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POSTAL TO COME HERE

The Postal Telegraph Company To Open Office Here Feb. 1st. Will have Direct Connection with Principal Relay Points.

IS ONLY BARRIER BETWEEN PUBLIC AND MONOPOLY OF WIRE TRANSMISSION IN THE UNITED STATES

The Postal Telegraph Company will open an office in Hendersonville, on or about February 1st next.

Mr. G. W. Ribble of Richmond, Superintendent of the Company, was in town Tuesday. Mr. Ribble has leased part of The Hustler building for the Company's office and has made other necessary arrangements.

To a Hustler reporter Mr. Ribble said:

"The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company will open an office in Hendersonville about February 1st. This office will work with the new Postal trunk line which is connected with the North and South lines at Spartanburg and Knoxville, giving a new cross country outlet. This office will have direct connection with the principal relay points and an exceptionally fast service is promised.

"Since the recent consolidation of the Western Union and Bell Telephone Company, the Postal is the only barrier between the public and a monopoly of wire transmission in the United States.

"It is hoped that the business interests of Hendersonville will give liberal support to this company and new enterprise.

"The Postal Telegraph Company reaches, through their own lines and connections, about 25,000 points in the United States and Canada, and with the Commercial Cable System, of which it is a part, encircles more than two-thirds of the globe, the opposite termini, Paris, France, and Shanghai, China, making it the largest combination of telegraph and cable interests in the world.

"The Postal reaches all important points in the United States and Canada, and through its cable connections every telegraph office in the old world, in South America and in the West Indies."

Mr. Ribble, for his company, has leased one-half of the front office of The Hustler. Extensive alterations will be made in the front of the building, a separate entrance will be provided to the telegraph office, etc.

Mr. Ribble, a most clever gentleman, expressed himself as being well pleased with Hendersonville and promises himself the pleasure of a longer visit here in the not distant future,

Machinery Arriving

For New Factory

Equipment for the new \$10,000 wood working factory here is arriving. The Star Dray Co. have unloaded a carload of machinery and more is on the way. The company will begin turning out its products, solid bored porch columns, about March first. The pay-roll of this company will be about \$3000 per month and the factory will afford a home market for much Henderson county timber.

Dr. Cook Is Discovered!

Dr. Cook, the missing discoverer of the North Pole, has been discovered!

He is in Hendersonville!

He has been engaged by The Hustler, at an enormous expense, to discover why certain people have not paid up their little subscription amount due this office.

Home For Holidays

Among the Hendersonville boys home for the holidays are:

Louis Hesterly, Harlow Waldrop and Will Smith, University of North Carolina.

Walter Smith, Hundley Gover and Joe Reed, University of Virginia.

Robert Sample, Davidson College.

The boys are glad to get back to town and the town's glad to have them back.

CHARLIE HEFNER

SERIOUSLY BURNED

A telegram received Wednesday by J. T. Wilkins, reads as follows:

"Charlie Hefner seriously burned. In hospital. See letter."

Charlie Hefner left here a few weeks ago to take a position in a Daytona, Fla., drug store. He is a most excellent boy in every way, and his scores of friends here are extremely anxious to learn just how seriously he may be injured. He left Hunter's Pharmacy to go to Florida.

LOST—Scotch Collie Puppy, five month old. Last seen on Saturday afternoon on Main Street. Reward if returned to E. G. Stillwell, City.

A Merry Christmas To You All!



Hon. W. A. Smith and the Good Roads Problem!

Editor Hustler:

For years there has been a steady growth of sentiment, in many parts of the country for good roads, and while there has been but little public agitation in Henderson County, it is well known that a very healthy enthusiasm has grown up for good roads in the County. There has, with this, grown a sentiment that by some kind of magic the Legislature can make a law that will make good roads. This is folly. It takes plans and labor to make good roads, no matter what the law is. I wish to assert most emphatically that no unprejudiced mind, capable in investigating and forming a correct judgment, can do other than determine by a careful reading and studying of the present Henderson County road law that it is all that is necessary to produce good roads in an economical and thorough way, if properly followed and carried out. It can not be claimed that the law is perfect; no human law can be made perfect; but it is so nearly perfect that it will produce the desired results if properly executed. Now, can it be executed? I answer yes. This answer is easy.

If the Justices-of-the-Peace in the different townships will, on

reading the law, have a meeting, take the time and bestow the thought necessary to put at their head the best men in their township, give him compensation enough to pay for his time, then read the law to him, and hold him to a strict accountability, we will then have eight men well chosen. Now then, what can these eight men do? By studying the law, and putting it in operation, they will find that the assessments of labor and available tax now at their disposal will at once put in good repair all the roads in the County and with the taxes already levied for that purpose, they can, as they are required to do under the law, purchase the necessary machinery and begin at once the construction of permanent roads leading out from Hendersonville in every direction.

The good roads sentiment and the best thoughts of the best minds in the nation have developed the fact that for Henderson County a small amount of macadam is necessary. A very large per cent of the roads, due to the lay of the land and character of the soil, should not be macada-

mized, but sand clay roads. The cost of sand clay roads, as they can be built in Henderson County, is not to be compared to the cost of macadam, and where they will answer, are preferable. Therefore as sand and clay abound in this County, generally convenient, our roads can be built with great economy, and with inexpensive machinery.

This work of making permanent roads has long been delayed. Therefore, we have been long suffering. Why should we suffer longer with every available means at hand? Why should our magistrates, men selected, or men who should be selected, on account of their ability and interest in the public good, delay this work? How many magistrates in the County realize that this work is pressing upon them, and if not pressed by them, then they are themselves indictable? The law is plain and mandatory; it can only be executed by the magistrates. I have no doubt that they will proceed with their work; if they do not, the people should see that the law is enforced. If the law is thoroughly carried out, in the briefest possible tim-

Henderson County will have the finest roads in the State. The conformation of the ground is such and the material is such that it is believed that Henderson County can make good roads with one-half the money that it would cost any other county in the State. Out land is either smooth, or our hills and mountains so large and the undulations so gradual that easy grades can be found, and easy grading obtained.

What are we waiting for, is it the law? No, we have the law. Is it money? No, we have money to start. Is it good sense and sound judgment? No, we have it as fine as can be found anywhere. Then what is in the way? Just one thing; that is, that the Justices-of-the-Peace should realize their relation to this important work and then go forth and do it. Do we need good roads conventions with people coming to us from abroad to tell us that we need good roads and then teach us how to make them? No, we know we need good roads. Don't tell us that. We do not need parties from abroad to tell us how to make them. We have got sense enough to know how to make them. Then, I ask again, what do we need? We need local sentiment in every school district, every road district and every township, that will urge our generals, captains and lieutenants to wage war on bad roads. Every farmer in the County has the right to demand of the people good roads upon which he can market his produce. Every boarding house keeper in the County needs good roads upon which the visitors can get to and from his house with pleasure and delight. Every man in the county needs good roads, because nothing will advance and enhance his interests so much for the same outlay.

If the people will give me the assistance of one man, or the assistance of many men who can make a suggestion that will carry out one idea, then I will take the responsibility of guaranteeing that in a few years Henderson County will have the best roads, and as a consequence, be the finest County in the State. That one idea is this: How can we arouse the people to a sense of their interest so that the people will arouse the authorities to a sense of their duty in executing the road law? I will make this suggestion; if it is not good let someone make a better one; my suggestion is that we form a central good roads association at once, by which subordinate associations will be formed in every school district in the County. This can easily be done by getting the district school committees to call meeting and start the ball to rolling. It can hardly be thought possible that any man who could be appointed, and would agree to serve as school committeemen would not realize that good roads and education go hand in hand. If they are then they should be the men to get behind this, the greatest of public enterprises.

I do not expect everybody to agree with me as to my methods. They may not be good, but I do not expect any one to have any respect for the man who will condemn my methods, and have none of his own.

I conclude with the assertion that we are ready for business, and with the hope that this suggestion will have the benefit of the best brains and best exertion from our best people,

I am yours truly,

W. A. SMITH.