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Thursday, March 4th, 1909.

The Republican Party and Free Schools.

The Democrats have killed Mr. Britt's bill to let the people elect the county board of education, and in killing it the News and Observer says the Democrats just took the hide off of the Republicans in their free school record. How they did this I am sure I do not know for it was the Republicans who first put the word free schools in our State Constitution. It was the Republicans who put the term for the free schools at four months in our constitution. It was the Republicans who first gave the County Commissioners the right and the power to levy the taxes to run the schools four months. It was the Republicans who voted for the constitution that had all these free school provisions in it while the Democrats voted against it. Besides this, it was the Republicans who first raised the tax for free school purposes to 18 cents on the hundred dollars worth of property. It was the Republicans who passed the first law to encourage local taxation for a longer term of free schools. This law saying the State would supplement any tax levied for school purposes in any township school district by the State giving that district the same amount that the district gives.

It was the Republicans who passed the first flexible school law under which the school term was lengthened two weeks the first and only year it was ever tried. *Yet with all this for school legislation a matter of history to the credit of the Republicans we are told by the News and Observer that our hypocrisy on the free school question was fully shown up when Mr. Britt's bill to allow the people to elect their school committeemen came up for passage. If it is right and best for the Democratic county of Cleveland to elect their school committeemen why isn't it right for the Republican county of Madison to elect theirs? If it is right for the Democratic county of Rutherford to elect their free school officers why isn't it right for the adjoining county of Henderson, which is Republican, to elect theirs?

Yet the Democratic Legislature of 1905 gave Cleveland and Rutherford and some other Democratic counties the right to elect their school officers and refused it to the Republican counties.

The free schools are for the people and they should be controlled by them if they have to turn the Democratic party out of power to do it.—"Justice" in Union Republican.

Prohibition Prohibits.

Prohibition is evidently prohibiting. Not before in years has a court been held here without the presence of scores, and even hundreds of drunken men. It was so bad in December that Judge Allen took a hand in an effort to stop it. The writer upon one occasion stood without moving and counted fifty intoxicated men. Not one has been seen by the writer this week. The police have had nothing to do.—Greene County Standard-Laconic.

What The Court Did

The following cases were disposed of at February term of court, 1909:

State against—
Frank Dockery, et al., nol pros with leave.

James Johnson, et al., affray, nol pros with leave.

James Roberts, cruelty to animals, nol pros with leave.

Charles Tweed, larceny, nol pros with leave.

Susie Baxter et al., keeping disorderly house; guilty, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Willis Gunter, assault; nol pros with leave.

Dock Taffer, carrying concealed weapons; nol pros with leave.

Burgis Hensley, carrying concealed weapons; nol pros with leave.

Dolphus Bryant, trespass; guilty, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

W. L. Carter, removing crop; nol pros with leave.

L. A. Sprouse, arson; guilty, five years in State prison.

Will Rector, k. d. w., no true bill.

Wayne Peek, affray; guilty, cost.

J. H. Baker, sawdust in stream; guilty, \$10 and cost.

James Wright, f. c. w., guilty, cost.

Jack Reed, procuring liquor for minor; guilty, cost.

Peter Ray, affray; guilty, cost.

Jennie Grooms, carrying concealed weapons; no true bill.

John Gowan, carrying concealed weapons; guilty, \$10 and cost.

Robert Roberts, carrying concealed weapons; guilty, \$10 and cost.

Anna Ogle, larceny; guilty, cost.

Anderson Blankenship, larceny; three years on road.

Will Roberts, carrying concealed weapons; guilty, \$10 and cost.

William Johnson, breaking into house; guilty, 1 month on road.

Charley Gammons, throwing rock into trash; 3 months on road.

Peter Ray and Josiah Shelton, larceny; continued.

Vick Massey, carrying concealed weapons; guilty, \$10 & cost.

C. G. Gentry, assault; no true bill.

W. S. Lawson, larceny; twelve months in State prison.

Lawson Waddell, larceny; four months in jail.

Mitchell Randall, carrying concealed weapons; \$10 and cost.

Lina Gentry, killing hogs; no true bill.

Katharine Gentry, assault; no true bill.

Pat McLain, larceny; guilty, six months on road.

J. R. Mull, failing to provide for family; guilty, two years on road.

Clement Henderson, assault; guilty, cost.

Lyda Trollinger, d. p. w., not guilty.

John Garrett et al., assault, guilty, \$5 and cost.

Erwin Fortner, larceny; twelve months on the road.

Will Price, carrying concealed weapons; guilty, \$10 and cost.

Sherman Hensley, carrying concealed weapons; guilty, \$40 and cost.

Geo. Gahagan, carrying concealed weapons; guilty, \$10 and cost.

Berry Marler, slander, nol contendre, cost.

Horace Wilson, carrying concealed weapons; guilty, \$10 and cost.

In the case of Murray vs. the Southern Railway Company the plaintiff recovered judgment in the sum of \$775.

Peek vs. Redmon; mistrial.

J. F. Carter vs. J. Y. Gardner; judgment for plaintiff, \$107.

Fertilizer.

I have just received a lot of the well known Anchor Brand and Mammoth Corn Grower Fertilizer and will be glad to furnish you in any quantity.

R. H. WARD.

Report of the Grand Jury

We, the Grand Jury, serving for the February Term, 1909, submit to his honor, G. S. Ferguson, Judge presiding, our report, which is as follows:

We have visited all the public buildings in the county, Jail, Court House and County Home. We find that our county has a new and splendid County Home building, which is well kept with all the inmates well cared for.

We also visited the County Jail and find the prisoners are well supplied with plenty of food and good beds to sleep upon and our Jail in a good sanitary condition.

We also visited the Register of Deeds, Clerk of the Court's office and find these offices with all the records well kept. We also visited the Sheriff's office and Treasurer's office and find that these offices are well kept, with all our officers courteous and polite to all.

We also examined the bridge at Marshall and find it in a good safe condition so far as we were able to ascertain.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. AMMONS,
Foreman Grand Jury.

Report of the Solicitor

State of North Carolina,
Madison County.

In the Superior Court—February Term, 1909.

To the Honorable G. S. Ferguson, Judge Presiding:

I have examined the offices of the Register of Deeds and Clerk of the Superior Court and find the same in good order and condition.

I recommend that an order be made directing the Clerk to issue the proper process to enforce the payment of all unpaid fines, costs and judgments on forfeited recognizances.

This February 26th, 1909.
MARK W. BROWN,
Solicitor.

Upon consideration of the foregoing report, it is ordered that the Clerk issue executions and other process necessary to enforce the payment and satisfaction on forfeited recognizances, fines and costs.

This February 26th, 1909.
G. S. FERGUSON,
Judge Presiding.

A spring tonic that makes rich, red blood. Brings strength, health and happiness to the whole family. Nothing equals Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea as a Spring regulator. 35 cents. F. Shelton.

Why the Preacher was on the Gang.

The overseer of the Gaston county chain-gang, working on the road near Cherryville, tells us that he has every trade and profession represented in his crew except lawyers, and he can't see how they always manage to escape their just deserts. He has two preachers; one white and the other colored, both good at praying and preaching. He said the white preacher was the best worker he had worked, and while at it steady, industrious and quiet. We thought it strange for a white preacher to be sent to the gang and on enquiring "how come?" were told that he had three living wives in Gaston county. Then the mystery of his being so quiet and contented was easily understood. Any man that was fool enough to supply himself with three talking machines should welcome a sentence to the chain-gang for the rest he would get.—Lincolnton Times.

Don't wait until your blood is impoverished and you are sick and ailing, but take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea now. It will positively drive out all winter impurities. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets, F. Shelton.

NEW STAMP LAW

It will be of interest as well as information to the public at large to know that a recent postal law passed, prohibits the use of a postage stamp that has been torn in any way. If a stamp of the above description is used on a letter the postoffice department can hold it up for "postage due." Whether Uncle Sam expects to give any rebate when a stamp is torn is not learned, but it is a common occurrence for someone to tear a stamp accidentally and stick it on a letter.

MONEY IN CABBAGE

George H. Blair tells us that from 1 1/4 acres planted in cabbage last year, he has realized the snug sum of \$500. Of course the cost of marketing the product—about \$100—comes off of this, but when that is done he has made more off the small plot of ground than many tillers of the sod make off large farms.—Watauga Democrat.

Gov. Kitchin issued a rush pardon to Walter Moore, of McDowell County, who was serving four years for manslaughter. The poor fellow died in the penitentiary four hours before the pardon arrived.

NOTICE

North Carolina
Madison County

In the Superior Court
Before the Clerk

E. S. Morgan, administrator of Avery Ray, deceased, vs. Jesse Ray, heir-at-law of Avery Ray.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled above has been commenced in the Superior court of Madison County to sell the interest of the defendant in the following described real estate to make assets to pay debts, to wit: known as the H. R. Ray tract of land, situated on the waters of Bull creek in No 3 township, Madison county, N. C.; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior court of Madison County, at his office in Marshall, on the 18th day of March, 1909, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

J. H. WHITE
Clerk of the Superior Court
This the 18th day of Feb. 1909.

ENTRY NOTICE

State of North Carolina
Madison County.

To James Smart, Entry-Taker for Madison county, N. C.:

The undersigned J. B. McDevitt, of the county and State aforesaid, enters and lays claim to the following described piece or parcel of land in No. 1 Township, Madison county, N. C., the same being vacant and unappropriated land subject to Entry, viz: On the waters of Brush creek and bounded by the lands of C. A. Clark, R. H. Ballard, Jacob M. Ramsey, J. M. Gudger jr. and W. B. Ramsey.

J. B. McDEVITT.
Entered this the 6th day of February, 1909.

JAMES SMART
Entry-Taker.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

North Carolina,
Madison County.

Having qualified as administratrix of W. R. Rice, deceased, late of Madison county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of February, 1910, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 1st day of February, 1909.
DORA RICE,
Administratrix.

The
Bank of French Broad
MARSHALL, N. C.

CAPITAL - - - - \$25,000.00
PROFITS - - - - \$10,000.00
RESOURCES - - - - \$150,000.00

SOLICITS ACCOUNTS SUBJECT TO CHECK OR ON FOUR PER CENT. CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT. :: :: :: :: :: :: :: ::

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES IN FIRE-PROOF VAULT FOR RENT

Be Up To Date

Have your house roughcast (pebble-dashed,) plaster the interior, makes your house warm and sanitary. Have your chimneys and roofs built on the latest style with a hood patent wind brake, plastered inside. No uneasiness of fire, fancy fire-places, set with tile, work guaranteed. Prices reasonable. Estimates furnished. No cheap John job solicited. Address me at Revere, Madison County, N. C. Long distance rural phone by Walnut, N. C.
J. A. LEAK.

NOTICE

North Carolina
Madison County

In the Superior Court
Before the Clerk

J. B. Cody, administrator of H. R. Ray, deceased, vs. W. S. Rice and J. E. Rice his wife, Jessie Rhea, Pete Rhea, Carl Rhea, Maggie Rhea and Laura Cody.

Jessie Rhea, Pete Rhea and Carl Rhea, defendants above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Madison County to sell certain lands belonging to the estate of the said H. R. Rhea, deceased, for the purpose of raising assets to pay the debts of said intestate; and said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of the county of Madison at his office in the Court House of said County in Marshall, North Carolina, on the 13th day of March, 1909, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This February 10th 1909.

J. H. WHITE
Clerk Superior Court

J. C. Ramsey,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Office over F. Shelton's Store
MARSHALL, N. C.

Practice in all Courts—State and Federal.
Collections.

C. L. Brittain,

PHOTOGRAPHER
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MARSHALL, N. C.

Send any photo you may have and we will put it on our post-cards and send to you with picture—3 for 25 cents.

\$10 Reward

Until further notice, the Anti-Liquor League of Madison county will pay Ten Dollars reward to the party furnishing the names of reliable witnesses who will convict anyone for retailing whiskey or otherwise violating our prohibition laws in Madison county. Names of witnesses to be reported to T. N. James, Secretary of the League. Names of reporters will be kept confidential if desired. Reward will be paid as soon as conviction is secured.

Southern Railway Company

SCHEDULE OF PASSENGER TRAINS

N. B.—Following schedule figures published only as information and are not guaranteed.

East Bound
(Central Time)

No. 36, Daily.....Due 4:30 A. M.
No. 12, Daily.....Due 11:40 A. M.
No. 102, Daily.....Due 8:38 P. M.

West Bound

No. 35, Daily.....Due 2:35 A. M.
No. 101, Daily.....Due 6:55 A. M.
No. 11, Daily.....Due 3:22 P. M.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE
W. A. WEST, J. H. WOOD,
Agent Dist. Pass. Agent
Marshall, N. C. Asheville, N. C.

Taxes!

TO THE TAX-PAYERS OF MADISON COUNTY:

I will be at the following places on the dates named for the purpose of receiving your taxes:

Big Pine, Wilds' Store.....Thursday, March 4th, 1909
Little Pine, J. W. Redmon's Store.....Friday, March 5th, 1909
Hot Springs, McFall House.....Saturday, March 6th, 1909
Marshall, Court House.....Saturday, March 6th, 1909
Mars Hill, Postoffice.....Monday, March 8th, 1909
Middle Fork, Erve Briggs' Store.....Tuesday, March 9th, 1909
California Creek, Brown's Store.....Wednesday, March 10th, 1909
Upper Laurel, Harve Waldrup's Store, Thursday, March 11th, 1909
Foster's Creek, C. W. Cody's Store.....Friday, March 12th, 1909
Grapevine, Tilson's Store.....Saturday, March 13th, 1909
Old Bull Creek, Edwards' Store.....Saturday, March 13th, 1909
Big Laurel, Jack Wallin's Store.....Monday, March 15th, 1909
Shelton Laurel, W. B. Shelton's Store, Monday, March 15th, 1909

This is positively my last call, so you had better meet me at the above named places and be prepared to pay your taxes. I am determined to collect them, as the law authorizes me to do.

G. W. COLE, Sheriff.