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THURSDAY, MAR. 22, 1906.

**COLUMBUS NEWS.**

L. H. Cloud went to Hendersonville Tuesday.

Mamie Taylor, of Pearidge, is attending Central Industrial Institute.

T. C. Bradley, of Rutherfordton, an old Polk County citizen, died March 14th.

Miss Ola Miller, of Melvin Hill, visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. N. A. Cloud, has been sick with a cold for the past week.

Miss Minnie Arledge, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bostic, at Forest City, N. C.

C. C. West's family was increased last Thursday by the arrival of a little boy.

Miss Bessie Stevenson, who made a short trip to Columbia, S. C., returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hodge, of Rutherfordton, N. C., visited relatives and friends here this week.

Frank McFarland, of Tryon is seriously ill with pneumonia. Dr. Grady is the attending physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Chevalier, and son Lyle, who occupied Ben Cragen for a week or more, are back in the French cottage in Columbus.

Miss Penola McMurray, who has been teaching school at the Morgan school house, spent several days with her brother A. L. McMurray.

Curtis Arledge, who is studying at the University, Chapel Hill N. C., was here for a day or two last week visiting his parents.

Mr. J. G. Hughes, and wife, received a pressing invitation to attend a banquet held at the Anderson Lodge I. O. O. F. at Quaker City, Ohio, Saturday March 24th, 1906.

T. C. Mills, a prominent citizen and well known Knight of Pythias, of Tryon, N. C., is spending a few weeks in Jacksonville. Brother Mills is combining business and pleasure, and making a success of both.—The Metropolis, Jacksonville, Fla.

N. B. Hampton, who has located at Kennard, Texas, has gone into the lumber business extensively. He has purchased a "lumber camp" containing 14 head of horses, paying \$2000 for same. Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Hampton are about 15 miles from B. F. Hampton.

The following guests were at Log Cabin Inn this week: F. P. Bacon and wife Tryon, N. C.; R. Carpenter and wife, New York; Mrs. Matherson, Tryon, N. C.; Paul Jones Boston, Mass; Alexander Kinsard; L. J. Marks and wife, Chicago; Miss Anna Port, New York; J. Strickland, and wife, New York; J. P. Lewis, wife and daughter, New York; Miss Grace Sawyer, New York; G. P. Strong and wife, Conn.

Attorney W. A. Smith, of Hendersonville, came here Tuesday. Smith and Shipman represent the County Commissioners in their suit against ex-treasurer Feagans for the recovery of funds the finance committee found the latter to be short. The case is to be argued Thursday before attorney Matt McBrayer of Rutherfordton. Judge Montgomery and J. P. Morris are attorneys for Feagans.

**RICHMOND PEARSON MAY BE NOMINATED**

Ex-congressman Is Spoken Of As Congressional Candidate—Developments Expected Shortly That Will Work Wonders Among Republicans.

Will Richmond Pearson, at present minister to Persia, be the Republican nominee for congress in this district? This is a question which just now is causing considerable worry to the various gentlemen who have aspiration for the party's honor, and, while it is impossible to announce the wishes of Mr. Pearson regarding the nomination, his constituents regard it as safe to predict that should he elect to enter the race, he will carry the banner in this campaign.

Only recently has this suggestion been brought to the attention of Republicans at the head of affairs in the Eighth. Invariably mention of the ex-congressman's name, it is said, meets the approval of those who have not committed themselves openly to another candidate, and of these there are many; for the condition of the party is such as to make its leaders exceedingly careful in their movements.

Those in favor of Mr. Pearson argue that he is the only member of the party who can stand a winning chance in this district. It is contended also that his talent for organization may suffice to place Republicanism on a safer foundation in Western North Carolina, and although there are those who are regarded as antagonistic toward the "Duke of Richmond Hill," as he was facetiously termed, yet it is rumored that all concur in the opinion that he alone is a feasible candidate at this very crucial juncture.

It is not known as yet, of course, whether Mr. Pearson will consent to make the race in the present condition of the party. It is believed, however, and very confidently asserted by those who are pushing his candidacy that he will gladly forsake the post in Persia to comply with the wishes of his party; but time only will tell; for the division of Republican wings is regarded as not half so pronounced as it will be inside of thirty or forty days hence.

Of the others spoken of as probable candidates, the friends of J. J. Britt think his chances are best, but developments are expected which will disclose many more with like claims. Those in revenue circles are known to favor Mr. Britt, and yet it is rumored that it is conceded even by them that a stronger man is necessary to make the race.

Democrats, though tickled at the prospects of a divided opposition, will themselves have to make a choice of several candidates, although of course, the rivalry among these is not regarded as likely to work to the party's detriment. W. T. Crawford, Mr. Gallert, Frank Hewitt and Congressman Guder are avowed candidates for the nomination and each is confident of victory. Those who remember the memorable campaign between Messrs Crawford and Pearson expect a likely reiteration in case these gentlemen are pitted against each other, but there are others, and in any event a lively campaign is assured.—Asheville Citizen.

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**Mr. GROCE'S EXPERIMENT.**

Plowing With Steam Power Promises to Revolutionize Farming—Departure From Old Methods.

More attention is being paid to farming in Spartanburg County along scientific lines and advance methods at present than ever before in the history of the county, for many of the farmers like men in the commercial world are departing from ancient methods and are adopting progressive customs, realizing that if they would be successful in farming they must keep abreast with the times.

Plowing by steam and pulling stumps from the fields is now the order of the day, for it has been found that a steam plow will perform the work of twenty-five hands and mules, and a machine for pulling up stumps will do as much as five men and in less than half the time.

A. B. Groce of wellford is the first farmer in this section to use the steam plow and E. L. Archer of Cherokee Springs has the distinction of owning the only machine in the county for pulling stumps. Both of these gentlemen are perfectly satisfied with their investments. Mr. Archer declares that he would not be without his stump puller for three times the money he paid for it. It cost him \$70 and it will pull a stump from the ground in ten minutes. It would take three men fully an hour to dig up an average size stump.

The introduction of the steam plow in this county by Mr. Groce promises to revolutionize farming. The style of plow that is being operated by Mr. Groce is the Cast Steam traction engine plow, twenty-five horse power. It has a set of gang disc plows, not unlike the old harrow. The discs are 24 inches in diameter, arranged diagonally behind each other, in a V shape, and they cut a swath of twelve feet at a clip and from nine to twelve inches deep.

Elliott Groce, son of Mr. Groce, is in charge of the outfit. He can plow on a five per cent grade and work easily on a three per cent grade. It is possible to cultivate a still deeper hillside by plowing in downward curves. The machine travels two and one-half miles per hour and the plow works perfectly. Five men are used to operate the plow, one being a hand to look out for stumps and rocks that the man on the engine might not see. Mr. Groce figures that the operation of the plow costs him about \$10 a day, and that it takes the place of twenty-five negroes and mules plowing the old way. If it were not for stoppages for wood and water the plow would take the place of thirty-five hand plows. He says he is going to rig up some sort of apparatus to prevent these stops.

The outfit cost Mr. Groce \$3,000 and he regards it the best investment he has ever made. He has men to come all the way from Georgia, North Carolina and the lower part of South Carolina to see the plow. He is always glad to show the visitors the implement.—Free Lance.

**Death Of Little Edgar Jackson.**

On the 17th of last April the home of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jackson was brightened by the arrival of a baby boy and it enjoyed all the parental affection that earthly parents could give until on the morning of March 12th God plucked little Edgar to bloom on the banks of eternal deliverance. He suffered eleven days of untold misery. It was God's will to carry him from earth to the realms of glory and on the above named date he struck glad hands with Willie and Warner who preceded him. Three brothers are in the mansions of glory waiting for loved ones, bidding them come. They only have one brother separated from them by the stream of death. B. P. Jackson.

**A SHORT LETTER FROM COLLINSVILLE.**

The Rabourn Home Scene Of Double Wedding—Jim Madison, Charged With Disposing Of Mortgaged Property, Arrested—Other Notes.

James Horn is building a new house.

J. G. Powell went to Cowpens, S. C., Friday.

G. C. Love is spending a few days in Shelby, N. C.

Rev. R. J. Tate preached to a large audience Sunday evening in the school house.

Miss Hattie Israel and her brother Tom, of Spartanburg, S. C., are spending a few days with their aunt, Mrs. S. B. Weaver.

Nathan Shehan, a deputy sheriff, came here Friday and caught Jim Madison, and took him to Rutherford to be tried for disposing of mortgaged property.

Little John Earl, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Weaver, has been seriously ill several days with typhoid fever. The last report was that he seemed to be improving.

A double wedding took place last Wednesday at the home of J. G. Rabourn. The couples were Garvis Stall and Mary Jane Hutcherson and Harrison Hutcherson and Anna Rabourn. The knots were tied by Rev. R. J. Tate.

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