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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1914.
NOW RALLY! POLK COUNTY.

On Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Feb. 23rd, the progressive citizens of the seven counties composing the Greater Western North Carolina association will rally at the court house in Asheville, to meet, greet and welcome Mr. Fairfax Harrison, the new president of the Southern Railway upon this, his first visit to this section, since he became president of the Southern system, that has done and is yet doing so very much for the upbuilding and development of this Land of the Sky.

He comes as the guest of the Greater Western North Carolina Association and the several boards of trade of the various cities in these counties, and a mass meeting rally of citizens upon this occasion can but demonstrate to our guest our interest in the cordial co-operation of all sections for the mutual good of all. It will be of great advantage to Polk county in the future development of its natural resources, (now but very little known beyond the limits of our own county), if a goodly number of representative citizens would attend this gathering from every township, yes, from every settlement and neighborhood of every township in the county and get acquainted with the progressive citizens of the other counties that are engaged in this worthy movement, and with representatives of the Southern Railway that are greatly in earnest to see every county in the association reap material benefits.

To accomplish this, we as citizens of Polk County must manifest an interest, a desire to improve our condition, before we can expect others to help us accomplish those things that are needed for our communities' benefit. Let the association members see us there and get acquainted with us, let them realize that the people of Polk county desire to improve our conditions, and that we are willing to strive to that end ourselves, to the limit of our means. Let a large delegation go to this meeting from Polk County, and then note the beneficial results that will shortly follow.

CLEAN SEED.
No farmer can get any one to take the same pains in grading his seed that he would himself. Some farmers claim that it does not pay to clean grain.

The corn crop of this country has been increased millions of bushels by intelligent seed selection. All other grain crops can be improved by grading the seed, so that only good, plump, healthy grains, free from all foul weed seeds may be sown. The fanning mill judiciously used will do much to increase the yield of every small grain crop and assist in keeping our fields free from noxious weeds.

It will take cove out of wheat, buckthorn, plantain out of clover, in fact, it can be adjusted so as to handle all kinds of grain and weed seeds. If you decide that it pays to sow good seed and to keep your fields free from noxious weeds, then do not hesi-

HIGHWAY INJUNCTION PROCEEDINGS WITHDRAWN.

The injunction sought in the U. S. court in the name of Mary C. Moore, to restrain our good roads commission from building the new road across the back of the Moore town lot at Saluda has been withdrawn by the Moores and the commission will now have the road built there without resorting to condemnation proceedings.

These injunction cases has cost the county several hundred dollars of money that should have been used upon our roads, besides having caused, unnecessary delays in our road work.

TRYON WATER WORKS.

The new pipe for the extension of the water supply arrived this week and workmen are now busy placing it in position. When this has been accomplished it will enable the company to keep the tank full at all times and thus afford an unlimited domestic and fire service. This pipe will be laid in the mountain at the source of supply so as to increase the head at least fifty feet.

The present manager has had over thirty years experience in the construction of water and light plants and it is his intention to place the plant in first class condition so that the question of water service will never have to be raised again.

There is plenty of water for a town ten times the size of Tryon and it merely means an increase in pressure to furnish an adequate supply and this will be accomplished by the new extension.

Postmaster, Tryon, N. C.

"With reference to Sunday postoffice service your attention is directed to paragraph 4, section 283 postal laws and regulations and to the enclosed circular letter both of which may be exhibited to the patrons of the office. (Signed) DANIEL C. ROPER, 1st Asst. Postmaster.

Section 283. General provisions relating to postoffices.

Third and fourth class postoffices need not be opened on Sundays unless a mail or mails arrive during the time between the Saturday closing hour and 6 p. m. on Sunday. If such a mail does arrive and the public convenience requires its delivery on Sunday, the office may be opened to the public not more than one hour, and the time of service to patrons must not be during that of church services.

If such office is opened to the public on Sundays, special delivery mail shall be delivered, but the sale of postage stamps, the registration of mail, and the delivery of registered mail is left to the option of the postmaster, and money orders need not be issued or paid.

The patrons of the Tryon postoffice are earnestly requested to inform the postmaster (W. H. Stearns) personally or by letter what hour during Sunday will the postoffice delivery being open, best serve their convenience, as it is to be open only one hour on Sundays or holidays after Feb. 15, 1914. W. H. STEARNS, P. M. Tryon, N. C.

Mountain Industries Directors.

The directors of the Mountain Industries Association held a meeting in their Home, Monday afternoon, Feb. 9. Mr. Ralph C. Erskine presiding. After considerable business was transacted of a routine character, several interesting and important subjects pertaining to the working of the association were discussed, and a membership committee created by appointing Mrs. J. L. Washburn, chairman, with power to appoint others to assist her.

A committee was also formed to finance a fund of \$2500.00 with which to purchase the property the association is at present occupying, \$500.00 of this fund, is already subscribed by Mr. J. L. Washburn. This committee is Pres. R. C. Erskine, Mrs. M. T. Wynne and Mr. E. E. Brownlee.

The secretary, Mr. W. T. Lindsey felt obliged to tender his resignation owing to his having too many business calls upon his time every day to warrant his giving the duties of that office the attention of deserved and the recommended and nominated for that office Mr. E. G. Holden who was duly elected by the directors present.

tate to invest a few dollars in a fanning mill.

TRYON.

The Whitcomb-Raymond Boston touring party of 24 persons made a 36 hour stop at Oak Hall Hotel leaving for the north on Thursday.

Contractor Cagle arrived in town Thursday to begin laying our sewers.

Mr. E. L. Anderson, chief of the Tryon Fire Department left here Monday on a business trip to Detroit, Mich.

Mr. C. A. Lightner returned to Detroit this week, having established his family comfortably in their beautiful new home just finished on the hill south of, and overlooking Tryon.

Quarterly conference was held last Sunday at the M. E. church, South, Presiding Elder Wood being present.

The church has been supplied and there will be services every first and third Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. Every one invited and will be welcome.

Presiding Elder Wood gave a most interesting lecture before the Jr. missionary society of the M. E. Church last Sunday afternoon. Subject, the African jungles, their people and their condition.

Mrs. T. T. Ballenger who is spending the winter at the home of her son in Atlanta, is visiting relatives in Tryon this week. She returned to Atlanta on Wednesday.

Solomon Gallert, attorney of Rutherfordton, was in town on business Friday last.

Mr. A. J. LeMort recently submitted to a very delicate but successful operation upon his left eye and ear, at the Semeritan hospital in Philadelphia under the knife, handled by the noted specialist Dr. Babcock, assisted by Dr. Costello of Asheville, who accompanied Mr. LeMort on the trip. They returned last Thursday week. Mr. LeMort has fully recovered from the effects of the operation and since he got home is reported to be very much better than before the operation.

The material for 22 iron bridges for Polk county's new roads, arrived this week and will be put in place as fast as the road ways are ready for them.

Three car loads of the sewer pipe for the new sewer system in Tryon, are at the station ready for that work to proceed. It is hoped this sewer line will be completed before warm weather.

On Friday evening at 8 o'clock Feb. 20th, Mr. Robt. Gray of Asheville, N. C. will give a violin recital at the Congregational church, for the benefit the Tryon Young People's Society.

Mrs. Penry and two daughters of Delaware, Ohio, have lately taken up their abode at Dr. Salley's slightly some on the hill south of Tryon.

Mrs. C. P. Erskine returned to Tryon on Monday, from an extended northern trip of several weeks.

Mr. Warren Fisher's lot on north side of street near the corner of the Howard Gap road, is being cleared of its trees and put in condition to erect a livery stable barn upon. The Wilkins barn building on the city's lot is to be taken down and removed onto Mr. Fisher's lot soon as foundations are prepared.

The Misses Smith gave a very delightful St. Valentine surprise party to the Philaethia class at their spacious home on Melrose avenue. Games of all kinds were played, the ladies being ably assisted by the men's Baraca class, after which refreshments of hot chocolate and cakes were served. There were about 50 guests present.

Born on Thursday, Feb. 5th 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. C. Foster, a girl. Both mother and child are doing finely.

The Tryon Young People's Society.

In spite of the rain on last Thursday night at the Congregational church. Rev. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, D. D. of London, England, spoke to a crowded house on the subject of "Some pages from the Music of Life." It was one of the finest lectures ever given in this city. Some of the pages that Dr. Morgan spoke on were four of the seven pages from the Music of Life, they being, "Babyhood," "Childhood," "Youth" and "Manhood," and just a sketch of the remainder "Fatherhood," "Old age," and "Extreme Old age." The lecture was for the benefit of The Tryon Young People's Society. Rev. Dr. Morgan, Sr., and wife, left here on Friday night for Washington, D. C.

THE FOUR BOSTONIANS.

At the library in Tryon, next Tuesday night, Feb. 17th this celebrated musical combination will appear as the second entertainment of the popular lyceum course of this winter. The four young ladies composing this note worthy troupe come very highly recommended as artists of a very high order in their specialties. Miss Brooks violin soloist, Miss Kane soprano and pianist; Miss Vedder, contralto, and Miss Fowler, reader, are the four Bostonians, and the Lyceum committee have placed the prices of admission very much lower than the talent of the entertainment really warrants, with the idea of giving Polk county people a chance to listen to a first-class company at a popular price right here at home. Admission 50c, children 25c. Tickets on sale at the drug store.

We have received from T. W. Wood & Sons, Richmond, Va., their spring catalogue of high grade seeds that is as complete as their issues usually are, full of standard varieties and reasonable specialties that one can rely upon as being true to name. Their "crop special" is also a timely guide at this season and any one can obtain either upon request, addressed to the above seedsmen.

SALUDA.

The town of Saluda is going right ahead with its water and sewer extensions. It is proposed to put water and sewerage within reach of every house in town. The following is the scale of water rents as now in operation, and there is no reason to make a change.

For private houses \$10.00 a year.
For boarding houses \$15.00 a year.
For hotels \$25.00 a year.

Fire plugs are being placed as far as possible to be within 500 feet of every house in town. There is ample water supply for a long time and the system has so far proven very satisfactory and economical.

The town council has accepted a bid to put in about 1000 yards of cement sidewalk, and work will be commenced on this at an early date.

The wooden store buildings along Main street have been raised to the new level of the street and moved into uniform line, making the street look much more presentable.

The town ordinance requiring all properties within 400 feet of sewer lines to connect and do away with surface closets is hustling the owners in the matter of putting in water works.

Mr. J. C. Bushnell has returned from Florida after 3 months in St. Petersburg.

Mrs. Jno. T. Coats of Macon, Ga., has returned to Saluda. She expects to spend the greater part of the coming year here.

Col. D. O. Herbert of Orangeburg, S. C., is visiting Dr. Salley.

Dr. T. T. Moore of Columbia, S. C., we learn has abandoned his suit against the county highway commissioner and the work of completing the road through our town will be pushed.

Our county road engineers, Cornwell and Webster, with Highway Commissioner J. T. Green were here last week inspecting the contractors work on the Tryon-Saluda auto road up the valley, and they report the work progressing very satisfactorily. When this road is finished our people will no doubt be very proud of it, even many who have heretofore opposed it.

OUR SCHOOLS

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VITAL NEEDS OF RURAL SCHOOLS.

(Read before the Polk County Teachers Association, January 1914, by Miss Bertha E. Ledbetter, Mill Spring, N. C.)

The most vital need of the rural schools is good teachers. We, who are teachers, should catechise ourselves to find out if we are good teachers—if our teaching is successful. Ask yourself in all seriousness, "Am I fit to teach?" You may not be a born teacher. Very few persons have the unborn qualities so strong that teaching and teaching alone will satisfy. There are some qualities that will help you, some qualities you may cultivate if you wish to aspire to be leaders and models for young people.

1st. Your character must be above reproach. Whatever else you may lack your character must be above suspicion. Character unquestioned and unquestionable first for this is the one first essential thing. If you are to be the model after which the boys and girls—the most precious product of the state—will consciously and unconsciously fashion their lives, you must be in all things a worthy model. Pure thoughts, pure words, sincerity, honesty, earnest and deep convictions must be habitual with you. The purity of your own thoughts, the sincerity of your own motives, flashing through your eyes, the windows of your soul, must call out and strengthen the purity and nobility of other minds.

Your character and your reputation, too, must be without flaw or blemish. Character is what you are; reputation is what others think you are. Character is essential to pure womanhood and pure manhood but reputation is essential to the teacher. Reputation cannot exist long without character, but for any cause, even, though it be unjust, your reputation is lost, even though your character remain, your usefulness in that immediate community is gone. Then guard well your life if you teach. Avoid not only evil but the appearance of it.

2nd. A thorough knowledge of the subject taught is essential to success. You cannot be a successful teacher of the things you do not know. A thorough and systematic knowledge of the subject you teach will give you teaching power. Your teacher's knowledge must be broader and deeper and better organized than the pupils. You must see each subject in relation to other subjects. Each chapter must be seen in its relation to other chapters, which precede and follow it. To teach a subject is to learn that subject anew, to see it in a new light, in a higher and deeper significance. You cannot as a teacher reach your highest success with but a student's knowledge and view of the subject.

3rd. You must keep your knowledge fresh by study. Growing minds alone are to teach. To teach well you must keep growing. Young teachers usually do the best work because they are thinking, investigating, growing. They are full of life and enthusiasm and the spirit is contagious with their pupils. The young teacher faces the future with faith, hope and enthusiasm. He is winning laurels not resting on those already won. He is losing his life in his work and will find it again in the lives of his pupils. You must carry on some line of study or investigation for when you cease to grow you begin to decay.

4th. You must love the work of teaching.

If after a fair trial you do not love to teach you had best quit. No one is fit to teach who finds the work thoroughly distasteful and who does not love children and young people. No sadder sight, I think, is ever seen than a long-faced pessimist in the school room. It is nothing but cruelty to keep children in the school room under the chilling, blighting influence of a sour-grained teacher—long since dead to the beauty of nature and the buoyancy of childhood. Teachers should be full of health, beauty and

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COLUMBUS.

We are glad to report that Miss Ada Walker who has been sick with small-pox, is convalescing very satisfactorily, so her physician reports, and no new cases have as yet developed in the town.

MILL SPRINGS.

Silver Creek school will hold a "Box Supper" for the benefit of the school Saturday, night, Feb. 21st, 1914. Everybody come, a good time guaranteed.

LYNN.

Rev. Mr. Bowne of Tryon will preach in the chapel Sunday. Everybody cordially invited.

Mrs. Westall visited relatives in Flat Rock last week.

R. A. Leonard reports that he has purchased a tract of land near the school house which he will cut into lots and sell.

The cinders on the road are a great improvement.

A coaching party from Boston passed through our village Wednesday.

Garden time is here and this is an appeal to the town councilmen if they have a chicken law. Enforce it.

MELVIN HILL.

Mrs. Minnie Lawter was one day last week bitten by a black spider on the wrist which gave her a good deal of pain for several days.

It is reported that the school at Mill Creek has been stopped on account of smallpox.

Miss Florie Lawter returned home from a week's visit to relatives in the Cooley Springs settlement, Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Atkins, the photographer, who made pictures here some two or three years ago, will be here again now for several weeks.

Miss Griffith did not address the Sunday school here last Sunday as was expected, as her school was stopped and she had gone home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell visited Mrs. Kilpatrick one day last week.

Mrs. Addie Gilbert called on Mrs. S. C. Lawter, Sunday.

Mrs. Morris is having some additions made to her residence.

The people are doing some gardening here, despite the bad omen of Ground-hog day.

Snow, hail and rain fell here Tuesday.

FEARING BANKS, MAN LOSES \$500

Savannah.—Because he had no faith in banks, following an experience in New York in the panic of 1893, B. Shensky is today mourning the loss of \$500, which he had in a discarded sock, hidden in a dresser drawer in his bedroom. A thief entered his home while he dozed on the front veranda in the evening and after ransacking the house secured the money.

FASTEST BOX MAKER.

Dayton, Ore.—Willis Bellows is believed here to be the fastest apple box maker in the northwest. In a season his average is 600 daily. In La Grande, Ore., he broke a record, manufacturing 7,000 boxes in ten and a half days. On another occasion he made 610 boxes daily for fifty-eight days. In his regular speed he is able to keep ten trained apple pickers filling his boxes as he makes them.