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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

If you haven't signed the railroad petition go to N. B. Hampton and do it at once.

The man who is ever boasting of his honesty will bear watching. Men of good character do not tell that they are upright and honest, they prove it by their actions.

There is an opportunity for some young man in Polk county to get a free scholarship in the A. and M. college by successfully taking an examination given by the county superintendent of education. This is a golden opportunity and ought not to be neglected. A notice in regard to this appears elsewhere.

The Dalton Furniture Company, of High Point, N. C., has received the contract from Postmaster General Cortelyou to make \$100,000 worth of stools and tables for the rural free delivery service. Speaking of this the Charleston News and Courier remarks: "The competition was against the largest and richest of the Northern manufacturers, and the Carolinians got the business because they agreed to do it for less than any of the Northern makers."

This is but one illustration of the progressiveness of High Point's business men. Last year High Point built 13 factories at a cost of \$83,000, and other buildings that amounted in all to \$342,000. Polk county needs energy and enterprise of the High Point brand.

A petition was circulated Monday requesting the commissioners of Polk county to call an election for the purpose of voting \$100,000. This sum to be used for building the proposed Appalachian Interurban Railroad from Hendersonville through Polk county by way of Cooper, Gap, Mill Spring, Columbus and Greens Creek townships on to Gaffney, S. C. The gentlemen who were soliciting signatures to the petition said that nearly everyone to whom it was presented readily placed their signature to it. But there were "a few" who either refused to sign it or "dodged."

Who these "few" are we will not tell—for their sake—though a name or two would surprise readers of THE NEWS. One or two of them can have no other reason than selfishness, for we note that they believe in railroads and other enterprises whenever they hit their section, but to aid in the construction of any enterprise that will help another part of the county they are opposed. Such men can hardly be called citizens, certainly not good citizens, as the latter are men ever willing to lay aside self interest and do that which will benefit the majority of their fellow citizens.

## MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Mayor Dunne of Chicago, who was elected on a "municipal ownership of public utilities" platform, desiring to give Chicago municipal ownership as soon as possible, sent to Glasgow, Scotland, for James Dalrymple, a municipal ownership expert, to aid the Mayor in putting Chicago's railways under city control. After studying the situation carefully Mr. Dalrymple put a wet blanket on municipal ownership so far as America is concerned. Here is his opinion: "Until politics is entirely disassociated from municipal government and men entirely free from political influences are placed in office, successful municipal control of public utilities in the United States is practically impossible. To put street railroads, gas works, telephone companies, etc., under municipal ownership would be to create a political machine in every large city that would be simply impregnable. The political machines are already strong enough with their control of policemen, firemen and other office holders.

If, in addition to this, they could control the thousands of men employed—in the great public utility corporations, the political machines would have a power that could not be overthrown. I came to this country a believer in public ownership. What I have seen here, and I have studied the situation carefully, makes me realize that private ownership under proper conditions is far better for the citizens of American cities."

Mr. Dalrymple is a strong advocate of municipal ownership and came to encourage and help establish it in Chicago, but he discourages the idea because he believes that it would only act as a feeder to corrupt political machines. Thus we see that municipal ownership depends entirely on political conditions. In other words, many of our cities would have to be politically cleaned before public ownership could succeed.

## WHAT A MILE A MINUTE MEANS.

It Would Take One Across The Continent, From New York To San Francisco In Two Days—India In Nine Days.

With faster long-distance trains than were ever before run, in the regular course of business, in the United States, clipping hours off old records between New York and Chicago, a mile a minute on the railroad is a commonplace, but how many passengers realize what that rate of speed means if it could be maintained indefinitely? A mile a minute would cross the continent from New York to San Francisco in two days. It would girdle the earth at the Equator in sixteen days. At that speed a passenger might ride from Cleveland to Los Angeles in 2 days. Three would take him to Central America. A week would land him at Cape Horn or in the Philippines. The long journey to India would be only a nine-day wonder. Even the moon would be less than six months distant. The full import of the general development of means of transportation which would make such speed possible, on or over land and sea alike, can hardly be imagined. It would knit the world together as it has never yet been united. And the globe, so greatly—shrunk for purposes of travel and trade, would perforce be more neighborly, better acquainted, less prone to quarrel. It would also be far richer, more comfortable and prosperous, because all lands would then minister to the well-being of each.—Cleveland Leader.

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## INTERESTING NEWS FROM MILL SPRING.

Death Of Ella Henderson—Hotel Doors Are Ajar For Summer Boarders—Other Items About This Place And Its People.

There will be services at Mill Spring next Sunday.

Several gentlemen of our section went to Columbus first Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Rucker and family visited Mrs. E. L. Hague and our invalid, Miss Delia Mitchell last Sunday.

Mrs. T. F. Thorne and little son of Saluda, accompanied by "Judge" Roy Lewis visited relatives at Mill Spring.

We are glad to have the cheerful face of Miss Addie Baynard in our midst again. Her health is much improved.

Misses Daisy Rucker and Annie Laura Waldrop anticipate visiting relatives at Rutherfordton next week.

Rev. Marion Whiteside, of Spartanburg, S. C., formerly of Polk, passed through town last week enroute to Spartanburg.

Miss Johnnie Allen is visiting relatives in South Carolina this week. She anticipates going to Indian Territory in the near future.

James Griffin, of Poplar Grove, is suffering with dropsy. The people of that section have secured the services of Dr. Thompson, of Rutherfordton. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Summer boarders are now at Mite Inn and Summit hotels. Mountain View will also accommodate some of ye low landers. All the doors of the three hotels are ajar for you, come and enjoy the pure water and fresh mountain air. It will do you good.

Rev. J. D. Gibson visited some of his church members on Broad River last week. He is at home now, will preach at Bethlehem next Sunday, second, at 11 a. m. Their little son, Coke, has been quite sick recently, but we are glad to report him much improved.

Rev. H. L. Powell conducted the burial services of Ella Henderson, at Bethlehem M. E. church June 28th. We hope her spirit is now enjoying a sweet experience. Our heart-felt sympathy is extended to the children and especially to the poor blind, son who will miss her so much.

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## SEVENTH SESSION OF B. S. S. A. JULY 30

Will Be Held At Mt. Valley Church July 29th And 30th—The Program.

Seventh session of the Polk county Baptist Sunday School Association will be held at Mt. Valley Baptist church July 29th and 30th. Mt. Valley church is about 8 miles from Mill Spring.

The members of Columbus Lodge, No., 114, Knights of Pythias, have set July 30th for decorating the grave of their deceased brother A. E. Jones, and as Mr. Jones' grave is only a short distance from Mt. Valley church, many of the Knights will probably attend the Sunday school Association meeting.

Program as arranged by committee-men J. M. Walker, J. H. Gibbs and Elbert Jackson:

- 7:45 a. m.—Sermon—by John Arledge.
- 12 m.—Noon recess.
- 1 p. m.—The place of Sunday School in soul winning.—H. K. Corn and B. P. Jackson.
- 2 p. m.—Raising of Lazarus.—N. T. Mills and R. C. Champion.
- 3 p. m.—Human instrumentality in the salvation of souls—Roy Lewis and Rufus Rhodes.

## JULY 30TH.

- 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School Lesson Taught by—H. R. Whiteside.
- 11 a. m.—Sermon by—E. Allison.
- 12 m.—Noon recess.
- 1 p. m.—Sunday School Mass Meeting. The song services will be conducted by W. M. Barnett, of Collinsville, N. C. "Gospel Voices" will be used in these services. Let every Sunday School in the county send two or more delegates. We would be glad to have reports from each school.

## MANY PEOPLE ENJOY 4TH AT LYNN.

Lynn Folks Give Visitors Royal Welcome— Juniors Render Interesting Program— Good Speeches.

About 350 people enjoyed the 4th of July program arranged and carried out by the Lynn and Tryon Councils of the Jr. O. U. A. M. on the school house grounds at Lynn, Tuesday. Weather was warm—yes, hot—but the splendid shade enabled everyone to dodge the sun's rays whenever offensive.

W. A. Cannon, who was the first speaker, made the address of welcome. This he did in royal Cannon fashion, thundering a hearty whole-souled welcome to everyone. Mr. Cannon does not profess to be an orator but he is capable of making a good speech at times and this was one of them. When he finished everyone applauded and even the dogs barked their approval.

Geo. A. Gash, of Tryon, followed with a short, patriotic address that pleased everyone.

Rev. T. C. Croker, spoke next and put all in good humor by the remark that "a royal welcome has been thundered to us from a big Cannon and a great Gash." He then proceeded to accept the welcome for the visitors.

W. F. Swan made the presentation of flag to the school and Hon. T. T. Ballenger made the speech of acceptance. Both these gentlemen made short appropriate speeches.

B. L. Hoke, of Asheville was announced the speaker of the day. He told of the principles of the Jr. O. U. A. M. and interspersed his remarks with stories and jokes that kept the attention of his hearers for an hour or more.

Recitations by the children were good.

The program was completed about 12.30 and dinner was served on the grounds. The Lynn people know how to entertain and they made it their business to see that the visitors all had dinner and a good time. The program:

- Music
- Prayer—by Rev. T. C. Croker
- Music
- Address of Welcome—by W. A. Cannon
- Response—by Geo. A. Gash
- Address—by Rev. T. C. Croker
- Music
- Recitation—"God Bless Our Flag"
- Song—"Red, White and Blue"
- Recitation—"The American Flag"
- Music
- Recitations
- Music
- Presentation of Flag to School—W. F. Swan
- Acceptance of Flag—Hon. T. T. Ballenger
- Music
- Address By Hon. B. L. Hoke, of Asheville
- Music
- Closing Remarks by Rev. T. C. Croker
- Dinner at 1. p. m.

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## THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET.

Special Road Tax Levied On Three Townships—L. W. Morgan Gets Green River Bridge Contract—Other Business.

County commissioners met July 3rd, and transacted business as follows:

Ordered that N. D. Moore repair bridge over Green River at Wilkins place for the sum of \$2.00.

An order was made to exempt from poll tax C. Phillips, John Rowe, James Fowler and James Wilson. The former for 1905, the two latter for 1904 and Rowe until revoked.

L. W. Morgan received contract to cover and weather-board bridge over Green River at Milo Foster place, for \$146.50.

H. C. Morgan was empowered to let contract to cover and weather-board bridge over Pacolet river at Prince place.

A special road tax of 5cts per \$100 on real and personal property and 15cts on poll was levied in townships Columbus, White Oak and Tryon.

Wilkins bridge on Green river was ordered repaired by contract. Orders were drawn on treasurer amounting to \$77.67.

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