

**COLUMBUS**

Geo. Miller, who lives near Mill Spring, was a business visitor to town Monday.

J. P. Arledge, the present Clerk of Superior Court, made a trip to Saluda Friday.

Mayor J. E. Shipman went to Hendersonville Friday and returned Saturday.

Rev. McNeil and Mrs. Baras, of New York, arrived here Saturday and are stopping at the former's place, which is now occupied by Mrs. Westlake and Mrs. McSwain. Mr. McNeil expects to remain a week or more.

Mrs. J. P. Arledge and daughter, Mrs. W. C. Bostic, spent Sunday at the home of County Superintendent of Education W. M. Justice, near Mill Spring.

Attorney W. C. McKorie, of Rutherfordton, the junior member of the law firm known as Justice and McKorie, is expected here this week where he will establish an office. He will occupy the McMurray cottage, on the corner of Walker and Mills streets.

Rev. McNeil, of New York preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday. His sermon was enjoyed and appreciated by those present. The fine spring weather served to bring out a larger attendance than usual.

D. A. Goodman took third rank in the Knights of Pythias Tuesday night. Several of the members from Lynn attended.

Following are the Christian Endeavor leaders for May and June meetings: May 8th, Mossie Hampton; May 15th, J. P. Morris; May 22nd, J. E. Shipman; May 29th, Miss Westlake; June 5th, President; June 12th, Minnie Arledge; June 19th, Mrs. Morris; June 26th, Iva Hampton.

**A SUGGESTION BY J. P. MORRIS.**

I desire to say to my friends of Polk county by whom I was elected to the General Assembly in the year 1902 and many of whom are now favoring my reelection this year, that I appreciate their friendship, confidence and endorsement of the record I made in the last General Assembly, but owing to the fact that it would be extremely detrimental to the practice of my chosen profession to enter the race at this time, I shall have to decline. While as I have said I highly appreciate all that my friends have done for me in the past and it is extremely gratifying to me to know that the good people of Polk county are well pleased with the record I made in the Legislature, and, especially they are proud of the temperance legislation which I secured through the help of the people of Polk county (republicans as well as democrats). And for that record, friends, I am proud.

Upon temperance legislation depends the future destiny of our government, county, state and national, and it is our duty as citizens to send to the Legislature on the 4th day of next November strictly temperance men. Yes, men who will have courage enough to blot from our grand old state one of her greatest curses; men who will put down liquor and save the youth of our state. May the good people of Polk county work to this end.

I know that it is a duty each citizen owes to his country to serve it when called upon, regardless of occupation or loss to himself, but at this time I feel that for me to make the race for the Legislature would be very detrimental to the practice of my profession.

While I have in my mind at this time many good men who are eminently fitted for the Legislature, and whom I believe would endorse the legislation of 1903, especially do I have in mind one man who is peculiarly fitted for the duties of a legislator, and whose character and record is as spotless and pure as the driven snow. A young man who is well versed in politics, both state and national. A man whose ability to wage a campaign that would bring success to the democratic party of Polk county is undisputed by those who know him best. A man who is deep, logical and oratorical. In fact he is a power upon the stump. Those who remember his articles published in THE POLK COUNTY NEWS in the year 1896 in defense of the national issues, will at once recognize his ability to handle the issues of the coming campaign.

The man to whom I refer is Mr. Edward B. Cloud, of Columbus. Mr. Cloud was born and raised in Columbus, being educated at the Central Industrial Institute of that place, attending when the school had at its head such able instructors as Professors Detwiler, Beaman and Townsend. Mr. Cloud applied himself well, but not only did he apply himself to text books, but he has had access since his childhood to the splendid library in Columbus, known as the Stearns library. It is from this library that he has obtained a broad knowledge. It is said that there is not a book in the library he has not mastered. When but a small child, his friends tell me, his mother would have to watch him in order to get him to bed at night. He would sit by lamp or torch drinking in the knowledge and thoughts of great men. Hence Mr. Cloud is a broad man, peculiarly fitted for the duties of a legislator.

He is too modest to ask for honors and he has not asked for this place. He has often said to me that he believed in the "office seeking the man and not the man seeking the office." But knowing him to be a true christian man and knowing that to send him to the Legislature from this county will mean that what was done in the Legislature of 1903 will be heartily indorsed by him, I want to ask my friends and all the good people of Polk county to rally to his support that we may have such a man on the 4th day of next November to represent us in the General Assembly.

Feeling assured that my friends will favor such a man. Such a true and tried democrat and such a true christian, I desire now to thank them for the support they will give him on the day of the convention and also on the 4th day of next November. J. P. MORRIS.

**POLK FOR CUDGER.**

Majority if Not All Delegates to State Convention Aie for Glenn.

Democratic convention was held here in court house Monday, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State, Congressional and Senatorial conventions.

The delegates to the Congressional convention were instructed to vote as a unit for Congressman J. M. Gudger. A rising vote was taken and every one in the house favored instructions for Gudger. There was not one dissenting vote.

Delegates to the Senatorial convention were instructed to vote in favor of M. H. Justice, for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. The vote was unanimous.

After the election of delegates to the different conventions, speeches were made by Kirkpatrick, Gudger's private secretary, T. C. Mills, of Tryon and E. B. Cloud, of Columbus. The delegates elected follow:

Delegates to State Convention—T. T. Ballenger, W. M. Justice, Dr. E. Grady and F. L. Weaver. Alternates—T. C. Mills, J. D. Carpenter, T. M. Ruppe and M. A. Cornwell.

Delegates to Congressional Convention—J. C. Fisher, Dr. H. H. Edwards, C. H. Wilson, M. A. Cornwell, C. W. Pearson, Spencer Cantrell, N. T. Mills, E. E. Missillidine, F. M. Burgess, C. M. Feagan and Ambrose Mills. Alternates—J. D. Carpenter, W. C. Champion, J. B. Jackson, W. J. Gaines, T. C. Mills, T. E. Walker, F. K. McFarland, W. Y. Miller, J. R. Paris, J. R. Foster and F. L. Weaver.

Delegates to Senatorial Convention—J. E. Shipman, J. R. Farris, T. T. Ballenger, J. T. Camp, J. A. Hines, T. G. Edgerton, J. D. Wilson, B. T. Boone, M. H. Wagoner, J. D. Carpenter and J. T. Waldrop. Alternates: H. T. Green, B. F. Capps, J. D. Rhodes, J. B. Dalton, J. W. Edwards, Sr., J. T. Edwards, C. W. Williams, John Carnegie, J. A. Feagans, T. E. Walker and Jas. Green, Sr.

There is no truth in the report that a majority of the delegates to the State convention are for General Davidson. The reverse would be nearer the truth. Most of the delegates favor Glenn for Governor.

**HEARST'S SPEECH IN CONGRESS.**

Washington, D. C., April 30, 1904. A thing that has attracted universal attention here this week among the leading democrats, is a speech made by the Hon. William Randolph Hearst, of New York, before the House Committee on Judiciary, on invitation by that committee. The occasion was the consideration by that committee of the joint resolution introduced some time ago by Mr. Hearst to the effect that the Attorney General of the United States be requested to furnish the House with all the evidence in the suit against the Coal Trust brought by Mr. Hearst many months ago, given into the keeping of the Attorney General, and which has been sleeping ever since in the pigeon holes of his desk, and further providing that a commission of the House and Senate, consisting of seven members, be appointed to go through the testimony thus furnished by Mr. Hearst and report if any case had been made out against the Coal Trust, the entire facts in the case, in order that the proper legislation might be enacted to the end that justice might be done the consuming public, the proper punishment administered to the Coal Trust and restraint fixed upon its future operations.

Mr. Hearst spoke for an hour, and a number of the members of the committee, in commenting upon the speech, said that it was the clearest exposition and the most lucid explanation of any subject that has ever come before their committee. This was cause for some little astonishment on the part of many members of the House, who had, up to this time, believed that Mr. Hearst was incapable of making a speech simply because he had not been on his feet listening to the sound of his voice all during this session. They are now beginning to take off their hats to his intellectuality as well as to his popularity.

One thing that has served to add to this popularity was the birth of a boy in his home on the evening of April 23. The advent of this child has served to stop the voice of slander, in this city at least, which has been wagged in noise against him ever since he became a potent factor in the democratic presidential equation. It has served to accentuate the beautiful domesticity of his home life surrounded by his accomplished young wife and his benevolent mother, Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst. Mr. Hearst is a man who neither smokes nor drinks anything intoxicating, and he spends every hour possible from his arduous work with his family. This I know personally to be a fact, and yet there are political scavengers in this country who insist on throwing dirt at him. CHAS. A. EDWARDS.

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