

SHORT POLK COUNTY ITEMS

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY BRIEFLY TOLD.

COLUMBUS.

Mrs. F. M. Burgess has been quite sick for several days but is much better today.

Mrs. Westlake's two daughters, Misses Florence and Helen Westlake arrived recently from New York City.

Capt and Mrs. John Black and little son, of Columbia, S. C., are guests of Mrs. M. E. Stevenson at Log Cabin Inn. They are much pleased with the mountain.

Messrs. R. T. McFee of Greenville, S. C., and Chas. B. McFee of Tryon, were in town Tuesday. Mr. McFee came over to make some repairs in the telephone exchange.

Work on the telephone line to Log Cabin Inn and Ben Cragen cottage in Spring Mountain Park will be completed within a few days. S. W. Miller's phone was installed Monday.

Messrs. J. A. Sarratt and Thos. B. Clarkson of Gaffney, S. C., are taking a vacation in the mountains. They spent Monday night at the Columbus Hotel and went up to Log Cabin Inn Tuesday.

J. G. Hughes, who it will be remembered was quite sick when the last issue of THE NEWS went to press, now seems to be on the mend and we are glad to note is able to move about again.

Gertrude V. Coombs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Coombs, was married to A. Jett Edwards, on Wednesday, June 17th, in Urbanna, Va. Mr. Coombs and family, it will be remembered, were residents of Columbus a few years ago and occupied the Miller cottage.

F. M. Stearns left on Monday for his home in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Stearns spent more time here this year than usual, being here about three months. Most of his time was spent on the mountain, a place his heart is wrapped up in and which he believes can not be excelled for beauty, pure air, spring water, etc.

The Columbus Lodge Knights of Pythias recently elected the following officers to serve for six months: J. E. Shipman, C. C.; L. L. Tallent, V. C.; E. B. Cloud, Prelate; J. P. Morris, M. W.; F. M. Burgess, M. F.; A. L. McMurray, M. E.; L. H. Cloud, M. A.; T. C. Croker, I. G.; C. C. West, G. G. The installation of officers will take place the first week in July.

Rev. J. R. Vaughn's Temperance lecture Sunday afternoon was well attended. There was nothing new about it, however, being along the same line usually followed by temperance lecturers. The audience was disappointed at not hearing Roy B. Jackson sing, as advertised. The young man is sick did not accompany Rev. Mr. Vaughn on his trip to this section.

Rev. W. M. Whiteside, who has been elected principal of the Central Industrial Institute, is a Baptist preacher and it is reported that he will supply the Baptist churches at Columbus and Mill Spring, now being supplied by Rev. John M. Walker of Rutherfordton. Mr. Whiteside is now at Wake Forest College preparing to move his family to Columbus and will take up his residence here in about three weeks.

The amendments to the road law which were passed by the Legislature this year, and went into effect May 1st, takes the appointment of road trustees for the various townships out of the hands of the justices of the peace and places it in the hands of the county commissioners. The road trustees appoint supervisors, who are required to work six hands. The road tax must be not less than 10c nor more than 25c on the \$100 valuation.

Miss J. M. House, a former teacher in Columbus, spent a few days here recently visiting friends. Miss House is a native of Michigan, but is now teaching in the mill section of Huntsville, Ala. Her visit to Columbus was a source of pleasure to her numerous friends, both young and old, as Miss House is greatly beloved by all who knew her when she lived here seven years ago. Miss House addressed the Christian Endeavor society Sunday evening and gave an account of her work in Huntsville. She organized the first Christian Endeavor society ever formed in Columbus.

The trustees of the Central Industrial Institute met June 18th. Present W. M. Justice, president; J. E. Shipman, secretary; J. G. Hughes, treasurer; W. A. Cannon; W. M. Whiteside. Mr. Whiteside was elected principal, Misses Estelle Webster and Nora Cannon, assist-

ants. The trustees ordered that a catalog of twenty pages be prepared under the direction of Mr. White side. It was further ordered that the text books adopted by the State Board of Education be used, except those of the higher branches. The school will open September 1st, close December 18th, 1903, for the Christmas holidays, reopen January 4th and close April 23rd, 1904. The school is divided into eight grades. Tuition ranges from 50c to \$2.00 per month. Parties wishing further information about the school should address Wm. Justice, Mill Spring or J. E. Shipman, Columbus, N. C.

The Watts Liquor Law and the Prohibition Law for Polk county go into effect next Wednesday, July 1st. The Watts law is inoperative in this county, being covered by the local act, which prohibits the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors in the county, except wine manufactured upon the owners' premises and it must not be sold in quantities of less than one gallon. The bill also requires physicians and druggists in the county to keep a record of all prescriptions filled for spirituous liquors and to make a report to the Solicitor at each term of court. Such prescriptions cannot be duplicated. Violation of this law will be considered a misdemeanor and the penalty is a fine of \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding twelve months. It is said the Watts law will throw about five hundred store-keepers and gaugers out of their jobs and the local law will not leave a single licensed distillery or bar-room in the county.

TRYON.

Chas. B. McFee is away on a few days' business trip to Greenville and Spartanburg.

Mrs. L. E. Markham expects to leave in July for Colorado and New Mexico to spend the summer with relatives.

Roland Lee, Superintendent of the Blue Ridge Hosiery Mill at Landrum is building a handsome residence there.

The landslide at Melrose was cleared yesterday and through trains are now running. This is good news to the travelling public and a great relief to the railroad people.

Messrs J. B. Page and J. R. Bishop of Landrum are building a brickyard on Lewis creek in this county. They expect to commence work about July 1st and will turn out 12,000 brick per day.

The Tryon base ball team will play the Brevard team two games at that place on July 1st and two with Rutherfordton on the Lynn diamond on the Fourth. The new grounds are in good shape, seats have been erected and an admission fee of 25c will be charged. Lemonade, peanuts, etc. will be sold on the grounds and a big picnic day will be spent. The whole line-up of the Tryon team could not be ascertained, but we will try to give it next week. Among the local players who will make up the team may be mentioned, W. A. Engel; R. B. Engel; P. H. McDonald; Silas Fowler and John Seigler.

It is reported upon good authority that Skyuka hotel will be opened about July 10th. It is generally understood that the Aaron French properties in North Carolina have been transferred by Philo N. French of Pittsburg to W. H. Stearns and Miss Lucy Stearns of Tryon and Mrs. F. B. Higgins of New York City, and that the management of the Mimosa hotel will pass into the hands of the Messrs. Stearns on July 1st, who will conduct the hotel upon a reduced scale. It is not positively known yet who will have the management of Skyuka. M. J. Stamp, the present manager of the Mimosa, who has successfully conducted the hotel about two years will return to his home in Chicago July 1st. The property is valued at \$150,000 and includes one thousand acres of timber land. Both hotels are modern in every respect and will no doubt continue to be popular resorts both summer and winter. The Mimosa is situated in the famous Pacolet valley one and one half miles from here and Skyuka is about six miles distant, upon the side of Tryon mountain with an elevation of 3000 feet.

LYNN.

Rev. S. O. Bryant will conduct services in the chapel, Sunday, June 28th at 3:30 p. m.

Rev. J. R. Vaughn's temperance lecture here Sunday was delivered in the gospel tent to a good audience and was well received.

Prof. Branon returns to his home in Winston-Salem this week. He has been a very earnest worker in the tent meetings and his efforts have been blessed to the good of many.

Grover Caldwell of Landrum and Miss Lona Garrett of this place were married at Landrum, Sunday, June 21st by Dr. Erwin, pastor of the Landrum Baptist church. The young couple were employees of the Landrum and Lynn hosiery mills respectively, and will now reside in Landrum and accept positions with the Blue Ridge Hosiery Mill.

Miss Belle Cannon, who was operated on at Columbus recently for appendicitis has suffered another attack and was operated on the second time Sunday by Doctors Dean and Jeffords of Spartanburg and Dr. Grady of Tryon, at her home here. The operation was successful and the patient was resting well yesterday. It is hoped she will recover under the skilful nursing of Miss Wilder, the professional nurse.

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Account Fourth of July Celebration, a special rate of one and one third first class fare for the round trip will be given. Tickets will be on sale July 2, 3, 4th with final limit July 8th.

Account Meeting Saengerfest of North America Saengerbund, St. Louis, Mo., June 17th-20th, 1903. Tickets on sale June 15, 16, 17, final limit June 22nd. Rate, one fare plus 25 cents validation fee.

Account Twentieth Triennial National Saengerfest, June, 15-20, 1903, Baltimore, Md. Tickets on sale June 14, 15, 16. Rate, one fare plus \$2.00. Rate for the round trip from Asheville, N. C., \$18.15.

Account North Carolina Bankers Association, Wrightsville, N. C., June 24-25, 1903. Tickets will be sold to Wilmington N. C., June 21, 22, 23rd with final limit June 29th. Round trip rate from Asheville \$16.85.

Account Meeting North Carolina Dental Association, Winston-Salem, N. C. June 13, 14, 16, 17th with final limit June 22 1903. Rate for the round trip from Asheville, \$7.30.

Account Meeting Western North Carolina Baptist Sunday School Convention, Lexington, N. C., June 24-28th. Tickets on sale June 22, 23, 24 with final limit June 30. Rate from Asheville, \$6.85.

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Account Virginia Summer School of Methods, Charlottesville, Va., June 23-Aug. 3. Tickets on sale June 22-3-4-5; July 13-14-15 16 with final limit August 3 1903. Rate for the round trip from Asheville, \$14.00.

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