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The Thanksgiving Hymn.

My turkey, 'tis of thee,
Sweet bird of charity,
Of thee I sing;
I love thy back and wings,
Legs, thighs and other things
To me Thanksgiving brings
Such joy and bliss.

\$5,000 FIRE MELVIN HILL.

Cotton Gin of Mr. D. D. Kerr and Fourteen Bales of Fleecy Staple Consumed.

EXPLOSION OF GAS TANK AT TRYON.

Last Monday night between the hours of 12 o'clock and 5:30 the cotton gin of Mr. D. D. Kerr, of Melvin Hill, with fourteen bales of cotton, was destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is unknown, though several causes have been attributed to its origin.

Two bales of the cotton belonged to Mr. Jack Scoggins and the other twelve bales to the Whitney Cotton Mills, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, were destroyed.

The destruction of the gin and cotton entails a total loss of about \$5,000, as there was no insurance on the gin nor cotton.

Mr. Kerr, who is the owner of the gin, was away at the time of the fire.

The many friends of Mr. Kerr sympathize with him in his heavy loss.

FIRE AT TRYON.

The Missildine Drug Store, at Tryon, came near being destroyed by fire Monday night, when the gasoline tank of the store exploded. The explosion was caused by taking a lighted candle into the basement where the tank was installed. It seems that the tank had been leaking and when the light came in contact with the escaped gas the explosion ensued.

Mr. Missildine and Mr. W. B. Hellen were injured in the explosion. Mr. Missildine is able to be out, but Mr. Hellen's injuries are such that he is still confined to his room.

Death of Little Doraty Pace.

Little Dorothy, the nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pace, of Saluda, died yesterday of blood poison.

The interment was held today at the Mt. Page cemetery in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

The News joins the friends of the bereaved family in expressing to them their heart-felt sympathy in their bereavement.

Thanksgiving Services.

Thanksgiving services will be held at the Columbus Baptist church next Thursday by the Rev. T. H. Posey at 11 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

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.

FIRE AT SKYLAND HOSEIERY COMPANY'S PLANT.

This morning about 4 o'clock the finishing department of the Skyland Hosiery Company, at Flat Rock, N. C., was destroyed by fire. The plant was insured but for how much we have been unable to ascertain. A full account of the fire and loss, will be given in next week's News.

TO LAY CORNER STONE THANKSGIVING.

Special To The News.

There will be a corner stone laid to the Willard Industrial School on Thanksgiving Day. The Masons, assisted by the W. O. W. and J. O. A. M. will lay the stone. There will also be an address by Prof. Williams of U. S. Dept. of Agriculture and possibly one, by Com. Watson, of Columbia, S. Car.

The school is open and boys and girls are coming in. Most of them signing contracts for 15 months, some for 10 months. Term runs continuously, students enter any time, but none received for less than 5 months.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

President Taft Issues Proclamation—Year of Great Blessings.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—President Taft today issued his Thanksgiving proclamation, naming Thursday, November 25th, as the date for the observance. The proclamation says: By the President of the United States—a proclamation: "The season of the year has returned when, in accordance with the reverent custom established by our forefathers, the people of the United States are to meet in their usual places of worship on a day of thanksgiving appointed by the civil magistrate to return thanks to God for the great mercies and benefits which they have enjoyed.

During the past year we have been highly blessed. No great calamities of flood or tempest or epidemic sickness have befallen us. We have lived in quietness undisturbed by war or rumors of war. Peace and the plenty of bounteous crops and of great industrial production animate a cheerful and resolute people to all the renewed energies and beneficent industry and material and moral progress. It is altogether fitting that we should humbly and gratefully acknowledge the Divine source of these blessings. "Therefore, I appoint Thursday the twenty-fifth day of November, as the day of general thanksgiving. Let citizens lay aside their usual vocations, to repair to their churches and unite in appropriate service and thanks to Almighty God. (Signed) "WILLIAM H. TAFT."

For Sale—A gray mare, about 10 years old, will weigh about 1000 pounds, and work anywhere. Also one Henderson open buggy been run but little. A bargain for a quick purchaser. Apply to B. F. Williams or The News Office, Columbus, N. C.

TRYON NOTES.

Special To The News.

Tryon, Nov. 17.—Mrs. J. C. Fisher went to Greenville Sunday, where she will spend a week with her father, Mr. N. E. Henderson, who is quite ill.

Mrs. J. B. Hester spent a few days of last week in Asheville with relatives and friends.

Mr. W. F. Smith was in Spartanburg Friday.

Mr. F. P. Bacon is in New York this week.

Mr. W. J. Gaines was in Spartanburg last Friday.

Mr. B. C. Livingston is having quite a number of dwelling houses built in Tryon.

Mrs. Fannie J. Ricks left last Friday for Washington, D. C.

Dr. Grady spent Saturday and Sunday in Asheville.

While driving from Columbus to Tryon, the horses ran away with Mr. M. Roach. He was thrown from the carriage, his neck and shoulder hurt badly, though we hope not seriously.

Mrs. Tom Sizemore is out of town this week, helping to put up the telephone line from Columbus to Rutherfordton.

Rev. W. A. Newell has gone to Hickory, N. C. to attend the Western Carolina Conference.

Mr. T. C. Mills was in Tryon Sunday.

Mrs. A. L. Hill spent Tuesday in Asheville.

Mr. Joseph Mills is in Tryon all the time now. He is running the wood sawing machine.

Mr. Osborne Weaver is night telephone operator during Mr. Sizemore's absence.

LINEERS FROM LANDRUM.

Spartanburg Herald.

Landrum, Nov. 16.—The quarterly conference of the Methodist church met with the Landrum church Saturday and Sunday. The conference was well attended and Dr. M. L. Carlisle, the presiding elder, preached two excellent sermons. Dr. Carlisle is well known here and Landrum people are always delighted to have him preach.

When it was learned that the Landrum lyceum course would have its first attraction on Saturday night a great deal of regret was heard as that was considered an unfavorable night but now all are glad of it, for Dr. H. W. Sears, the lecturer booked, was good to the people and gave them not only a lecture on Saturday night but two free of charge on Sunday at the Baptist church. His equal as a public speaker has never been heard, perhaps, in Landrum, and his genial good nature of the platform quite won the hearts of the people here. His lectures were all strong and calculated to do much good, and we hope Dr. Sears may come back to Landrum many more times.

The young men of the Spartan High School entertained the young ladies of that institution Friday evening. After some time had been spent in getting "better acquainted" delightful refreshments were served and the evening closed pleasantly.

Death of an Infant.

The infant child of Mr. Scott Bridgeman, near Landrum, died Wednesday a victim to whooping cough.

The little one was buried in Columbus at the Baptist cemetery.

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

The News does up-to-date Printing.

MILL SPRING.

Special to the News.

Mill Spring, Nov. 16.—Our new phone line is going up rapidly.

Miss Sallie Carpenter was in our midst Sunday.

Dr. H. H. Edwards made a business trip to Rutherfordton last week.

Miss Nellie Ross will spend the winter at her aunt's, Mrs. Morris, as governess for her little girls.

We are sorry to see Mr. and Mrs. Jim Green of this place leave our little town to go back to their old home. Mr. Stevens who has bought his property will move at an early date.

Miss Pauline Shankle is enjoying a long visit in Saluda.

Mrs. T. M. Ross and family visited her sister, Mrs. Morris, last week.

Mrs. Cherry is visiting in Rutherfordton this week.

Miss Annie Mills visited here last Friday.

Miss Novella Cook and Quincy Powell attended services at Bethlehem last Sunday.

Miss Mollie Arledge and mother visited in Rutherfordton last week.

Rev. B. P. Jackson has purchased the Baynard property and will move in the near future.

We are sincerely glad to note that Mr. J. R. Foster is convalescent.

Most all of the schools are now in progress, let us urge the parents to send their children.

Rev. Cherry leaves next week for Conference.

Mr. W. C. Newman came near having a disastrous fire last Friday morning by the explosion of a lamp. We are glad to say the fire was found in time to save his dwelling.

Girls, it is our opinion that you had better be an old maid than the wife of some worthless man, and the is a great quantity of them in circulation.

Labor is one the supreme laws of life. Toil is honorable. The progress which the World has made is aglorious testimonial to human handiwork. Those who work know more of genuine happiness than those whose lives seem dedicated to idleness.

The days when the hod-carrier was compelled to climb a ladder with his burden are past. A rope and pully now fills the bill.

A happy family is but an earlier heaven.

The Polk County News
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COLUMBUS, N. C.

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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.
WEST-BOUND TRAINS—
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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L. D. Stevens, Mgr.

P. S. Cloudy weather good as clear.