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Permanent Survey Work

The Appalachian Construction Company, having the contract for the construction of the South Atlantic Transcontinental Railroad...

The entire Western part of the State is interested in the progress of these companies and it is gratifying to know the outlook is now so bright...

Clyde Clement, who is going to school at Landrum, is spending the holidays with his parents.

Charlie Bostic made a business trip to Spartanburg last week.

Miss Nora Prince, who is teaching at Lebanon School House, visited friends and relatives in this section during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Emma Miller attended the services at the Sandy Springs church last Sunday.

Misses Nannie Tanner and Sallie Shands, of Rutherford, were pleasant visitors at the hospitable home of Robert Clement last Sunday.

Robert Clement, recently purchased a tract of land and a store house from Berry Smith and is contemplating opening up a large stock of goods in the future.

Clyde Clement, was a pleasant visitor at Perry Cantrell's last Sunday afternoon.

Renew your subscription to the News.

Church Directory.

COLUMBUS, N. C. Baptist—Rev. T. H. Posey, pastor. Preaching 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m. and on Saturday before 2nd, at 3 p.m. Sunday School—Every Sunday 10 a.m. N. T. Mills, Supt.

SURPRISED THEIR FRIENDS.

Miss Ada Capps becomes the bride of Mr. Robert Carruth

A pretty home wedding was solemnized Thursday December 31, when Mr. Robert Carruth led to the hymeneal altar, Miss Ada Capps. The ceremony blending these two hearts was performed in impressive style by Rev. Lathrop at the hospitable home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Capps, of Lynn.

Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Carruth left for Asheville where they spent the honeymoon, returning Saturday.

The bride is one of Polk's most accomplished daughters endowed with those graces of heart and mind which have made her deservedly popular and esteemed.

The groom is a well known and deservedly popular young man of high character, industrious and progressive and is to be congratulated upon winning so charming and estimable bride.

The young couple will make their future home in Spartanburg South Carolina.

The News joins the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Carruth in congratulations and wish for them a happy life.

Mr. F. C. Jackson Chosen

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education of Polk county held on January 4th, Mr. R. M. Foster tendered his resignation as one of the members of the Board and Mr. F. C. Jackson, of Mill Spring, was appointed to fill his unexpired term.

The Tryon Hosiery Co. to Re-build.

The Tryon Hosiery Co. will at once rebuild its dyeing, finishing and storage plants, which was destroyed by fire December 21st. A daily capacity of 2,000 dozen pairs is proposed.

We have had about one dozen promises of wood on subscription and about two have been fulfilled. Doing pretty well, don't you think?

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A Hand in the Dark.

(Original.) When my father, who had been a very wealthy man, died insolvent his children were like persons thrown into deep water without having learned to swim.

And it not been for my mother and sisters I would have got on well enough. I was young and strong and perfectly willing to work. But they just lie—Mother was too old to do anything for herself, and as to my sisters, it was before the admission to various fields which were now open to women I secured an opportunity for the sake of sewing machine.

I owned a revolver which I had purchased in the halcyon days. I had a few cents necessary to buy cartridges. Following a plan usual to suicides for the purpose of lessening as much as possible the shock to those who love them, I went to a hotel, registered and asked for a room.

My knee rubbed against a chair. I took hold of it and sat down with my face to its back, and dropped my head on my hands. My mind of course was on my misfortunes. Had I not been suffering from a partial temporary insanity I might have seen the folly of my course. It would have been better for me to disappear. Then I might still be of use to my mother and sisters.

Presently I straightened up, put my hand to a hip pocket and took out my revolver. There was no necessity for a fight. I could do what I intended through the sense of touch. Indeed, I did not care, as some suicides have done, to shoot myself, standing before a mirror. I intended to see the horrible expression that was on my face.

Doubtless nothing could have occurred later calculated to bring me to my senses. The spell in which my mind had been caught was sudden broken. Surprise was the first sensation, curiously the second. Neither had anything to do with the mechanism that had possessed me. I had suddenly been transferred into a free thinking man.

"Who are you?" I asked. "One whom God has doubtless sent to save you from a crime," came the reply in a low musical voice. "I will strike a light." "Please don't. I am under the care of an oculist. He has placed the darkness preparatory to an operation. I have been here all day without a ray of light entering my eyes, for in addition to the room being darkened, my eyes have been bandaged. Hearing some one enter, I lifted the bandage. Having been so long in perfect darkness, my sight is very strong. I have seen you, though dimly, from the first and can see you now. Hadn't I been waiting for some one to take you away?"

"No, I will go alone. There is no fear that I will not as I intended. You have relieved the mental strain under which I suffered." I gave her a brief account of the misadventure that had led up to my intended suicide. She expected a promise from me to go to her father and tell him the story, including my adventure with her, giving me a ring as a token. I left her and kept my promise. I was given a check to pay my indebtedness with another for temporary rent payments. On going out I discovered at the office that I had been taken to the wrong room.

When I saw the lady who had saved me I saw an attractive girl of twenty. She became close friends. Indeed, she and her family were extremely kind to my mother and sisters. Her father gave me a desk in his counting room and I am now on a fair way to prosperity. HORACE B. GAYLORD.

Work on South Atlantic and Transcontinental Will Be Pushed Forward, Connecting South and West

Waynesville, Jan. 1.—After waiting over a year since the county voted bonds to aid in its construction, the South Atlantic & Transcontinental Railroad Company commenced work here yesterday about 1 o'clock p. m. Mr. T. C. McNealy, of Hendersonville, who has the contract for the construction of the railroad, was here yesterday, and said the work would now go forward. He is the manager of the Appalachian Construction Company that has the work in charge.

Asked by The Observer correspondent as to the prospects of the speedy building of the road, Mr. McNealy said that the hopes of the earnest advocates of the said road were now about to be realized. He said the routes would be speedily surveyed, the rights-of-way secured and the moving of the earth begin at an early date.

This is good news to the people of Waynesville and Haywood. The beginning of the work upon this road has anxiously awaited for a year. Many people had become skeptical, but now every one is jubilant, as the building of this road will give us a direct connection with the West and South.—Charlotte Observer.

CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE

Will Open its Doors to Free students on January 4th.

On January 4th, 1909, The Central Industrial Institute will open its doors, free of tuition to any student in Polk County who can take studies above the regular seventh grade. Now enough has been done to help any ambitious boy or girl to get High School training. Anything more would be an injury rather than a help, as all the cost is taken away except the cost of living, your living expenses have to be met at home or elsewhere, and these necessities of life can be obtained at Columbus as easily as anywhere. Nine dollars per month will meet these needs. Now is the time to make up your mind to go to school and report at Columbus on January 4, 1909.

As long as we have the rooms to offer those belonging to the school will be offered the following prices: board, fuel, lights and furnished rooms in the girls dormitory is offered for \$9.00 per school month (28 days.) Table board and unfurnished rooms for boys is offered at \$8.00 per month (23 days). Rooms and board outside of the school can be obtained at a small additional cost. Several rooms have already been engaged and a large attendance is expected. If you wish to get the benefit of these advantages, please notify T. H. Posey, Columbus, N. C.

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