

R. C. Rivers, Proprietor.

THURSDAY August 29, 1907.

The High School Again.

The following letter to State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner will give some light on the subject:

"Supt. B. B. Dougherty, Boone, N. C.

"DEAR SIR:—In reply to your letter of Aug. 13th, I beg to say that all money raised in the local district and appropriated by the State for the aid of public high schools must be used for that purpose exclusively. See the law on this point.

"Whoever has charge of the high school would have to hold a High School Teacher's certificate, covering the usual subjects and Latin and Greek. Any other who teach in the high school must have a High School Teacher's Certificate covering the subjects taught. The State Board of Examiners have been requiring college training and as much as one year's experience in high school work. Formal application should come to this office from the principal at once.

With best wishes for continuing success, and hoping to see you at Montreat, I am very truly yours,

J. Y. JOYNER,

Supt. Public Instructions.

The conditions are somewhat different to what we once thought. The money raised by local tax or private donations must be used for instructions in the higher branches.

Teachers must be prepared well to undertake this work. The advantages come in by giving free tuition to all students who have completed the public school course. The people of the county should become interested in this matter, and have something to say about raising the money and locating the school. Finally those most interested are the people who have children in the 8th, 9th and 10th grades. Before any community can ask in hope for the school, it should have teachers with High School Certificates and raise \$250.00 for high school work, and have ten students within or without the district in the high school course.

What do the people of the county say? Let us hear from you. The matter must be settled quietly.

Very respectfully
B. B. DOUGHERTY.

While the Republican political kettle is already boiling, boiling over in some instances, the Democrats are calmly surveying the situation, confident that there is plenty of time before their national convention, and determined to profit by any mistakes their political opponents may make. Mr. Bryan's friends are rejoiced at the attention paid to their leader by Secretary Taft, and argue that Mr. Taft and the President must be confident that Mr. Bryan is to be the next Democratic candidate. A report has recently been whispered about Washington to the effect that Mr. Bryan will not accept another nomination if Secretary Taft is the choice of the Republican convention, and that he has made a deal with W. R. Hearst that if Taft is nominated, Hearst shall have the Democratic nomination, while if any other Republican is named, Bryan is to have it. It is impossible to confirm the story, some Democratic politicians affirming it with emphasis, whereas others deny it absolutely.

The President has approved the provisions of the Army graduated pay bill, which will be introduced next session, and which provides for increases of pay for the army as follows: Lieutenant general, 10 per cent, major and brigadier generals, 20 per cent; captains and lieutenants, 25 per cent; and enlisted men and non-commissioned officers, 30 per cent. It is expected that this bill, with possibly some modifications, will become a law next session.

The Association.

The Three Forks Association convened with the church here at 10 a. m. Tuesday, the introductory sermon being preached to a packed house by the Rev. Harrison Farthing, which was fully enjoyed by his many hearers. The business session in the afternoon was very interesting, the churches embraced by the Association all, or nearly all, being represented. The Methodists having tendered the body the use of their building, it was announced that the Rev. Hight C. Moore, of Raleigh, would preach there at night. His theme was "The Crucifixion," and the large crowd in attendance was held in almost breathless silence while the minister delivered a sermon that will long be remembered by all who heard it as one of great power.

At 9 a. m., Wednesday, for the accommodation of the large crowd expected, the business session was opened in the court house which was soon packed to overflowing. Rev. Bradshaw of Wilkesboro, and others, made short but very interesting talks on missions and other subjects of interest to the assembly.

At 11 a. m., for the accommodation of the large crowds unable to gain admission into the court house, Rev. C. R. Norris, a Watauga boy, was given an appointment in the M. E. church and delivered a most excellent sermon to a large congregation. In the afternoon the same pulpit was filled quite acceptably by Rev. Pardue of Wilkes county, while the Association was in session in the court house. At night the business session was held in the church, and the time was consumed by educational speeches delivered by Rev. L. C. Wilson, Prof. B. B. Dougherty and the scholarly editor of Charity and Children. The speeches were very much enjoyed by all.

As we close our forms the Association is still in session but will close this afternoon. The attendance has been unusually large, the best of order has prevailed, the large concourse of people has been well cared for, and our people are gratified that they had the opportunity of entertaining this great religious gathering.

—What they term the "spineless character" of Secretary Taft's advocacy of the tariff revision is proving a source of comfort to many Democrats who believe that the country is now ripe for genuine tariff revision along Democratic lines. Mr. Taft, it will be remembered, advocates a revision of the tariff at a special session of Congress to be called for the purpose immediately after March 4, 1909, but he asserts his belief that the tariff should be revised along protection lines, and that doubtless means that the protected pets of the republican party must not be permitted to suffer any great inconvenience. The Massachusetts Republican papers are greatly upset because the men they regard as most likely to be the presidential candidate of their party is not more emphatic in his declarations that the tariff should be revised downward, although they try to find some comfort in the fact that he openly and frankly advocates some kind of revision.

HOMES IN THE SOUTH WEST.

There will be a meeting of the people at Trade, Tenn., on Aug. 31, 1907, to form a colony to go to the south-west in the near future; to consider land propositions, to decide on a location and send representatives to investigate and report.

R. S. Russell, Traveling passenger Agent of the Frisco & Rock Island Railway will be present to give the people information in regard to transportation, etc.

All persons interested in forming this colony, or who desire information in regard to the south west, should be present.

T. E. P. LARJMER.

A Visit to Watauga.

Having heretofore attended the A. T. S. at Boone, N. C., two summers, (1905-6) and having just returned from a few days' visit in Watauga county, and if the editor will allow me space, I will say something—just a few words relative to both, my trip to Watauga and the educational facilities of one of North Carolina's most beautiful sections—that of western North Carolina.

I do not doubt that if all things were considered, this section has developed more along educational lines during the last decade than any other section of the State, more especially Watauga county. A. T. S. at Boone, needs no comment, it speaks for itself, not only in western North Carolina, but throughout the State as well.

There are several other large schools in the county also. Mast Seminary and Cove Creek Academy are also prosperous points.

During my trip in Watauga, I happened to be present at the opening of Walnut Grove Institute, and think it would be a remiss if I should fail in this little sketch, to mention the same. At Walnut Grove, an almost as beautiful a site as I have ever seen for a school building. Stands Walnut Grove Institute, a new building which was erected by the citizens within a mile of it by private subscription. A year ago they voted a special school tax to the limit of the law for six years. The building has five good rooms, which are conveniently arranged for school work and entertainments. The school is under the supervision of Prof. Clarence Smith, of Penn., and E. F. Hoppers, of Whitehead, N. C. Walnut Grove is in the "Garden Spot" of Watauga county. Every one is, or should be proud of a good school wherever it is located.

My trip to Watauga was a splendid outing for me and I enjoyed it very much.

M. F. CROUSE,
Sparta, N. C., Aug. 17.

Governor Magoon is about to promulgate in Cuba, with the approval of the President and the Secretary of War, a decree creating a national bureau of sanitation which shall have power to prescribe and enforce sanitary regulations throughout the island. Governor Magoon has found that the local administration of sanitary matter, which was proxided during the former American occupation of Cuba, is not to be relied upon, and to-day the island is threatened with a serious outbreak of yellow fever. Sanitary regulations and precautions are naturally a lack of appreciation of the responsibilities devolving upon them, or though being too amenable to local influence, having permitted most unsanitary conditions to exist. It is believed, however, that with a national sanitary board to make the regulations and to enforce them, all further danger can be eliminated. The authority to issue and to enforce this decree, even after the present occupation of Cuba shall have ceased, is found in Section five of Platt Amendment.

The Limit of Life.

The most eminent medical scientists are unanimous in the conclusion that the generally accepted limitation of human life is many years below the attainment possible with the advanced knowledge of which the race is now possessed. The critical period, that determines its duration seems to be between 50 and 60; the proper care of the body during this decade cannot be too strongly urged; carelessness then being fatal to longevity. Nature's best helper after 50, is Electric Bitters, the scientific tonic medicine that revitalizes every organ of the body. Guaranteed by all druggists, 50c.

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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 banks 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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