

circulars over Bronson announcing the advent of the new organ of reform. The circulars were headed, in leaded type, "The Bronson Tribune, The People's Paper "

This circular described briefly the policies which would be advocated by the Tribune, and promised some interesting details in regard to the exposure made in the Independence Day edition of the Courier. "The Tribune will be a newspaper without a muzzle," said the circular in conclusion. "It will fight any and every proposition which it believes to be to the detriment of the people of Bronson, regardless of consequences. The editor is not seeking a political office as his reward, but seeks first the approval of his own conscience and the approbation of our best citizens."

The city of Bronson was seething with excitement on the eventful first of October. The Tribune came out in the morning and by nine o'clock every copy of the large edition had been sold. Neighboring towns, such as Augsburg, which took an interest in the battle which was being waged in Bronson, ordered the papers by the score.

That morning Allan Rutledge and his wife sat in the study reading the first issue of the paper with absorbing interest.

"He is a born editor," said Allan Rutledge to his wife, after he had glanced over the make-up of the new paper. "See how complete these Associated Press dispatches are," he said, holding up the first page. "Just as a newspaper, independent of its principle, the Tribune has outclassed the Courier already."