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COLUMBUS

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Does your neighbor read THE NEWS?

Sheriff A. L. Hill was in town Monday on business.

Mr. Samuel Justice of Hendersonville was here Tuesday.

Mr. R. F. McFarland went to Green River Monday on business.

Mr. Ed Watson of Melvin Hill visited friends in Columbus Sunday.

Miss Nora Prince spent the week end at her home in Melvin Hill.

Warranty and mortgage deeds are obtainable at The News office.

Mr. W. M. Barnett of Greens Creek was in town Monday on business.

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

Mr. W. M. Thompson of Walkers, N. C., was a business visitor here Monday.

Mrs. J. R. Smith gave a dinner yesterday in honor of her son Lindsey's return from the Philippines.

Mrs. J. E. Shipman of Hendersonville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Arledge, several days this week.

Atty. Michael Schenck of the law firm of Schenck & Justice of Hendersonville was here on legal business Monday.

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

Messrs. Bowen Constant and Herman Swann, who have been serving in Uncle Sam's Army, returned to their homes at Lynn last week.

In a very interesting game, the first of the season in Polk County, held last Saturday afternoon on the Lynn diamond, the Lynn baseball boys were defeated by the Tryon tossers by the score of 9-5.

Mrs. Lester Lemons At Rest.

Death visited the Lemons' home, head last Sunday morning and took the loving wife of Mr. Lester Lemons and fond mother of their five little children.

Mrs. Lemons complained of a dull headache Saturday evening which gradually grew worse. Dr. Palmer was called in the night, but too late to render successful medical assistance, the sufferer breathing her last soon after his arrival. Her body was laid to rest in the Columbus Baptist Church cemetery before a large assemblage of her friends and sympathizers for the bereaved, Rev. Richard Champion conducting the funeral services.

MR. MCKAY'S LETTER.

Rutherfordton, N. C., March 20th, 1911.

Editor "News."

The attention of the members of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Interurban Railway Company has been called to the "News" issue of March 16th, containing an article by an undisclosed contributor, and your unfriendly comment on the proposed effort to secure for your town and county a railroad, and, the writer has been instructed to lay before the people, through the medium of your paper, the attitude of the above named railroad company.

We seek no controversy over this matter, with either your contributor or any one else, nor is the company greatly interested in the projection of the line, or pushing any effort to induce the Polk County people to interest themselves in the railway project at all; indeed for months the board have steadily refused to proceed in any way concerning this or any other branch lines, and it was only after the receipt of a great number of letters, many interviews with Polk County citizens and sustained effort had been made by the people of the County that authority was finally given to look into the proposition. It may also be added that this was not done until the financiers had been especially consulted with reference to the matter and had given their consent in writing.

The people were given to understand and are again advised that the writer, who made the recent visit along the line in company with Mr. W. A. Harrill and the chief engineer of the company, is neither the projector nor the promoter of the railway, but merely occupies the position of an employee, without a place on the board of directors, without the authority to either build or withhold a railroad line through the County, and if your contributor had been so fully advised as he pretends as to the gentlemen constituting the board, it is inconceivable that he would have suggested that they were endeavoring to secure employment for engineers, or graft for themselves, and in addition would have known that the writer is neither a so-called engineer nor an engineer of any kind.

The gentleman suggests that a practical plan is to ask the people to take stock in the company, citing the procedure of the Duke syndicate as an example of proper promotion. This is precisely what this company is proposing; but instead of asking the people along the line to subscribe and pay for sufficient stock to build one quarter of the line, as the Dukes are doing, all it asks or has suggested is that a fund of four thousand dollars be raised, the company to take care of the balance.

True, many surveys have been made through Polk County, but with only two exceptions these were of positively impossible lines that would not have paid for running expenses and were lines that were doomed to failure from the start. The two exceptions that might have gone through was the one projected by the late Col. Frank Coxe, who at that time was in a position to have secured physical connection with the Southern and other railroads, with proper traffic and exchange business and a fair arbitrary, the other that of a railroad then building and since constructed. Both of these were driven from the County by the unfriendly attitude of the people, with the result that the mileage of railroad in the County is barely sufficient to say the County has a railroad and this was because of the fact that the route of the Southern over the mountains occupies the only pass possible for getting their line through.

Polk County is not an ideal railroad County, it is not even a passable one and barely escapes being an impossible one, for a line that seeks to connect Rutherfordton by way of Mill Spring and Columbus with Tryon. Standing alone it is not a desirable proposition either from the topography of the country, the cost of construction, including the heavy expense for bridging, or the

Final Notice! To COLUMBUS Town Tax Payers

All taxes due the Town of Columbus must be paid by **APRIL 1st, 1911** or property will be advertised and sold.

R. F. MCFARLAND,
Tax Collector.

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE.

North Carolina, Polk County, In the Superior Court. THACHER MEDICINE CO. vs. W. M. RUSSELL. By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the superior court of Polk County in the above-entitled action, I will, on Wednesday, the 26th day of April, 1911, at 1:30 o'clock P. M., at the courthouse door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the said W. M. Russell, the defendant, has in the following described real estate, to-wit: Forty-three acres of land fully described in a deed from J. H. Garrett, dated September 12th, 1881, and of record in Deed Book No. 17, at page 297 of the records of deeds of Polk County, to which reference is made for a more perfect description. This 28th day of March, 1911.

A. L. HILL,
Sheriff Polk County.

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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 expense. This the 22d day of Feb 1911. HENDERSONVILLE GROCERY CO. Mortgagee.

SMITH & SCHENCK,
Attorneys.

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