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AURORA BOREALIS.

All of the cats at the North Pole are not necessarily pole cats.

Cook has evidently cooked Peary's goose.

Neither Cook nor Peary want to admit that they were frosted at the North Pole, though both admit they had a cool reception.

It all depends on Harry Whitney as to who is the true discoverer of the Pole. These Harrys like the limelight even if they are thawed out at times.

It is not yet known whether Mrs. Peary will wear the Cook hat this winter or not.

Peary is said to be looking daggers at Cook — when will these daggers be converted into ploughshares?

If some of the hot air now wasted about the North Pole were transplanted to that region, it would be an ideal winter resort.

We wonder whether Cook saw Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea advertisement nailed on the Pole.

Court Square Being Cleaned Up.

The court square is now being cleaned up by Mr. James T. Hutcherson. All the undergrowth and stumps are being taken out and the ground broken up. Grass will be planted and when this is done Polk county will have a beautiful park around the court house, which will add much to the beauty of the county seat. We commend the commissioners most heartily on this step.

SOCIETIES ORGANIZE.

The Columbus High School has organized two literary societies, one for the young ladies and one for the young men.

The young ladies' society meets every Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, and the young men's every Friday night at eight o'clock, and engage in debates, reading essays, etc.

The members of the societies are greatly enthused and are taking much interest in them, which will assure their success.

BOND CARRIED IN TRYON.

The election for the issuance of bonds for the graded school, Tryon, carried by a majority of 35 votes. This is the second election held in Tryon for this purpose, the other one being ignored on account of some irregularities in the advertisement of same as required by law.

The man who could run a newspaper to suit everybody, went to heaven long ago.

Man, like the fire, is apt to torment women by going out at night.

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.

TRYON TOPICS.

Special To The News.

Mr. Simmons, of Graham, N. C. has purchased a lot from Judge Godshaw, and, it is thought, will soon build.

Mrs. Brown has rented a floor from Miss Mary LaDuke, intending to spend the winter with us.

Judge Godshaw has left Tryon, en route to his winter home in Florida.

Mrs. C. E. Lyons and her two daughters are now residing in the new house rented from Mrs. Erskine.

Mr. E. Brownlee left Sunday to attend the Postmaster's Convention at Raleigh, N. C. Then from there he went to Greenville, N. C., on a week's visit. Miss Virginia Butler is assisting in the post-office during his absence.

Mrs. B. B. Pyles and children, who have occupied "Brookside Cottage" this summer, left Saturday for their winter home in Fort Pierce, Fla.

Mrs. Charles Godshaw and daughter, Miss Adeline, visited Mrs. Landrum in Greenville, S. C. from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. Lewis Royell has returned from Bolsom, N. C., where he has spent the last few weeks.

Mr. W. H. Stearns expects to close the Mimosa on October the first.

Mrs. J. B. Hester spent a part of last week visiting in Wellford and Greers, S. C.

Mrs. E. N. Joyner visited her daughter, Miss Mary, in Saluda, on Tuesday.

Miss Mary Sue Hill arrived Saturday and will remain with her brother, A. L. Hill, this winter. She will attend school at Mrs. Missildine's.

Mr. Ipock, the telegraph operator, has been away for the past week, attending court. Carol Fene, of Campobella, S. C., worked in his place.

Mrs. Mereness, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Smith, has returned to Brooklyn. Mr Mereness will remain a while longer.

Miss Brinnie Belue is helping the Misses McFee sew this week.

The Methodist Sunday Schools of Tryon and Saluda met and had a picnic at Melrose last Saturday. Reported a "real good time."

Notes from Tryon, Route 1.

Special to the News.

A slight frost visited our community recently.

H. P. Arledge, our genial County Treasurer passed through our community this week enroute to Spartanburg.

W. B. Champion and wife visited the home of Rev. B. P. Jackson Sunday.

Miss Penola McMurray, of Cooper Gap, has been employed to teach the school at the Owens School House. The Committee are to be congratulated on having secured the services of such a competent teacher.

The rust is being taken off the mowing machines and their click can be heard everywhere.

Revenge is the only debt which it is wrong to pay.

Amount of Taxable Property for Polk County For the Year 1909.

Columbus Township	\$201,801
White Oak "	193,953
Greens Creek "	510,465
Tryon "	455,181
Saluda "	185,147
Cooper Gap "	103,429
Bank Stock	132,035.70
Railroad, Telegraph &c Corporations	69,350.92
Total,	\$1,879,162.62

LYNN LINERS.

Special to The News.

No services in Chapel last Sunday except Sunday School. The school will open Monday, October 4th.

After a long, long wait, the macadam work is at last under way. It is hoped the work will be completed without much delay.

The bridge crossing the Skyuka does not seem to materialize or be finished. Why not build one of concrete? The material and labor are right at hand.

The Hotel Mimosa will close for the season October 1st.

B. F. Capps has been at home several days nursing a bruised or lame ankle, received from a fall of the scaffold while at work on a building in Marion, N. C.

Messrs. Ed. and Chas. Foster are doing some contract work in Saluda.

The little tea kettle road packer will be thoroughly tested this week and if it proves satisfactory the many wise predictions that it would not do the work will have to come across.

The Tryon Hosiery Mills big steam whistle had a business like sound to it after being silent for a long time. The mill is running by water. It seems to us that this plant has many advantages over numerous other small mills in the county, and ought to be one of the largest plants of the kind in the country. They have fine water power and can use steam also. A good healthful location within a stones throw of the railroad, and a 3 1/2 percent grade macadam road are other items in their long list of advantages.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Westall, of Flat Rock, were visiting in Lynn last Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Rhodes, with her baby Broadus, returned last Monday evening, after a several weeks visit to her parents at Whittier, N. C.

We think the Tryon Highway Commission should send one of their board to the Good Roads convention at Asheville next week.

Concerning the Good Roads Movement.

Special to the News.

The question of good roads is now being discussed in every section of the country, both North and South, and North Carolina is making fine progress. It is hoped that the people of Polk will not be blind to their own interest, but wake up to the Good Roads movement.

We do not always mean a macadam road when we speak of a good road—sand-clay and gravel roads are as good and sometimes better than macadam—but better location, better drainage, better grades, timber cut back to admit the sun, etc., these things are absolutely essential to obtain a good road.

We wonder who will attend the Good Roads convention at Asheville, October 5th to 7th. Every township in the county should send a representative.

It is nice to be handsome but it is a good deal homdsomer to be nice.

MILL SPRING BUDGET.

Special to the News.

Were you ever surprised? Ask Otho Lewis.

Miss Lizzie Le Ross is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Baynard, in Landrum.

Mr. Cantrell, of Spartanburg County, is visiting Miss Alice Connor.

Mr. John Henry Green spent several days in Rutherfordton this week.

Last Thursday night the Mite Inn folks entertained a number of friends.

Mr. Judson Taylor of this town spent several days in Asheville last week.

Mrs. Blocker, of St. Petersburg Fla., is visiting Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Boone.

Mr. John Thorne, of St. Petersburg, Fla., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Lewis.

Miss Lillie Cowart, of St. Petersburg, Fla., is visiting Miss Daisy Rucker.

Mrs. Thorne and her little son, Frank, of Saluda, are visiting Mrs. A. C. Boone.

Mrs. Kelleher is expecting her son, George Kelleher, from New Orleans, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hampton entertained quite a number of friends Monday night.

Mr. Otis Baynard of Landrum, spent Sunday in this town with his cousins, the Misses Ross.

Mrs. Clements, of Hendersonville, and Mrs. McClain and Mrs. Hamilton, of Rutherfordton, spent a few days last week with Mrs. Foster.

Mrs. Dowe, of Tryon, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. R. Foster, who has been very sick, but we are pleased to state she is much better at this writing.

A large crowd of Mite Inn and other town folks went on a hay ride to see the Baptising at Big Level Church Sunday. They were chaperoned by Mrs. Allen.

Mr. Granger, who has been spending the summer at Mite Inn, has gone to Hendersonville to spend several days. From there he will go to his home in Mullins, S. C.

SURPRISE PARTY AT MILL SPRING.

Given by Mrs. Lewis, in Honor of Her Son, Otho.

Shut in from the outside world as we are, by the mountains, does not prevent our little community from enjoying themselves in the least. Almost every week some form of innocent entertainment is made up to amuse the people, both old and young, which gives a swing and zest to life seldom found elsewhere.

Last Saturday night nearly all the people of the town wended their way to the home of Mrs. Lewis, who was giving a surprise party in honor of her son, Otho. They all brought packages with them, each containing a vegetable and a piece of poetry, which, when the proper opportunity offered, were showered from an umbrella upon the head of the most surprised young man in the county—ask him! Peal after peal of laughter, which threatened the safety of the house, went up from the crowd as they gazed upon the astonished countenance of the young man, who quickly seeing the point joined in the merrymaking himself.

When the fun partly subsided, light refreshment was served by the hostess, which was partaken with a relish.

Long live King Fun!

A. L. McMurray is offering some rare bargains in ladies and gents sweaters-coats. Come and see them.

Mr. Wage-Earner,

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY SCHEDULE.

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EAST-BOUND TRAINS—

No. 14 Leave Asheville 7:00 a. m. Lve. Tryon 9:15 a. m. ar. Spartanburg 10:25 a. m.
No. 10 Leave Asheville 4:10 p. m. Lve. Tryon 6:30 p. m. ar. Spartanburg 8:00 p. m.
No. 42 Leave Asheville 8:50 p. m. Lve. Tryon 10:55 p. m. ar. Spartanburg 12:15 a. m.

WEST-BOUND TRAINS—

No. 41 Leave Spartanburg 3:50 a. m. Lve. Tryon 4:50 p. m. ar. Asheville 7:00 a. m.
No. 9 Leave Spartanburg 10:30 a. m. Lve. Tryon 11:50 a. m. ar. Asheville 2:10 p. m.
No. 13 Leave Spartanburg 5:25 p. m. Lve. Tryon 7:00 p. m. ar. Asheville 9:15 p. m.

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