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SCHOOL HOUSES AND EQUIPMENTS

The Sun Man Holds Interview With Captain Bell.

HOW HE USED ECONOMY.

The Management of Our Excellent Board of Education—Will Soon Be in a Position to Pay Rutherford County Teachers Higher Wages—Money to Pay all Debts.

"Captain Bell," said The Sun man to the County Superintendent of Schools, "what did your four hundred patent schools desks cost you?" "Freight and all," he answered, "over twelve hundred dollars." "Some of your special friends," he ventured, "are saying home-made desks would have done just as well and have cost a great deal less." We wanted to see his eyes flash. "No doubt of it," he replied, with a humorous smile. "It is well to have friends occasionally who express themselves freely on things about which they are not expected by anybody to know much. It constitutes a pleasing variety to literature, and adds greatly to the gaiety of nations. Tell me some more they say." "No," we said, answer that first, and then maybe we can proceed to pass on."

"Well," he said, "home-made desks would have cost from \$1.50 to \$2.00 each for double seats. That would not be an extravagant price for them at the present price of labor and material. We have some of such in the houses that were built two years ago. Many of them are already broken, and can not be mended without comparatively great expense. They are not comfortable, to use a mild term. We paid for ours three dollars each, with a written guarantee from the manufacturers, and counter-signed by their resident agent here, Mr. Grayson, that they will replace every broken piece, no matter where broken, or whether wood or iron, without cost to the Board of Education for fifteen years. The desks are of the most approved pattern, made to suit every age of the child, and are as perfect as school desks can be made. Which is better and cheaper? Don't you see that we are on the right road? With good school houses, furniture guaranteed for the whole school life of a child, repair bills and seat furnishing will soon be a thing of the past, and we shall pull our county up to where we can pay teachers a decent salary. Besides, the schools are going to furnish their own wood; and we are going to buy no more heaters, but use good thick stoves. The best is cheapest in the long run. Some folks are just naturally one-eyed and shortsighted. You may be one of them yourself for all I know." We winced a little; but we saw the Superintendent was warming up, and we parried by assuring him that we'd tell people not to be hasty in their judgments. "But where did you get the money to build school houses, nice country school houses, with first class desks and slated black boards? You say you are working to give teachers ultimately more salaries. Did you take any part from them that they have been heretofore getting? Where did you get the money—that's the thing." Then we got a flash. "Took it from the teachers!" he blazed out. "You're a croaker—you've been listening to two frogs in a pond. We paid the white

teachers of Rutherford county last year more money than they got the year before. Taking out the thousand dollars that the State loaned Forest City, and which merely passed through our hands, but, of course, is charged to our Board in the Treasurer's Report, we got nearly twelve hundred dollars less money from all sources than Rutherford county got the year before we came into office. Yet we paid the white teachers more than they received that year, and we made four months. We paid teachers every penny that Section 9 of the Supplementary School Law would permit us to pay them." "Was that a good law?" "Well, yes, the way things were going in the State, it was a necessity. Our members in the Legislature thought so, or they would not have voted for it. There are a great many things about the State's management of the public schools that you and some others do not know, and could not comprehend if they were explained to you." We winced again; but we did not resent the mild insinuation because we had not finished. "But where in the name of reason did you get the money from? You say you have paid for the desks, and have every dollar ready to pay for the houses, and you do not owe a dollar that will not be promptly paid when the vouchers are presented, and that in offering \$30 as a maximum you have already gone beyond Polk and Cleveland. Where did you get it from?" A broad smile began to ripple into laughter, and the incomprehensible superintendent leaned over near us and whispered, "We picked it up here and there lying around loose, and what we did not get that way, we stole." "But whom did you get it from?" "That's it, that's it!" he said archly, and closed the interview.

McDOWELL POLITICS.

Democrats, It is Said, Will Carry The County by Big Majority.

(Correspondence of The Observer.) MARION, September 21.—A careful survey of the political situation in McDowell county indicates that the Democrats will carry it by a handsome majority at the coming election. Two years ago the county was in a most pitiable condition from a Democratic standpoint. The party was torn with factional dissensions, and as a consequence a Republican sheriff an independent Representative and an independent Senator were elected. This year, however the party is once more together and a united front will be presented to the enemy. Conservative politicians assure our correspondent that the entire Democratic county ticket will be elected.

Two years ago McDowell gave Major Moody a majority of 189, but this is another breach in the Democratic wall which will be repaired this year. Judge Ewart is by no means as popular here as was Major Moody, so it is safe to say that Gudgeon will carry the county by from 100 to 200 majority.

A Parker and Glenn Club was organized at the court house to-night. Mr. E. H. Dysart was elected president and a large number of members were enrolled. Speeches were made by several local speakers, which were enthusiastically applauded.

New Dwelling To Go Up.

Mr. C. F. Geer, manager of The Bee Hive, has purchased a lot on North Washington Street from Mr. John H. Wood and will begin the erection of a new dwelling at an early date.

Destroyed By Fire.

The saw mill of Logan & Allen Bros., of Union Mills, was burned Wednesday night, 21st. The fire is supposed to have caught from the furnace. Loss is about \$300 and no insurance. They will rebuild at once.

—Who is she? You will know New Year's Day.

WHO IS SHE? A \$35.00 NEW HOME SEWING MACHINE ABSOLUTELY FREE!

TO THE Prettiest and Most Popular Lady in Rutherford County—Married or Single.

Every one of coupons No. 1 cut from The Sun and sent in to this office entitles you to a vote, for the lady of your choice, it matters not how many you can get just so they are cut from this paper as they appear between now and New Year's Day, 1905.

COUPON NO. 1.

The Sun Printing Co., Rutherfordton, N. C. Gentlemen: I vote for M. P. O. I believe she is the prettiest and most popular lady in the county. Signed P. O.

No votes will be accepted after the last day of this year. All votes must reach this office on or before the last day of December, 1904. The lady receiving the largest majority of votes cast will receive the machine. It will be ready for delivery to her at The Sun office January 1st, 1905. Should there be a tie in the vote between two or more the tie shall be settled between the winners themselves. The names of the ladies and the number of votes they receive will be printed in The Sun every week.

The machine is a good one and can be seen at The Sun office in a few days. It is now enroute from the factory, at Orange, Mass. It is a \$35.00 machine, nothing cheap about it. It cost The Sun \$35.00.

How to get Coupons.

There are many ways of getting coupons. If you are a regular subscriber you will get coupon No. 1 every week up to the issue of December 29th, unless your subscription expires and your paper is stopped. If you can get papers from your friends containing coupon No. 1, that will be all right, you will be allowed to fill it out and each one will count a vote when sent into the office.

Papers will be on sale at this office all the time, as many as you want, at 5 cents a copy, 50 cents a dozen or \$4 per 100. If you subscribe for The Sun or renew your subscription to the amount of 25 cents you will be entitled to 5 votes; 50 cts. 10 votes; 75 cents, 15 votes; \$1.00, 20 votes. Every 5 cents paid on subscriptions to The Sun entitles you to a vote, it matters not how much you pay on your subscription, you can pay as much or little as you like at a time and as often as you like, but in case of subscriptions you must always use coupon No. 2 below:

COUPON NO. 2.

The Sun Printing Co., Rutherfordton, N. C. Gentlemen:—Enclosed find \$ for months subscription to The Sun and votes in the voting contest for the prettiest and most popular lady in the county. I cast my votes for M. P. O. Signed P. O.

Those living out of town (or in town either for that matter) need not send in their coupons No. 1 each week unless they like. They can wait a few weeks and get a batch of them and send all at once.

A strict and accurate account will be kept of all the votes and each coupon will be filed for reference should any dispute arise.

After the contest is over the winner and four next closest to her will be requested to furnish The Sun a photograph to publish the following week after the winner is announced, the winning photograph to be double the size of the others.

Remember no entries will be made without coupons properly signed and sent in.

Address all letters to

THE SUN, Rutherfordton, N. C.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL

Things The Sun Man Finds Rounds To Write About

—The Sun prints this week over 2,500 copies.

—Who is she? You will know New Year's Day.

—Manager O. R. Padgett, of Wildemere, Lumber Company, was here last week.

—Mr. Alex Hill has been here as salesman in Mr. J. Nealsville, was a pleasant visitor at Sun office Monday.

—Mr. John Smith has moved from Miss Mary Scoggin house on town street.

—If the business men want to trade they must begin advertising in The Sun.

—The many friends of Mrs. V. Harrill will be glad to know she is to be up again.

—Who is the prettiest lady in Rutherford county? Vote for her in the Machine Contest.

—Mr. J. H. Raburn, a good citizen, Nealsville, was a pleasant visitor at Sun office Monday.

—"East Tennessee farms for sale" advertised in this issue by Morrison Real Estate Exchange.

—Mr. T. B. Nanny, one of Carolina's best citizens, was here Friday and gave The Sun a pleasant call.

—The prettiest and most popular lady in the county is who? Join the voters and vote for your best girl.

—Mr. Bailus Justice, who is attending school at Round Hill Academy, spent Sunday here with friends. (?)

—Miss Minnie Whiteside, one of Green Hill's charming and intelligent young ladies was in the city last Thursday.

—Mr. O. R. Padgett, of Wildemere, was in town last week and gave The Sun office a call and a subscription.

—Pay The Sun what you are due on subscription and vote in the Machine Contest. It is going to be a lively contest.

—Mr. J. D. Miller, who was stricken with paralysis some months ago, is improving slowly. He is able to get about now in a rolling chair.

—Mrs. Dr. O. Hicks, son and daughter, and charming niece, Miss Annette Rively, all of Caroleen, attended services at St. Francis church Sunday.

—Mr. O. R. McDowell, one of Henrietta's best citizens, and a good friend of The Sun, said in a letter to us Friday "The Sun is the best paper in the State."

—The prettiest and most popular lady in this county is going to get a New Home Sewing Machine free. See the announcement on first page this week.

—Mrs. Susan Hollifield, of Bostic, gave to the delight of her many young friends a candy pulling on last Saturday evening. It is said, all present spent a most enjoyable evening.

—The News learns that Miss Julia Wilkerson, who was formerly in charge of the millinery department of the Charlotte Mercantile Co., has secured a position in Thomasville, Ga. Miss Wilkerson made many friends in Charlotte, who wish her much success.—Charlotte News, 21st.

—Mr. W. H. Carver, of R. F. D. No. 1, living near town, who is one of the best farmers in the county, was in town Saturday and gave The Sun a call. He sold his first bale of cotton at Forest City Saturday. He hopes to sell about eight or ten more before the end of the season.

EDUCATIONAL MATTER.

Ellenboro Leaps Into Line—Other Districts Will Follow.

The County Superintendent, Captain Bell, informs The Sun that on Wednesday evening, September 21st, a meeting of citizens interested in education, met in Ellenboro, and raised sufficient amount to supplement the public school fund and secure an eight month term. They have written him to recommend a good male teacher. School is to open October 15th.

Already extended terms are in sight for many of the school districts in Rutherford. The Superintendent says the manifestations of interests are everywhere apparent. Henrietta, Caroleen and Cliffside will not lag. We'll hear from them soon. In addition thereto, he says he has his eyes on half a dozen country districts that will become special tax districts by the 1st of next June, which is as soon as a special school tax can be levied.

Verily there seems to be a renewal of life among the dry bones. The wilderness is beginning to blossom and the waste places to be made glad. Selah!

Columbus News Notes.

(The Polk County News, Sept. 22nd.) T. C. Mills, of Tryon, the President of the Polk County Telephone Company is here frequently in the interest of the telephone line which is being constructed from Columbus to Mill Spring. Mr. Mills is arranging to have the poles put in position.

Dr. J. L. Geer, a dentist of Rutherfordton, is here this week and seems to be getting considerable work to do.

Rev. T. C. Croker preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and held a young people's prayer meeting Sunday night.

Robert Norris, of Rutherfordton, spent Wednesday night at T. E. Walker's home. Mr. Norris was on a business trip to Melrose where he is operating sawmill.

—If the business men want the trade they must begin advertising in The Sun.

Did You Ever See The Like?

Will sell you Men's Genuine Patent Corona Colt, Bals, with mat Kid Top, all solid soles and counter, at \$2.00 a pair, a regular \$2.50 Shoe.

Clothing at cost.

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