

One year.....\$1.00  
Six months......50  
Three months......25

PHONE NO. 2.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1904.

About the Fire.

The fire which occurred in Tryon last Sunday a. m., although an unwelcome and horrible visitor, left many causes for thankfulness, chief among them being that no lives were lost.

Fear is entertained by many that this severe loss may check the march of progress in Tryon. We trust not. But hope that it will be, as many such fires have proved, an incentive for a better and more rapid growth.

We extend our sympathy to John Orr & Co., and The Ballenger Co., in their misfortune, but commend them for their grit and enterprise in reopening and selling goods the day after they had lost all. That's the spirit with which to build up a town. Never say "down."

Pull Together.

The natural advantages of Polk county are many, but they await it little so long as they are unknown to the outside world. If Polk county is to become the prosperous business centre and health resort we all believe it is destined to be, then the citizens must begin to act and work together.

To "keep everlastingly at it" is the best way to build up a town or county. Let each citizen talk his town in particular and Polk county in general to his friends and keep on talking until it is imprinted in their memories. Tell them of its superb locations and great advantages for factories and industrial enterprises. It's health restoring powers and natural beauty. The opportunities for successful truck farming and fruit growing. The good schools and moral influences.

If Polk county is your home and ideal, don't keep it a secret. Let people know it and tell them why you think so much of it. In this way you can do much to bring your county to the front.

Let us all pull together for Polk county.

About Ourselves.

We have just added considerable printing material to THE POLK COUNTY NEWS, office, in the shape of type, etc., and are now able to do a better and more extensive line of book and job printing. We want you to bring us all you have in this line and let us prove that we can do as neat a piece of printing as can be done anywhere. Why send your printing elsewhere when you can get it as good and as cheap right here at home? patronize home industries and so help to build up Polk county.

We want to double the circulation of THE NEWS the coming year and ask you to help us. You can do a great deal by talking to your friends about the paper and persuading those who are not subscribers to at least try it for one month. This will only cost them ten cents.

We will endeavor to print a newsy, readable sheet, but wish to remind you that the quality and influence of a newspaper depends largely upon the support it receives from the citizens of the county.

The great advantage of the telephone was experienced by the citizens of Columbus, when the fire at Tryon caused them to be disconnected with the latter place for a day or two the forepart of this week.

Subscribe for and advertise in THE NEWS. It will prove to be one of the best investments you ever made.

**STEVENS**

There are many uses for a Shotgun or Rifle, but be sure to have one of a reliable make. The "Stevens" has been on the market since 1854 and is guaranteed for quality.

We manufacture a complete line of  
**Rifles, Pistols, Shotguns**

Ask your dealer for the "Stevens." There is no substitute. If you cannot obtain them let us know, and we shall ship direct, express prepaid, upon receipt of price.

Send for Illustrated Catalog. You cannot do without it, if interested in SHOOTING. Mailed free on request.

Try that new puzzle of ours! It will keep you guessing until you solve it, and furnish lots of amusement. Sent on receipt of two-cent stamp. Address: "Puzzle Department," J. STEVENS ARMS & TOOL CO., Chicopee Falls, Mass.



**50¢**

Free Trial

As a Perfect Cleaner," says Write for book to Mrs. Rorer Hoffman Heat and Food Chopper Co. 11. At your dealer's, 50c. By mail for express fee. Your MONEY BACK if not satisfactory. HOLLIS BROS. CO., 110 Penn Ave., Mount Joy, Pa.

**Mrs. Rorer**

SAW MILL MACHINERY.

Portable and Stationary Engines of various makes, saws, etc., suitable for Lumber Camps, Logging, etc.  
H. K. FINGER, Mill Spring, N. C.

**NOTICE.**

To the friends and patrons of the Bank of Rutherfordton: I want to say that in this day of burglary and safe robbery, all monies deposited in this bank will be safe. For in keeping with our usual precaution we carry burglary insurance to cover all losses in case robbers should blow up our safe. We invite all persons having money to deposit to place it in our safe and it will be protected. Remember this is the first and oldest bank in the county and has withstood all tests for twelve years. While others have failed, the Bank of Rutherfordton stands. Bring us your deposits and all your valuables for safe keeping. Soliciting all your business, I beg to be Yours truly,  
D. F. MORROW, President.

**THE WINTER RESORTS SOUTH REACHED VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.**

The Southern Railway announces the sale of round-trip Winter Excursion tickets to all the principal resorts of the South beginning October 15, 1903.

The winter resorts of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida are especially inviting to those in search of health or pleasure. In these States are such noted resorts as Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Ormond, Daytona, Palm Beach, Rockledge, Miami and Tampa, Fla., also the resorts of Nassau and Cuba, best reached via the Southern Railway.

Tickets on sale up to and including April 30, 1904, limited to return until May 31, 1904.

Southern Railway affords elegant train service, with the largest Pullman Drawing Room Sleeping Cars, operated through between principal cities and resorts, elegant Dining Car service, and everything for the comfort and pleasure of the traveler.

Ask nearest Ticket Agent for further information and descriptive literature.

**BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.**

A good winter laying strain. Eggs for hatching and stock for sale.

**SCOTCH COLLIE SHEPHERD PUPPIES.**

Thoroughbred stock at moderate terms. Address  
**GEORGE E. WHITESEL,**  
HARRISONBURG,  
Rural Route 6. VIRGINIA.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY**  
Take Luxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on every box. 25 cts.

**It Is Never**

too late to make good resolutions, especially if in making your resolutions for the new year, you did not resolve that you would : : : :

**Advertise**

more this year than you did last. Judicious advertising is a business builder. When placing your advertising for 1904, do not forget that it will be to your advantage to place an ad in : : : : :

**The News.**

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET.  
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY  
THE BALLENGER COMPANY.

Corn, per bushel	\$ .80
White beans, per bushel	2.50
Colored " "	2.00
Mountain Irish Potatoes	.75
Sweet " "	.50
Baldwin apples	1.00
Corn meal	.85
Compound lard, per lb.	.11
Kettle rendered, " "	.12 1-2
Country butter " "	.20
Eggs " doz.	.20
Hens each	.30
Broilers " 15 to 20	.20
Clear side meat, per lb.	.12 1-2

In gambling it is well to quit playing when the game is at its best. In advertising it is best to go it all the stronger when returns prove that it isn't a game of chance, but a sure means to an end.—Jed Scarborough.

**Central Industrial Institute.**

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  
**Rev. Marion Whiteside, Prin.**  
COLUMBUS, N. C.

Capital \$10,000. Surplus \$3,000.  
ESTABLISHED 1892.

**The Bank of Rutherfordton,**  
NORTH CAROLINA.

Invites all your business. Loans on good security. Pays interest on time deposits. Is the depository for state funds by order of the state treasurer. Bring or send us all your business.

D. F. MORROW,  
J. W. DORSEY, PRESIDENT.  
ACTING CASHIER.

**A GOOD HOUSE**

of six rooms and one-half acre lot in town of Columbus for sale. For particulars apply to

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

**FOR SALE!**

1 Tent 12x14 1 large Wagon Cover, 4 Camp Stools, 1 Fast Wagon Bows, 1 Fruit Dryer and Bread Baker, 1 pair Buggy Shafts, 1 Ladies Riding saddle and Saddle, 1 one-horse Top Buggy and Harness, 2 Plows, 1 Regina Music Box and 15 Records, 1 Graphophone and 12 Records, 1 Crown Parlor Organ, good as new; 6 shares in Polk County Telephone Co., 1 eighteen months old Kentucky bred Colt, 2 Post Hole Diggers, 7 Bundles Pine Shingles.

I am offering the articles named above at private sale. Call, if interested.

**S. W. MILLER,**  
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**NOTICE OF BANKRUPT SALE.**

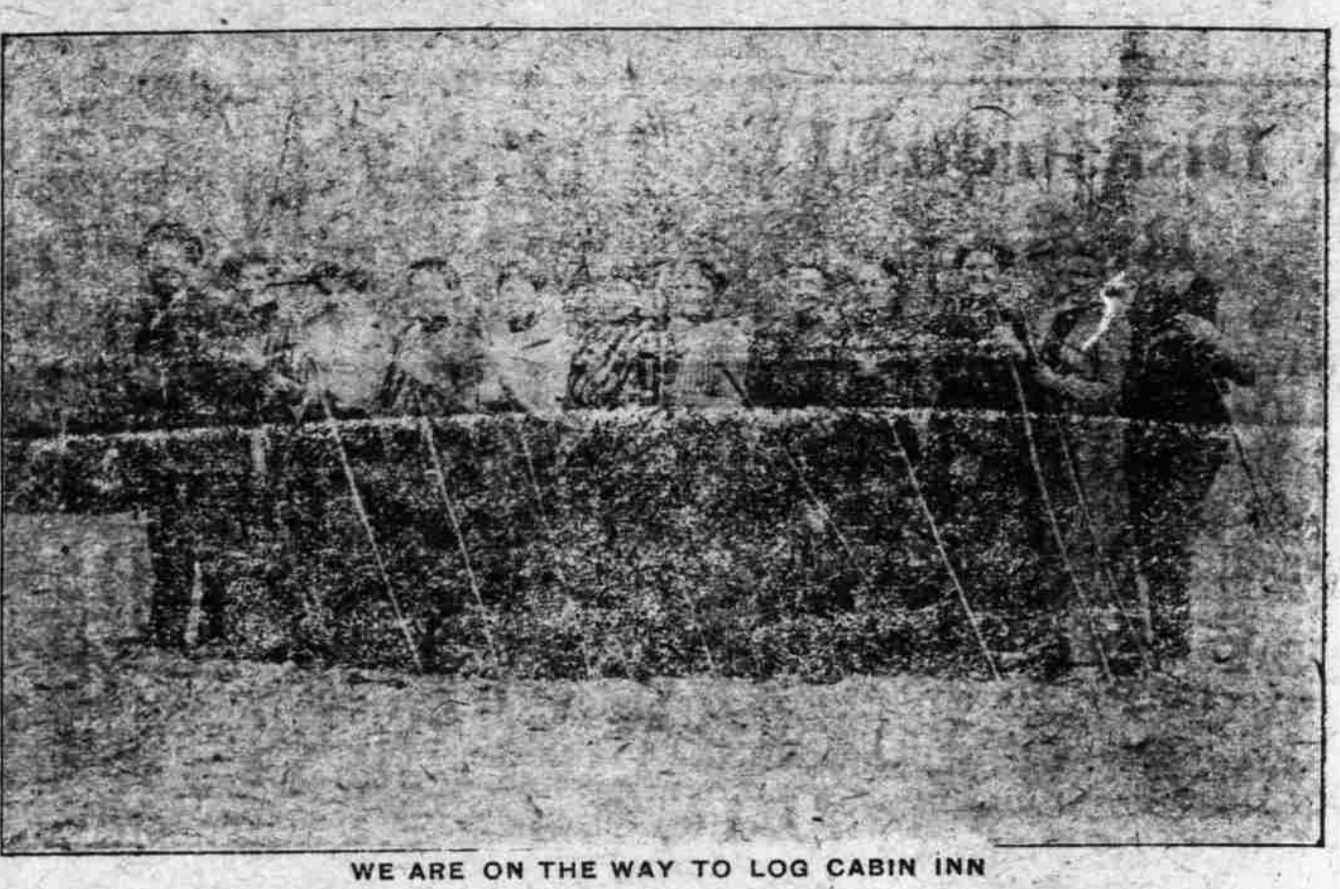
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The object of said sale is to make assets for the creditors of the said R. L. Garren, bankrupt.

P. S. RAMSEY,  
Saluda, N. C., Nov. 9, 1903. Trustee.

**LOG CABIN INN**  
Now Open For Winter Guests.

The Inn is three thousand feet above sea level, nestling among the mountains, surrounded by a level serpentine drive two miles in length, with mountain peaks five hundred feet above, which, in turn, have winding paths to sunmits. The many springs which flow from these peaks form the head waters of the famous Shunkawan Falls. A fine place to spend the Winter. Healthy climate, plenty of fruit and good spring water. For other information call or address



WE ARE ON THE WAY TO LOG CABIN INN IN SPRING MOUNTAIN PARK.

**Mrs. M. E. STEVENSON, Proprietress,**  
Columbus, N. C.

**JAS. P. MORRIS**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Located in Grand Jury Room in Court House over Clerk's Office.

**COLUMBUS, - N. C.**

TELEPHONES:  
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**A Better Investment**

than an Ad in THE NEWS cannot be made by any merchant. It goes into all parts of Polk County. The rates are low and the returns are good. Try it. : : : : :

**Mountain Cottages**

A few cozy cottages for rent, situated in Spring Mountain Park on the top of the mountain. A delightful place to spend the Summer. The cottages are located in picturesque spots and are near "Log Cabin Inn" and "Ben Cragen." For other information apply to the

**POLK COUNTY NEWS**

**Too Busy Have We Been**

To notify our numerous customers and friends that we handle

**WINTER HARDWARE ALSO.**

Somehow, they have found it out, and are coming, not singly, but in groups and pairs, to make their purchases of cook-stoves, heaters, wagons, bugies, harness, etc. Yes, we have Christmas goods, too. Express wagons for the little boys. Pearl handle knives for your wife, sister or sweetheart. A beautiful line of blue steel enameled ware, porcelain lined; also gray steel or agate ware for your wife—and don't slight her—for she is the flower of your home. Shot guns for the boys, and many other articles too numerous to name. Write, call or phone (No. 9) and we will answer.

**Tryon Supply Co.,**  
TRYON N. C.

**First National Bank of Spartanburg**

GROSS ASSETS	\$648,127
INDIVIDUAL DEPOSITS	\$336,198
BANK DEPOSITS	33,542
TOTAL DEPOSITS	369,740
CASH ON HAND AND RESERVE AGENTS	118,708

The FIRST NATIONAL BANK and its savings department, the FIDELITY LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY, have today assets amounting to

**\$894,300.00**

AS STRONG AS THE GRANITE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH WE ARE BUILT.

W. E. BURNETT, PRESIDENT. JOHN B. CLEVELAND, VICE-PRESIDENT.  
J. W. SIMPSON, CASHIER. A. M. CHREITZBERG, ASS'T CASHIER.

**HEADACHE? IT'S CLAIMED**

by thousands all over this country, who used "It-Kura" for headache of all kinds, Neuralgia, Acute Rheumatism, "Grip" and Sore Throat, etc., that it is

**UNCALLED FOR**

to suffer with the above ailments when you can buy "It-Kura" the famous remedy for aches and pains at all druggists. 25 doses only 25 cts., or delivered by us anywhere the mail goes on receipt of price.

What Mr. J. H. BEATTIE of Norwalk, Ohio, Auditor of Huron Co., says: I have been subject to severe headache all my life and have derived more benefit from the use of "IT-KURA" than from any remedy I have ever used. More valuable testimonials for the asking.

Mfd. only by THE S. W. FLEMING CO., New London, O.

**MELVIN HILL M'FG AND SUPPLY COMPANY**

Are now ready for ginning Cotton. Ginning 75 cents per bale. Bagging and Ties, 40 cents per bale. We pay railroad prices for cotton and seed. Manufacturers of Flour and Lumber. Seed Wheat 1.00 per bushel. GEO. A. BRANSCOM, PRES., Melvin Hill, N. C.

**WHEELER & WILSON SEWING MACHINES**

THREE TIMES THE VALUE OF ANY OTHER, One Third Easier. One Third Faster.

The only Sewing Machine that does not fail in any point. Rotary Motion and Ball Bearings make it the lightest running machine in the world. Agents wanted in unoccupied territory. Send for circulars and terms.

**Wheeler & Wilson Mfg. Co.,**  
ATLANTA, GA.