

# Sylvan Valley News

Our County—Its Progress and Prosperity the First Duty of a Local Paper.

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## Dunns Rock Lodge No. 267



**A. F. & A. M.**  
Meets Friday on or before the full moon in each month, at 2 p. m. Visiting Masons are cordially invited to meet with us, sptly  
WM. MAXWELL, Sec'y.

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**I. O. O. F.**  
Meets every Monday night at 8 o'clock. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to visit us.  
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Regular convention every Tuesday night in Masonic Hall. Visiting Knights are cordially invited to attend.  
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Cor. Main and Caldwell BREVARD, N. C.

## The Trusts in Brevard.

We have been reading with interest the proceeding in congress relating to the impeachment of United States Judge Swayne of Florida, and our sensibilities were shocked when politics was brought into the discussion. It seems impossible, however, for any man or measure to be discussed without politics being introduced and while sometimes unpleasant and seemingly out of place, it is nevertheless nearly impossible to discuss any matter of great import without introducing the outlined policy of the great political parties applicable thereto. The very subject of our present article can not be thoroughly and truly discussed if we were to eliminate politics, for the principle governing it is one of the great basic principles of the parties in the United States. We have somewhat elaborated this foreword in order to explain what follows and to show that while political questions will be discussed it is only as applicable to the principle involved.

The subject we are going to discuss is the direct effect of a trust as felt by the people of Brevard, a small, progressive little town in the mountains of Western North Carolina, many miles away from Wall street and all other maelstroms of "Frenzied finance," where the majority of the people are farmers, who of all people are the freest from business cares and worries. We have here a telephone exchange with about 100 subscribers and it belongs to one of our best citizens, a man above reproach. We also have a long distance phone which gives us connections with all the long distance lines and which is a very great convenience, in fact it is a necessity with many of our business men who have business transactions in other sections of the county. But the long distance phone is controlled by the Bell Telephone Company and they have seen fit to issue an edict prohibiting any connection between their phones and the instruments used by the local exchange. If the local exchange would lease Bell instruments then and in that event connections could be made but not otherwise, or if the local exchange would sell out to the Bell people their connections could be had. Not only do they stop at connections being made but the Bell people will not let a message be transferred, and if want to talk to Asheville, Hendersonville or New York you must go to the long distance office and talk from there.

Is this right, people of Brevard? Knowing as we do that the local exchange is the only source of income of a man sick unto death, who is unable to work and who has his only capital invested in this legitimate business, does it seem right that a great corporation with millions of dollars of capital behind it should try and force this local exchange to either sell to them at whatever price they offer or else force them to buy or rather to lease the Bell instruments? Can you now real-

ize the grasping greed of a monopoly such as the Bell Telephone Company? Do you now see that these monster combinations of capital are greedily seeking every means to add any sum, never mind how small or by what means, to their already vast possessions. Do you see that this monopoly would willingly force a poor invalid to sell his property at their own price or force him to lease their instruments on their own terms and conditions.

Perhaps the men who compose the Bell Telephone Company are a good set of fellows when taken individually, who are charitable; and perhaps they have given thousands of dollars to charity or to colleges, yet you see that when taken collectively, when those same men are banded together in a trust, they are absolutely heartless. They may individually give enough money to endow some hospitals and yet collectively they would deprive a sick man of his living, and if they worry they have done and are doing him should shorten his life, does not effect them if by so doing they secure the control of one more exchange or lease a few more instruments.

This is one example we have of what is known as a "heartless, soulless corporation," and no doubt there are many others we know not of—this much we know of our own knowledge. Would it then be asking too much of our congress and our legislature if we desire them to pass such laws as shall prohibit and control such organizations? Which one of us knows but what he may be the next sufferer from the greed of a trust? Do we not all pay tribute both directly and indirectly to the trusts? When we buy a drop of kerosene oil; when we buy a pound of lard, or a pound of sugar, or a yard of cloth, don't we pay an indirect tribute or tax to the great trusts that control our country? Even on those articles not made by the trusts we have to pay a tribute to the railroad trust, perhaps the largest of them all.

And still when one great political party advocated the suppression of these same trusts the majority of the people would not support its candidates and it went down in defeat.

The time is coming though when the people will awake, when they will discover that the vaunted prosperity of republicanism means 95 per cent. prosperity to the trusts and only 5 per cent. to the people when it ought to be evenly divided, and when they will vote their sentiments and not be browbeat or threatened into voting against their own interests by threats of panic and hard times. If one will only consider the so-called evidences of national prosperity as shown by the savings banks deposits many will be greatly and rightfully disturbed. In this large volume of deposits we see the individuality of the people lost, and instead of each and every man becoming an investor and controlling his own property, he puts his money in a bank and his financial identity is lost. The very natural result is

that the banks invest the money and with the vast amounts in their possession they control the industries and also the very men that deposit with them. It is to the best interests of these banks to reduce the expenses of the industries they control, even if it would decrease the deposit, for they would make more by reducing the wages of the working class than the interest on the savings would amount to. Not only does the theoretical danger of a money loss confront the boring depositor but the danger of an actual con- as much as the deposit eventually become dependent on the bankers and will be risk their own judgment faculty of managing business will be g and with it the vita pence of our citi that is not all fo companion, or rather follower of a state of dependency will be a state of servility, and the trusts and corporations will be absolutely in control until their yokes become so heavy and burdensome that even the meek and humble will arise in their might, and history will record another revolution.

It would be much better to nip this growing power of the trusts in the bud than to allow it to come to its full fruition—better to be called socialists or communists now than have our children shot down in bloody war. Even now it will take a mighty effort on the part of the people to control the trusts, and the sooner the government undertakes and the people demand such control that much the better.

Let the people of Transylvania ask her representatives in the legislature to enact such legislation as will prevent the wrong contemplated, yes attempted, by the Bell Telephone Company, which is a typical trust and other counties will follow our lead. Spend time, money and labor for this end. Do not rest content with a simple defensive position but begin offensive operations and stop paying tribute, which consists not only of money but of life also and happiness, if it interferes with a trusts' success.

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