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COLUMBUS NEWS.

S. B. Weaver, of Melvin Hill, and the publisher of THE NEWS made a trip to Spartanburg, S. C., last Thursday, returning Friday.

Considerable cotton is being hauled to the gins but not much of it was sold the past week owing to the decrease in price. The majority of the Polk county farmers are holding for higher prices. Most people are inclined to believe the present decrease in price is temporary and that cotton will advance again in a short time. Some farmers give this reason for the fall in price of cotton. They say that there are many notes becoming due now and many farmers are compelled to sell their cotton at any price to settle these notes and the buyers knowing this are taking advantage of this condition by lowering the price of cotton.

S. B. Weaver, of Melvin Hill, was a business visitor in town Wednesday.

W. H. McFarland, of Tryon, was here Wednesday visiting his daughter, Mrs. F. M. Burgess.

There was no preaching at Columbus Sunday. Revs. Croker and Whiteside having appointments elsewhere.

Miss Geva Fry, who has been visiting in Asheville and elsewhere for several weeks returned here Monday.

Mrs. McSwain, Mrs. Westlake and daughter, Helen, went on a pleasure trip to Chimney Rock last Wednesday and returned Monday.

Many of the young people in town attended the Sunday School Association at Mill Spring Saturday and Sunday.

E. B. Cloud is working on C. C. Constant's residence near Lynn.

E. B. Cloud and J. E. Shipman addressed about fifty citizens at Big Level last Saturday night. These two young orators made stirring speeches that were well received by the audience. Messrs. Shipman and Cloud made strong arguments in favor of the democratic ticket and urged everyone to support the nominees.

T. V. Smith, of Lynn, took first rank in Columbus Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Tuesday night.

Esquire N. H. Hill is still sick but we are glad to report that he rests easier than he did a few days ago. Mr. Hill has many friends who are anxious that he should soon recover.

A STATEMENT BY FRANK M. BURGESS.

Requests Citizens of Polk County to Investigate any Charges Republicans Bring Against him before believing Them.

Mr. Editor:—Please allow me space in your paper to say to the people of Polk county that the Republicans say that they have something to tell on me two or three days before the election that will beat me. Now fellow citizens, my official record is a public record for everyone that wishes to examine. I am not ashamed of it and from what good Republicans and Democrats both have said to me I am obliged to be proud of my official record. If it is not good I have been flattered by both parties.

Now as to my private record or reputation as a citizen, I have done nothing for a number of years that I am ashamed of or will deny. I have for a number of years tried to treat everyone as I would have them treat me and I want you to investigate this story when you get it before you believe it. I deny any charge that is detrimental to my official or private record. Yours very truly,
F. M. BURGESS.
Nov. 2nd, 1904.

A BATCH OF NEWS FROM TURNERS

What the Housewives and Farmers Are Doing—Master Stanley Gibbs Dead—Rev. Ruppe Visiting T. M. Ruppe.

The people of this community are unusually busy. The greater part of the men are busy gathering in the farm products, while the others are taking care to see that their neighbors are going to vote "right" in the near approaching election. We hope they will all vote right.

The housewives are seeing that all the pickles and preserves for winter use are tightly sealed, and the children are preparing for the opening of the schools.

Master Stanley, the seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gibbs, died on Sunday night, Oct. 23rd, and was buried at Cooper Gap on Monday. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Elbert Jackson.

Rev. B. M. Hamric filled his appointment at Cooper Gap last Saturday and Sunday

We are glad to see Mr. Hamric looking so well after having typhoid fever.

Misses Mabel and Bernice Gibbs returned to Columbus last Friday, after having attended the death and burial of their little brother Stanley.

Several young people from around here attended the Polk County Sunday School Association at Mill Spring. They report an enjoyable time.

Rev. John Ruppe, of Maud, S. C., is visiting at the home of T. M. Ruppe. Rev. Mr. Ruppe is more than eighty years old and is a very interesting person. He was converted and joined the Baptist church after he was forty years old. Since then he has spent most of his time preaching and doing other religious work. He is famous for marrying people, having married more than four hundred and forty couples.

Mrs. Eli Jackson has been quite sick for a few days but we are glad to know she is much improved at this writing.

CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE NOTES

The School Will be Glad When Election is Over—Students Attended Polk County Sunday School Association.

The school will be glad when the eighth of November has passed.

Several of the students attended the Polk County Sunday School Association which convened at Mill Spring Saturday and Sunday.

We were delighted to have Mr. J. T. Hinkle, of S. C., cast his lot among us last Monday. New students are constantly coming.

We are truly thankful that Miss Bessie Jackson, who has successfully passed through a siege of typhoid fever, has sufficiently gained her strength to enter school again.

On last Friday night Messrs. Broudas and John Jones, and their sister, of Swain, S. C., visited their brother, A. A. Jones who is a student of the Institute.

EUTOPIAN SOCIETY.

WHAT LYNN PEOPLE ARE DOING.

Major W. E. Strong Spoke to C. E. Society Sunday—Jack Frost a Daily Visitor—Our Efficient Mail Carrier Again.

Major W. E. Strong gave a talk to the C. E. Society last Sunday evening and was very much enjoyed by all present. His subject was the Lord's Prayer. Will be glad to have the Major with us again.

Mrs. Tuttle is still quite unwell, but we still hope that she may soon recover and be able to be out again.

Miss Mary Pace is acting as nurse at the teacher's house this week.

The Jr. O. U. A. M., met last Friday night in their hall and will meet regularly every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All Brother Juniors who may visit them will be made welcome.

Don't forget our efficient mail carrier's birthday the 11 of November.

Jack Frost is almost a daily visitor, giving the people and children a white carpet to their work and to school these mornings.

T. V. Smith took first rank in order of Knights of Pythias last Tuesday night in Columbus lodge.

Gray Hampton, being somewhat indisposed, went home for a few days recuperation. Hope he will soon be able to return to his work.

"Doc" Newman is quite indisposed. He is suffering with some very severe pain in the head.

Miss Elizabeth Whitlock, of Jonesville, S. C., is visiting her cousin, Miss Bessie Whitlock.

J. A. McCall and family, of Flat Rock, have again located in Lynn. We are glad to have Mr. McCall and family with us again.

WILL SPRING NEWS.

Mr. Bishop's Birthday Dinner—The Association—Rev. W. H. Perry's Last Appointment at Bethlehem Church.

Mr. Bishop, (the oldest man in our town) passed his 79th birthday last Thursday. A number of his children, grand-children and great-grand-children came to his home with baskets and gave him a surprise birthday dinner.

Rev. W. H. Perry will preach his last sermon for this conference year at Bethlehem next Sunday night. There will also be service on Friday before at 2 p. m.

Paul and Pauline Shankle, of Saluda, are down to spend a few days visiting their grand parents at Mite Inn.

Owing to circumstances there was no Sunday School Association last Friday but Saturday morning a very good congregation met and the topics for Saturday were discussed with a great deal of interest and profit. Sunday morning a very large congregation gathered and after a song service, they adopted a song book for all the Baptist Sunday schools in Polk county. At 11 a. m. Rev. John Walker preached a splendid sermon from the words of Jesus Christ while on the cross. In the afternoon Rev. Whiteside preached one of his best sermons from 40th chapter of Ezekiel. His text was measuring the temple. He said the temple stood for the church of God and each member of the church should measure themselves and should begin the measurement at once and see if they come up to God's measurement of what a church should be. At the close of the service a collection was taken for state missions.

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