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THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1904.

JUDGE T. J. Suaw, who is occupying the Bench at this term of court, has imposed longer sentences and heavier, fines upon the guilty than any other Judge who has presided-at a court in Polk county. He has been well named "the terror to evil doers." The mention of his name causes consternation and confusion among those who are to be arraigned before him.

While it is true that the punishment he imposes, is thought by evident to all that if there were a few more Judges as strict on the Bench as is Mr. Shaw, there would be less crime committed in the state.

In consideration of the foregoing facts, we commend the Judge for his efficient work and wish he could preside at every court term here, for a year or two at least.

We are satisfied that with two such able antagonists to crime as Judge Shaw and Solicitor Spainhour arrayed against the doers of evil, that the percentage of crime

on account of high taxes. Why? Because they have not counted the increase in valuation of their property caused by the railroad running through the county. Neither have they counted how little of that tax they will have to pay. I.and that is now worth \$2.50 to \$5.00 per acre, would bring from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per acre. On the grand old mountain from Tryon peak to Chinney Rock, where now stands only a hat and a moonshine shelter, would be built elegant hotels filled the year round with hungry guests to consume anything you might have for sale.

The valley from Tryon to Chimey Rock would be one solid town, with factories of all kinds calling for your sons and daughtersgiving to them employment at home. The young men of our county would stay at home Judge Shaw's Heavy Penalties. and help to build up the county, where now they are leaving home at an early age-going west and south seeking broader fields. Build this railroad and you will make five dollars

where you now make one. As the Lynn correspondent has said, we have many times been fooled in regard to railroads, but let us keep on this line from

Tryon, by Lynn, Columbus, Mill Spring to-Chimney Rock. It is a feasible one and if the people will only go to work we can have

the line built within one year's time. Suppose we call a meeting of the leading men of the townships of Tryon, Columbus, Mill Spring and Cooper Gap, at an early date

and at that meeting take action to get a charter for this road. Then when we get the charter have an election called at once. Vote the many to be too heavy, yet, it is Bonds, ask some men with money to take the bonds, build the road and all will be done. Short, is it not? Well, that is just all there is to it.

> In natures garden we sleep and of her beauties dream, while from day to day we trample udder our feet worlds of beauties not J. P. MORRIS, Columbus, N. C. March 28th, 1904.

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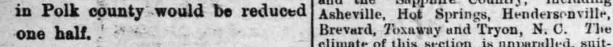
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DR. CORNWELL PASSES AWAY.

It was on the night of March 22nd, 1904, when the death angel entered the home of Mr. M. A. Cornwell, of Collinsville, and claimed the spirit of his eldest son, Luther Rolland. Mysterious dispensation of Divine Providence, indeed !

The illness of which Dr. Cornwell died was of no recent origin. Annough ne was a fine specimen of physical manhood, yet he was not constitutionally strong. His health for many years had been quite precarious, but was very much improved while in college in tue city of Atlanta, Ga., where he had prepared himself for the practice of medicine, and from which college he graduated two years ago. During the brief period of his professional service he demonstrated his eminent fitness for the vocation he had chosen, His skill as a practitioner was rapidly widening the area of the demands for his professional service, Doubtless it was due to the strain of over work and exposure in his practice that brought his useful career so abruptly to a close. No death in our county for years has occurred which has caused more universal and profound sorrow.

His remains were taken under the care of Mr. A. L. Hill, undertaker of Tryon, who conveyed them to the 'Sandy Plains Presbyterian church, where a large congregation of 'his mourning friends and sorrowing relatives assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to him who had so worthily merited their confidence, esteem and love.

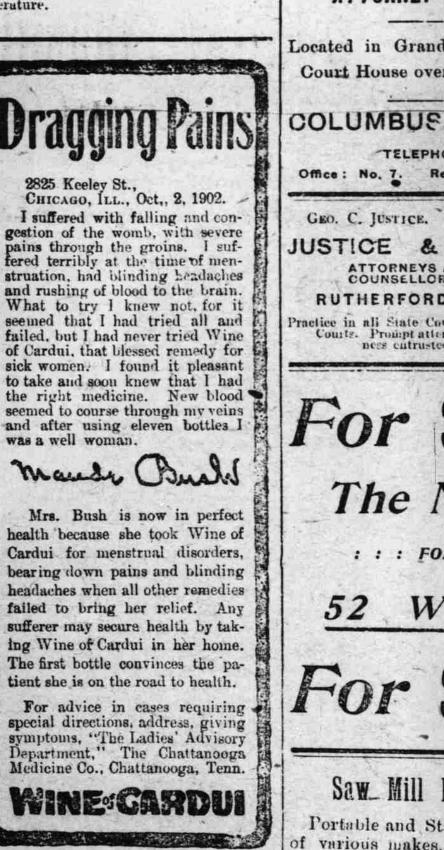
An appropriate song service was rendered. in the funeral exercises by a male quartette from Columbus, consisting of three of the "Central Industrial Institute students, Messrs. Keeter, Hodge, and Hill, and Auorney J. E. Shipman.

At the close of the funeral services the remains were taken charge of by Mr. Hill and removed to the cemetery where they were laid to rest in the charnel house with the usual burial ceremonies.

Dr, Cornwell was a gentleman of high moral tone and possessed fine senses of the purest and best elements of human character. His general bearing was characterized by modesty, dignity and prudence. We repeat, his death is a keenly felt loss to the citizenship of Polk county. T. C. CROKER.

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the people of Polk county my limited views on the now supposed and feasible electrical route through Polk county.

I was glad to tend in the last issue of THE. NEWS an article from one of the good citizens of this county, and I believe that if we had more such public minded men in the county as the writer of that article, we would soon have the road running through the county. Why not Polk have an electric railroad? That is all we need. We have the natural invantages. The grandest summer and winter result in the world right in the midst of the thermal belt, with plenty of fine land for farmsting, plenty of fine timber, good water powers. In fact a grand old county undeveloped. Now why not go to work and secure a charter for the road, vote the bonds \$50,000 if that will be enough, and, if not enough vote \$100,000. Sell the bonds and build the road ? Well, there will be some peorle ready to kick



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