

THE TRIBUNE.

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PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

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Brief letters of local news from any part of the county will be thankfully received. Correspondents will please mail their communications so as to get them to the office by Monday. THE TRIBUNE is the best advertising medium in this section, and advertisers may feel sure that through its columns they may reach all of Rutherford and a large portion of the best people of the adjoining counties.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1908.

SALUTATORY.

Following a time-honored custom, the undersigned, in assuming temporarily the editorial management of THE RUTHERFORDTON TRIBUNE, is not unmindful of the seemingly insuperable responsibilities that attach to this exalted position. Editors before all others should "be wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

With such thoughts as these predominating, and without experience in work of this sort, we enter the great field of journalism with some misgivings as to our ultimate success; but, relying upon our habit in other avocations, we shall do the best we can in our new sphere by a careful study of the many abstruse subjects presented from time to time for our consideration.

These conditions demand the minimum of promises, and the maximum of efforts on our part. There are, however, some thoughts and ideas that should find expression, even in this brief announcement, since any business that does not have among the aims certain fixed principles cannot have any definite or positive force. Among the more prominent features that shall govern us in our new field of labor the following will be briefly mentioned:

TRUTH. Only that which is true, or believed to be true at the time, will find expression.

It will be our constant aim "To ring out the false, And ring in the true."

We desire to retain the confidence already established by THE TRIBUNE, and realize that any kind of equivocation on our part with reference to public questions will do more to destroy that confidence than any or all other causes combined. With the greatest amount of care possible, mistakes will occasionally be made that will require corrections, which in themselves are never satisfying, since the public has little or no time to unlearn published errors.

POLITICS. The political tendencies of THE TRIBUNE will not be changed—they have been Democratic, they will continue to be Democratic, but the paper has not been, nor will it be so partial as to be intolerant. This is, indeed, a free country, so far as individual opinions and preferences govern us; and men must be allowed to think their own thoughts and teach their own ideas to those who will listen. That is what we propose to do, that is what every thoughtful man may do with the assurance that our little differences will be no bar to our personal fellowship.

HONEST PEOPLE. THE TRIBUNE will succor all classes of our people who labor with the limited means at their command to obtain an honorable and comfortable living, whether it be on the farms, in the offices, the shops, the stores, or the mills; but thieves, quacks, idlers, vagrants, schemers, gamblers, deadbeats,

pretenders, wife-beaters, and others whose lives will not bear public scrutiny, will please go elsewhere for sympathy.

THE NEWS. We desire to give our people both a readable and a reliable newspaper—they are entitled to as much, and will not be satisfied with less. To secure this result, time, labor and patience will be required. Correspondents must be secured at convenient centers whose business it will be to furnish our readers with news items of interest in their respective localities.

EDUCATION AND RELIGION. These subjects are so closely allied that they may be jointly considered. We shall, at all times, favor education, both public and private; and religion, without sectarian bias. Teachers and ministers throughout the county are urged to write us where they are at work, and what measure of success is crowning their efforts.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS. We shall favor better roads; better school houses, and churches; the building of new railway lines; the erection of manufacturing plants; and every legitimate enterprise that will give additional employment to labor, create markets for our surplus products, build up our towns and county, or enhance the value of our property.

CONCLUSION. Without any disposition to boast, we desire to assure our friends that we are sanguine in our belief that the permanency of THE RUTHERFORDTON TRIBUNE is assured; that the names of the stockholders and directors of the company are alike synonyms of success; and that the paper will be a leading factor in shaping the destinies of our people.

If you agree with us, you can help us in one, in two, or three ways;—you can speak for us kind and encouraging words; you can subscribe for the current weekly issues of the paper; you may take one or more shares of the capital stock of the company; or you may combine the three, and do them all. Yours to serve,

A. L. RUCKER.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The recent changes in the office of "THE RUTHERFORDTON TRIBUNE" are such as to require a short statement at my hands. I am still publisher of the paper and have been made its business manager by the board of directors of THE TRIBUNE PUBLISHING COMPANY. In retiring from the old, and, in assuming the new order of things, I desire to thank my many friends who have so loyally stood by me in the past; and to assure them that under the new arrangement I shall serve them no less conscientiously and faithfully.

With improved facilities a larger field of usefulness will be opened up in which I desire that all of my friends will share.

Very respectfully,

L. D. MILLER.

DIRECTORS MEETING.

HANY, chartered, was launched Monday, as will be seen by proceedings of the directors first meeting in another column. Whether this enterprise shall be a success or failure remains to be seen. That the people need the county paper the company hopes to furnish is no longer a question of doubt. The company has abundant means and energy behind it. They send you this issue of the paper with ample capital in bank to discharge all existing obligations on call, and start out free of debt. It is the purpose of the paper to stay out of debt, and to make itself so worthy of the patronage of the people that they cannot well afford to do without its weekly visit. A little time will be neces-

sary to buy outfits and have them installed, but these things will be done as rapidly as prudence will justify in an undertaking of this sort.

The company has put its hand to the plow and will not look back.

SAVING PEA VINE HAY.

Clovers, vetches and legumens are among the most valuable of all classes of forage plants. The clay or cow pea is probably the most valuable of the last named class. Its value as a food plant for both man and other animals has long been recognized, but its value in renovating and enriching worn out soils is only partially understood. There is no other plant known to us that is equally valuable as a fertilizer, and for this reason alone it should be more generally grown. It is distinctly an air feeding plant; and, as such, extracts large quantities of ammonia and other fertilizing ingredients from the atmosphere. It is much better to plant peas than to buy chemicals for our lands if this were the only consideration, which is by no means the case. The value of a crop of peavine hay properly saved will repay many times the cost of seeding and saving and these are the only items that attach. Let us consider these two briefly:

Land should be well broken and harrowed early in the spring. After danger of frost is over the seed should be sown broad cast, about three pecks to a bushel to the acre. If fertilizers be applied those having a large percentage of potash should be used; but on reasonably productive soils this is not necessary to insure good yields of hay. After the peas are sown a light cultivator or ordinary tooth harrow should be run over the land, care being taken not to cover the seeds too deep.

Many farmers turn their wheat lands after the wheat has been harvested in June, and seed to peas. In such cases fertilizers should be used to force growth or the yield of vines will not be very abundant.

The best time to mow the vines is when the earliest pods begin turning yellow—to cut them earlier is damaging both to the yield and quality of the hay; to cut them later will allow of a much greater waste in the falling or dropping off of the leaves. The weather should be fair and open since almost everything now depends upon this and careful handling. The vines should be allowed to remain on the ground until thoroughly wilted. If weather conditions are favorable, this will be done in from one to two days from the time of cutting.

The curing is the last and most difficult process connected with the entire business. The vines must have air until they are almost thoroughly dry, but not necessarily sunshine though this is by no means objectionable. After raking the vines, if there be plenty of barn and shed room, they should be immediately hauled to shelter and thrown loosely across rails, polls, or anything that will allow the free passage of air through them. In the absence of needed shelter many farmers set saplings of a dwarf, branching growth in the fields and throw the hay loosely over these. When fully cured it is hauled to shelter or stacked in the open air. Hay so treated should not be stowed for winter feeding in less than eight or ten days as the vines dry out very slowly. There is no other forage crop that equals this for winter feeding if cost be considered. When we consider that every acre of land treated to peavine culture is enriched by what it retains while the farmer is enriched by what it gives, we wonder why every-

one who cultivates one or more small plots of land does not devote a part of it to this purpose. The soil is left in better condition for all subsequent crops—especially for wheat. We hope our farming friends generally in making their plans for next year's crops will devote a share of it to peavine culture and peavine hay. It means larger returns in all cereal crops, fuller barns, fatter horses, cattle and sheep; and more money in their pockets.

ROUND HILL ACADEMY.

Its Relation to the Public Schools.—Some Recent Rulings, and a Protest.

MR. EDITOR:—Something more than five years ago Round Hill Academy was established at Union Mills by the Green River Baptist Association, an organization composed of about forty churches with a membership of over four thousand communicants.

The board of trustees elected by the association secured the services of Prof. and Mrs. D. J. Hunt as principals at its first session. Later Mrs. Hunt died, and Miss Meldonia Livingston was chosen to fill the vacancy thus caused. The school has been continued under this management, with some changes in the primary and music departments, until the present.

The public school in the district in which this school is located has neither lands nor houses, nor any other public school property whatever. To provide for these desiderata, the trustees of Round Hill Academy for a nominal committee of the district, annually, one or more rooms for the exclusive use of the children attending the public schools, while the regular boarding students and those residing in the district, and desiring to do so, could attend the academic department of the school in other rooms of the school building—this department having nothing to do with the public school.

It will be remembered by those who have been watching what was being said in reference to school matters that in February last, and at a time when our Legislature was in session, open attacks were made through the public press on the County Board of Education and the County Superintendent in reference to this and other schools; that because of these attacks, or for other reasons, our representative thought it wise to have the entire personnel of the county board changed; and that this new board, at their first meeting in July last, installed a new County Superintendent.

If the foregoing is true, if what we have said is true we ask the unbiased public to say whether the present public school management is not governed by narrowness and prejudice, rather than a desire to promote the best school interests of Rutherford county.

The trustees of Round Hill Academy, this year, according to their annual custom, filed with the Board of Education a lease for certain rooms in the academy for the use of the public school at the present session. Having some knowledge of the attitude of the board, the lease was reinforced by filing therewith a petition signed by every patron in the district, save one or two, praying the board to accept the lease and allow the public school to be taught in the academy as in former years.

On the 9th of November, the time fixed by the board for the teachers in the public schools to begin work, the public school at Union Mills was opened. Two days later, November 11th, Capt. Bell authorized J. D. Morris, who holds a position both as a member of the board of trustees of Round Hill Academy and on the board of school commissioners for Camp Creek township, to have the public school closed at once. From this peremptory order the committee appealed to the State Board of Education for redress, forwarding copies of lease, petition and other papers bearing on the subject. The decision of the State Board has been received and confirms that of the "court below."

So it appears that the cause of one hundred and thirty school children has been waged in behalf of a share of the public school fund provided in part by their own parents, and that their cause has been lost. The present school law provides that unused funds apportioned to any school district must revert again into the treasury as a part of the general school fund. The children of this ill-fated district will, therefore, not only lose the benefits of a school this year, but they must contribute money rightfully belonging to them to extending the school terms in other districts. Surely the lines under this board are falling hard on these children many of whom we fear, will not realize the cost of such a course until 1909 when it will dawn upon them for the first time that they will not be allowed to vote.

These rulings have for their excuse that Round Hill Academy is a denominational school, and that the State cannot contribute public funds to further its interests.

the interests of schools of this sort.

It is with due deference to the opinions of the galaxy of strong minds composing our State Board of education that we wish to enter a mild protest in this case.

We enter our protest to these rulings under what we conceive to be these great common law principles:

FIRST, That the right to buy, sell, rent, lease or otherwise transfer property is inherited, acquired or delegated.

SECOND, That individuals, communities, companies, corporations, counties, states and nations; that all legally instituted organizations, whether social, fraternal, educational, charitable or religious, have by themselves, or through their duly authorized and accredited agents or representatives, the right to buy or lease from; or to sell and lease to any or all classes of persons, companies, concerns, or corporations whatsoever.

THIRD, That property as leased, sold, or otherwise transferred, passes temporarily or forever from the owner or vendor, and into the control of the lessee or purchaser.

FOURTH, That property leased for a specific purpose cannot be used for any other purpose without the written consent of the lessors.

FIFTH, That the Trustees of Round Hill Academy, whose powers were properly delegated, had the authority to lease certain rooms in the Academy for public school purposes.

SIXTH, That, in the absence of any public school property whatever for the use of the public school of the district, the legally constituted school authorities had the right to lease a sufficient number of rooms in the Academy for the comfortable accommodation of the children of the district.

SEVENTH, That the school opened in the rooms so leased, at the time fixed by the county board of education for the public school to begin work, and by teachers who had been regularly licensed by the county superintendent and employed by the school committee of the township in which the district is situated, is a de facto de jure free public school, and in no sense a denominational or sectarian school; and its suppression is unjust, unfair and oppressive to all school children residing in the district.

T. C. NANNEY.

Union Mills, N. C., December 1st 1908.

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Bank of Rutherfordton.

Statement of the condition of Bank of Rutherfordton, as made to the Corporation Commission, at close of business on November 17th, 1908.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	20,516 08
Overdrafts	1,187 58
Rutherford county bonds	1,200 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	5,000 00
Other real estate	16 09
Cash, and due from banks	10,198 18
County and U. S. claims	541 81
Total	\$37,359 65

LIABILITIES.	
Capital paid in	10,000 00
Surplus and univided profits	2,986 74
Rediscouints	4,600 00
Time deposits	5,872 75
Check deposits	14,406 16
Total	\$37,359 65

I, J. W. Dorsey, acting cashier of the Bank of Rutherfordton, do solemnly swear that the above report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. DORSEY.

Sworn to before J. F. Flack, N. P.

Correct—Attest:

D. F. MORROW, J. C. WALKER, J. F. ARROWOOD.

Take Notice!

To the friends and patrons of THE BANK OF RUTHERFORDTON, I want to say that in this day of burglary and safe robbery, all moneys deposited in this bank will be safe. For in keeping with our usual precaution, we carry burglary insurance to cover all losses in case robbers should blow our safes up. We invite all persons having money to deposit to place it in our safe and it will be protected. Remember this is the first and oldest bank in the county and has withstood all test for twelve years. While others have failed; The Bank of Rutherfordton stands. Bring us your deposits and all your valuables for safe keeping. Soliciting all your business I beg to be yours truly.

D. F. MORROW, President.

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