

# THE POLK COUNTY NEWS.

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THURSDAY, JUNE, 17 1909.

With the price of flour and corn as it is, it seems to us that the farmers have a serious proposition staring them in the face. It is an ill that can be cured by the farmer and by him alone; and that cure, as we see it, is more diversified farming—looking a year ahead and preparing for high prices on the necessary commodities that are to be consumed by him.

During the period prior to the great "cotton growing fever" era" farmers were seldom victims to the fluctuation in prices controlled by the money kings of New York and Chicago, but today it is different. When the price of flour is advanced the farmer today is affected as much as the city laborer. His granary is no longer groaning with the weight of the golden wheat which can easily be converted in flour. This present day the farmer is centering his whole energies and efforts to the production of cotton. Naturally the South has a monopoly on cotton, given them by the Creator and one that can not be disturbed. With this natural monopoly is it wise for the farmer to devote his whole energies to the production of the one crop which is free from competition? The grain producers of the West cannot raise cotton; they have not the soil suited for this diversity of farming as the South has. Their entire crops are practically grain. They, combined with the wheat kings say what the price of corn and wheat shall be and the Southern farmer must pay it. The only way by which this great handi-cap can be eliminated is by the farmer of the South raising his own grain and meat.

The farmer can be the most independent man on the face of the earth, if he will raise what he can of his own necessities on the farm; he can lose this independence by allowing others to raise his own bread and meat, at the same time dictating to him what he must pay for it. This question, we believe, is worth much consideration on the part of the farmers.

We have a few pair of scissors left from the court week rush and these must go! So take advantage of this offer and re-read our proposition and renew your subscription at once.

## 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.  
Sabbath School every Sunday 10 a.m.  
N. T. Mills, Supt.  
Presbyterian—J. C. Croker, pastor.  
Preaching—3rd Sundays at 3 p.m.  
Sunday School—Every Sunday 10 a.m.  
C. C. Hampton, Supt.

### WOODMEN HAVE BIG TIME IN INMAN.

It was the privilege of the writer last Sunday to attend a most interesting memorial service at Inman, S. C., given by the Woodman of the World in memory of their dead commander. At an early hour the little town was astir with a multitude of people to witness the ceremony and exercises. From two to three thousand people is a reasonable estimate of the number present, five or six hundred of this number being Woodmen. Preaching at the Baptist church by its pastor attracted a goodly number, the church being filled to its utmost capacity. At the conclusion of the morning services a regular "old fashioned" basket picnic dinner was served on the grounds to the satisfaction of all present. The "highway and hedges" were gone into by these good people, so anxious were they that no one, even though he be a stranger, should escape their hospitality.

After dinner the attention of this restless throng was attracted to the cemetery, where two monuments, erected by the Woodman of the World to the memory of departed sovereigns, were to be unveiled with appropriate ceremonies. This part of the program being finished, Mr. Jack Burnette, of Inman, was called upon for a speech and he very readily responded with a rousing talk on the Order of Woodman of the World. After this speech, the day being nearly spent, the crowd returned to their homes filled with enthusiasm over the Order, while pleasant memories of the day will not be easy to forget.

The effects of a gathering of this kind are wholesome in that they renew old acquaintance and most forgotten and strengthen the ties of friendship made weak by the lapse of time.

Why could we not have something stimulate Old Polk and bring our people closer together, let someone venture a suggestion.

WOODMAN.

Tryon, June 12th, 1909.

### TEACHER'S EXAMINATION.

There will be an examination for public school teacher's certificates held at Columbus July 8th, 1909.

All the teachers expecting to teach in the Public Schools in this county and whose certificates are not valid for the next public school term, beginning Nov. 1st, next, are requested to attend, get their certificate and be in position to contract with their committeemen early; and open their schools promptly at the time agreed upon by the Board of Education for the opening of all the schools.

J. R. FOSTER,  
County Superintendent.

### Correspondents Wanted.

This paper wants a live correspondent at every postoffice in Polk county. To such it will furnish stamps and stationery and a yearly subscription.

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## PIERCE HAIL STORM VISITS POLK COUNTY.

Hail-stones Larger Than Old "Hen Egg" Size—Door Knobs For Ours.

The fiercest hail storm that has visited Polk county in years fell Tuesday afternoon. The hail-stones in size were the largest ever known within the recollection of the oldest inhabitants for they were even larger than the old proverbial hen egg size, a number being found to be as large as an ordinary door knob, and much harder than the hail which commonly visits this part of the country.

The farms naturally suffered from this great onslaught of ice; many of the corn and cotton crops being completely ruined. Fortunately for the majority of Polk farms, the storm seem to be in streaks and hit only a comparatively few of the crops. The greatest losers, of which we have any knowledge were Messrs J. T. Waldrop, White Oak Township; Elias Walker, White Oak Township; J. R. Smith and M. A. Wood, Columbus Township.

These farmers are reported to have had their crops so completely destroyed that they will endeavor to replant for a late corn crop on the land formerly planted in cotton and corn.

In Columbus the storm was not so fierce. Though the hail-stones picked up were as large as hen eggs, they did not fall in great quantities, as they did in the section which suffered so sorely. We are sorry for these good sons of the soil in their loss, but bid them be of good cheer, no cloud is so dark but that it has a silvery lining and we hope this one is not lined with another hail storm.

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### "The Good Old Days."

How times have changed! When we were young, people had bad colds, soaked their feet in hot water and got well. Now they have grip, take quinine and feel sick all over. Then they had sore throat, wrapped a piece of fat pork in an old sock, tied it around the neck at night and went to work the next morning. Now they have tonsillitis, a surgical operation and two weeks in the house. Then they had stomach ache and took castor oil and recovered. Now they have appendicitis, a week in the hospital and six feet the east and west and six feet perpendicular. They worked then; they labor now. In those days they wore underclothes; now they wear lingerie. Then they went to a restaurant; now they go to a cafe. Then they broke a leg; now they fracture a limb. People went crazy then; they have a brain storm now. Politicians then paid good hard cash for support; now they send government garden seeds. Yes, time have changed, and we all change with the times. That's progression.—Anch (Garden in Westphalia (Kan.) Times.

### The Miser's Carpet.

"Dr. Quain, the eminent physician, full of Hibernian wit, would sometimes tell unauthorized anecdotes of his professional experiences," says Sir Algernon West in "One City and Many Men." "Once he was attending a well known man of miserly habits in Mayfair, who when very ill asked him to honestly tell him if he would ever again rise from his bed of sickness. The doctor thought he never would. 'Please ring the bell,' said the patient, and when he had secured the attendance of his housekeeper, he said: 'Have the grip of carpet by my bedside, which is a good one, wrapped up and put away. I shall not want it again, and if it is left here those undertaker's men will be sure to spoil it with their dirty boots!'"

E. B. CLOUD  
Attorney-at-Law.  
COLUMBUS, N. C.

## A. & M. College

We have lately received the Catalogue of the A. and M. College at Raleigh. The issue of this year includes, in addition to the various courses in Agriculture and in Engineering, a full list of the Alumni of the College.

A glance at this list shows that the young men educated at the College are closely following the professions for which they were trained. These men are becoming a power in the state's industrial life. Persons desiring copies of the Catalogue may address Registrar's Office, West Raleigh, N. C.

Application For Pardon of James (Smasher) Carpenter.

Application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the commutation of the sentence of James (Smasher) Carpenter, convicted at the Spring Term of the Superior Court of Polk County of the crime of assault and robbery and sentenced to roads for a term of five years.

This the 12th day of June 1909.

D. F. Morrow,  
Smith & Schench,  
Attorneys.

When a stranger drops in town, jolly him Tell him this is a great little city—and so it is. Don't discourage him by speaking ill of your neighbors. Lead him to believe he has at last struck a place where good people live.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Osborne Mooney, deceased, before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Polk County this to notify all persons having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 21st day of January 1910, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 21st day of Jan. 1909.

J. E. SHIPMAN,  
Administrator.

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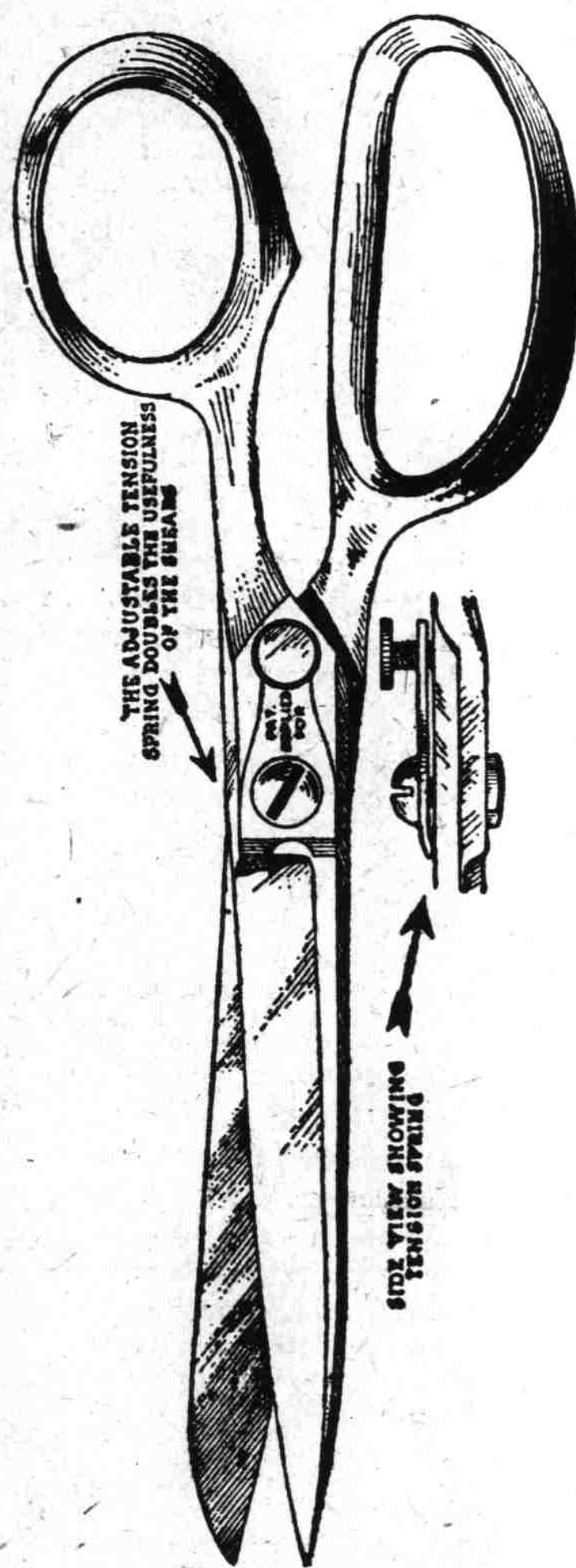
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COLUMBUS, N. C.

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