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FARMERS WOULD BENEFIT BY EXCHANGE OF IDEAS.

The question of greatest importance at the present time is that which touches the farm. We all are dependent upon the country for our prosperity.

Wheat may rise in price, but if it is in the "pit" only that it has this rise, then there is no real prosperity. However, if the farmer works and by intelligent cultivation of the land reaps a great crop, then the prosperity is general and good times are with us.

The easy flow of money when crops are good is the proof that it is not the manufacturer but the farmer who is the mainstay of America's prosperity, and to meet the great increase of population and the increasing demand on us for world supply shows that we must get an increasing amount of produce from the farm.

How to do that is the question. We must have a more intelligent cultivation of these farms and improved methods, improved machinery, and wise foresight should be employed. Why could we not have a summer course of instruction at our Farmers' Institute with an exchange of ideas?

LET'S HAVE A CLEANER TOWN.

Let us all work to make our town the cleanest, the best, the most beautiful town in the mountains. We have the finest Court House and the best kept and cleanest. Our citizens are building beautiful residences; we have started the water-works and we have voted municipal bonds for improvements.

Good roads mean easier hauling and quicker travel. While a tax seems heavy and burdensome, the ulterior benefit is much more than the burden. That which is paid to the road fund will be saved in hire paid to teams and workmen and in the end means more hauling, higher prices and greater profits and therefore a quicker turning over of money.

Grover Cleveland was of the opinion that the Democratic party was throwing away its life in following Bryan. "The dead are not speaking," and the truth of his statement has been proved in the election of the present President.

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COMMING MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

PARTY SHOULD NOMINATE MEN PLEDGED TO ENFORCEMENT OF LAW AND ORDER.

Little interest has been shown in the municipal election next Tuesday. This should not be so. The next few years will be important ones in the history of the town. The power dam is almost a certainty; our streets are to be paved; there is a probability that when we have the power, enterprises will seek to locate here and we must be ready to accept the opportunity when it presents itself.

Then we have laws upon our books that must be enforced. Marshall voted for Prohibition by a majority of 518 to 0, and we want men who will stand for the enforcement of this law. Let the Republican party of Marshall nominate men who stand for civic righteousness and civic progress and the town will advance as never before.

CIVIL DOCKET SMALL.

ONLY ABOUT HALF WHAT IT WAS IN FORMER YEARS.

Superior Court for the trial of civil actions begins Monday, May 3rd, with Judge G. S. Ferguson presiding. There are only twenty-one cases on the calendar more than the first week as none of the cases are very important. There are only ninety-nine civil cases on the docket, all told, about fifty of them being live ones. It is a noticeable fact that litigation in this county is growing less each year. It was only a few years back when it was impossible for litigants to get their cases tried, notwithstanding the fact that we had six weeks of civil court during the year. Now any one who has a suit can get a hearing at the first term that the cause stands for trial; then it is a rare case when the court consumes more than one week of the two weeks of the term which is allowed. It is also a fact that crime in the county is decreasing each year. At this writing there are only 68 criminal cases on the docket, many of them being old cases where the crime was committed more than two years ago and the defendant not caught. There is not likely to be more than one hundred cases for trial at the next criminal court which convenes in August, and no doubt the docket will be tried in three or four days, when only a few weeks ago it took the entire two weeks term to dispose of the criminal docket.

Grapevine Items.

Here I come from Grapevine again. We have been having some very cold weather for the time of year. We have had some frost.

Our road supervisor, Mr. J. K. Wilson, is going to try his luck on road working next week. The writer wishes him success in his undertaking, for the roads certainly need working in this section.

What crops look right well in this section. The people are going to raise a right smart of tobacco.

BILLY HOPEFUL.

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THEY FIGHT SOME.

BAKERS AND GENTRY SETTLE CIVIL DIFFERENCES WITH MILITARY METHODS ON BIG PINE.

Quite a scrap occurred on the head of Big Pine last Saturday morning in which the participants engaged used sticks, brooms, fire shovels, rails and other instruments of war in the beginning, and later shot guns and army rifles were in evidence at long range, which was a signal for a double retreat on the part of some of the fighters.

This fight was a branch of the same old trouble which the Wells and Bakers have heretofore had so much trouble over.

When Mr. Wells left the county he sold his interest in the Baker land to Mrs. Catharine Gentry, and as Mr. Wells moved out Mrs. Gentry moved in, being forbidden to do so by Mr. Baker. On the occasion of the fight, T. H. Baker, his brother and Mr. Buckner, his brother-in-law, were engaged in moving the fence that surrounded the house in question, when Mrs. Gentry and daughter engaged Baker and others with sticks, rocks, etc., until Lank Gentry arrived and brought into play a shot gun, shooting twice, the first shot going wild and the second shot taking effect, two shots hitting the old warrior, T. H. Baker, near the eye; three shots hitting Henry, his brother, in the breast, and one shot hitting Mr. Buckner. Mr. Baker took exception to this unkind treatment and turned loose his war gun, shooting three times into the house in which Baker claims Lank was concealed and was shooting from. After a quick exit from the house by Lank the firing ceased. The result of the battle is marked by some two or three holes in the house, hair and blood on the fence and a black eye on Baker. The damage done to the parties is not serious.

Walnut News Items.

Well, Mr. Editor, since Mike is done planting corn, he now has time to give you a short letter to Walnut.

The closing exercises of Bell Institute school will take place on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of May. Sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by W. J. Bruce of Knoxville, Tenn. Class Day Monday at 2:30. School entertainment Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The graduating exercises will come off Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. All are invited to attend these exercises.

Dr. James A. Worden of Philadelphia, Supt. of Teachers' Training and Sunday School work, paid Walnut a visit last week. While here the Doctor preached two very able sermons which were enjoyed and spoken very highly of by the people of Walnut. This is the kind of preaching the people are hungry for—preaching that comes from the Book of Books and not from books.

Miss Belle Reese of Asheville is visiting her sister, Miss Reese of Bell Institute.

The town election for Walnut will be held next Tuesday.

Misses Kate and Margaret McNeill, Iona Buck, Thomas and Mr. Joe Phipps took a horse-back ride into the Big Laurel country last Saturday.

Frank Brown, Allen and P. V. Henderson are at home for a while from their work in South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Davis, Mrs. Allen Henderson, Mrs. Fiem McDevitt and Rev. Frank March were shopping in Marshall last Saturday.

J. C. Ramsey of Marshall was seeing home-folks Saturday and Sunday.

MIKE.

A Precaution.

"Ma," said a newspaper man's son, "I know why editors call themselves 'we.'"

"Why?"

"So's the man who doesn't like the article will think there are too many people for him to tackle."

Mr. R. N. Caton has been on the sick list for the past week. While he is not yet well he is still on the streets again.

MARY FARM ATTRACTIVELY.

MAKE HER PLACE TO WHICH YOU WOULD WISH TO 'RETIRE.'

Progressive Farmer. There is not only a migration of the young folks from the country to the town in these days, but there is a wide spread notion that it is also the proper thing for the old folks who have made money farming to go to town for their last years. The farmer and his wife—the wife especially—have in many cases the same desire as their children to get rid of the cares of farm life and move into town that they may "take life easy" in their old age, and are often equally disappointed in the results of the change.

In every town of any size may be found country bred men and women of mature years who are incessantly longing to return to the farm.

Aside from this, is it not strange that folks should desire, in so many cases, through all the years from youth to old age to get away from the environment to which they are most accustomed and where, it would seem, they should find most contentment? And why are such things so?

It seems to us that the answer in many cases is to be found in the barren, dilapidated, unattractive home surroundings and in the lack of beauty and comfort inside the home. It is from the farm where the yard is bare and unfenced, the house unpainted, the home devoid of books and games and pictures and music, that the young folks are most eager to get away; and it is from this same type of farm life that the old folks are most desirous of escaping to the new life—for them—of the town.

If you wish your boys and girls to remain on the farm, if you wish to remain on it yourself with enjoyment and contentment when you have passed the age of great activity, make it a cheerful place at which to stay. From the farms where there are big oaks and magnolias and magnolia shadows protecting the

grows and the roses bloom, homes where provision is made to satisfy the sense of beauty and where the charm as well as the labor of country life is part of each day's experience, this is not, as a rule, that those who throng to the towns, either in youth or in age, through dissatisfaction with their lot. When you have seen the trees in the dooryard growing taller and broader year after year, have watched for the coming of the irises and the holly hocks in the garden summer after summer, have cared for the rose-bush or the honeysuckle from the time it was planted till it clambered all over the porch, have filled each nook and cranny of the old house with scores of pleasant memories, you will not be quick to tear yourself away from it all to spend your days of enforced leisure amid the unfamiliar scenes of some town.

Make the home attractive. There is no excuse for an ugly farm home; and with a little care and attention, the planting of trees and shrubbery and vines and flowers, the caring for the lawn, the brightening of the walls, and the addition of new pleasures to the fireside, you can make your place prettier and more home-like with every passing season.

With country life what it should be, and what we can make it, we would hear little of the rush of the young to the cities or of the often pitiful desire of the old to get away from the homes of their own making.

Death of Lum Ward.

Lum Ward, son of Dave Ward of Weaverville, N. C., and a nephew of E. H. Ward of this place, died of typhoid at his home one and one-half miles south of Marshall Monday at 11 o'clock. The sudden death of Mr. Ward was a shock to his friends and relatives, as his death was entirely unexpected. Mr. Ward was buried at the Bell graveyard Tuesday. He was a splendid young man, of good moral habits. He married a daughter of Wesley Frazier some four years ago. His wife and one small child remain here.

Land Plaster.

I will have by Monday, the 30th, a fresh car load of Land Plaster. Also some more of the Mammoth Corn Grower Fertilizer. Better see me this week. R. H. WARD.

H. B. BARNES MAKES SPLENDID RECORD.

FORMER MARSHAL MAN HELPED TO FERRET OUT PEONAGE CASES.

The Asheville Citizen of the 24th inst. contained the following complimentary notice of our former fellow townsman, Mr. Ben Barnes, which we reproduce in full.

"Though he did not blow any horn to announce his presence, one of the United States crack detectives is here, Mr. Ben Barnes, special agent of the department of justice at Washington. As he is not here on official business no harm is done by mentioning this fact. Time was when Mr. Barnes was a deputy marshal and deputy United States revenue collector and his being seen in this vicinity would have caused alarm, but now his duties do not concern mere 'blockaders.'"

Mr. Barnes since he was last in Asheville has accomplished some important work. He was put on the trail of the strikers who on December 24th shot and killed Deputy United States Marshal John C. Mullen at Stearns, Kentucky. Deputy Mullen had been given an injunction to serve on some strikers and these he found barricaded in a hotel. They at first refused to allow the service to be made on them, but later agreed to this. However, when the officer attempted to enter the hotel someone inside shot and killed him and then a fullscale ensued between those inside and the officers outside in which one of the garrison was killed. Failing otherwise to get the defenders of the house the officers set fire to it, and it was burned, those inside making their escape. Mr. Barnes trailed them, persistently and finally landed all six wanted on the charge of killing the officer. He arrested the last one at Forest City in this state.

In Peonage Cases.

The special agent went to Virginia where he secured five convictions in peonage cases whose evidence he had worked up. The officer was then sent to South Carolina to capture five members of a family named Palmer, who were accused of shooting and killing Deputy United States Marshal W. F. B. Corbin March 8th, while he was seeking to arrest one of their number. Mr. Barnes secured all the necessary evidence. Mr. Barnes was sent by the department to Mississippi to work up the case against a man named P. M. Sausby who killed Postoffice Inspector Fitzgerald. Sausby was postmaster at a small town near Jackson, Miss., and the inspector had come to go over his accounts. Finding that the inspector had discovered a shortage Sausby shot him. As the result of the special agent's work Sausby was sentenced to life imprisonment by United States court.

The special agent appeared at Statesville to present the evidence he had worked up against Captain John Powers of this county on the charge of peonage when he was foreman on the S. and W. railway northwest of Marion. Capt. Powers was convicted as told in yesterday's Citizen, and sentenced to serve 15 months in the penitentiary.

Others Had Tried It.

The police court magistrate of a town in southern Kentucky was walking down the street one November evening with his friend John Markham, a distiller.

"Judge," said Mr. Markham, "have you ever tried my Number One brand of Old Markham?" "No, John," admitted the judge, "but I tried three men in court this morning who had tried it." "Everybody's Magazine."

That there should one Man ignorant who had capacity for knowledge, this I call a tragedy, were it to happen more than twenty times a minute.—Cady.

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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

Please Get Your Deeds. Notice of Sale of Land

All persons who left Deeds and papers in the Register's office for registration during the term of W. R. Rice, deceased, will please come forward and pay the fees on them as I badly need the money. I do not want to put out these papers into the hands of an attorney for collection if I can help it, but I must certainly collect the unpaid fees. So call at the Register's office and pay for your deeds and get them. MRS. DORA RICE, Administratrix.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of P. T. Rice, deceased, late of Madison county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of April, 1910, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 15th day of April, 1909. J. C. RAMSEY, Administrator.

NOTICE

North Carolina—Madison County. In Superior Court—Before the Clerk. J. C. Ramsey, administrator of P. T. Rice, deceased, vs. Margaret Rice, widow, and Arthur H. Rice, Mary D. Rice, Spencer F. Rice, May O. Rice, Isaac J. Rice, and H. Clyde Rice, heirs at law of P. T. Rice, deceased.

The defendants above named will take notice that a special proceeding entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Madison County to sell the following described real estate to make assets to pay debts, to-wit: Situated in No. 5 township, Madison county, N. C., adjoining lands of Gay Williams and others and known as the Hall Mill property, consisting of a one-half undivided interest of the Hall Mill property, said property containing about one-half acre, said one-half acre contains the mill property, a pack house and the mill race, said interest being deeded by Cora Rice to Peter Rice and recorded in Book 23 at page 538, to which reference is made for a full description. And the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Madison County at his office in Marshall on the 22nd day of May, 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 April 15th, 1909. J. H. WHITE, Clerk Superior Court.

NOTICE

North Carolina—In the Superior Court. R. W. Rice, Clementine C. Hawthorne and Husband M. S. Hawthorne.

The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Madison County for the recovery of certain real estate situated in No. 11 Township in said County on the waters of Little Creek and known as the A. B. Whitaker tract and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the term of the Superior Court of said County to be held on the 9th Monday after the 1st Monday in March 1909, at the Court House in said County in Marshall, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the said Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 7th day of April 1909. J. H. WHITE, Clerk Superior Court.

NOTICE

Permanently will be conducted by the undersigned, Wm. H. White, at the Court House in Marshall, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the said Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 7th day of April 1909. J. H. WHITE, Clerk Superior Court.

Notice of Sale of Land

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court made and entered to a certain proceeding therein pending entitled "J. B. Cody, administrator of H. R. Rhea, deceased, vs. W. S. Rice and others," I will on Monday, the 3rd day of May, 1909, sell at the court house door in the town of Marshall, Madison county, N. C., to the highest bidder for cash, all interest of Jessie Rhea, Carl Rhea and Maggie Rhea, the same being an undivided three-fifths interest in and to the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being on the waters of Bull Creek, in the county and State aforesaid, and bounded and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning on a red oak, Martha Hensley's corner in her west line, and runs up the same ridge a northward course with N. Hensley's line to his sourwood corner in Thomason's line; thence up the orchard ridge a westward course to N. L. Rhea's chestnut oak corner of his 25-acre tract of land; thence with the line of his 25-acre tract of land to the beginning corner of said tract on a sourwood; thence with N. L. Rhea's line of the 103-acre tract of land to the corner on a black pine, Martha Hensley's corner and runs thence with Martha A. Hensley's line to the beginning. Containing 80 acres more or less.

Said lands will be sold for the purpose of raising assets to pay the indebtedness of the said H. R. Rhea and the costs of administration. This March 29th, 1909. J. C. RAMSEY, Commissioner.

NOTICE

North Carolina—In the Superior Court. Jasper Ebb, administrator of J. G. Reynolds, deceased, vs. John Reynolds and others. John Reynolds, W. J. Reynolds, Alfred Reynolds, Sarah Harris and Thomas Harris, Defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Madison County to sell the lands of which the said J. G. Reynolds died seized in the said County for the purpose of raising assets to pay the debts of said intestate and the costs of administration; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County on the 8th day of May 1909, at his office at the court house in the town of Marshall, N. C., 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 April 5th 1909. J. H. WHITE, Clerk Superior Court.

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