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**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

Should men hold public office who do not take interest enough in their county affairs to go to the polls and vote?

Does it not look as though the "stay-at-home" voter attempted to carry water on both shoulders?

Some newspapers are so prejudiced against Hearst that they lose sight of the rottenness of Tammany.

Voting the railroad bonds Tuesday was a noble day's work for the townships of Columbus, White Oak and Cooper Gap.

The defeat of James W. Osborne for district attorney of New York shows what a man gets for being in bad company.

More respect is due the man who had courage to go to the polls and cast his ballot against the railroad bonds than for the "stay-at-home." The former showed his colors and did the more manly act.

**THE HANDY PISTOL.**

Danger Of Handy Pistols—About Ten Innocent People By Mistake Killed To One Burglar—Loaded Weapon Should Not Be Kept.

The habit of carrying pistols by officers or citizens is a suggestion to shoot with or without cause. The keeping of a loaded pistol on the mantle piece or bureau, ready for an emergency, is very dangerous. Officers shoot more people without cause and private citizens at night kill more persons through mistake than trespassers and burglars. There are about ten innocent people killed to one burglar. In Uniontown, Pennsylvania last week a wealthy and influential man shot and killed his daughter just married, who had gone to the kitchen for ice for her sick husband. He thought she was a burglar. In Colleton county a man killed his wife one night saying he thought she was some one spying on him as he was a convict that had broken his promise not to return to the state. In Georgia there is an intelligent woman under indictment for killing her husband who returned to his home in the night. She said she thought he was a burglar. It is the handy pistol that suggests murder to careless or cowardly officers or to husband and wives that wish to get rid of their partners. The man who shoots a trespasser when fleeing is close kin to a murderer. He who shoots another for an offense, that the law would punish lightly, is guilty of manslaughter. The Court may acquit him but his own conscience never will. Resisting an officer does not call for the pistol, unless a violent and deadly attack is made. Fleeing from an officer to escape an arrest, except in the case of an outlaw, does not call for a pistol. There is too much careless handling of pistols and too much unnecessary shooting at people.—Carolina Spartan.

**THREE TOWNSHIPS VOTE BONDS.**

Columbus, White Oak And Cooper Gap Carried By Safe Majorities—Greens Creek Falls Behind.

Tuesday November 14th was an ideal day to hold an election, and this fact, no doubt, was partly responsible for the ideal vote in favor of the railroad bonds. Columbus, White Oak and Cooper Gap voted the subscription by safe majorities.

Columbus citizens were out early and nearly had a majority by noon. This township had an aggressive determined set of workers who left no stone unturned which might aid in carrying the election for the bonds. They were bound to carry the election honestly in spite of all opposition. The results prove they made good their pledge. Only 5 ballots were cast against the bonds in the township and 39 remained at home. This gave a majority of 49.

White Oak township, which a few days before election was practically dead, braced up and came in with flying colors. The citizens at Mill Springs did good work and shortly after noon had a majority. At this precinct only one vote was cast against the bonds.

Pearidge precinct in White Oak township voted favorable by two.

Cooper Gap township, which was thought to be the weakest township of those voting, developed strength and gave a majority of 33. Big Level precinct in this township voted favorable by 25 and Jackson's Mill gave a majority of 8.

Greens Creek township voted the subscription down. There seemed to be a lack of interest in this township due to the South and Western fever that has recently hit the lower section of the township. Before the S. and W. was spoken of Greens Creek was the most anxious township in the county to vote the bonds. It was the stay at home vote that defeated the bonds there. The vote for was 76, against 23.

A glance at the election returns will show that the stay at home vote was the largest opposition. The fact that the bonds have carried in spite of this indifferent element being counted against it, proves conclusively where the people stand in this matter.

The vote by townships follow:

Townships	For	Against	Stay at home	Majority
White Oak	117	48	—	69
Cooper Gap	—	—	—	33
Columbus	93	5	39	49
Green Creek	76	23	114	—

Note—It is impossible to get complete returns before next week. The above is as near correct as we learn for this issue.

**TRYON NOTES.**

The Board Of Trade—A Few Other Interesting Items From This Busy Little Town.

Guests are beginning to arrive almost daily.

The builder's contract for the Thermal Belt Sanitarium has been awarded to W. J. Gaines.

Some destructive mortals continue to throw rocks from the walls of the Erskine bridge into the pond.

The Board of Trade meets regularly and its membership continues to increase. It has done much good for this town during its short existence.

C. W. Ballenger, likes to tell of his experience hunting big game in Toxaway and the deer he killed is, of course, prized highly.

If W. H. Stearns will improve the Tryon road with the money he received as damages, many people who criticized him for asking damages will be ready to take back all they said.

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**COLUMBUS NEWS.**

Corn Shucking Gatherings Now Interesting The People—Short Items Of Interest And Personal Mention.

Miss Minnie Arledge, began teaching at Green River Monday.

Miss Penola McMurray will begin teaching school at the Morgan school house Monday.

Miss Eliza Newman is now telephone girl and presides over the exchange office.

Dr. Bostic and family left Sunday for their home in Forest City.

Miss Mabel Carson went to Melvin Hill Saturday, returning Sunday.

The Knights are figuring on a good time Saturday night. Here's to their success.

J. R. Hampton arrived here Saturday from Virginia and expects to remain a week or ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hodge, who were recently married, are spending a few days here visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Carson, and family dined at the home of Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Croker Monday.

Mrs. T. E. Walker, and son Floyd visited Mrs. M. A. Walker, Tuesday, returning home Thursday.

Columbus easily voted the railroad bonds. She always does her part when the test comes.

Attorney J. E. Shipman went to Hendersonville Sunday. A case of importance in Henderson court detained him until Wednesday.

E. B. Cloud, attorney at law, is located in the room to the right in the upper court room. He is ready for business and clients will receive special attention.

Corn shuckings seem to be interesting folks now. There was one at F. L. Weaver's place last Friday night and T. C. Hampton managed to get one started as early as 3:30 Wednesday afternoon. These events are usually attended by a jolly crowd and, of course, with everyone in good humor, time flies pleasantly and work is also accomplished. More of these gatherings would make the people better acquainted, as all classes are represented, even to lawyers.

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