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Mr Snyder is Opposed.

Dillsboro, N. C., April 6, 1914.
Editor Jackson County Journal:—
I hope you will allow me space in your paper to express myself to the people generally, and the farmers especially, relative to the establishment of a Farm-Life School at Webster. It appears that this proposition is the all absorbing topic of the day and will be until the voters make their final decision in the matter.

Having been a farmer during my entire life. I am sure that I have as sincere interest in seeing the county, generally, advanced along this line as any one. I stand, and have always stood, for advancement along educational lines, of whatever nature, and I do not believe there is a man in the county today who has ever extended a more willing hand towards the elevation and advancement of our citizenship than I have. I stand for education, and always expect to, in the right way and manner, but I do not, nor can ever, sanction such a move as is now on foot to fleece the REAL FARMERS of the county out of their hard earned savings and prestige by those who know no more about farming than a mere child would know about running a locomotive engine. The men who are agitating this move are good citizens, men in whom everybody has the greatest confidence, but they are just simply on the wrong track. In fact, they are not on a track at all, but merely a blind switch.

The advocates of this great institution of learning say that we should get out of the habit of going to mill with corn in one end and a rock in the other end of the sack. In this, my friends, you are right, but let us be careful, that we don't trade the devil for a witch, and on our return from the mill find that we have a lawyer in one end and a school teacher in the other end of the sack. This, I am sure, would be a bad piece of business, and I for one, had rather have half a loaf than no loaf at all.

It's the men who have made a success in any line of business that we are prone to follow, and make criterions of, and as I think of such men as Davie Rogers, Jno. L. Ferguson, Lambert Hooper, Joseph and Henry Halcomb, D. U. Owen, Peter Wilkes, Jack Wike, D. D. Davies, Jim Worley and scores of others that it is not necessary to mention, I stop and wonder what kind of improvement these Farm-Life school people propose to make with their work. The kind of farming I was raised to do, and have been doing all these years, if I could only get my own boys to do, I would be satisfied. But, on the other hand, suppose my boy, or your boy has no inclination to the farm, will forcing him to it help matters? Certainly it will not, but on the other hand he would be an absolute failure, no matter what kinds of inducements were offered him.

Men who lead others in any pursuit of life should themselves be a success in that particular line. In order to let you draw your own conclusion, my farmer friend, I will ask you to run over the list of the men who are working for this GREAT EDUCATIONAL CAUSE and see how many of them are a success in the art of farming NOT ONE! But, on the other hand, there is not a man in the whole crowd whom you would trust to do your farming. And if you your-

WEBSTER WILL ISSUE BONDS FOR ROADS

At the meeting of the Commissioners Monday a petition of the Webster citizens was presented asking that the township be placed under the provision of the Sylva-Dillsboro and Cullowhee road law. The Commissioners granted the petition and the following men are road trustees of Webster townships, A. W. Davis, Abe Moore, J. A. Stillwell, Lawrence Cowan, Coleman Cagle, T. B. Cowan and Colman C. Cowan. The authority of the law gives the trustees the right of issuing bonds for the purpose of building roads in the township. It is understood that this will be done and Webster township will have a system of well graded and constructed roads.

JAS. R. LOVE

James R. Love, well known in Sylva died at his home in Athens Tenn., Saturday. Mr. Love was a native of Jackson County and had a number of friends and relatives here.

About two years ago he moved to East Tennessee hoping to regain his lost health.

He leaves a widow who resides at Athens.

self would not trust him, then why will you place your boy or girl under his tutelage? Just reverse things, and suppose the farmers of the county were to establish a law school at Webster. How many young men do you suppose would apply for instruction? It seems to me that the same principle would apply here as elsewhere.

To show you, my friends, that this movement will not accomplish the purpose for which it is intended, I have only to refer you to the class of men who are advocating it. Why is it that the leading farmers of the county are not insisting upon its establishment? I will answer this myself. Because in their work, they feel that they are gradually by much thought; reading different agricultural papers, and hard labor, getting the art of farming up to that degree of perfection, where, when they shall have passed to the Great Beyond, they can transfer the work to the shoulders of those who have labored with them, who will themselves go on from year to year making such improvements as to them appear the best suited for the particular circumstances under which they are farming. My friends, I believe in education, but it takes something more this to make a farmer. Teachers are all right in any pursuit of life, but practical experience, that greatest of all teachers, is an essential to success as immersion is to baptism, and you all know how I stand on that.

It has been said by many that the whole business, from top to bottom was only a political machine, but this I do not for one moment believe. The men who are advocating this cause are, and have been, actuated by sincere motives, it makes no difference what their political opinions are, and I am sure that they want to see the county, generally, advance along agricultural lines, but they are just simply mistaken about a farm life school being the means by

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SYLVA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, CONTESTS

Two interesting features lately in Sylva were the declamation contest and the recitation contest at the Sylva Collegiate Institute.

The young men acquitted themselves well. Roscoe Parris was winner.

The young ladies acquitted themselves equally well, Miss Mae Harwood was winner.

The amount of labor done by the faculty in drilling these students certainly speaks well for them.

Heretofore Mrs. Geo. P. Miller has done most of the drilling for contests and entertainments, and I understand, has acted in this role again, showing herself no less efficient than at other times. She also does a great deal of the same kind of work at the Sylva High School. She also teaches music at both schools, seems to have the capacity for doing an enormous amount of work exceptionally well.

In fact, judging by the exercises, Prof Ingram and the entire faculty deserve high commendation. A worthy principal and a worthy faculty.

J. J. GRAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Jackson County Interdenominational Sunday School Convention which held its session at the Auditorium here was a pronounced success and showed that the efficient president, Holmes Bryson and secretary John R. Jones with the program committee have been doing some thinking and working.

The Convention was largely attended, the auditorium being well filled all day and about ten Sunday Schools of the County being represented.

The crowd was agreeably surprised in having State Secretary Long, with the Convention.

The following subjects were discussed.

The Bible Class in the Sunday School, by Rev. J. J. Gray, Shall the Sunday School be graded by Prof. W. H. Rhodes, The Sunday School and the Social Question, by Hon. C. C. Cowan, The Graded Literature Series by Prof. H. B. Jones, How to secure better attendance by Mr. T. C. Bryson, How good order is secured in the School by Prof. C. H. Utley, What constitutes a Sunday School teacher by Mr. R. F. Jirrett, The Sunday School and Missions by Rev. R. P. Ellington, The Philathea Class and its work, by Miss Euphemia Collins, The Baraca Class and its work, by Rev. F. O. Dryman.

The day was enjoyably and profitably spent and will no doubt result in the stimulating of the Sunday Schools of the County to greater usefulness.

Dinner was served by the ladies of Sylva and community.

Music was furnished by members of the Sunday School Choirs of Sylva, Cullowhee and Dillsboro and by the Cullowhee male Quartette.

Robert R. Reynolds of Asheville spoke to the people of this community Wednesday evening at the auditorium in behalf of his candidacy for the democratic nomination for congress. Mr. Reynolds is making a tour of the district on horse back and is asking the democrats to vote for him.

ARCH OF TRIUMPH WILL BE ERECTED.

In response to the call for a meeting of the Confederate Veterans, sons and daughters of the Confederacy and citizens of the county, as published in the Journal of the last two issues, a meeting was held last Monday afternoon at the Baptist church for the purpose of laying plans for the erection of a monument to the Confederate soldiers of Jackson county.

Short speeches were made by B. H. Cathey Sr., T. C. Bryson and D. L. Love. Upon motion an organization for the purpose of erecting a monument to the Confederate soldiers of Jackson county was perfected with C. C. Buchanan as president, Dan Tompkins as secretary and A. J. Dills treasurer.

On account of limited time it was impossible to complete, the organization at that time, however, plans are being worked out for carrying the organization into every township in the county, the township organization and that of the county working in co-operation.

Mr. S. C. Latham, of Greenwood, S. C., an experienced monument builder, was present and upon request of the association submitted designs. The one that was unanimously adopted is a Triumphant Arch of Waynesboro granite and Georgia gray marble to be capped with a bronze figure of a Confederate infantryman. On one column of the arch will be an inscription to the memory of the Confederate soldiers and upon the other to the women of the Confederacy. As soon as is practicable a cut of the design will be published in the Journal so that everyone may see just what we are to build.

A committee, composed of T. C. Bryson, James H. Cathey, Mrs. C. W. Allen and Mrs. J. J. Gray, was appointed for the purpose of receiving bids, selecting the site and preparing the inscriptions for the monument.

The contract was awarded to Mr. S. C. Latham, he being the lowest bidder, at \$1850.00 for the job completed.

The association is in earnest and we are going to erect the monument. We call upon the sons and daughters of the Confederacy and all citizens of our county who reverence the memory of the heroes of the South to join with us in building this tribute their patriotism and valor.

COMMISSIONERS RECALL ELECTION

It is hereby ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County that the order calling an election for Farm Life School, said election to be held on the 14th day of April, 1914, be and the same is hereby revoked.

This the 7th day of April, 1914.
J. M. WATSON, Chairman

Attest:
John R. Jones Secretary

Mrs. A. S. Nichols is spending a few days in Asheville.

C. C. Cowan was in town Thursday and informed us that he would move his office to this place next week.

C. G. Logan of Waynesville was in Sylva this week.

W. D. Wike was in the city the later part of last week.

ELECTION CALLED OFF

Opposition to the Farm-life School having developed in several townships, the Board of Commissioners and education deemed it best to call off the election at present and wait until the farmers of the county demand further a school for the education of their sons and daughters along the line of agricultural training. When the election was called so far as could be ascertained sentiment was unanimous all over the county for the proposition. And in some cases the ones making the most aggressive fight against the school during the past two weeks were equally enthusiastic for it at first. This is only a postponement. The school will ultimately be established. The state superintendent was called upon this week to visit already two of the best counties of the state to confer with them concerning the establishment of similar schools.

Approximately three thousand schools in the United States in the past ten years have either been established to teach agriculture and domestic science or have introduced these subjects into their courses of study.

Every farmers organization in state and nation are demanding the establishment of schools to teach agriculture. The farmers of Jackson Co. have no organization of any kind. The campaign for the school will be a blessing to the county. It has been conducted honestly and honorably and I believe I can say for every one who has taken part, we one and all, stand ready in the future to renew our efforts to secure for Jackson a school devoted to the education of boys and girls for country building and home making and place Jackson County in the lead in Western North Carolina.

We have the buildings and the farm, and the county holds deeds in fee-simple to both, and when this year's taxes have been paid the new Court house will be paid for and every bridge in the county, which outstanding obligations have been made the basis of opposition to the school at present. Practically every opponent of the school in the county has promised his hearty support and co-operation in its establishment when these obligations have been met. We shall rely upon them. The school will be established yet by the farmers of Jackson county.

CHAS. H. UTLEY

JURORS FOR MAY TERM

Ordered by the Board that the Jury for the May term of Court be and the same is hereby drawn to wit:

First week—G. C. Rogers, J. B. Clayton, Thos. Monteith, J. H. Mathews, C. W. Mills, Will Lewis, E. O. Lombard, W. K. Rice, M. Parker, M. F. Wilson, S. W. Allen, W. J. Pannel, R. L. Bryson, G. W. Shuler, E. C. Moody, York Howell, George Lewis, W. B. Owen, F. M. Crow, A. J. Cloer, A. J. Jones, J. H. Alley, Sam Beck, V. E. Linder.

Second week—R. L. Hatcher, W. J. Robinson, R. L. Knight, D. W. Ensley, W. A. J. Nicholson, Chas. Ridley, M. M. Stiles, Cole Sutton, T. H. Hastings, W. S. Alexander, W. P. Alexander, S. M. Crisp, J. D. Norton, E. L. Wilson, Lee Queen, T. W. Phillips, Q. R. Jones.

W. R. Sherrill made a business trip to Murphy this week.

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