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## COLUMBUS NEWS

Does your neighbor read THE NEWS?

Don't improve the place all at once—go slow.

Mrs. F. M. Burgess was in Landrum Saturday.

What is the next move on the railroad checkerboard?

Mr. W. J. Screven has added to his grist mill a shingle mill.

Note the changes in our advertisement columns this week.

What do you think of the railroad proposition now before us?

Mrs. James Jackson and son of Tryon were in town Tuesday.

Sheriff A. L. Hill was a business visitor in Columbus yesterday.

Mr. J. T. Gilbert is having a new home built on the Houston site.

Miss Nora Prince of Melvin Hill is attending Columbus High School.

Rev. J. M. Walker preached at the Baptist Church Saturday and Sunday.

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

Miss Myrtle and Mr. Dock Hampton passed through Columbus Sunday.

Mr. John Smith of Tryon post-office visited his home Saturday night and Sunday.

Messrs. F. M. Burgess and R. F. McFarland were business visitors in Tryon Monday.

Looks like Polk'll be a labyrinth of railroads soon. Then keep your cows—"to hum."

Atty. B. F. Williams leaves Friday night to spend a few days with his people in Baskerville, Va.

Mr. Dock C. Jackson of Landrum No. 1 made us a call Monday and added his name to our list.

Mr. F. B. Williams, who has been on a business trip to Shelby N. C., for three weeks, returned Friday.

Messrs. Walker B. and John A. Arledge of Landrum No. 1 visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Arledge, Sunday.

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

The popular Columbus High School teachers, Misses Ina E. Jones and Maude Ruppe, spent the week end at Mill Spring.

Did somebody say banking and building loan society with headquarters at Columbus—where, in that vacant blacksmith's shop?

The Columbus Base Ball team will soon be reorganized and ready to meet all aspirants to the championship of Polk County.

Miss Adah Walker, who has been visiting friends here the past two weeks, returned to her home at Greens Creek yesterday.

Mr. J. W. Newman has received his commission as postmaster and has arranged to leave the postoffice in its present quarters.

Any intelligent person may earn a good income corresponding for newspapers; experience unnecessary. Send stamp for full particulars. Empire Press Syndicate, Middleport, N. Y.

A straw ride and an entertainment at Mill Spring was the program for the young folks of Columbus last Saturday evening—of course there was some squeezing necessary to make room for all in the wagon, but no one minded it in the least. They all set out to have a good time and they had it both ways—going and coming.

Mr. C. H. Wilson Passes Beyond the Border.

Old Veteran Died Suddenly of Heart Failure last Thursday—Leaves Many Friends.

Mr. C. H. N. Wilson, or Uncle Noah, as most of us knew him, an old confederate soldier, answered the roll call of the Great Commander last Thursday morning at his home four miles east of Columbus. He was nearly 70 years of age, but his death was unexpected, as he was preparing to go about his duties that morning in his usual manner when he was suddenly stricken with heart failure.

Uncle Noah Wilson was an old time Southern gentleman and well loved by everybody. He was at the time of his death a member of the County pension board, which position he held for several years.

Mr. Wilson leaves a wife and seven children, four sons and three daughters. The interment was at Greens Creek Baptist Church, where Mr. Wilson held membership for many years, last Saturday afternoon, Rev. B. P. Jackson preaching the funeral service before a multitude of sorrowing relatives and friends, with whom The News joins in extending heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

### A FRIENDLY CAUTION.

Mr. Editor:

The citizens of Polk County will do well to look carefully before investing a whole lot of money in preliminary surveys for a railroad on the schemes of so-called engineers to get employment and graft.

Some years ago, the late Frank Coxe had a preliminary survey made for a railroad from Rutherfordton to Greenville, and he did not ask anybody to subscribe to pay the expenses thereof. There have been several surveys for railroads made through Polk County north and south, and east and west, and for those who have plans for promoting the railroad that WILL BE BUILT through the County, a preliminary survey has already been made and is in the hands of PRACTICAL RAILROAD FINANCIERS, and at the proper time, not far in the future, a practical plan and proposition will be offered to the people of Polk County to build a first-class railroad through every town and important trading point in the County. The proposition to make a preliminary survey for \$5000. is a skinning scheme to get some money out of Polk County people.

Some months ago the people of Greer and Woodruff, and the upper portion of Spartanburg Co., S. C., were induced to pay for one of those "preliminary surveys" for a railroad—a trolley line—and several so-styled "preliminary" surveyors ran some sort of imaginary line up toward the mountains. Those "surveyors" got their money, but whatever became of the engineering corps no one who saw them can guess.

Men who build railroads do not ask for a "preliminary survey" fund. They supply that themselves. They do submit to the citizens an opportunity to take an interest in the building of the road by way of taking stock in the company, as in the case of the interurban line now being built by the Duke Syndicate, between Anderson, Greenwood, Greenville and Spartanburg on to Charlotte. The people are taking stock in that line for an investment, because the enterprise is put on a business foundation FIRST. In due time a similar proposition will be presented to the citizens of Polk County to

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ONE WHO KNOWS.

MILL SPRING No. 2 NOTES.

Correspondence of The News.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams visited the latter's parents last week end.

Mr. Lindsey Green visited in this vicinity last week end.

Rev. J. B. Arledge being ill and unable to reach his regular appointment at Silver Creek last Saturday and Sunday, Rev. Z. V. Thompson filled his place and delivered very interesting sermons. We hope Mr. Arledge will be able to be with us next second Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. C. B. Green went to Spartanburg last week on business.

Miss Emma Morgan's school at Silver Creek closed last Saturday. We feel assured that her school has been most helpful to the children and wish her continued success.

We are sorry to report our popular mail carrier, Mr. L. J. Taylor, is very ill. His assistant is carrying the mail.

Success to the News.

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### 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.  
HENDERSONVILLE GROCERY CO.  
Mortgagee.

SMITH & SCHENCK,  
Attorneys.

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