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Editorial.

The Young Harris News, of Young Harris, Ga., has sold out to parties in Hiwassee, Ga., and last week the first number of the Hiwassee Banner appeared. We wish the new venture success.

Mr. J. F. Ray comes again this week in a long reply to the letter of Mr. T. J. Johnston published in THE PRESS last week about school matters. Although he promised he would make no reply to any letter Mr. Johnston or the board might publish, he comes in violation of that promise and insists on the publication of this letter this week. Of course it is due Mr. Johnston and the board an opportunity to reply to this letter. Then, we hope the matter will cease.

The Railroad Bonds.

A good many of our citizens have been inquiring about the status of our railroad bonds. It was expected that the bonds would have been built and the bonds issued long before this time. The time has expired and has been extended once or twice and the road is still a long way from Franklin. An act was passed at the last session of the legislature again extending the time. It provides that the Blue Ridge and Atlantic Railway Company shall, within 18 months after the ratification of the act, have completed and in operation a railroad to some point within one mile of the court house in the town of Franklin.

The act was ratified March 1st, 1905, therefore, the road must reach Franklin by September 1st, 1906, just one year from the first day of this month. Section 2nd of the act provides that after the expiration of the time provided in section 1st, the board of commissioners shall have no power or authority to deliver to the company or to any other person or persons or corporation any bond or bonds of the county of Macon for the purpose of paying the subscription of said county to the capital stock of said railway company or for any other purpose.

Like Finding Money.

Finding health is like finding money—so think those who are sick. When you have a cough, cold, sore throat, or chest irritation, better act promptly like W. C. Barber, of Sandy Level, Va. He says: "I had a terrible chest trouble, caused by smoke and coal dust on my lungs; but, after finding no relief in other remedies, I was cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds." Greatest sale of any cough or lung medicine in the world. At Smith's drug store, 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

Gov. Glenn has refused to interfere with the execution of Will Adams, and he will be hanged at Raleigh tomorrow for the murder of Mary Bridges.

A Little More as to the County Board of Education.

Mr. Editor:—I have read Mr. Johnston's reply to my article; also your editorial concurring in the view that our High Schools are not sectarian; also expressing the belief that everything has been properly managed by the board. Mr. Johnston begs the question as to part of my article and dodges as to the rest. He denies he went to any parts of the State at public expense for the purpose of promoting the cause of compulsory education, and says not a cent was paid by the board for this purpose. Then what was it paid for on his travels over the State? How much did it cost the school fund for him to take these trips abroad and what good could they possibly have done the children of Macon county? I don't care and the people don't care what were the purposes of these expensive trips, whether it was to expatiate on the beauties of the compulsory law for Macon or to blossom out as a candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction or to listen to the wild waves singing on the sea shore. The question is did he go at the expense of the school fund of the county, if so what was it and what good could he accomplish for the children by such trips. Now, come up like a little man and answer, and let us know how these things are. The county and the town commissioners also, publish an itemized statement of their expenditures and why not the board of education do likewise and let the people know what they are doing? Who knows anyway what they are doing and how they are doing it, or what Mr. Johnston gets and what sort of work is he doing to earn it. The condition of the schools of the county, or many of them, would probably be the best answer to the latter part of this question. How many people of the county are familiar with the history of that singular and foolish and heretofore unheard of piece of litigation brought by Mr. Johnston against the board of County Commissioners of Macon county? Men who see nothing wrong with the management of the board should familiarize themselves with this lawsuit, its causes and the effect it would have had on the tax payers of Macon county had not the courts come to their rescue by deciding against Mr. Johnston's contention. The Legislature of 1903 passed an act authorizing the County Commissioners of Macon county to levy 30 cents on the \$100 worth of property and 90 cents on the poll to be applied to the public roads and specifying it should "not be applied to any other purpose." See Chap. 240 Laws 1903. This tax was levied and collected. Mr. Johnston in his complaint asks that this money be taken from the roads and instead be applied to the public schools of the county. This sounded very nicely to those members of the board of education who were not familiar with the effects the suit would have or of Mr. Johnston's motives in asking them to bring the suit. This was tried at Franklin before the Judge in August 1904, and decided against Mr. Johnston and the board, who appealed to the Supreme court which also decided against them and its decision points out the helpless condition in which such a lawsuit would leave the weaker counties, one of which Macon is, in case Mr. Johnston's side of the case should be sustained. The taking of this money for county purposes and putting it into the school fund would not have prolonged the schools one minute as the State would not supplement our school fund one cent had we money enough from the tax raised in the county to make a four months school. It would have kept in the treasury of the State the amount now sent to Macon for school purposes while the county would have had to place burdens on the property too grievous to be borne to meet running expenses &c. The Supreme court in this case says on page 5 of the opinion which can be found in Mr. Lee Crawford's office by any one who wishes to see it: "To weaken the very essential safeguards against the abuse of the taxing power found in Sec. 6, Art. 5, (of the Constitution) would expose the property of the citizen to dangers, which experience has shown to lurk in every form of government." Mr. Johnston, I am told, by reliable authority was to get a handsome fee in case he was successful in tearing down these "safeguards" and nothing if he did not win his case. Is this true? If so the board has not "managed things" properly. This suit was an expensive one and the cost and expenses all came out of the school fund of the county. It is but fair to Mr. J. S. Sloan to say that he was not at that time a member of the board and hence had nothing to do with this strange case—a case in which Macon again

stands in the unavoidable position of being alone and the only county in North Carolina to engage in such pastime at the expense of the school fund and fraught with such danger to the people. I can see how men could come to the conclusion that there was no corrupt or mercenary motives on the part of the board for going into this matter but when I hear good men say they think there has been no mismanagement my wonderment is so great that I have to involuntarily repeat to myself,

"Do I sleep? do I dream?
 Do I wonder and doubt?
 Are things what they seem?
 Or is visions about?
 Is our civilization a failure?
 Or is the Caucasian played out?"

Now one word as to Mr. Johnston's reply. He says the State Supt. has ruled that the High Schools of Franklin are sectarian or denominational. Where did he get his authority to make this ruling? Who communicated this marvelous piece of information to him so as he could make this more marvelous ruling? He had no business or right to rule on a question of fact and Mr. Johnston knows well that whether the schools are sectarian or not is a question of fact and not one of law. The law gives him, and Mr. J. knows it, no earthly right to rule on a question of fact but his construction of law must be followed, upon facts found by somebody else. Who did it? Another thing is certain; he, the State Supt., not only had no right under the law to settle this fact but he had no power to do so as big as his head is, for it takes a man whose head is somewhat larger than a bullet to rule a falsehood into a fact. This has never been done on this earth by all the wisdom of the ages. Mr. Johnston cannot pack off on Mr. Ammons the fault of our having no free school. He says he refused the board's and committee's proposition to allow it taught in the house. He proposed then to take it and teach or have it taught and will still do so and nothing on earth but quibbling on the part of Mr. Johnston and the board over "facts" which are not facts keeps him from it. Oh! but we are now going to sell the free school property, take the money, borrow some more build a house and have a free school yet this year. Do you think so, gentle reader? When will it begin? We have "waited long wear waiting still."

Attacked By a Mob

and beaten in a labor riot, until covered with sores, a Chicago street car conductor applied Buckle's Arnica Salve, and was soon sound and well. "I used it in my family," writes G. J. Welch, of Tekonsha, Mich., "and find it perfect." Simply great for cuts and burns. Only 25c at Smith's drug store.

Peace Treaty Signed by Envoys.

Portsmouth, Sept. 5.—The Treaty of Portsmouth was signed before four o'clock this afternoon in the conference room of the Navy General store at the navy yard. The firing of a national salute of 19 guns was the signal which told the people of Portsmouth, Kittery and New Castle that the Peace of Portsmouth was an accomplished fact, and the church bells in the three towns were soon pealing forth a joyful refrain. For forty-seven minutes those outside the conference room anxiously awaited the signal. Suddenly an orderly dashed to the entrance of the peace building, and waved his hand to the gunner a few feet away and the opening shot of the salute rang out on the clear air of the soft September afternoon proclaiming peace between Russia and Japan.

Up to the moment of signing the treaty no word had broken the silence of the conference room. Throwing his pen aside, Mr. Witte without a word, reached across the table and grasped Baron Komura's hand. His conferees followed and the Russian and Japanese delegates remained for a moment in silence, their right hands tightly clasped across the conference table. The war was over—Russia and Japan were once more friends.

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought
 Army Worm in N. C.
 Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 8.—A special to the Observer from New Bern, says that the army worm appeared in Craven county, N. C., ten days ago and the pest has a ready destroyer \$25,000 worth of cotton in the fields, many fields being completely stripped. The pest is spreading and numbers of farmers will lose almost their entire crops.

Gems in Verse

Sixty and Six,
 Joy of the morning,
 Parting of day,
 Little little, little daughter of mine,
 White with these ringlets
 Sure I'm exchanging
 Sixty of my years for six years like thine.
 Wings cannot see with thee,
 Little I fly with thee,
 Gay all the thistle-down over the sea.
 Life is all magic,
 Lively as thy feet,
 Played as thou playest it daily with me.
 Floating and drifting,
 Artless and free,
 Thy merry singing
 Comes when the light comes, like that of the birds.
 List to the play of it!
 That is the way of it!
 All's in the music and naught in the words.
 Glad or grief laden,
 Schuler or Haydn,
 Dhallad of Erin or merry Scotch lay:
 Life an' eye-angel,
 Some baby angel
 Brought from sky nursery stealing away.
 Surely I know it:
 Artless or free,
 Guesses my treasure of jubilate hours,
 Scroows, what are they?
 Little I fly with thee,
 Vanish in sunshine, like dew from the flowers.
 Yes, I am glad of them;
 Would that I had of them
 More and yet more while thus mingled
 with thine.
 Ago, I make light of it,
 Fear not the slight of it:
 Time's best our playmate, whose toys are
 divine.
 —Thomas Wentworth Higginson.

The High School at Rabun Gap, Ga.

The editor attended a meeting of the board of trustees of the Bleckley Industrial School at Rabun Gap, Ga., last Saturday. The school building has been completed and is a magnificent one, with large basement of stone, four large recitation rooms on first floor, two recitation rooms and chapel above, and handsome belfry tower and lookout on top. It is built of the best of material, floored, weatherboarded and ceiled with hard Georgia pine, and neatly painted white. The building and grounds are worth \$10,000. An important question confronted the board of trustees and a long session was had. It was required to realize cash on a list of notes and subscriptions to the value of \$1,500 for teachers' salaries before arrangements could be made for opening the school or the election of a faculty. Fifteen men composed of trustees and others assumed the responsibility of paying in the amount remaining uncollected within the time required, and of purchasing the notes and subscription list as assets, and placing in the hands of a collector to collect up as early as practicable. Contingent on this matter is the securing of \$500 from a Mr. Hodgson, and \$500 from a Mr. Peabody, of Athens, Ga. Arrangements are made to put waterworks before the school opens at a cost of near \$500. The faculty was then elected as follows:

FACULTY.

Andrew J. Ritchie, A. M. Harvard University, Superintendent and Financial Agent.
 John V. Arrendale, B. S. (in Agr.), University of Georgia, Principal; Agriculture, Shop-work for boys, and Grades 6 and 7.
 Miss Tallulah E. Edwards, Graduate Normal School of Georgia, Assistant Principal; Domestic Science and Grades 4 and 5.
 Miss Emma Perry, Graduate Normal School of Georgia, Sewing and Manual Training for Girls and Grades 2 and 3.
 Miss Ethel Powell, Brennan Conservatory, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
 Arrangements were made for the school to open on the first Monday in October.

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Good Showing for Murphy.

(Cherokee Scout.)
 We were over at the furniture factory the other day and found the busiest lot of men that we have seen in many a day. The plant now has 62 men on its pay roll, and is considerably behind with its orders. They were just finishing loading two car loads of furniture for San Francisco, Cal., and had shipped an additional couple of car loads to LaCrosse, Wisconsin. They are a really making an excellent grade of solid oak furniture. The genial manager, Mr. S. B. Coffin, told us that he had an offer from a firm in New York City for 3,000 chiffoniers and has a sample pattern that is a beauty almost completed. Taking it altogether, the Murphy Furniture Manufacturing Company is making an enviable reputation for its solid oak goods, and a trial order is sure of a permanent customer.

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF The Bank of Franklin, Franklin, N. C.

AFTER CLOSE OF BUSINESS, AUG. 25, 1905.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$112,922.22	Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Overdrafts	77.34	Surplus	2,000.00
S. C. State Bonds, 4 percent	10,000.00	Undivided Profits less Expenses	17,904.47
Prepaid Taxes	25.00	Individual Depos. subject to check	24,195.21
U. S. Bonds	144.25	Checks and drafts outstanding	7,852.11
U. S. Bonds	25,239.00		
	\$292,431.81	Total	\$272,741.81

That the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief,
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of Sept. 1905,
 LEE CRAWFORD, C. S. C.

Correct—Attest:
 J. S. SLOAN,
 W. B. MCGUIRE,
 SAM L. ROBERTS, } Directors.

Earthquake.

Rome, Sept. 9.—As a result of earthquakes throughout parts of Italy yesterday, twelve villages have been wiped out. The inhabitants of these ruined villages spent last night in the open air without shelter of any kind. It is estimated the damage caused by the earthquakes will amount to ten million dollars.

Yellow Fever at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Sept. 10.—Report to 6 p. m.:
 New Cases..... 27
 Total to date..... 2,289
 Deaths..... 7
 Total deaths..... 261
 Cases under treatment..... 296
 Cases discharged..... 1,677

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 10.

Canton, Ohio, has been chosen the next year's meeting place of the National Letter Carriers' Association.

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