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LOCALS.

Messrs. John L. Hall and W.
C. Douglass are attending court
at Pittsboro this week.

Mr. L. T. Sills, of Eldorado, in-
forms us that pneumonia is prevail-
ing in that section.

J. R. Blair, Esq., of Troy, is visit-
ing parents and friends this week at
Monroe, his former home.

On last Saturday we received twenty-
two subscribers, and on last
Wednesday twenty-three. That's
right send them along.

If there is not a false prophet
loose in our town we shall have an-
other wedding in the near future. At
any rate it's leaked out that they're
engaged. We shall see.

J. M. Brown, Esq., of Albemarle,
is in Troy attending to professional
business. It seems quite natural to
see him on our streets, and awakens
pleasant recollections in the minds
of his many friends here.

We have received the first num-
ber of the Watauga Enterprise, a
new Republican paper just started
at Boone, N. C., under the editorial
management of Messrs. Thomas
Bingham and L. L. Green. It is a
lively sheet and we are glad to enter
it on our list of exchanges.

Send your children to school. It
is an obligation you owe to them
and to your maker. You may not
have a fortune to leave them when
you die, but if you educate and pre-
pare them to fight life's battle alone
you will have discharged your high-
est obligation to them, and one for
which you will rejoice in your dying
hour.

It is a conceded fact that eating is
necessary to life, therefore it is the
interest of all to know that Atkins
& Suggs have just received a large
quantity of flour which they propose
to sell, for cash, at lowest prices.
They also have a fresh supply of
field and garden seeds, and as the
time for gardening is near at hand
you would do well to give them a
call.

A serious affray is said to have
occurred on last Monday between
Mr. A. R. Morris, a well known citi-
zen of Troy, and a large wild tur-
key gobbler, in which the gobbler, be-
ing unarmed, received wounds from
which he died. We have not learn-
ed the status of public opinion in re-
gard to the matter, but from ac-
counts it appears reasonably certain
that the turkey was ambushed. It
is said that "Spike" made two shad-
ows as he passed through town on
his way home.

Send Us the News.

We wish to secure a correspond-
ent at each post office in Mont-
gomery county, who will send us
the items of news promptly
every week, for which service
we will send such correspondent
a copy of the Times as a compen-
sation. The communications
need not be lengthy. By put-
ting the news in a condensed
form, a postal card will in many
instances afford space sufficient.
The first to accept this offer at
his or her post office can secure
a copy of the Times free.

TO OUR READERS.

With this number ends the
first quarter of the existence of
the Troy Times. To those of our
subscribers who started with a
three month's subscription we
will say your subscription has
now expired, and we beg leave to
insist that you renew at once.

Our subscription list was com-
menced during the second week
in November, since which time it
has daily increased, until now we
have more than five hundred
paying subscribers, and we hope
to swell the number, before the
close of another quarter, to at
least one thousand. This we can
easily do if our friends will only
take interest enough in our suc-
cess to encourage their neighbors
to subscribe. We have labored
hard to build up a legitimate busi-
ness upon strictly legitimate prin-
ciples, and, notwithstanding the
hard times and other disadvanta-
ges under which we have labored,
we have succeeded beyond the
expectations and prophecies of
our friends generally. And, al-
though we have realized but lit-
tle money, we feel to congratu-
late ourselves on our success in
securing the patronage of the
best citizens of the country.

We have sent the paper to many
who are not subscribers with the
hope that they would respond by
sending us their subscription, and

in this way we have received
many. Yet there are some who
have not responded, and to such
we must say, your papers will be
discontinued henceforth unless
you advise us to the contrary, as
we have given you ample time to
test it for yourselves, and decide
which you can better afford to do
without, the paper, or the small
sum of one dollar.

We propose to run the paper, at
all hazards, and to publish such
matter as will be of interest and
lasting benefit to our subscribers,
at exceedingly low rates, but can-
not afford to furnish it absolute-
ly free. While the small amount
of one dollar each would hardly
be missed by our subscribers, yet
enough of these small sums put
together will enable us to run
the paper without embarrass-
ment and make it self-sustaining.
Editors.

IT SPEAKS WELL

We are informed by the Regis-
ter of Deeds that the number of
Mortgages recorded in his office
during the present year is far be-
low the number recorded during
the corresponding period of last,
and perhaps below that of any
preceding year. This speaks well
for our county, and shows that
our citizens are learning the
baneful effects of the pernicious
practice of living each year on
what is to be raised the next, and
thus keeping at least a year be-
hind. No considerable amount
of calculating and foresight is
necessary to discover that this
long established and much prac-
ticed custom is ruinous to the
farmer, and is sapping the very
life blood from the poor laboring
classes generally. It is a well
known fact that the mer-
chant who advances supplies
charges the consumer at least 25
per cent more for them than the
same goods can be purchased for
in cash, besides the legal rate of
interest, and the fees for regis-
tering &c., which being added
place the price of the goods at
least 33 1/3 per cent. above cash fig-
ures. It is also a well known fact
that the merchant in making
these advances takes many bad
risks, and hence fails to collect a
large per cent. of the amount ad-
vanced on Mortgages, which he
must add each year to the per
cent. on goods sold to responsi-
ble parties, thereby requiring
customer A. to make up to him
the amount lost on the advance-
ment to B. Thus it is that the
merchant is enabled to sustain his
business, and thus it is that re-
sponsible men who give mort-
gages are made to pay the debts
of their irresponsible neighbors.
So the honest, paying customer
who buys his supplies on time, is
unable to extricate himself from
this financial bondage and assert
his independence.

A common weakness peculiar to
humanity, is an inclination to do
too much trading. Especially
does this tendency display itself
in the buyer who is getting his
goods on time. Time, the mighty
leveler of all things earthly, as
we are accustomed, in abstract
speculation, to speak of it, is, in

this sense, the greatest unleveler
in all the world, for it builds up
one class upon the ruin of another.
We are inclined to draw
too much on the future. Six
months indulgence, to a man
who is hard pressed for the neces-
saries of life, lengthens itself into
an age almost, when viewed from
his standpoint of extreme neces-
sity, but how short it begins to
look when the crop on which a
Mortgage was given for supplies
in the spring, begins to mature,
and the merchant notifies him
of the maturity of that Mortgage!
The entire crop that cost him a
summer's hard work must go to
pay his debts, and he begins to
feel discouraged, and to lose in-
terest in his farm, and complain
that farming is a poor business
any way. Oftimes the discour-
aged and overworked victim of
the crop Lien or Mortgage aban-
dons his farm, and seeks employ-
ment on some public works
where he can barely earn enough
at best, to support his family, and
lays by nothing in store for the
contingencies of sickness and
other misfortunes that all know
must come sooner or later,
and reduce him, whose store
house is empty, to extreme want
and actual suffering. Such are
some of the ruinous effects of the
Lien and Mortgage system.

Much more might be said, and
then the half would not have
been told.

It is to be hoped that a pay-as-
you-go system will take its place,
and that this era of reform will
date from the 1st of Jan. 1888.
Try it once in your life and see
if it doesn't work like a charm.

Query Box.

With a view to increasing the interest of our pa-
per, and to the diffusion of general information
among its readers, we propose to devote a part of
our space each week to the publication of questions
and answers, and have therefore named this cor-
ner the "QUERY BOX." Any subscriber is at liber-
ty to ask or to answer through this medium any
question that tends to elicit thought and research
concerning subjects and problems of moral, scien-
tific and literary character.

In speaking of that word that,
the teacher said that that that
that that boy parsed is not that
that that I requested him to an-
alyze.

What part of speech is "that" in
each position?

X.

We received another answer to
the Query in our last issue con-
cerning the faith of the Syrophen-
ician woman, but it came too
late for our "Sunday Reading"
page, which is as follows:

The most "prominent charac-
teristic" of the Syrophenician
woman's faith seems to have been
that it was Divinely inspired,
probably, for two special purposes,
to wit:

- 1st. To show the Jews that the
Gentiles were not to be excluded
from the plan of salvation, and
- 2nd. To show the Gentiles that
everything having a Jewish ori-
gin was not to be despised.

See Mark VII: 24-30.

Drew.