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Do We Want a Railroad?

North Carolina Interurban Railroad Company Will Build One For Us If We Subscribe For Survey.

Promoters' Survey No Good In Building A Road.

Survey Contemplated by Company to run from Tryon to Rutherfordton will cost about \$5000.

Messrs. Geo. L. McKay, general manager, W. A. Harrill, one of the directors, and Wythe M. Peyton, chief engineer, of the North Carolina Interurban Railroad Co., visited Columbus Tuesday and called a citizens' meeting that night to present a proposition that they whereby they could get a railroad. The heavy downpour of rain kept most of the citizens at home, but the few who braved the weather and came to the courthouse gathered around the speaker in an informal way and listened attentively to Mr. McKay's brief outline of the Company and its projects. Before submitting his proposition he wished it to be clearly understood that he was not a promoter, but simply acting as a representative of his Company in search of practicable places to build railroads. His object in coming here was for this reason and to find out if we really want a railroad; if so, his terms are very simple—subscribe for a practical preliminary and location survey to build by (previous surveys gotten up for promoters are worthless), and if, in his judgment, the line would be a profitable one, he would report so to the syndicate and the money for its construction would be forthcoming immediately after survey was made. If he cannot report favorably on the road the survey

will not be undertaken and the subscribed money will not be called for. Mr. McKay, speaking for the Company, emphasized the point that the railroad would be built if survey was made.

What Are We Going To Do About It?

It is now up to us whether or not we want a railroad to come through this town from Tryon to Rutherfordton and there connect with the main line of the North Carolina Interurban, running from Gastonia to Asheville, and touching the lines of the Southern, the Seaboard and the C. C. and O., opening this country to the tourist, and giving us an easy outlet to all points.

Even if our previous experiences with railroad promotion did dissolve into transparent gold bricks we cannot afford to let this opportunity go by, but take hold of it as eagerly as we did the others and with the same hopefulness that success attend our efforts. We must keep pegging to win.

Tryon Enthusiastic Over New Road.

The railroad committee held a meeting in Tryon yesterday, a large representation of that town being present. Tryon citizens are very enthusiastic about the new road and are ready to meet with other committees along the proposed route to appoint a com-

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COLUMBUS COLUMN Personal and General

Does your neighbor read THE NEWS?

All aboard! Ding! ding! Steadily.

Sheriff A. L. Hill was in town Friday.

Senator James C. Fisher was in town Monday.

Nothing short of a railroad will arouse us to activity.

Mr. Dock Hampton of Landrum No. 1 was here Sunday.

Attys. E. B. Cloud and B. F. Williams went to Tryon Tuesday.

Dr. Earl Grady, the County physician, visited the jail Friday.

Mr. Terrell Green of Millspring was a business visitor here last Friday.

Mr. Walker Newman spent Sunday and Monday in Rutherfordton.

Mr. W. C. Hague of Millspring made The News a pleasant visit Monday.

Expert watch and clock repairer—F. F. Allred, jeweler, Rutherfordton.

Mr. H. E. Thompson of Mill Spring No. 1 is another new name on our subscription list.

Messrs. Case & West, our energetic lumbermen, have purchased another saw mill.

Rev. T. C. Croker of Forest City paid the News editor a long and pleasant visit Friday.

Mr. C. D. Elliotte, who has been spending several days at his farm at Cooper Gap, returned Monday.

Messrs. Yates Arledge, James Ormand, Lester Lemons and Ray Arledge went to Sandhill Saturday.

Mr. Joe Hart, who occupies the Barnes place, went to Hendersonville Sunday and returned Tuesday.

Mr. C. E. Page, our well known mail carrier, wants to buy a horse—fetch your animal around some evening.

Read Booth's advertisements in this paper and when your watch is out of order bring it along. Good work is cheapest.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Arledge visited at the home of their son, Mr. Walker B. Arledge, on Landrum Route No. 3, Sunday.

While we are waiting for that railroad through Polk that seems a certainty now let's hustle and have a good pike road to run alongside of it.

The railroad through Polk looks like a sure thing now—keep up hope, faint-hearts! Remember, hoping is having, if there's sufficient gumption behind it.

Even the prospects of a railroad makes Columbus hum—it's the same old tune and is entitled "If!" There's another tune very similar, "Some Day, Some Time."

Work on the new McMurray house has again been resumed, and under the skillful hands of Messrs. L. H. Cloud, W. B. Arledge and James Ormand will be rushed to completion.

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Death of Miss Ann Abrams.

Miss Ann Abrams, aged 84, died suddenly of pneumonia last Tuesday afternoon while on a visit at the home of Mrs. John Camp at Sandy Plains. She was buried Thursday afternoon at the family graveyard at Sandy Plains; Rev. T. C. Croker of Forest City preaching the funeral service.

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MILL SPRING No. 2 NOTES.

Correspondence of The News.

Misses Emma Morgan and Louise Green were guests at the home of Mr. K. M. Constant's last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fowler visited the latter's parents last Sunday.

Mr. J. B. Rucker's school closed last Saturday night with a delightful entertainment. Among the many visitors present were Mr. Rucker's father and sister. All enjoyed the recitations and funny dialogues. The music was real good.

Mrs. King Corn died last Thursday evening and was buried Saturday at Cooper Gap Church. Rev. J. B. Arledge conducted the funeral service.

The steel bridge at R. M. Foster's is finished and the approaches will soon be completed.

Miss Belle Hill and Mr. Isaac Walker Walker were united in matrimony last Tuesday morning. They have my best wishes for their success.

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MELVIN HILL NOTES.

Correspondence of The News.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Cole have moved into their new home, near Mr. Tom Covington, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ridings have arrived in Melvin Hill and are now permanently settled in their new home. The serenade, so long anticipated, was practically a failure.

Mrs. Geo. Branscom's sister, Mrs. Ross, and her niece, Mrs. Selby, of Dayton, Ohio, arrived Friday and expect to stay some time.

As the result of a shingle mill accident last week, Mr. Lee Cochran is badly hurt, though not dangerously so.

Died of pelagra recently—Mr. John Westbrook, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Mick Westbrook. He leaves a wife and three children.

There's one young man goes "Up the road" Another man goes "Down;" And two go over "Across the way," And one "Comes into town!"

Success to The News.

"GRETCHEN"

LEBANON NOTES.

Correspondence of The News.

Rev. W. S. Cherry and family visited in this community from Friday until Sunday evening.

Mr. Otlio Womack is building a new residence—reckon what that means? And he begs to inform Tryon No. 1 that he does not live on Pea Ridge.

The "ground hog weather" continues to alternate with summer.

Hello Gretchen! "Ragdoll" is expecting you and Playgirl any time.

Success to the News.

"RAG, DOLL."

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Columbus, N. C.

FORECLOSURE SALE.

Notice is hereby given, that the Hendersonville Grocery Company will, on the 5th day of April, 1911, at the Courthouse door in Columbus, County of Polk, offer for sale, and sell to the highest bidder by virtue of that mortgage given by J. E. Pearson and wife to the said Company, as appears of record in book 6 page 219, mortgage records Polk County, all that land described as follows: Beginning at a stake on line between Dr. Sally, and A. J. Reich on boundary of Landrum road and running North 34° 30' E. 5.25 chains, thence South 45° E. 3.25 chains, thence S. 66° 30' West 4.35 chains, thence South 21° West 1.45 chains, thence N. 34° West 1.30 chains.

Improved by a frame building and containing one acre more or less, and being the same land conveyed by A. J. Reich and wife Linda G. Reich to J. E. Pearson by deed dated the 21st day of September, 1907, and which is recorded in Book 23 at page 256 of the records for deeds for Polk County.

This sale is intended to satisfy a note for \$200.00 secured by said mortgage with interest, cost and expenses.

This the 22d day of Feb 1911.

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SMITH & SCHENCK,

Attorneys.

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