

**SHORT LOCAL ITEMS.**

**COLUMBUS.**

Mrs. Woodworth and Miss Woodworth of Cleveland, Ohio, are guests at The Central.

When is the Improvement Company going to hold another meeting?

Miss Iva Hampton returned recently from her visit to Rutherfordton. She is well of the mumps.

A. L. Pitman of the Landrum section was in town Monday and paid THE NEWS office a call.

Mrs. Bostic, Miss Minnie, and Willie B. Arledge all have the mumps this week. We hope THE NEWS force escapes.

Miss Nelle LeCompte has recovered from a recent severe cold and is able to be out again, we are pleased to note.

THE NEWS received a card lately from the Hon. J. P. Morris. He says the Polk County delegation is comfortably situated and that everything is moving along nicely.

Messrs. Alf. E. Owens and Arthur Dunn of Hendersonville were in town last Saturday. Mr. Owens was here for the purpose of embalming the remains of Mrs. Bushnell.

Messrs. John and N. B. Hampton, Jr., returned to Texas Monday after spending the holidays with friends and relatives in Columbus. These gentlemen talked enthusiastically of Texas and several of the young men are thinking of going to Texas in the near future.

Messrs. Chas. B. McFee and Alex. Beason of Tryon were in town Tuesday and paid THE NEWS office a call. Mr. McFee is the hustling jeweler and watchmaker of Tryon and a good patron of THE NEWS. See his announcement in another column.

"Dr. and Mrs. W. P. McClanahan will leave this week for an extended visit with their daughter, May, in Columbus, North Carolina. May is the principal of the school in Columbus," says the Corydon, Ia., Times Republican. Dr. and Mrs. McClanahan arrived last Saturday night and will remain in Columbus several weeks as guests at The Central.

The time for making the returns, required of the merchants, embracing the volume of business for 1902, expired Jan. 10th. Several of the merchants in the county failed to make the required returns to the Register of Deeds before the date mentioned and will probably be called before the county commissioners to show cause why their returns were not sent in by the time required.

**TRYON.**

Senator Ballenger is a member of six senatorial committees as follows: Agricultural, Insurance, Salaries and Fees, Insane, Pensions and Soldiers' Home and Mining.

W. G. Ruble the depot agent left recently. B. L. Ballenger, the former agent, is acting until the Railroad Company sends a man to relieve him and take Mr. Ruble's place.

Miss LeDuc, postmistress at Tryon, this state, claims that she was President McKinley's teacher while living in Ohio and that the late President promised her the post office at Tryon so long as there was no just cause for her removal. Congressman Moody has promised the job to J. W. Lankford, the Republican Judge of Election, who refused to sign the returns of election made out for Tryon precinct, and is helping Moody in his contest for Gudge's seat in Congress. But Roosevelt refuses to displace Miss LeDuc.—Gastonia News.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT.**

The Board of County Commissioners met on January 5th and 6th, all being present. The following business was transacted:

It was ordered that:

The sheriff pay W. H. Stearns \$300.00 on warrant No. 78.

B. B. Turner be relieved of poll tax for 1902.

Vance and Claud Conner be permanently exempt from poll tax.

The bond of W. C. Champion as keeper of the poor for Polk county was presented and approved.

The bond of J. D. Childers was approved.

Minute docket be corrected for A. L. McMurray.

The sheriff issue license to J. A. Bishop to sell whiskey in quantities less than five gallons, ending last day of June, 1903.

Mrs. Russell be paid for keeping John Cantrell every three months.

D. W. Green be allowed to list 40 acres of land not on the tax list for 1902.

Sheriff pay over to township trustees or proper authority their 10 per cent of the general road tax for each township.

W. L. Johnson be released from poll tax until he is 21 years old.

R. J. Tate's land assessed at \$200.00 be reduced to \$84.00.

C. W. William's property be reduced from \$750.00 to \$600.00.

W. M. Earnett's property be reduced from \$500.00 to \$400.00.

Moore heirs be released from the special road tax on property in Green's Creek and White Oak townships.

S. E. Waldrop be allowed to list his property for 1902.

W. M. Edwards be released from poll tax for 1901 and 1902.

Garfield McMurray be released from poll tax 1902.

The county pay Caroline Splawn and Pathy Pritchard two dollars each per month.

Jasper Carson be allowed to list his property for 1902.

W. C. Bostic be appointed as county physician.

Sheriff issue license to H. H. Wolf from 1st of January, 1903, to June 30, 1903, to sell whiskey in quantities less than 5 gallons in the town of Saluda.

W. H. McFarland be released of \$200.00 value on property in Tryon township.

J. A. Mills, deceased, be released of poll tax.

Ella Henderson be allowed \$2.00 per month.

J. E. A. Waldrop valuation of property be reduced from \$5,000 to \$3,000.

Epp Taylor tax on merchandise be reduced to \$400.

M. L. Shehan's solvent credits be reduced from 1500. to \$400.

Mrs. R. F. Clines real estate be changed from \$2500. to \$1800. valuation.

M. H. Wagoner's real estate be reduced to \$1200.

Osborn Mooney be released \$500 valuation on property in Tryon township.

R. M. Adams be released of taxes in Tryon township.

Tryon Hosiery Co.'s valuation be reduced from \$21,000 to \$12,000.

Pacolet Distilling Co. be released of taxes in Tryon township.

S. H. Pace be released of taxes in Saluda.

Mrs. M. L. Dowe be released of \$1,800 on property valuation.

T. F. Raines be released of taxes in Saluda.

Wm Bradley be released of poll tax.

J. H. Averill be released \$800. on property valuation.

Haleot Green be released \$500 on property valuation.

D. E. Morrison be released \$135. on property valuation.

Wm Weston be released \$800. on property valuation.

M. B. Owens be released of poll tax.

S. D. Staton be released \$2700. on property valuation.

T. J. Davis be released \$1134. on property valuation.

J. F. Werner be released \$1500. on property valuation.

Perry Newman be released of taxes in Columbus township.

J. H. Price valuation on property be reduced to \$158.

Bloomfield Bryan be stricken from the tax list.

M. R. Russell be released of taxes in Green's Creek township.

Jno. Culbreth be released \$100 on property valuation.

Matilda Davis in White Oak township be released of \$315. on property valuation.

J. C. Bushnell be released \$200. on property valuation in Tryon township.

**THE FOLLOWING WARRANTS WERE ISSUED.**

- J. W. Newman, jail fee, \$41 75
- J. W. McFarland, bed fees, 55
- Polk County News, printing, 25 88
- J. C. Fisher, registrar, 13 36
- M. W. Page, judge election, 6 00
- J. M. Miller, judge election, 2 00
- C. W. Pearson, judge election, 4 00

**BUSINESS LOCALS.**

Advertisements under this head 5 cents per line each insertion.

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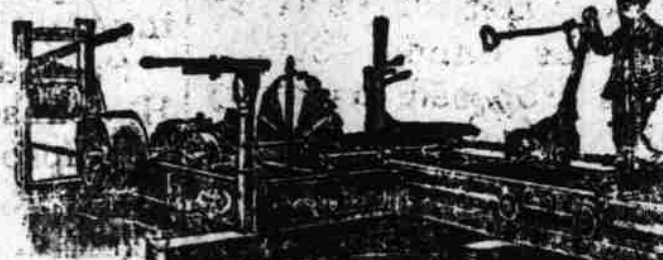
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**FOR SALE.** Seven room house and lot in Tryon, known as "Lower Masson cottage." Call on or address H. E. GRAY, Trustee, Columbus, N. C.

**ORDERS** for jewelry or watch repair work if left at the POLK COUNTY NEWS will be forwarded to me and will receive prompt attention.—C. B. McFEE, Tryon.

- W. M. Thompson, judge elect, 1 00
- Elizabeth Cornwell, 4 00
- F. C. Jackson, registrar, 11 27
- Edwards & Boughton, rec'd, 2 50
- Q. U. Souner, registrar, 11 84
- Edwards & Boughton, tax recur, 3 00
- W. C. Robinson, juror ticket, 139 00
- L. L. Lallant, juror ticket, 2 20
- J. W. Newmann, land sold, taxes, 9 55
- H. L. Henderson, baliff of election, 1 00
- T. M. Kuppe, commissioner, 12 40
- W. Y. Miller, commissioner, 14 00
- J. B. Livingston, commis'n'er, 12 90

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**MORTGAGE SALE.**

By virtue of the power contained in a certain mortgage deed executed to me on the 10th day of October 1899, by Edith Eaton Smith to secure the payment of \$200.00, which mortgage is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Polk county, North Carolina, in book 16, page 263. Default having been made in the above named indebtedness, I will, on Monday, January 26, 1903, at the court house door in Columbus, N. C., sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said indebtedness with interest, cost and expenses added, the following described lands, lying and being in the town of Tryon, county of Polk and State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Rev. C. Farris and others, bounded as follows:

Beginning at a white oak in centre line of Lanier street, the same bearing north of the lot sold to the said party of the first part by Harold Doubleday and wife by deed dated . . . . . thence north 88 degrees 2 minutes east, 47 feet to a point in southern boundary line of said street north 169 degrees 43 minutes east 167 feet, thence north 59 degrees 12 minutes east 46 feet; thence 24 degrees 19 minutes east 56 feet; thence north 18 degrees 26 minutes east 75 feet thence north 18 degrees, 26 minutes east 27 ft. to the northwest corner of a one acre lot sold by the said party of the first part by deed dated . . . . . thence in the western boundary line of said one acre lot south 35 degrees 40 minutes east 307 ft. to the north boundary line of James Page's lot; thence in boundary line of said lot south 85 degrees 20 minutes west 189 feet thence south 45 degrees 40 minutes east 91 ft., thence south 85 degrees 35 minutes west 211 ft; thence north 9 degrees 42 minutes west 305 ft. to the place of beginning and containing three acres more or less.

W. J. Gaines, Mortgagee.

This Dec. 22 1902.

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**REDUCED RATES.**

Account meeting "Improved Order of Red Men's Bazaar, Raleigh, N. C. Tickets will be sold Jan. 20-21-22, inclusive, with final limit Jan. 24, 1903. Round trip from Asheville \$11.00. Excursion rates to New Orleans, Mobile, and Pensacola account Mardi Gras Carnivals, Feb. 18-24, 1903. Account of above, tickets will be sold to points mentioned, Feb. 17 to 23 inclusive with final limit Feb. 26 1903. By depositing tickets with joint agent at Mobile, Pensacola and New Orleans and paying a fee of 50c, final limit will be extended to and including March 14, 1903. See your agent relative to stopover privileges on these tickets. Rate for the round trip from Asheville, one straight fare, \$22.00. Excursion rates to Raleigh, N. C. acc't Annual Convention North Carolina School Assn. of City Superintendents and principals of Schools, Jan. 21-22-23-24, 1903. tickets will be sold Jan. 21, 22, 23, with final limit Jan. 27. Rate for round trip from Asheville, N. C., \$11.00. Call on your nearest agent for further information. J. H. Woods, District Passenger Agent. Asheville, N. C.

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