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COLUMBUS NEWS.

Death of Little Frank Burgess—Ice Cream Festival Yields \$17—Other Items.

R. A. Leonard, of Lynn, was in town Tuesday soliciting orders for enlarging portraits. He represents Henry Reich, of Tryon.

Mrs. M. Morris and daughter, who have been experimenting with the climate here for several weeks, returned to their home in Philadelphia, Pa., Wednesday.

Matt McBrayer and son Fred, attorneys from Rutherfordton, were here Friday and Saturday on examining witnesses and looking up information on other legal matters entitled to them.

W. C. Rhodes, D. A. Goodman, S. F. Fowler, C. M. Campbell and W. T. Hammett, of Lynn, attended the regular meeting of Columbus Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Tuesday night.

Caledone Terrel, colored, was tried before Magistrate J. C. Fisher, of Tryon Tuesday, charged with whipping a child of Eliza Hamby, colored. Caledone plead guilty of simple assault and was fined \$5 and costs which amounted to about \$8 in all.

As told in THE NEWS last week an ice cream festival was held at the dormitory under the auspices of the Baptist church last Saturday night. The affair was well attended and everything on hand was sold. After paying expenses the committee had \$17.00.

Little Frank M. Burgess, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Burgess, died last Friday afternoon from dysentery and was buried at the Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon. Funeral service was impressively conducted by Rev. T. C. Croker. Many friends attended. Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, of Tryon, and Mr. and Mrs. John Burgess, of Rutherfordton, grand-parents of the little one, were present. Death came suddenly.

TOM WATSON'S MAGAZINE FOR JULY.

Tom Watson's Interesting Editorials—"England's Coming Man" By W. T. Stead—Other Features Of The July Number.

A full page photograph of the editor at his desk is the frontispiece of Tom Watson's Magazine for July. His editorials are accompanied by cartoons, and the same method of illustration is used in the other pages of the number. Mr. Watson reads his own south some bitter lessons on its slavery to the bugaboo of the negro question and its self-imposed slavery to Northern capital. W. T. Stead contributes a sketch of Winston Churchill, M. P., as England's Coming Man. This British statesman of half American decent speaks for himself in a ringing article called "Why I Believe In Free Trade." Joseph Dannenburg shows some dark corners of Maryland politics in "Gorman, of Maryland." Other articles are "Monarchy Within the Republic," by Fontaine T. Fox; "What Buzz-Saw Morgan Thinks," and the concluding paper of Albert Griffin's "A Phrase of the Money Problem." Besides the regular departments there is abundance of good fiction by Harriet Prescott Spofford, G. Bronson-Howard, Marie C. Oemler and Will N. Harben, and some good verse by R. W. Kauffman and R. H. Titherington.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM MILL SPRING.

Crops Look Promising—Refreshing Showers—Children's Day Exercises At Mill Spring Church—Other Notes.

Crops in our section are more promising now than they were three weeks ago.

We have been the recipients of refreshing showers at intervals for one week.

Rev. G. H. Wolfe, preached at Bethlehem fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and at Cool Grove at 3 p. m.

Children's Day at Mill Spring was well attended, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

The exercises were opened with music and singing by the choir followed with prayer by N. T. Mills, of Columbus.

We have heard a number of compliments passed on the children and young ladies who spoke for the audience that day. Your writer could not be present but feels sure that each one acquitted themselves nicely and wishes to compliment their regular organist, Mrs. H. H. Edwards, for her faithfulness in the training of these young speakers and the grace and ease used while she presided at the organ.

Just before intermission lawyer Shipman, of Columbus, delivered an able and appropriate address which was appreciated by all.

In the afternoon the audience re-assembled to hear a fine discourse delivered by Rev. T. C. Croker, after which all adjourned wishing the "children" would have another "day" somewhere.

Resolutions Of Sympathy.

God, who is ever wise and good, has taken to a better land, the infant son of our brother, F. M. Burgess. Therefore be it

Resolved 1st, that we, the members of Columbus Lodge, No. 114, K. of P., assure brother Burgess and wife of our sincere sympathy, and suggest that when remembering their little one, they think not of that which perishes but "look fixedly that they may perceive the living light of their beloved dead in heaven."

Resolved 2nd, that these resolutions be recorded on the lodge minute book and that a copy of same be sent brother Burgess.

T. C. Croker
C. C. West
John Carnegie } Committee.

A BATCH OF NEWS FROM TURNER'S.

Crops In Good Condition And The Young Folks Glad They Are "Laying By"—Weather Continues Dry And Hot.

Mrs. Sallie Jackson visited at T. M. Ruppe's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynch Whiteside visited at James Jackson's Sunday.

T. M. Ruppe and daughter visited friends at Poplar Grove Sunday last.

Crops are in good condition and we think most of the people are about ready to "lay by."

Blackberry canning is in fashion, and woman-like,—most of the housekeepers are taking it up.

Pink Pitman and daughter attended Mountain View church Sunday and took dinner with Rev. E. Jackson.

We recognized the faces of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Keeter as they passed through our section Sunday. Were glad to see our old friends once more.

The weather continues dry and hot. Almost the first thing we hear said when meeting one, is, "how I should like to see it rain."

The ladies of this community always try to have earlier vegetables than their neighbors. Mrs. Ruppe got the first ripe tomato this year on June 26th.

Our young people seen in high glee now to get done "laying by" so they can take a mountain trip, attend big meetings and such other things as come "in the good old summer time."

FORESIGHT AND PREPAREDNESS.

Little Brown Men Of The East Are Ever Ready—They Do Not Trust To Luck—The Opposite Is True of Russia.

It looks as if it were true, says the Charlotte Observer, as has been said, that Japan is "always ready." The Far Eastern war has been an unbroken series of Russian defeats, of Japanese victories. There are, of course, reasons for this most extraordinary state of facts. "Russia," to quote an remembered contemporary, is one of the oldest and has been "one of the most powerful nations in the old world. For centuries it has been a power in European and Asiatic affairs, absolute at home and dominating abroad. Arrogant, proud and overbearing, it looked on itself as invincible," and regarded Japan as small, weak, but semi-civilized, and inferior at all points. The Russian awakening has been a rude one. There are, of course, as has been said, causes for it, and they are well stated by The New York Times—thus:

"At every encounter we find on the one side preparedness, foresight, provision; on the other carelessness, ignorance, blind trusting to blind luck. Most of all this contrast has been exemplified in what we have just witnessed, in 'Armageddon, the last great fight of all,' or what we fondly trust to be the last. All the remaining sea power of Russia lined up for this final conflict, with ample and undisturbed opportunity for preparation. Seven thousand Russians, in a hundred and fifty million dollars' worth of ships, after months of practice, under the command of the best man available, deliberately enter upon the contest, with the resolution to do or die, to sell their ships and their lives as dearly as may be. What is the result? They die, but they do not do. A score of their ships are sunk or surrendered. The remnant are left to seek a precarious shelter. And Togo reports his fleet virtually uninjured."

"Preparedness"—it is a good, strong, expressive word—accounts, in large part, for the results thus far; and in this connection there is another interesting story. One who has but the most general idea of geographical conditions in the Far East, is aware of Japan's absolute dependence upon sea transportation. In Manchuria she is far from her base of supplies, and many of her sympathizers in America and elsewhere trembled at the thought, before the battle of the Sea of Japan, of the consequences of a victory of Rojstvensky over Togo, with the attendant closing of the Sea of Japan and the hemming up of her land forces in Manchuria with short supplies of provisions and the impossibility of increasing them from home or elsewhere. But here is the other story referred to, contained in a letter from a correspondent at Tokio, written about twenty days before the great naval engagement:

"If my advices from Manchuria are as trustworthy as I believe them to be, the Japanese have made every possible preparation for such a contingency (naval defeat), and have on the mainland, at this moment food, guns, mines, clothing and ammunition enough to last their armies for at least six months—some of my informants think for a year. Ever since it became apparent that they might have to fight another Russian fleet they have been pouring provisions and munitions of war into Manchuria in immense quantities and at the present time the principal Manchurian seaport towns and distributing centers are almost buried out of sight under masses and mountains of goods."

Thus, while the Japanese government, officers and sailors, believed firmly that their fleet would be victorious in an engagement with that of Russia, and made every preparation for it, they also, it appears from the foregoing, neglected no preparation for defeat—proving in this matter, as in all others, that these little folks lack no quality of a warlike people.

LITTLE "MACK" BURGESS PASSES AWAY.

A Friend Of The Family Tells Of The Passing Away Of The Infant Son Of Mr. And Mrs. F. M. Burgess.

On Friday of last week after a brief but violent illness, little Frank McFarland Burgess, the baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Burgess, passed to the home of the sainted spirits, "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest." The little one was sick only about 24 hours, the last three or four hours of which his sufferings were intense and violent, baffling every effort for, even, a little relief. Dr. Sally was called twice the same day and did all, apparently, that lay in his power, but to no effect. The cause of this sad and sudden death was pronounced by the doctor as being due to spasms and dysentery. The parents have the sympathy of their many friends and relatives of this community. The funeral and burial took place at the Presbyterian church on Saturday at 3 p. m. and the remains were laid to rest beside those of his little sister, Emma, who, less than two years ago, preceded him to the home of the blessed children.

"What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shall know hereafter" St. John, 13:7. T. C. C.

A SHORT LETTER FROM COLLINSVILLE.

John D. Weaver Has First Cotton Bloom—Death Of H. Bruce—Revs. Croker And Gibson Preach.

We are needing rain.

M. A. Cornwell is sick.

Rev. Gibson preached at the school house Sunday evening.

John D. Weaver has the first cotton bloom we have heard of in this section.

H. Bruce died last Friday from dropsy and was buried Saturday at Wolf Creek church.

M. A. Cornwell, went to Columbus Friday as a witness in the suit brought by the heirs of Jack McFarland.

Rev. T. C. Croker delivered an interesting sermon Sunday morning to an attentive audience at Sandy Plains church.

Notice To Farmers.

Dr. Roberts, Assistant State Veterinarian, arrived at Rutherfordton June 22nd, and will spend a few days in Rutherford and Polk counties visiting the farms that were found infested with the fever ticks last season, also the farms that are now under quarantine.

It is very important that you have your cattle clean of ticks when he reaches your farms.

Please give this work your attention so that Dr. Roberts may be able to make a favorable report on his return to Raleigh. Very respectfully, R. M. CONNELL.

First Cotton Blooms.

J. T. Green, of Mill Spring, sent the first cotton bloom to this office, it arriving here Tuesday. One was also received Wednesday from M. W. Hutcherson, of Delta; Union Co., S. C., a former resident of Polk county.

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