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THURSDAY, JULY, 22 1909.

**Church Sunday Night.**

The Rev. G. P. Hamrick, of Gaffney, S. C., preached in the Baptist church here Sunday night to a large and appreciative audience.

The theme of Mr. Hamrick's sermon was "Echo." He drew vivid illustrations which were to the point, making his sermon one that will remain in the minds of his hearers for days to come. Mr. Hamrick is a good thinker, a forceable speaker and Columbus is always glad to have him to preach when in this part of the county.

**Ball Game Saturday.**

The Columbus ball team will cross bats with the Landrum ball aggregation here Saturday.

A large crowd is expected not only for the ball game but to attend the icecream supper, which is to be given here by the local ball team, the proceeds of which are to help defray the expenses incurred in purchasing the ball outfit. Everybody is most cordially invited to be present at the ball game and icecream supper.

**FROM THE RUTHERFORDTON SUN.**

Our efficient sheriff, Ed Tanner informs The Sun that Milus Miller, who had an attack of emotional insanity or a brain storm one Sunday afternoon about a month ago at the Southern depot and in hurling rocks at Tol Carpenter, one of his colored driver companions, hit and hurt Dr. Henry Norris, has been arrested in Hendersonville. Milus has a homestead estate in the chain gang, and will feel perfectly at home when he returns to it.

Mr. H. C. Calvert, of Poor's Ford, Polk county, a good farmer as well as a saw mill man, was in town yesterday.

Mr. John W. McFarland, an ex-member of the Legislature and good citizen of Poor's Ford, in the "State of Polk," was in our town on Monday.

Mr. M. C. Thompson, of Poor's Ford, was a caller at The Sun office on Tuesday.

F. Ganse, of Emery is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ganse.

**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—T. C. Croker, pastor. Preaching—3rd Sundays at 3 p. m. Sunday School—Every Sunday 10 a. m. C. C. Hampton, Supt.

**The Electric Chair Ready For Business.**

The electric Char has been prepared in a special room in the penitentiary and the current furnished by the dynamo of that institution will be able to do the deadly work.

It seems that Roberson county furnishes the first victim. It is to be observed that the States which have this form of capital punishment find it far superior to the gallows or the rifle, killing with guns having been along time the official mode of death in Indian Territory. An electric chair is a rude but strong affair, of oak and iron. Persons sentenced to death are not to be taken to the penitentiary until the day of doom, and then in the quiet room and in the presence of a few officials meet their fate at the hands of the warden, now Thomas P. Sale, who only has to move a switch, which cuts the current on.—Raleigh-Dispatch.

**Negro Convict Escapes.**

The penitentiary authorities announce that Crowder Michael, a negro convict sentenced from Rutherford county last year for three years for larceny, escaped from the convict camp near Leachville, Beaufort county. The reward of \$25 and all necessary expenses will be paid for his recapture.

**Valuable Machine.**

Occupying a conspicuous place in the lobby of the Selwyn Hotel is an automatic machine for the sale of stamped envelopes.

It was designed and patented by a North Carolinian, Dr. R. J. Morrison, of Cherryville, and is pronounced by those who have examined it to be a very valuable machine.

It is simple in construction and so far as has yet been observed works perfect. Anyone desiring two stamped envelopes has nothing to do but put a nickel in the slot and turn the wheel. The small platform inside tilts and the desired articles are thrown out.—Charlotte Observer.

**Miss Hyde's School Closes.**

Miss Harrie Hyde, who has been teaching school at Melvin Hill, closed her school today and is now beginning on a well earned vacation.

The people of Melvin Hill have been highly pleased with Miss Hyde's work, which was clearly shown by the attendance of the children. Her school was probably the largest subscription school ever taught in the county.

An ice cream supper will be given here SATURDAY night, July 24, for the benefit of the Columbus ball team. Everybody is cordially

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**Bad Man From Polk.**

Louis Green, who says he's from Polk and does'nt care a rap who knows it, was arrested and placed in jail Thursday evening by Deputy Otis Power, on charge of carrying concealed weapons. When the energetic deputy went to the residence of Louis, in Marshalltown, and knocked for admittance, the young man, who is only 21 years old, opened the door but an inch and rudely shoved the barrel of a shot gun in Powers' face. The deputy wrenched the gun from his grasp and brought him to town where he spent the night at Sheriff Blackwell's hotel.

Mr. Green says he's a bad man from Polk. He wore a cartridge belt filled with shells around his waist and a revolver holster at his hip. Fortunately, possibly, for Sheriff Powers, his pistol was on the fireboard of the room, out of reach, when he arrested his man.—French Board Hustler.

**Report of Dept. of Agriculture.**

Washington, D. C., July 8.—The average condition of the corn crop on July 1st was 89.3 per cent of normal against 82.4 of a year ago; winter wheat 82.8 against 80.6; spring wheat 92.7 against 89.4; spring and winter wheat combined 86.5 against 83.9; oats 88.3 against 86.7; barley 90.2 against 86.2, and rye 91.4 against 91.2.

Corn planted 109,006,000 acres. This epitomizes the crop report of the Department of Agriculture.

**The Length of Sermons.**

Our brethren who go long distances to church and have once-amonth preaching expect and should have discourses of from thirty to forty-five minutes. But when the same audience hears the same man twelve or fifteen times every month, it requires no Solomon to see the wisdom of brevity, especially in the hot season. The twenty-minute talk is more popular and effective than the fifty-minute sermon.—Biblical Recorder.

**Money Prizes For Corn and Butter.**

The State Board of Agriculture of North Carolina is this year giving \$100 to the three boys in the State making the greatest number of bushels of corn on one acre of land. The first prize is \$50, the second \$30, and the third \$20, and the competition is only open to boys between twelve and fourteen years of age, living on farms. Five prizes, amounting to \$75, will also be given to the five dairymen scoring the highest number of points on the single of butter, each contestant is required to send to the department every month. The highest prize for butter is \$25, and the lowest \$5.

**Brain Leaks.**

A bird in the bush is worth two on the hat.

A good start has been made if you begin the day right.

It is easier to select a text than it is to preach a sermon.

About the only thing sure to come to him who waits is old age.

Are there any cooks left who know how to make elderberry pie?

We hope some music never sounded like the "critique" thereof.

Satan's busy season is when the churches close for the summer.

The owl has achieved a reputation for wisdom by merely looking wise.

Barking dogs may not bite, but you can't always tell just when they will quit barking.—The Commoner.

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**News From Mill Spring.**

Special To The News.

Mr. W. L. Hampton returned from Rutherfordton and reports his wife improving. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

All enjoyed listening at Rev. Hamrick's excellent sermon delivered here Sunday.

Otis Baynard and Perry Earle, of Landrum, S. C., were pleasant callers at Mill Springs Sunday.

Mr. Dodd, of New Prospect, visited his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Rucker, last Friday and Saturday.

Lizzie Lee Ross will open school at Bare Foot, Monday, July 26th.

Misses Etlka and Harriett Arledge called on Mrs. Avery Elliott Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Jno. Jackson and wife spent last Sunday with their parent's Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jackson.

Rev. T. J. Moss has been re-elected pastor here.

Mr. Robertson and son stopped at Mt. View Sunday night.

**COFFEE AS A WEDDING GIFT.**

A Custom Which is General in Coffee Growing Countries.

"We have a custom in the coffee raising countries," said a high Brazilian official, "which is unknown in other parts of the world. When a child is born in the coffee country a sack of the best grain is set aside as part of the inheritance to be received on attaining its majority. Usually the sack is the gift from some close friend or relative, and it is guarded as sacred as if it were a gift of gold or bonds. No stress would induce a Brazilian parent to use coffee which was made the birth gift of a child. As a rule it is sealed with the private seal of the owner and bears a card giving all particulars about the variety of grain, its age on being sacked and the birth of the child to whom it is given and other details, which are very interesting when the gift is due.

Generally the coffee is opened for the first time when the child marries. The coffee for the reception or marriage feast is made from the legacy and, according to precedent, this must be the first time the sack is opened. After the coffee is made for the wedding feast the sack is carefully closed and sent to the new home of the young people and should keep them in the staple for a year at least. When both bride and bridegroom have the birth gift of coffee they have started life under very hopeful conditions, so far as one necessity is concerned. Few people know that the older the unparched grain of coffee is the better the flavor. Like wine, it grows with age, and that which is over twenty years mellowing under proper conditions will bring from \$1.50 to \$2 a pound from consumers. The giving of pounds of green coffee is a common practice in the coffee belt. Friends exchange these gifts and compare results. When one cannot afford to give a sack of coffee, it frequently is the case that ten pounds of the best green grain are packed in a fancy case and bestowed on a newly born child, with directions that it must not be opened until the wedding day."

**FIRST AMERICAN GLASS.**

Made at a Factory Built by a Boston Man in New Hampshire.

The first American glass factory was erected in the town of Temple, N. H., Washington in his diary speaks of glass being made in New Haven, Conn., in the year 1789.

One would suppose by the language he uses that he considers it a new and quite extraordinary affair. It was nine years previous to this and during the very war whose issue first enabled the country to commence its own manufacturing that Robert Hewes of Boston began to carry out the project which he had long conceived, but had hitherto found impracticable if not impossible under English rule, that of making glass in America for America.

In 1780 Mr. Hewes selected a site for his factory secure from the British forces (his glassblowers were Hessians and Waldeckers, soldiers who had deserted from the British army, and he must have had an eye for the beautiful in nature. He chose a spot on the north slope of Kladder mountain, near its base. To the northwest Mount Monadnock rears its granite crown, standing like a giant sentinel; to the north and running east are the Temple mountains, bold and precipitous; to the east a beautiful valley holds in its embrace the towns of Wilton, Milford and Nashua, while to the northeast Joe English hill and the Unclearcracks mountains conceal the city of Manchester.

The place is now reached by a two mile walk over an old road, long a stranger to travel other than by grazing cows and nature loving tourists. The stonework about the ovens and the foundations of the building are all that now remain to remind us that here was another example of the American people's struggle for independence.—Crocker and Mass Journal.

**Mr. Wage-Earner,**

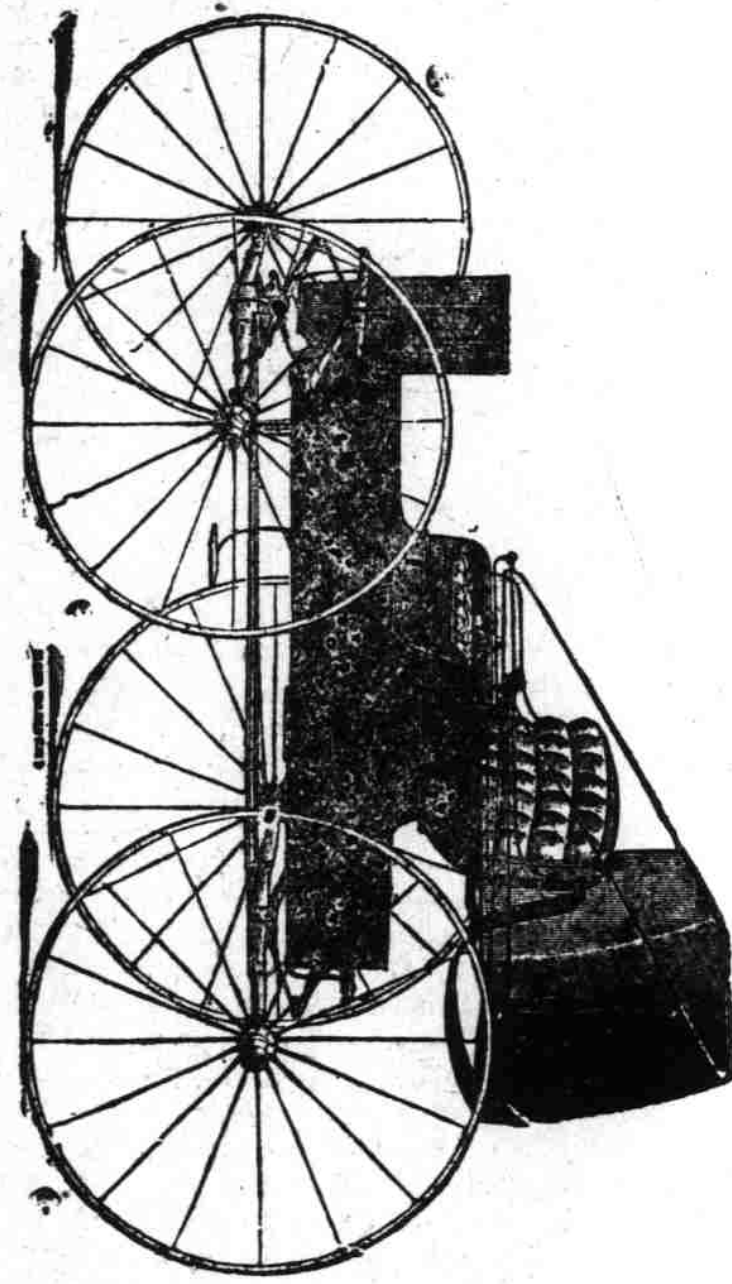
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