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DIRECTORY FOR THE CHURCHES OF COLUMBUS.

- PRESBYTERIAN**—T. C. CROKER, pastor—Preaching every third Sunday, 11 A. M., and at night
- BAPTIST**—Preaching by appointment Sunday school every Sunday at 10 A. M.
- METHODIST EPISCOPAL**—Preaching by appointment. Sabbath school at 10 A. M.
- GREEN RIVER CIRCUIT METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.**—Rev. W. H. PERRY, Pastor, Mills Spring, N. C.

EDITORIAL

MILLS SPRING.

Polk County News.
Dear Sir:—In perusing the columns of your last week's issue I was forcibly impressed with the article of Mr. Putnam, in regard to the farmers of our county raising an all-cotton crop. The advice given by Mr. Putnam has the right ring and deserves serious consideration. Mr. Putnam is a guano dealer (and notwithstanding the fact that he will lose some money if his council is followed, he sounds a warning note to his customers. Let us take his first "don't" as good, sound advice; ditto "don't" No. 2, and as for the third "don't" I wish it could be made ring in the ears of parents and all others who have charge of the children in Polk County until they would see the very great importance of sending their children to the schools established for their good.
If we take a few of the strongest schools in the county—by strongest I mean the most populous districts—we find that the enrolment is not fifty per cent of the school population, and the average attendance is not over sixty-five per cent of the enrolment.
It is a sad fact that the negro take more interest in sending their children to their schools than the whites do. From reports up to the present the enrolment in negro schools is 57 per cent of the school population and the average attendance is 80 per cent of the enrolment. Cannot this want of interest be remedied in some way?
We hope for money enough to give a four months school term in all the districts in the county.
In reporting amounts needed we were instructed to report all money on hand in treasury July 1st, 1901, and all districts that had schools since July 1st, 1901. Consequently, those districts that had a part of their schools taught last fall will only get enough money to make our months, including the last fall term.
The letter of instruction from Capt. Loan is very explicit on this point, and if you, Mr. Editor, will allow it, I will give an extract from same as a matter of information, viz:
"The effort to aid the weak districts to enable them to have a four months term is an experiment, and it is hard for either the County State Board to get the exact amount necessary to act with justice to the need of the districts. The county should not give one district enough money to have a five months term and to another only enough to have a three months school, and then ask the State Board to supply the deficiency for a three months school. The Board may give more money to one district than others, because a district may require a higher paid teacher than another, yet the terms of the schools should be uniform."

These instructions the County Board has followed in making the apportionment. After sending in reports two weeks ago, it has been necessary to revise the reports and apportionment, which makes some changes in the amounts reported to the District Committees a few days since.
New notices will be sent out at once.
Yours truly,
W. M. JUSTICE.

HARRIS—HIGGINS.

A Romantic Courtship Terminates a Happy Marriage.
On the afternoon of Jan. 16th, Miss Jennie Higgins, of this town, and Mr. J. W. Harris of Fort Worth, Texas, were happily married at the home of the bride in east Rutherfordton. The couple were married by the Rev. J. B. Carpenter, and immediately after the ceremony was performed they left for Fort Worth, the home of the groom.
This marriage was the happy termination of a rather romantic and unusual courtship, which was carried on through the United States mails for many years. It is said that five years ago, through the medium of an advertising agency, a correspondence was begun by the contracting parties, and was constantly kept up until Mr. Harris came here a few weeks ago to claim his bride. He is said to be the son of a rich Texas planter, and the couple will make their future home in Fort Worth. Some people say that an advertisement won't pay, and those who believe it will not, ought to talk to Mr. Harris and be convinced.
—Tribune.

LYNN LINERS.

Mrs. S. A. Rand is spending a few days in Tryon this week.
Mr. Calvin Walker and family will go to Pelham, S. C., this week.
Mr. Ed. Foster and family will become Lynntites this week.
Mr. Chas. W. Swan and family removed back to their old home near Asheville, last week.
Mr. John Blackwell and son have had a slight attack of pneumonia, but at this scribbling are better.
Mr. Roy Engle is having quite a lot of wood cut on his place for the Mimosa.
A part of Hosiery Mill has been under suspension for a few days failing to get material on time.
The Forture Brothers have contract for stone work of the new barn at the Mimosa.
Mrs. Geo. F. French, of Columbus, visited Mrs. E. C. Townsend and the baby a few days ago.
The Hosiery Mill started up on Tuesday of last week at ten o'clock with full force.
Mr. W. J. Parker, who has been night watchman at Hosiery Mill for a long time is now dyeing and Mr. D. H. Swan is night watchman.
Mr. Crutchfield of Crutchfield & Tolleson Co., druggists, of Spartanburg, paid the Lynn mercantiles a visit this week.
Miss Francis, of Chicago, a friend of Miss Olevee is visiting her and we think will spend balance of winter here.
It is reported that Mose Holbut, colored, who was shot from ambush near Tryon, a few days ago, died on Tuesday morning of last week.
If our county commissioners would send a delegate to the Road Congress that meets in Raleigh Feb. 12th and 13th, we believe it would be a good investment. See Governor's proclamation.
We notice that Mr. Geo. E. Morton, editor of Tryon Bee has been appointed by the Governor, a delegate to the Good Roads Congress that meets in Raleigh Feb. 12th and 13th; also Mr. H. E. Gray, of Columbus, has been appointed by the President of the Appalachian Good Roads Division, a delegate to same. We believe the above named gentlemen will make the county good representatives and we hope they may be able to attend this very important meeting.
Mr. W. L. Cannon, of Spartanburg, visited W. A. Cannon and family one day last week. Come again when the weather and roads are better.
A change in the rout of the Howard Gap road has been planned, but has not yet materialized.

ROUND TRIP REDUCED RATES

Offered by the Southern Railway Co., for the following special occasions:
On account Mardi Gras, New Orleans, La., and Mobile, Ala., Feb. 4th-11th. Tickets will be on sale Feb. 4th to 10th, inclusive, with final limit to return Feb. 15th, except that by payment of 50 cents and deposit of ticket with joint Agent No. 707 Cravier Street, New Orleans, La., and 51 South Loyall Street, Mobile, Ala., on or before Feb. 15th, an extension of limit will be granted to Feb. 28th. Rate of one first class limited one way fare for the round trip. Round trip rate from Asheville \$22.10 to New Orleans, La., and \$18.55 to Mobile.
Account Annual Convention Communication, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 14th, 1902. Tickets will be on sale Jan. 12, 13, 14, final limit Jan. 31st. Round trip rate from Asheville \$11.00.
Account 5th, Annual Poultry Show, Charlotte, N. C. Tickets on sale Jan. 6th-9th, inclusive, with final limit Jan. 11, 1902. Round trip rate from Asheville via Spartanburg \$5.25 via Statesville \$5.55 and via Salisbury \$6.20.
Call on ticket agents for further information or address,
F. R. DARBY, C. P. & T. A.
Asheville, N. C.

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.
Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure no Pay. Price 25c.

NOTICE.

All taxes due in the town of Columbus, N. C., must be settled during the month of Jan. 1902. After the limit of this notice the Collector shall proceed to collect according to law.
By order of the board.
F. M. BURGESS, Collector.

The Old Shop but a New Smith.

Having purchased the entire outfit of blacksmith implements of Mr. H. E. Gray, I have opened shop at the Griffin old stand in Columbus and prepared to do blacksmith work and general repairing. Horse-shoeing cheaper than ever. Will furnish shoes and nails and do you a first class job for only 50 cents.
Bring along your work.
Yours to serve,
W. M. COVIL.

Will not Hide my Light under a Bushel.

Gentlemen:—I will not hide my light under a bushel, for I want the people to know what your Gooch's Mexican Syrup has done for me. For four years I have been afflicted with Asthma, and could not get anything to do me any good until I got your Gooch's Mexican Syrup. I took three bottles and it cured me entirely. I give you this hoping it may be the means of saving some one from a horrible and premature death. Yours under obligations,
Rev. Thos. B. Warwich,
Scott Town, O.

Consumptives try it. It cures a simple cough as if by magic, and is the best remedy for whooping cough. Price 25 cents.

Cruelty to Children.

Mother's Worm Syrup never fails to destroy and remove worms in children. It is cruel not to administer it to them whenever there is need.

Pile-line Cures Piles!
Money refunded if it fails.

Our Clubbing Rates

We have made arrangements whereby we can offer the following clubbing rates:
The Thrice-a-Week World and The News, one year.....\$1.50
The Atlanta Constitution, (The great Southern weekly) and The News.....\$1.50
The Sunny South and The News.....\$1.50
The Commoner, (Bryan's paper) and The News.....\$1.50
Send in your subscription and get two papers almost at the price of one. Send all subscriptions to
The News,
Columbus, N. C.

Tryon Meat Market.

FRESH
Beef, Pork, Fish, Oysters, Poultry and Eggs.
JULES BAUMBERGER,
Tryon, N. C.
(Opposite freight depot).

PLEASE REMEMBER.
All matter for advertising and changing of "adds" should reach us not later than Monday noon.
E. H. Groves
This signature is on every box of the genuine
Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets
the remedy that cures a cold in one day

MELVIN HILL M'F'G. & SUPPLY CO.

DEALERS IN:
General Merchandise,
ALSO:
Buyers of Corn, Cotton, Cotton Seed, Wheat, Fodder and all kinds of Country Produce, highest prices paid in trade or cash. Patronage of the entire surrounding country solicited at

MELVIN HILL, N. C.

THE POLK COUNTY DRUG STORE.

Drugs, Paints, Oils, Brushes, Perfumes, Extracts, School Books.
A full line of Stationeries.
Fresh candies every week.
Prescriptions carefully compounded.
E. E. MISSILDINE, Tryon, N. C.
Successor to MISSILDINE & GRADY.

WHAT YOU NEED IS Hardware That WILL Wear.

To this end we are endeavoring to supply a long felt want in the hardware trade. We appreciate the liberal share of patronage extended to us during the past year and shall put forth our best efforts to merit a continuance of the same during the present year.
If in need of hardware, buggies, wagons, saddles, harness, paints, etc., we can make it to your interest to see us before placing your order, that is, if prices interest you.
A large shipment of plows, hoes and farming tools soon to arrive and soon to go at low prices.

Tryon Supply Co., TRYON, N. C.

Central Industrial Institute...

COLUMBUS, POLK COUNTY, N. C.
Opens September, 2nd, 1901.
This school is thoroughly equipped and well prepared to do the very best of work in
Primary, Intermediate, College Preparatory, Music.
A temperance community with good moral and social surroundings.
Two well arranged dormitories under good management.
Good attention given to all classes of students entrusted to our care.
Good Literary Societies.
A good Library and Reading Room open to all students without extra charge.
Write for any information desired to
MISS MAY E. McCLANAHAN, Principal.