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**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

The tax growler is ever finding fault with the office holders. He never gets officials to suit him—and, he never will.

Many arguments have been made on the action of the town commissioners in placing a tax on dogs. The majority of the citizens are in favor of it, although there are a few kicking. But then, the "kickers," like the poor, are always with us.

**COLUMBUS NEWS.**

Knights of Pythias Elect Officers—A Scrap Of Railroad News—Ice Cream Festival 24th—N. T. Mills Says Corn Crop in Polk Will Be Short.

Blackberries are beginning to ripen.

The crop of cherries in this section is small.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morris went to Rutherfordton Monday.

June peaches in this part of the county were smaller in size than usual.

T. C. Mills and W. H. McFarland, of Tryon, were visitors here Monday.

N. T. Mills believes the fodder and corn crop in Polk county will be short this year.

The daily mail delivery between Columbus and Stearns, N. C., is now a reality, the first trip being made Monday.

W. C. Rhodes and D. A. Goodman, of Lynn, attended the meeting of Columbus Lodge, K. of P. Tuesday night.

Sheriff W. C. Robertson and treasurer S. B. Edwards, made a settlement of county funds here Tuesday.

An ice cream festival will be held at the dormitory building, Saturday night, June 24th. Proceeds are for the benefit of the Baptist church.

W. M. Justice, County Superintendent of Education, was here Tuesday, for the purpose of getting the school fund settlement between sheriff and treasurer on his books.

J. E. Shipman left Monday evening for Charlotte, where he will represent Columbus Lodge at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of North Carolina.

At their regular meeting Tuesday night, the members of Columbus Lodge, K. of P., elected the following officers for the ensuing term: J. P. Arledge, C. C.; W. C. Rhodes, V. C.; T. C. Croker, Prelate; D. A. Goodman, M. of W.; C. C. West, M. at A.; S. F. Fowler, I. G.; R. V. Tallant, O. G.

N. M. Ponder, who has been at Radersburg, Montana, and other places in the West for several years, returned to his home at Pearidge, Friday, where he expects to remain several months, probably returning to Montana in the fall. He left some Montana specimens of iron and gold ore at the court house.

Watson McFarland, one of the defendants in the suit brought by the Jack McFarland heirs against the now holding property for-

merly owned by Jack McFarland, was examined before Clerk of Superior Court J. P. Arledge, Friday. J. P. Morris, Columbus and McBrayer, of Rutherfordton, represented the McFarland heirs, D. F. Morrow, of Rutherfordton, represented Watson McFarland.

At the directors meeting of the Appalachian Interurban railroad, held in Hendersonville, June 8th, J. E. Shipman, F. M. Stearns and N. B. Hampton were appointed a committee to look after matters in Polk county. The selection of Mr. Shipman was wise. He is a young reliable attorney, and will have influence with the citizens of the county. The other two members, F. M. Stearns and N. B. Hampton, are men of means and are well known to the citizens of Polk.

**INTERESTING NEWS FROM MILL SPRING.**

Children's Day Exercises At Bethlehem M. E. Church A Big Success And Largely Attended—An Account Of The Day—Other Notes.

Mrs. H. D. Shankle, made a business trip to Asheville the first, returning the fourth.

Miss Clarke, of New Prospect, S. C., is visiting J. D. Carpenter and Misses Sallie Carpenter and Jessie Sitton this week.

There are now four guests at the summit. We wish them good health and a very pleasant time while at Mill Spring.

Mrs. Hester Horton's mule died last Sunday. She has our sympathy in her loss and we hope the neighbors will render their services in finishing her crop.

Our Children's Day exercises at Bethlehem M. E. church were well attended. Buggies, wagons and horseback riders came in from several points from about half past eight until eleven o'clock.

We appreciate the presence of those who represented Landrum and Blackwood, S. C., Columbus, Bright, Mill Spring, Poplar Grove, Rutherfordton and other various points. We trust that the day was spent pleasantly and profitably by all who were in attendance.

The floral decorations composed of evergreens, beautiful flowers and appropriate matters, were all tastefully arranged by artistic hands.

The morning exercise was opened with music and singing rendered by our competent organist, Mrs. H. D. Shankle and the choir. We regard it our duty to compliment the sweet, bright and interesting little children for their perfectness in entertaining the audience for an hour and a half. They went through their part with all grace and ease, did not seem at all embarrassed and made no mistake. Some of the speakers were very young. The ages varied from six to sixteen. Misses Johnnie Allen and Pauline Shankle being the elder speakers deserve honorable mention. All recited and acquitted themselves splendidly but for fear you haven't space to publish so many names we will not give them and will say we are truly proud of all the children who were connected with the exercises. Miss Jessie Sitton deserves honorable mention in behalf of the training of the little ones. Thanks to Mrs. Shankle and others for their kind assistance. The audience was dismissed for dinner by a recitation rendered by little Cora Edwards "Lunch-con for two."

In the afternoon service the ordinance of infant baptism was administered by Rev. J. D. Gibson. The infants were daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Edwards and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Edwards.

We hope that all enjoyed, appreciated and accepted the impressive remarks made by our beloved pastor.

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**A BATCH OF NEWS FROM TURNER'S.**

Sunday's Refreshing Shower Enjoyed—Pink McGuinn Has Two Mules killed By A Falling Tree—Plenty of Canned Goods Expected Next Year.

Miss Geneva Taylor is visiting her sister at Caroleen.

Miss Bernice and Harrison Gibbs visited at James Jackson Sunday last.

The harvesting of small grain seems to be the "job" now and we hear a good deal of talk about it not being good.

Gentlemen James Jackson and P. D. Williams made a business trip to Rutherfordton Friday, returning Saturday.

The refreshing shower which fell Sunday was enjoyed a great deal more than some that fell about three weeks ago.

Mrs. Eli Jackson was taken sick the other day with something like a fit and has been ill since, but is improving. We hope she will be well soon.

"Pink" McGuinn had the misfortune of losing two mules the other day. He had them tied close to where he was chopping and when the tree fell it landed on the mules killing them.

There were a good many tin cans, perhaps a few thousand, brought into this township last week. We are in no doubt about having plenty of canned goods next year if the peas and tomatoes do well.

**THE JULY SMART SET.**

Gertrude Atherton's Novel—Frederick Taber Cooper, a First Magazine Story—Other Short Stories And Poetry.

Gertrude Atherton never writes an uninteresting story. Her novel, "The Traveling Thirds," which opens the July Smart Set, is a particularly striking piece of work, full of brilliant dialogue and exquisite bits of description. The tale concerns the adventures of a party of Americans who travel through Spain third class, in order that they may come into close contact with the people of that country. The heroine Catalina Shore, is as independent, as original, as refreshing as the author's famous Patience Sparhawk. The love story in "The Traveling Thirds" is delightful, and the sensational denouement is one of the most dramatic scenes which Mrs. Atherton has ever written. The Smart Set has published a long line of novelettes which have lived a far greater length of time than the usual

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**Legal Notices.**

**NOTICE OF LAND ENTERED.**  
L. L. Tallant entered 25 acres of land more or less in Columbus township county of Polk on waters of Horse Creek joining lands of T. T. Ballenger, W. H. McFarland and Tallant heirs.  
Entered May 26th, 1905.  
F. M. BURGESS, Entry Taker.

**NOTICE OF LAND SALE.**  
Under and by virtue of the last will and testament of W. M. Faulkner deceased, late of the County of Person, State of North Carolina, which will is of record in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court of Person County and Polk County, we as Executors of the said W. M. Faulkner deceased will on  
**Saturday July 8th, 1905,**  
at the court house door in Columbus, Polk county, at 12 o'clock m. expose for sale to the highest bidder, the following tract or parcel of land, to-wit:  
Lying being in the county of Polk, State of North Carolina about two and one half miles from Tryon city, and known as the Tryon Gold Mine Tract containing one hundred and ten acres more or less, adjoining the lands of D. E. Stearns and others, and bounded on the South by Skyuka creek and the land once owned by one Wilcox, and being the land once owned by the late Thos. McGehee and conveyed by his heirs to the late W. M. Faulkner.  
Terms: One third cash; one third in six months and one-third in twelve months. Deferred payments to bear six per cent interest and title retained until full purchase money has been paid.  
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