

REPLY TO MR. MORRIS.
Superintendent Rucker Furnishes Some Evidence.

(Special to the Editor of The Sun)
 Mr. Morris stated a truth when he said that I was anxious that this controversy be closed. I could wish that it had never been commenced if wishing would undo the evil already done. Its only visible effects are the division of many of our people into factions ready to oppose and distort the smallest mistakes of their opponents into intentional wrong doing; and to make enemies of those whose life-long friendships have been among their most cherished possessions.

Why all this? The people know and are becoming wearied with it. I have gone over Mr. Morris's papers with him. He is welcome to one or as many committees as he may wish. I shall enter no protest to report of any competent committee he may select. This was and is a personal question and the public would be gladly rid of it, and so far as I am concerned I propose that I shall not afflict them very much longer.

Mr. Morris has repeatedly charged me with favoritism in the issue of certain certificates to students of Union Mills Academy. Having casually met C. S. and Clyde Calton of Sunshine Institute, I have their permission to use their names as references that they were certificated in the same way.

This letter from Prof. Stallings will verify statements made by me in former articles, so far as Sunshine Institute is concerned.

Big Lick Academy,
 D. M. Stallings, A. M., Prin.,
 Big Lick, N. C., April 14, '03

Dear Prof. Rucker:—Owing to your addressing me at Mathews your letter of the 7th has just reached me. In reply I shall say that you certainly issued certificates on my grading from Sunshine Institute while I was engaged in working in the county. In fact, you never refused to extend that courtesy to me as long as I was engaged in work in the county. I distinctly remember of your telling me time and again, that you had never lost anything by taking my grades. With best wishes, I am, your friend

D. M. STALLINGS.

Having written to no other leading teacher, Mr. Morris can make such inquiries as he may wish.

One other question with a threat is propounded which I shall decline to answer until it shall become entirely necessary. If Mr. Morris thinks bringing an innocent and inoffensive young lady's name into his personal wrangle will be of any service to him, he must accept the whole responsibility of doing so.

A good plan is not to cross the river until you get to it; but, if Mr. Morris shall force me to the bank, I will go over.

A. L. RUCKER,
 County Supt.

Dr. Wakefield Coming.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Charlotte, N. C., will be in Rutherfordton at the Iso-Thermal Hotel on Tuesday, May 5th, for one day only. His practice is limited to the eye, ear, nose and throat.

—Dr. John L. L. Geer, who has just returned from the Baltimore Dental College, has opened an office over Carpenter, Taylor and company's brick store, where he will be glad to see his friends and customers.

—On the first and third Tuesdays of April, May and June the Frisco System (Saint Louis & San Francisco Railroad) will have on sale reduced one way and round trip tickets from Birmingham, Memphis and Saint Louis to points in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, and Texas. Write W. T. Sanders, G. A., P. D., Frisco System, Atlanta, Ga., for information.

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Monday the 4th day of May, 1903,

at the court house door in Rutherford county, at about 12 o'clock, noon, the following real property: A tract of land lying and being in the county of Rutherford, in the State of North Carolina, on the waters of Second Broad River, adjoining lands of W. B. Lovelace, M. T. Carpenter and others, the metes and bounds of which are as follows: Beginning on an ash below the ford on the bank of the creek, then with the meanderings of the creek W. 4 poles to a stake; then with said creek N. 33 poles; thence W. 24 poles to a stake on the west bank of the creek; thence S. 60 W. 10 poles to a stone; thence S. 75 W. 63 poles to a stone pile in the field; thence S. 44 W. 67 1/2 poles to a stake in old line; thence with old line N. 60 W. 52 poles to a red oak and pine; thence N. 22 E. 36 poles to a post oak; thence S. 64 E. 18 poles to a stone at the gate; thence N. 71 E. 154 poles to a red oak and stone in old line; thence with said old line S. 18 E. 12 poles to a cluster of dogwoods; thence S. 40 E. 13 poles to a post oak; thence S. 16 W. to the beginning containing 52 acres.

This sale will be made for cash, and for the purpose of satisfying a debt of \$312.40 with interest on same from the 1st day of November, 1897, until paid, and for costs in the said action.

GEORGE C. JUSTICE,
 Commissioner,
 Justice & Pless, Attorneys.

NOTICE.

Whereas, under section 71, Chapter 4 of the Public Laws of 1901, The Board of Commissioners of the town of Rutherfordton, upon a petition signed by one-fourth of the freeholders therein, are authorized to order an election to determine whether or not the citizens of said town will vote a special tax to be levied for schools of not more than thirty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property and ninety cents on the poll to supplement the public school fund of said town; and

Whereas, a petition, asking for an election, has been signed by one-fourth of the freeholders in the said town, and the same has been duly presented to the undersigned Board of Aldermen,

Now therefore, the undersigned, in accordance with the provisions expressed in said section 71 of Chapter 4 of the Public Laws of 1901, do hereby order an election to be held on Tuesday the fifth day of May, 1903, at which time the question of said special tax will be submitted to the voters of the town of Rutherfordton: Those who are in favor of the levy and collection of such special tax, shall vote a ballot on which shall be printed or written the words, "For Special Tax;" and those opposed, shall vote a ballot on which is printed or written the words, "Against Special Tax."

This March 30th, 1903,
 By order of the Board of Town Commissioners,
 R. B. CLARK, Mayor,
 W. S. GRIFFIN, Secretary.

E. B. HARRIS,
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 Resident Phone 7. Office Phone 76.
Rutherfordton, N. C.

J. V. McFarland. R. B. Quinn.

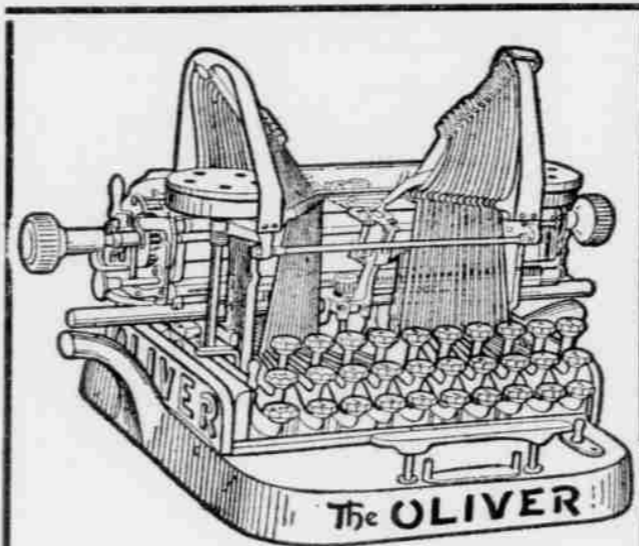
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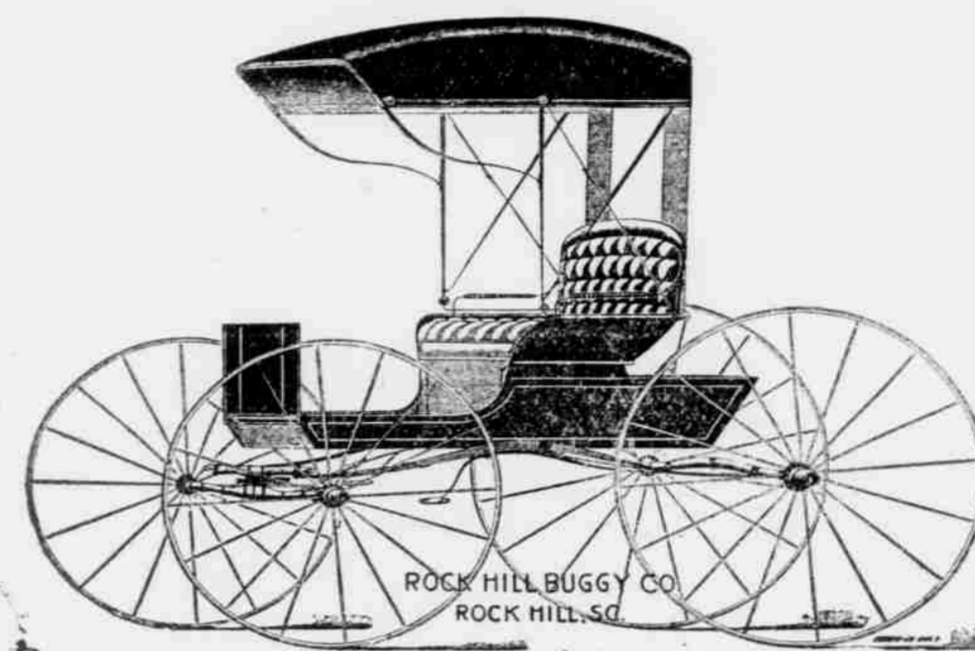
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