

R. C. Rivers, Proprietor.

THURSDAY August 22, 1907.

The High School in Watauga

Last Monday the Board of Education met to discuss and consider the High School proposition. Representatives from Cove Creek, Walnut Grove, Valle Crucis, Blowing Rock and Boone were present asking for the school. Each of these places seem to be prepared to entertain it, but on account of one question the matter was left open—"Does the local tax and the funds from the State all have to be applied to the High School instruction?"

The law provides for all students having completed the public school course. Due regard must be given to advantages, such as location, buildings, teaching force and general equipment. There are only two things for the Board of Education to consider as we see it. One to put the funds together locate the school in the center of the county, and open it for the entire county; the other, make two schools of second grade and put one in the east the other in the west. The Board of Education is somewhat inclined to make two schools, and wherever the school goes, the people must raise \$250 by local tax or private subscription.

The Appalachian Training School does not give free tuition to any student who does not agree to teach two years in the public schools. There is one other feature, the teacher in the High School must have a High School certificate. The certificate is not issued by the county superintendent, but by the Examining Bd. of the State.

perhaps the list of subjects required to be taught would be of interest to some of us:

First year: Arithmetic, Algebra, English History, English Grammar and Composition, Latin, and Introduction to Science.

Second year: Algebra, Ancient History, to 800 A. D., English Composition and Literature, Latin, Physical Geography.

Third year: Algebra, Plain Geometry, Mediaeval and Modern History, English Composition and Literature, Latin, one Modern Language, and Physics.

Fourth year: Geometry and American History and Civic, English Composition, Rhetoric and Literature, Latin, French or German, Physics or Agriculture.

The above is an extensive course. While we are willing for our town to get the school, we are not making any fight for it. Unless the whole county would see it best to create only one school, and put it in the center. We think the Board of Education ought to make two schools of lower grades, this would mean the course mapped out in the first two years above, and to each of these schools a smaller amount of money could be given.

Finally, we have no preference about the matter. We shall be delighted to see it located anywhere. There is no room for division in Watauga.

The entire business section of Princess Anne, the county seat of Somerset, on the eastern shore of Md., was burned early on the morning of Aug. 13th.

Fred Nye, an assistant editor of the Sunday World, of New York, and a brother of "Bill" Nye, is dead from injuries received by being struck by a trolley car.

Gen. Coxy, leader of the famous Coxy army which a few years ago marched to Washington is planning a new pilgrimage but refuses to tell to what point or for what purpose.

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State Farmers' Convention.

The fifth annual meeting of the State Farmers' Convention will be held at the A. & M. College, Raleigh N. C. on Wednesday Thursday and Friday, August 28th, 29th, and 30th, 1907.

The cheap railroads already in effect and fact that rooms and meals will be furnished those who desire them at the college at actual cost and that an attractive program is assured should result in making this the largest gathering of farmers ever held in the State for the study of strictly agricultural problems.

The features of the opening session, Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, will be an address of welcome by Governor R. B. Glenn, and the annual address of the president by Ashley Hore, of Clayton.

Wednesday afternoon will be devoted to the study of corn and small grains, and instructive addresses will be made by prominent farmers and agricultural teachers.

Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock there will either be an address by some speaker of note or a stereopticon lecture illustrating modern methods of progress and development in agriculture. Thursday forenoon will be taken up with the study of horticulture, fruit growing, trucking, etc.

Thursday afternoon there will be special meetings for the growers of cotton and tobacco. Splendid programs have been prepared for both meetings, and Director North, of Washington, D. C., will be present and discuss the collection of crop reports or some kindred subjects.

Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock will occur one of the most attractive features of the convention. Hon. W. M. Hays, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., will deliver an address on Improvements in Rural Affairs.

Friday will be live stock day. The morning session will be devoted to the annual meeting of the State Dairymen's Association and a very entertaining and instructive program has been arranged. Professor Ed H. Webster, Chief of the Dairy Division of the United States Department of Agriculture, will be present and address the meeting. Friday afternoon will be devoted to the study of general live stock problems and the organization of a State Live Stock Company.

There is another feature of the convention which should not be overlooked. On Thursday and Friday there will be special meetings for the women from the farm homes, and a splendid program of an entertaining and instructive nature already issued insures a good time to those who attend. Those wishing further information relating to this feature of the convention should write to either Mrs. F. L. Stevens, President, or Mrs. Walter Grimes, Secretary, at Raleigh.

Complete programs of this important farmers meeting will be issued shortly and every farmer in the state who can possibly do so will find it to his interest and enjoyment to attend this meeting.

Rear Admiral F. E. Chadwick is going to write a history of the Spanish American war and the causes that lead up to it. He has been in Spain, it is said, for the purpose of collecting material for the history. He was in command of the cruiser New York, admiral Sampson's flag-ship during the war with Spain.

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Railroad Prospects for Watauga.

Several parties from Tennessee who are enough interested in a railroad from Shonn's to Boone to put their money into it, headed by J. M. McEane, a wealthy lumberman, operating in Johnson county, have been here during the past week, and should the people of Watauga feel enough interest in the enterprise (and we are confident that they will) to help in the construction of a road, it is now an assured fact that Watauga, at last, is to have connections with the outside world by a railroad system.

It is not yet clearly understood what the promoters of the enterprise will demand at the hands of our people, but they propose to make the survey, crossing the state line at Trade, come down Cove Creek, by way of Sugar Grove, then on to Boone, the terminal of the road, at present.

After the road is surveyed and the cost of construction estimated, then the amount of bonds to be asked for will be decided upon, and the county asked to vote thereon, the amount not to exceed \$75,000. Then after the bonds are voted the company agrees to fill a bond for the completion of the road to Boone within 18 months.

Our former propositions have been to issue the bonds when the road is completed, and as a consequence the people have become tired of propositions of that kind as the road always fails to materialize. But these gentlemen come at us in a different and more satisfactory manner. They say issue your bonds, take stock in the road to the amount thereof, and they agree to fill a bond for the completion of the road within eighteen months. What could be fairer? If they fail to build the road the county is evidently gainer to the amount of the bond; if they do build it, the property in Watauga will be enhanced more than 100 per cent.

Now is the time for our people to bend their every energy for the consummation of this enterprise, for we cannot longer afford to be shut off from the outside world, when it is easily within our power to procure a road that will give us a good market for our lumber, produce etc., and give us direct communication with the coal fields of Virginia. Let us give these promoters all the encouragement possible in their undertaking, and be ready to vote solidly for the bonds when the opportunity presents itself. We can not longer afford to be the accumulators of wealth for some sister counties, when it is within our power to bring a market for our products to our own doors.

Delegates Assigned.

The following homes have been provided for the delegates to the Three Forks Association, which meets in Boone Aug. 27th 1907.
Antioch, W. C. Coffey.
Bethel, J. M. Moretz.
Beaver Dam, B. J. Council.
Bethany, E. S. Coffey.
Beech Mt. D. S. Lee.
Blowing Rock, E. S. Coffey.
Brushy Fork, J. F. Davis.
Cove Creek, C. J. Cottrell.
Cool Springs, M. B. Blackburn.
Clarks Creek, W. T. Blair.
Elk Knob, J. S. Stanbury.
Elk Valley, J. H. Brendall.
Fall Creek, J. F. Hardin.
Forest Grove, D. D. Dougherty.
Flat Spring, W. L. Bryan.
Gap Creek, Cook Bros.
Howards Creek, M. B. Blackburn.
Laurel Springs, L. B. McNeill.
Meat Camp, D. J. Cottrell.
Mount Calvary, W. L. Bryan.
Mount Gilead, C. J. Cottrell.
Mount Lebanon, D. D. Dougherty.

G. M. SUDDERTH, cashier.

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Middle Fork, L. B. McNeil.
Pleasant Grove, A. W. Beane.
Pleasant Valley, R. M. Greene.
Rich Mt. A. W. Beach.
Shulls Mills, L. N. Perkins.
South Fork, M. P. Critcher.
Sampson, Mack Beach.
Three Forks, W. C. Coffey.
Timbered Ridge, L. N. Perkins.
Union, R. C. Rivers.
Zionville, Cook Bros.
Zion Hill, J. C. Fletcher.

If the singers of the county feel disposed to come and sing for us we would be glad to have them come.

J. F. DAVIS Pastor.

One day last week U. S. District Attorney, A. E. Holton was stricken with a sudden attack of acute indigestion while in the dining room of Battery Park Hotel, of Asheville. His cries of pain almost caused a panic among the guests who feared a tragedy was being enacted.

BANK STATEMENT.

Following is the report of the condition of the Watauga County Bank at Boone, N. C., in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business May. 18, 1907:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$25,619.95
Overdrafts unsecured,	371.10.
Banking house	1,470.24.
Furniture and fixtures	400.00.
Due from banks and bankers	6,740.33.
Cash items	100.00.
Gold coin,	1,370.00.
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency,	1,099.89.
National bank notes and other U. S. Notes	3,913.00.
Total.....	\$41,084.51.

LIABILITIES

Capital stock	\$10,000.00.
Undivided profits, less current expenses and tax paid	1,047.47.
Bills payable	3,246.00.
Time certificates of deposit included in bills payable	
Deposits subject to check	26,347.54.
Cashier's ck's outstanding	443.50.
Total.....	\$41,084.51.

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, ss: I, E. S. Coffey, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. S. Coffey, Cashier.
Correct—Attest: N. L. Mast: W. C. Coffey, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12th day of June 1907.
J. M. May, Register of Deeds.

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