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THE SUN MISINFORMED.

Speaking of the Appalachian Interurban Railroad the Rutherfordton Sun said in its last issue:

"As is known, Polk county some time ago voted and there is now available one hundred thousand dollars for a railroad. The county commissioners of that county at the request of four townships, have just ordered an election calling for an additional sixty-five thousand dollar bond issue, their distinct object, if possible, being to secure this railroad."

The Sun has been misinformed. Polk county has no bonds available for a railroad, and no election has yet been ordered to vote bonds, but petitions are now being circulated in four townships calling for an election in November. The four townships will vote sixty-thousand dollars.

This much of what is quoted above from The Sun is true: "their distinct object, if possible, being to secure this railroad." We believe the citizens of this county see the advantages the electric line would give them and that their object is to secure the road if possible.

WHAT CHIMNEY ROCK EXPECTS OF THE RAILROAD.

Chimney Rock township, Rutherford county, has petitioned the commissioners of that county for an election to vote bonds for the A. I. E. Railroad. In the petition appears the following paragraphs:

"It is the judgment of the petitioners that the following benefits will be derived:

1st. That the taxes which Chimney Rock township will derive from the assessment of the railroad will more than pay the interest on the bonds.

2nd. Electric railroads, unlike steam roads, give every farmer along the line a station at his door as well as many other advantages that are too numerous to mention in this petition."

If the electric line will do this for Chimney Rock township, why can't it do as much for the townships in Polk county?

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Remember that the bonds will not be issued until the road is built and running through the townships. The townships voting bonds can't lose anything.

Sign the railroad petitions and then vote the bonds. That's the only way for Columbus, Green Creek, White Oak and Cooper Gap townships to compete successfully with the townships that have railroad facilities.

The citizens of Columbus, Green Creek, White Oak and Cooper Gap townships should lose no time in signing the railroad petitions. Even those opposed to voting bonds should not hesitate to sign the petitions, call-

ing an election, as by so doing they give all the people a chance to express their opinion.

We believe those who are agitating a line from Rutherfordton to Greenville, S. C., are only trying to get the people to let the opportunity of getting the Appalachian Electric road slip away. If these people should succeed in their object they would not turn their hands over to get a railroad through this section of Polk county. Those who are opposing the electric line have railroad facilities and they do not want the other townships to get in a position to compete with them. The motive is only a selfish one.

COLUMBUS NEWS.

Attorney J. P. Morris Moved To Rutherfordton—Arledge-Capps Wedding—Other Notes.

W. A. Cannon was in town Tuesday.

N. T. Mills and L. H. Cloud went to Cooper Gap Saturday.

S. B. Weaver, of Collinsville, was in town Monday.

J. G. Hughes went to Mill Spring Tuesday on business.

Dr. E. Grady, of Tryon, who made a trip North, is now at home.

Attorney J. E. Shipman has added many law books to his library.

T. E. Walker, visited his parents in Collinsville Saturday returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hughes who have not been well the past week, seem to be improving. Mrs. S. E. Gage, of Beaufort, S. C., who has been visiting her sister, Miss Mary Gage, returned to her home Wednesday.

Belton Earl, colored; was brought to jail Tuesday charged with breaking into the Tryon Supply Company.

Miss Maggie Cowart, of Spartanburg, S. C., has been visiting Miss Minnie Arledge, returned home Tuesday.

Helen DeVeau, and Emily Parsons, of Jacksonville, Florida, who are stopping at the Columbus hotel, entered the Institute Monday.

Jas. P. Morris, who has been practicing law here for nearly five years, moved to Rutherfordton Tuesday, where he expected to practice with his brother, Robert E. Morris.

Miss Bessie Capps of Lynn, and W. B. Arledge of Columbus, were married Wednesday at the Lynn chapel. Rev. T. C. Croker performed the ceremony. THE NEWS extends congratulations and trusts their wedded life will be successful.

Good advice to women. If you want a beautiful complexion, clear skin, bright eyes, red lips, good health, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. There is nothing like it. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets.

MELVIN HILL NOTES.

The Gin Now Running—Robert Davis And Miss Cole Married Sunday—Other Notes.

The gin is ready for running now. Farmers bring your cotton. Lawyer Shipman, of Columbus, and a Mr. Seigler spent Tuesday in our village.

George Painters new saw mill has been running for several days.

We had an interesting Sunday school Sunday. A number of visitors were present. Everybody is invited to attend.

Lots of Melvin Hill people attended services at Greens Creek church Sunday and listened to a good sermon delivered by Rev. R. J. Tate.

Robert Davis and Miss Lela Cole were married Sunday at the home of the bride. The bride is a daughter of former constable W. E. Cole.

WHY ROOSEVELT WILL BE RE-ELECTED

New York World Gives Ten Reasons For It's Belief That The President Will Be Re-Elected.

1. Because he controls the party machinery.

2. Because the nomination can easily be gained in a convention where a bare majority nominates and the third of the delegates come from the South.

3. Because no republican boss will dare oppose his nomination.

4. Because there is no other candidate who appeals to the rank and file of the party.

5. Because all republican politicians will regard his candidacy as a valuable party asset.

6. Because there will be practically no democratic opposition to his election. Parker sound-money democrats will prefer him to a Bryanite. Bryan democrats will prefer him to a Parkerite.

7. Because the third-term objection does not technically and literally apply to his case. He has only once been elected president by the people. Strictly speaking, another term in the presidency would be only his second term.

8. Because his various declarations not to be a candidate will not be treated too seriously. Many prominent including Mr. Cleveland have expressed their opposition to second term. None ever refused one.

9. Because the peace of Portsmouth has made it exceedingly difficult for opponents even to criticize him effectively. The memory of this sterling peace victory will cause the public to overlook and condone many future mistakes.

10. Because the surpassing versatility of his genius has cast a spell over American sentiment which makes the advocates on both sides of most public questions regard him as an ally.

Just as Mr. Roosevelt has made his own precedents in numerous other cases, so he will be the first of the presidents to serve more than eight years in the White House—and that without violating in the strict sense the letter of the third-term tradition.

But all this with an "if." If general prosperity continues and there are no hard times.—New York World.

THE ISLAND OF SAKHALIN.

Interesting Facts About The Island That The Peace Delegates Squabbled Over—Its Inhabitants And Resources.

The Island of Sakhalin, which was a bone of contention between the peace delegates, is a strip of land 25 to 150 miles wide and 900 miles long. The climate is unfavorable for agriculture, only potatoes, cabbages and turnips coming to maturity. Its numerous mountains are believed to be rich in minerals. Fishing may be said to be the chief business of the inhabitants. Herring, salmon and trout abound in the western and southern waters and are caught the year round. 6,000 Japanese were engaged in fishing before the war. The island has about 40,000 inhabitants, 23,000 of whom are convicts, 12,000 being administrators and keepers of the prisoners, leaving a little more than 4,000 natives. Alexandros, the capital, has 15,000 people. The island has been a Russian convict station since 1867. The first disputes on the subject of Sakhalin arose between Russian and Japan in 1856. A convention in that year granted Russia the northern part of the island. It had been inhabited by Chinese and Japanese up to that time. The latter claimed the island by the right of discovery. By the treaty of 1875 at St. Petersburg Russia got the whole, exchanging a few insignificant islands in the Kwile Archipelago. The treaty of peace signed at Portsmouth divides Sakhalin at the 50th parallel, just the division made in 1856—Carolina Spartan.

REAL "LITTLE BREECHES"

Story Of The Incident Which Inspired The Late John Hay To Compose This Famous Poem.

In a letter to the San Francisco Chronicle Rev. H. B. Heacock of that city tells of the incident which inspired the late John Hay to write his famous poem, "Little Breeches."

"In the spring of 1862, in a little town named New Virginia, about fifty miles south of Des Moines, Ia.," says Mr. Heacock, "a meeting of ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church was being held. The father, mother and younger members of the family and the lad referred to were in attendance. I was to preach that evening in the church."

"After attending the exercises of the day the parents were starting home. The father had hitched the horses into the wagon and driven up to the gate. Leaving the little boy in the wagon, he went into the house for his wife and younger child. Not having fastened the horses, suddenly they took fright and started to run away. I was in the pulpit and announcing the hymn when a man rushed into the church and cried out that a team had run away, taking a little boy in the wagon alone."

"Immediately the congregation was broken up. Rev. E. H. Winans, a minister who now lives in Los Angeles, took the lead, saying 'Get your lanterns and torches and let us pray as we run in search of the boy.' It was decided to fire a gun when the boy should be found."

"The night was dark and cool, drizzling rain was falling. About a mile from the village the team and wagon were found in a gulch. The fore wheels had fallen into this and the fore end of the wagon bed had slid off so that the boy, not over 4 years old had climbed out. But he was not to be found. Nearly half a mile from where the wagon was found there was an old log house used for herding the sheep. As torches and lamps needed replenishing and the roof of the building was of clapboards. It was decided to go there and get these boards for torches."

"Arriving at the place, the father of the boy in an agony of grief told the party he heard a noise inside, which he thought sounded like a child's voice. On opening the door and entering, the little fellow was found standing by a trough in which the sheep were fed, surrounded by sheep and lambs. He did not seem to be alarmed but was delighted to see his father."

"A few years after this the Rev. Mr. Winans was preaching—I think in Quincy, Ill.—and Mr. Hay was in the congregation. In illustrating some point, the preacher narrated the incident. Out of it grew the poem. I saw an article in a California magazine a few years ago referring to the origin of this poem."

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