts, we believe a reduction of 75 cents on the \$100 valuation and \$2.25 on the poll in the tax rate may be safely made.

And we further believe, with an equitable and fair adjustment of the assessed values of property in the town, a still greater reduction can be made without in any way

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Man Kills Woman and Child and Himself.

Special to The Observer.

Marion, March 17.—At the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lucy Bird, 6 miles south of here, today, Charlie Morris shot and instantly killed Mrs. Bird and his own 2-year-old child and then walked about half a mile and shot himself, dying in about thirty minutes.

The Morrises have been married about three years, separating several months ago, but had been living together again for four weeks. Yesterday Mrs. Morris wanted to go and spend the night with her mother, who was sick and who lived about a mile from their home. Her husband objected at first, then said she could go, but that she must not take the child. Mrs. Morris finally persuaded him to let her take the child and left her husband in apparently good humor.

This morning Morris appeared at the Bird home and seeing his wife first, without saying a word knocked her down and fired two or three shots from his pistol at her. Leaving her as he supposed dead, he went into his mother-in-law's room, fired five shots into her body, killing her instantly, then picked up the child, who was the only one in the room with its grandmother, carried it into an adjoining room, laid it on the floor and fired three shots, each bullet going entirely through the child's body and into the floor.

Morris then, after loading his pistol, walked down the public road in the direction of his own home. When he had gone about half the distance between the Bird home and his own, he met two men in a buggy. He said to the men that everything he owned now belonged to his uncle, stepped a few feet away, took the pistol out of his pocket and before the men realized his intentions, shot himself one time through the head, dying in thirty minutes without regaining consciousness.

When Morris knocked his wife down and shot at her, he, of course, thought she was dead, but none of the shots took effect. Mrs. Morris, however, was stunned by the blow on head. As soon as she recovered she ran for assistance, realizing at once that her husband intended to kill her mother and child, but before she could find any one he had finished his work and gone away. Mr. Bird was not at home at the time.

All parties are prominent and well-to-do, Morris being a nephew of Clerk of the Superior Court Thomas Morris of this place. No cause other than jealousy of his wife's people is known for the act. Mrs. Morris is prostrated.

An Awful Eruption

of a volcano excites brief interest, and your interest in skin eruptions will be as short, if you use Bucklen's Arnica Salve, their quickest cure. Even the worst boils, ulcers, or fever sores are soon healed by it. Best for Burns, Cuts, Bruises, Sore Lips, Chapped hands, Chilblains and Piles. It gives instant relief. 25c. at J. E. Shell.

impairing the management of the town affairs. Believing these things we hereby offer this plan or platform to the meeting and recommend that only men in sympathy with these ideas, be selected for town officials at the next election.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. MILLER,
T. C. ROBBINS,
C. B. HARRISON,
H. C. MARTIN,
J. R. ERVIN.

WAR REMINISCENCES.

Grouse, Oregon,
Feb. 21th 1910.

THE LENOIR NEWS:—I have just read in your paper "A War Time Furlough" by Maj. G. W. F. Harper and old time comrade of mine in the 58th North Carolina Regiment. It has brought many incidents fresh to my mind some of which I wish to state if you will allow space in your valuable paper.

First, I have been made to wonder how any of our men endured the hardships and exposures of those distressing times and live.

While on duty near Chattanooga, Tenn., the writer was taken sick and sent to the Hospital at Newnan, Ga., where I remained four weeks, returning to the army still in front of Chattanooga.

On Sunday in Nov. 1863 the first time that I had reported for duty I was ordered to move the Regiment to the base of Missionary Ridge and place the men on the picket line. Soon after establishing the line a Staff Officer rode up and said, send your men to the top of the Ridge at once. Send two companies at a time, one from the right wing and one from the left wing of the Regiment. Have them deploy as a skirmish line to protect them from the enemy's artillery, and I gave orders for them to move as fast as possible.

When all except Co. C, the center Co., had started I heard a Federal Officer command "Double Quick March." I then ordered Co. C. to move rapidly and at once notifying Capt. Briggs, its captain, that I was too weak to climb the ridge fast. He said I will stay with you if I am killed. I insisted that he go and take care of his men, but he said, I can't leave you. We went slowly up the steep hill until my strength failed when I sat down and ordered Capt. Briggs to go on and join the Regiment on top of the ridge. After a short rest I moved on and reached the top of the steep ridge just in front of one of our batteries of 6 guns.

The strap of my haversack which contained a slice of bacon and a small piece of corn bread, was cut by a ball as I climbed the Ridge and the haversack fell to the ground, I picked it up and carried it in my hand, passing right under the fire of those six cannons firing as rapidly as possible. I stopped the second time for breath, a minute or two, and soon saw the flag of the 58th just in rear of the breast works. As I arrived the Regiment cheered lively and by command moved into the firing line which was only partly filled by Confederates.

Very soon after this the thin Confederate line was broken in two places and the Grey and the Blue were all mixed up. In falling back the regiment was somewhat scattered but our loss was small. The army lost 36 pieces of artillery and some prisoners. The army fell back to Chickamauga Creek badly demoralized in some commands. The retreat was continued to Dalton, Ga. where the army went into winter quarters. I was too weak and sore to march and the Surgeon placed me in an ambulance. I discovered about this time that a ball had passed through my hat and one through my coat.

The battle of Missionary Ridge—was fought Nov. 25th 1863. Gen. Jos. E. Johnston took command of the army and the campaign opened early in the spring of 1864.

In this, the Atlanta Campaign, the Regiment lost a number of officers and men.

Capt. C. O. Conley, of Co. F, and Capt. A. T. Stewart, of Co. E, of Caldwell county, were killed, to

Distillery Captured.

Last Saturday Sheriff Smith and Deputy Curtis captured a small illicit distillery near Mortimer and arrested two men, Green Knight and Albert Phillips, who were in charge of the plant. The still was in operation when the sheriff interfered with the proceedings. The men did not try to escape as the officers were within a few feet of them and had them covered with their guns. It was a neat piece of work. The still and the prisoners were brought here Sunday and the men given a preliminary hearing and placed in jail in default of \$200 bonds each. Monday Phillips gave bond for his appearance at court and was released, but Knight is still in jail. The still is a small affair and was under a shed in a hollow and the surroundings indicated that it had been in operation for some time.

Rev. J. A. Yount living in South Lenoir, has a 19 months' old colt of the Hackney stock that is a beauty. He weighs 1,000 lbs. and is a perfect horse in every particular, very gentle, full of horse sense well proportioned in all points. The colt has already taken one or more premiums at fairs last fall and will take more when he has an opportunity.

Professor Anderson Weaver has our thanks for an invitation to attend an inter collegiate debate between, Weaverville and Rutherford College at Rutherford college on the evening of March 25th. The Query is: "Resolved that the English system of Government is better suited to a free and self governing people, than is that of the United States."

Naoma Notes.

Correspondent of The News.

Mr. W. T. Cope made a business trip to Globe last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clark of this place a son.

Mr. W. T. Cope was in Valmead on business last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Key visited their son in law, Mr. W. T. Cope this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clark of Mulberry visited relatives in this vicinity this week.

Messrs J. A. Pritchard and Todd Carpenter caught a fine coon a few days since.

Mr. W. E. Allis visited his brother in law, J. D. Pritchard this week.

Mr. J. L. Bowman had the misfortune to lose a box of fine Sprays recently worth about \$12.50.

We understand that Messrs Mortimer & Loftis are negotiating for the timber holdings in Burke county, of the Globe Lumber Company.

Mr. Benjamin Barrier died recently at his home in the Jonas Ridge section, at the advanced age of 89. He was a good man and neighbor.

Mr. Frank Atwood has moved back to the Robins Mill at Linville. Mr. Atwood is our champion mover, this making his 25th move in the last 14 years.

Give more than you expect and you will get more than you expect.

gether with a number of Lieutenants, and several Captains were wounded.

I send my best wishes to all the survivors of the 58th that stood so bravely by my side during those troublous times.

Respectfully
S. M. SILVER.

Kings Creek Items.

Correspondent of The News.

Mrs. L. G. Oxford has the grippe.

Mrs. Livingston whose sickness was noted some time ago, we are glad to say, is improving.

We are having beautiful weather, and farmers are making good use of it in our community, breaking land for corn and the ladies gardening.

Mrs. George Porch who has lingered so long with consumption died last Friday. She leaves a husband and four children. The family has the sympathy of the community.

Master Fred Ernest, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ernest, entertained quite a crowd of little folks on his birthday last Friday. He was seven years old. His guests numbered twenty. They all played games and then were served to cake, candy and popcorn. Fred received a lot of presents. It will be long remembered by all who were present.

Miss Dora Anderson closed a very successful school at Beach Hill last Friday, but owing to the weather being so disagreeable its closing exercises were postponed until Tuesday night. The night was rather cool but, never the less, there was a large crowd out and good order prevailed. The children acquitted themselves well. The children and the entire community are sorry to have Miss Dora leave.

Whitnel Items.

Correspondent to The News.

Mr. Jas. H. Blair was in Statesville recently on business.

Mr. Edmond Jones Jr. went to Statesville last Friday.

Rev. I. W. Thomas will preach here the fourth Sunday. Everyone cordially invited to attend. Preaching will be at 3:30 as usual.

Miss Jessie Blair who has been engaged in work in some of the Southern States for quite a while will soon come home to spend the summer.

The cotton mill at this place has for a few weeks been running only five days and four nights per week. The reason of this curtailment, it is reported, is on account of the cotton and yarn market conditions.

Medicines that aid nature are always most successful. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It loosens the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Sold by J. E. Shell and Dr. Keut, Druggists.

Closing of the Oak Hill School.

PROGEM
March 24th and 25th.

Thursday night 24th at 7 p. m. Primary Program.

Friday—11 a. m., Sermon by Rev. I. W. Thomas.

2 p. m. Annual Address by Supt. B. B. Dougherty.

7 p. m. Concert.

Everybody invited. No fees charged.

Special Tax Election Saturday 26th.

How Good News Spreads.

"I am 70 years old and travel most of the time," writes B. F. Tolson, of Elizabethtown, Ky. "Everywhere I go I recommend Electric Bitters, because I owe my excellent health and vitality to them. They effect a cure every time." They never fail to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver, invigorate the nerves and purify the blood. They work wonders for weak run down men and women, restoring strength, vigor and health that's a daily joy. Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction is positively guaranteed by J. E. Shell.

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Accept Our Advice and Try this Remedy at Our Risk.

Catarrh is a disease of the mucous membrane. The mucous membrane is, one may say, the interior lining of the body. Catarrh therefore may exist in any part of the system.

When the catarrhal poison attacks the mucous membrane, inflammation and congestion are produced and nature fails to throw off the accumulated poisons. The organ which has been afflicted ceases to perform its proper function as nature intended it should. The result is, complication upon complication, which may lead to other even more serious afflictions.

We honestly believe Rexall Muc-Tone will do wonders toward overcoming catarrh. It is made from the prescription of an eminent physician who made a long study of catarrh, and his great success with this remedy was an enviable one.

We want you if you are a sufferer from catarrh in any form, to give Rexall Muc-Tone a thorough trial. Use it with regularity and persistence for a reasonable time, then if you are not satisfied, come back and tell us, and without question or formality we will hand back to you every cent you paid us. This is certainly the fairest offer that anyone could make and should attest our sincerity of purpose. It comes in two sizes, prices 50 cents and \$1.00. Remember you can obtain it only at our store,—The Rexall Store. The Lenoir Drug Co.

Items from Watauga Democrat.

On Saturday last Mr. J. S. Winkler was thrown from a mule near the home of J. F. Hardin, and most painfully hurt, but it is thought his condition is not serious although he is still confined to his bed.

Mr. Alex Perry, of Connelly Springs, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of W. L. Bryan in Boone. He is now in the employ of the State as oil inspector, and is working in the main, in the border counties.

Uncle Benjamin Culler quietly passed the century mark in his eventful career at the home of his son, John S. Culler, on New River last Friday. Save his sight, his faculties are in fine shape, his health is good, and to all appearances he may yet remain among his friends for some time.

As a token of esteem and the high appreciation of his untiring efforts in the school rooms of the A. T. S., the student body on Friday last, presented to Prof. D. D. Dougherty a very handsome upholstered reclining chair. The chair was presented by Capt. E. F. Lovill, chairman of the board of trustees, in a beautiful but short address.

A series of special evangelistic services will be begun in the Methodist church on Easter Sunday evening. The Rev. R. G. Tuttle will assist pastor Courtney in the services.—Mooreville Enterprise.

Saved A Soldier's Life.

Facing death from shot and shell in the civil war was more agreeable to J. A. Stone, of Kemp, Texas, than facing it from what doctors said was consumption. "I contracted a stubborn cold," he writes, "that developed a cough, that stuck to me in spite of all remedies for years. My weight ran down to 130 pounds. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. I now weigh 178 pounds." For Coughs, Colds, LaGrippe, Asthma, Hemorrhage, Hoarseness, Croup, Whooping Cough and lung trouble, its supreme. 50c. 1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by J. E. Shell.