

THE POLK COUNTY NEWS,
COLUMBUS, N. C.
OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF POLK COUNTY.
Entered at the Post-office in Columbus, Polk
County, N. C., as 2d-class mail matter.
W. C. CORCORAN, } Editors and
JOHN CARNEGIE, } Publishers.

Subscription Price.
One year.....\$1.00
Six months..... 50c
Three months..... 25c

THURSDAY, MARCH 12th., 1903.

Correspondents who do not contribute regularly must give their name, not for publication but for identification.

ONE of the publishers of THE NEWS was peacefully walking on the public sidewalk to his business a few days ago and as he was passing the public postoffice he felt a few sharp blows upon his head and face being delivered upon him from the rear. Being taken suddenly by surprise he endeavored to get out of his assailant's reach. When he had recovered from his shock, he realized that his assailant had hidden behind a door in the post-office, evidently waiting for the editor to pass and had used a horse whip in his attempt to thrash him.

The editor's assailant was none other than the angry citizen who dislikes THE POLK COUNTY NEWS, evidently, because it believes in telling the truth, expressing its opinion fearlessly and freely, and condemns that which it thinks is wrong and unjust to the public.

After his sneaking and cowardly act, this brave man paraded himself and his whip up and down the street and in front of the postoffice, boasting of his great deed and telling passers-by how he made "the dirty dog run." (meaning the editor).

To those who do not know, we will say, that the editor this gallant citizen used the whip on, is no match, physically, for a man his size. On the other hand, his courageous opponent is big, strong, and healthy.

For any man to attempt to strike another of his own size with any kind of a weapon, would be cowardly at best, but to sneak up behind a sick man of little physical strength, and strike him with a whip, is the meanest, most cowardly and contemptible act that could be expected of any being. To boast and crow over such an act man must be reduced to a low state. Such people are not fit to be called human beings and are a disgrace to the citizens, the town and the state. All the punishment the law has power to inflict is not too much for such an unmanly act. Threats or attempts to thrash the publishers of this paper will never frighten them so bad that they will omit news or other matter for fear of being assaulted. If it became necessary we had rather risk the thrashing and feel that we had done our duty to our readers and citizens by bringing to their attention anything that would prove fatal to them or their county.

There is no bigger fool than the one who tries to fight a newspaper or tries to keep the publishers from printing the news because it happens to hit him. In such fights the newspaper generally comes out ahead because it has many advantages over its antagonist. It can put its argument in much better form and tell it to a large number of people easier than its opponent can tell it to one person. Aside from these advantages it has the right of free speech and is privileged to publish the news as it finds and sees it. One of its greater advantages is that it generally has public opinion on its side. This last named is by no means the least, but gives power to the newspaper.

We propose to build up this newspaper on the principles of right and justice; to be free and fearless in our opinions and to give all the news. Its editors shall belong to themselves, and be governed by no man or set of men, and they alone will be responsible for what it says and does. It intends to deal with men and things justly, having charity toward all and malice toward none. It shall be devoted to the interests of Polk county and anything it can do or say to promote the welfare of this community and its citizens shall be done gladly and unhesitatingly.

We are grateful to our readers for the kind words they have said about our editorials the past few weeks and it gives us much comfort and encouragement to know that nearly everybody in this town and county endorses them. Such expressions prove that so long as we try to do right we shall not lack readers and friends. Indeed, without egotism, let us say, that the editorials which have recently appeared in THE NEWS, have brought in new subscriptions which were accompanied by the cash to pay for same. If the subscription list of THE NEWS grows as steadily in the future as it has in the past few weeks, it will soon have as large a circulation as its contemporaries that are situated in more prosperous neighborhoods.

We earnestly solicit the patronage of all, but beg that of none. If you do not feel the THE NEWS is worth what you pay for it, we do not want your subscription. We want all to feel they are getting full value for their money. If you want a newspaper that will look to your interests as well as its own, subscribe for THE NEWS, only one dollar a year.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of County Commissioners met March 2nd, all being present. The following business was transacted. Ordered that:

- Lewis Green be released of poll tax.
- T. M. Hester be released of poll tax in Columbus township.
- Alvin Griever be released of all taxes charged.
- Jno. S. Thompson be released of poll tax in White Oak township.
- Jim Arledge be released of land tax in Saluda township.
- M. D. Lancaster be released of taxes on 50 acres of land in Green's Creek township.
- Elvia Harris be released from poll tax.
- Mary Humby be paid \$2.00 per month for her own support.
- H. T. Cantrell's land be reduced from \$300 to \$150.
- S. B. Wilkins be released of double tax in Columbus township.
- J. R. Paris be released of double tax in Tryon township.
- Jno. Rowe be exempted from poll tax for 1903.
- W. B. Conner be exempted from poll tax for 1902 and 1903.
- Bond of J. R. Blanton for county surveyor was presented, approved and accepted.
- The County Treasurer pay Calvin Splawn \$2.00 for his own support for February.
- Pathy Pritchard, for her own support, \$ 2 00
- Elia Henderson, support of blind son, 2 00
- Wm. Smith, for her own support, 2 00
- J. W. Newman, jail fees, 33 25
- J. B. Hilton, for nursing small-pox at Allen Laughters, 7 50
- L. W. Morgan, building bridge over Pacolet, 100 00
- J. E. Shipman, Att'y Board of County Commissioners, Dec. 1st to Mar. 1st. 25 00
- Townsend & Cannon, supplies and medicine for small-pox cases at Lynn, 15 01
- Mary Humby, for her own support, February, 2 00
- H. E. Flynn, building bridge at O. P. Smawley's 17 50
- M. A. Jackson, services as judge of election, 1 00
- Edwards & Broughton, supplies for Clerk and Reg'r, 16 65
- W. Y. Miller, services as County Commissioner and mileage, 15 80

Elizabeth Cromwell, for support of Chas. Cromwell, February, 4 00
Dr. W. C. Bostic, services as physician in small-pox cases, 23 00

The bill to provide a survey of the boundary line between Polk and Henderson counties which was passed by the legislature authorizes the commissioners of the two respective counties of Henderson and Polk to appoint at their April meeting a surveyor each, who shall then select a third party from some county other than the two in question who shall proceed to survey and mark the boundary line.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

This is to say that the small-pox recently existing in Columbus has been stamped out, the houses where it existed have been thoroughly fumigated and aired and all other necessary precautions against its re-appearance have been taken and no one need feel any uneasiness in coming to Columbus while court is in session on account of its having existed here in February.

W. C. BOSTIC, M. D.
HEALTH OFFICER.

DR. S. S. DANIEL
Dentist

Will be in the building known as the "Boys' Dormitory," and situated opposite the court house in the town of Columbus for a few days beginning

March 23d,

All kinds of dentistry done. Diseases of the mouth successfully treated. Teeth extracted without pain.

CALL AND YOU

WILL BE PLEASED.

WYANDOTTES!

A few White Wyandotte Cockerels for sale. It will pay you to get one of these males even if you have only mongrels to mate with. They are beauties and will not last long. Speak quick if you want one.

John Carnegie,
COLUMBUS, N. C.

MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of the power contained in a certain mortgage executed by William E. Mills, and wife, Mary Mills, to R. L. Hamilton to secure an indebtedness of \$72.05, which mortgage is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Polk County, in Book No. 12 at page 431, and which became due and payable on the 2nd day of December, 1896, and default having been made in the payment of a part of said indebtedness, I will, on Monday, April 6th, 1903, within the legal hours of sale, offer for sale at the court house door in Columbus, N. C. at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy the balance due on said indebtedness, to wit: \$50.63, with interest, cost, and expenses added, the following described lands, lying and being in the State of North Carolina, County of Polk, Township of Coopers Gap, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a black gum and running south 55, west 25 poles to a Span oak; thence south 37, west 33 poles to a poplar; thence south 55, west 29 poles to a pine; thence south 71, west 36 poles to a Span oak; thence north 30, west 20 poles to a stake and pointers; thence south 30, west 130 poles to a stake; thence north 33, west 150 poles to a heap of stones and pointers; thence north 33, east 40 poles to a hickory; thence south 33, east 28 poles to a white oak; thence north 57; east 114 poles to a black oak; thence north 47, east 72 poles to black oak stump; thence south 75, east 18 poles to a Span oak; thence with Mills line to beginning, containing 120 acres more or less.

S. A. HAMILTON,
Executrix of
R. L. HAMILTON, Dec'd
Per J. E. Shipman, Att'y.
This March 6th 1903.

Picture Framing,

Have just received a large assortment of picture moulding and am prepared to frame your pictures at reasonable rates.

L. H. CLOUD, COLUMBUS, N. C.

SUPPLY YOUR NEEDS!

**HARDWARE, STOVES,
and TINWARE.**

Read! Listen! Hear what we have to say: When you come to Tryon bring along your cash and see what we can do for you. If you want Buggies, Waggon, Saddles, Harness, Oils, Paints, Varnishes, Brushes, Nails, Razors, Knives, Doors, Windows, Brick, Lime, Cements, Horse Collars, Lanterns, Lap Robes, Augers, Chisels, Dinner Bells, Axes, Shovels, Spades, Hoes, Rakes, Mowing Machines, Grindstones and a thousand and one other articles kept in a first class hardware store. : : : : :
Give us a call and supply your needs. We are always glad to see you whether you buy or not. : : : : :

Tryon Supply Co.,
TRYON N. C.

THE NEATLY PRINTED

BILL HEAD, LETTER HEAD, NOTE
HEAD, STATEMENT, ENVELOPE,
CARD OR CIRCULAR : : : : :

Always Attracts Attention

LEAVES A GOOD IMPRESSION, MAKES MANY
SALES AND IS AN ADVERTISING MEDIUM THAT
BRINGS GOOD RESULTS. SUCH PRINTING
CAN BE HAD AT : : : : :

THE NEWS JOB OFFICE

AT REASONABLE RATES. MAIL ORDERS
RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION. TRY US.

Just Received

A new and complete line of Jewelry, consisting of Scarf, Lace and Hat Pins, Collar, Cuff and Sleeve Buttons, Cuff Links, Watch Chains and Fobs. Ladies' and Gents' Eyeglass Chains and Cords. Rings, plain and set. Locketts, Charms, Eyeglasses, Spectacles, Etc., Etc. All of which I guarantee just as represented. Call in and see my stock even if you don't buy. : : : : :

CHAS. B. McFEE, TRYON, N. C.

**BARGAINS! Central
Industrial
Institute.**

In Woods Seeds, the Best
Garden Seeds. Also
Shoes, Clothing, Hosiery,
Candies, Tobacco, Etc.

TRYON * BARGAIN * STORE,
TRYON, N. C.

**W. H. STEARNS
FEED STORE
AND STABLES.**

COTTON SEED MEAL, HULLS,
BRAN, MALT, CORN, RYE,
SEED OATS.
GOOD LIVERY SERVICE.

TRYON, . . . N. C.

A well equipped School for both sexes.
**Primary,
Intermediate,
College Preparatory.**

A temperance community with good moral and social surroundings. Special attention given to students who have been deprived of early educational advantages. Good Literary Societies. A good library and reading room open to all students without extra charge. : : : : :

Write for information to
Miss May E. McClanahan, Prin.,
COLUMBUS, N. C.

A Solid Silver Spoon Free!

I will give to every baby in this county free of charge one Solid Silver Baby Spoon with its given name engraved on it, to every mother who will call at my store and sign the application blank for same. You don't have to pay one cent or buy one penny worth of goods. Mothers, come, bring your babies and get one, they are free.

CHAS. B. McFEE, TRYON, N. C.