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POLK COUNTY, N. C.

Polk county is one of the seven "Land of the Sky" countys that forms the Greater Western North Carolina association, the most southerly one of the seven, and for diversity of natural resources, the most remarkable of any county in the State.

It is a sparsely settled section, cosmopolitan in make up, some 30 different states being represented by those owning homes here.

The genuine Anglo-Saxon race that have inhabited these mountains of Western North Carolina for generations yet predominate. Few European country families are here and few colored people, they being the most intelligent and thrifty of their race.

Polk county has no large towns, being formed from a few small towns and many community neighborhoods not big enough to be called villages.

Agriculture, fruit growing and trucking are the chief industries at present engaged in, there being no large manufacturing plants in the county, but, there are several small manufacturing enterprises of special character that give employment to many skilled workers.

Polk county is the natural home site for the retired business or professional man that seeks rest and the quietude of a peaceful restful spot, surrounded with nature's rarest attractions of scenery and a climate seemingly specially designed by the All-wise Creator as an all the year abode of human beings on earth.

The most uniformly comfortable climate at all seasons of the year are ours. No extreme heat in summer or extreme cold in winter, are experienced here, and no records anywhere in this "Land of the Sky" show a greater average of bright sunny days in a year than Polk county.

(More particulars next week.)

TORRENS SYSTEM LAND TITLES.

On the 1st of January 1914 the Torrens system of land registration went into effect in North Carolina by act of our legislature. We understand registration under this law is optional, but the costs for the special proceedings being merely nominal, undoubtedly many land owners will avail themselves of this simple and safe system of guaranteeing titles without the old methods of repeated searches, when transfers occur.

When purchasing a tract of land the buyer can now have special proceedings instituted by the clerk of the court where the action is started who appoints a special agent to look up the title. If there be no contest, the clerk verifies the title and the proper can then be registered direct from the State to the purchaser. If sold again later this registered deed is cancelled and a new deed made from the State to the second purchaser, thus never again needing to have the title searched the first search by the State insuring all future transfers.

We regard this system of guaranteeing land titles as a most excellent one, and believe the land owners of North

TRYON.

Married at Episcopal rectory, Sunday evening, January 3rd, 1914 by Rev. H. N. Bowne, Miss Bessie Ward and Capt. E. B. Cauthrey of Tryon. After the ceremony they went to their new home on Landrum road where many friends had gathered to congratulate them and partake of the bountiful refreshments prepared for the occasion.

Born Monday, Jan. 5th, a son to Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Palmer.

The Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met with the church in Tryon, N. C., on Wednesday, Jan. 7th in a one day session of much interest. Mrs. V. L. Stone, district secretary and Mrs. W. R. Harris, superintendent of publicity were the principal speakers. The conference was well attended and every session one of benefit to all. Refreshments were served at noon at the residence of Mr. W. J. Ford.

Col. John W. Church, of New York, recently bought a tract of land of Mr. T. C. Mills at the foot of the mountain west of the Howard Gap road. Mr. Chas. Sayres, our local builder is to erect a handsome residence upon this tract at once for Col. Church's occupancy.

Mr. J. W. Washburn, of Deluth, arrived in Tryon Wednesday. They expect to remain here the rest of this winter.

Miss M. A. Baughman is at Oak Hall hotel.

The straw ride and party at the Ralph Erskine mansion Monday night a wedding anniversary affair was decidedly original in its details but immensely enjoyable, so those who participated say.

Mr. C. A. Lightner is again back in Tryon, having come in from Detroit on Monday.

Born Monday, Jan 5th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Hillary Brock.

Mr. W. T. Lindsey and Editor Geo. B. Cobb were Polk County delegates to the meeting of the Greater Western North Carolina association held at Asheville, Tuesday, Jan. 6th.

With pleasure we record the fact that Hon. T. T. Ballenger came in from Atlanta Monday for a brief stay with us in Tryon.

On Tuesday night, Mrs. John P. Lockhart gave an informal party in honor of her guest, Miss Hallie Pendington, of Spartanburg, S. C. About 25 young people were present, games were played after which very dainty refreshments were served. Miss Pendington returned to her home on Wednesday, after spending several days here.

GO-TO-CHURCH PLANS.

Chicago Aims for a Continent-Wide Observance February 1.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—A continent-wide observance of "Go-to-Church-Sunday" on February 1 became a possibility when the suggestion for its observance in the United States and Canada was made in a telegram sent by A. G. Feger of Chicago, Chairman of the General "Go-to-Church-Sunday Campaign Committee, to Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder and President of the Christian Endeavor movement at Boston, Mass.

"Go-to-Church-Sunday," proposed by the Chicago Christian Endeavor Union, to be observed February 1, has been indorsed in Chicago by Catholics, Jews and every denomination of Protestants," wired Mr. Feger. "Suggest you issue a call through the 80,000 Christian Endeavor Societies in North America with its membership of 4,000,000 of every denomination that they arrange to have every town and city in the United States join Chicago in the observance."

All the towns in Cook county will join in the observance. Representatives of Chicago's 1,000 Sunday schools will meet today to promote plans, and a mass-meeting of church workers will be held on Tuesday night.

Carolina will appreciate its advantages as they become acquainted with the law now in force.

GREATER WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION MEETING IN ASHEVILLE.

A spirit of enthusiasm over the work of the past year and optimism for the future was in evidence at the meeting of the Greater Western North Carolina association, which was held at the rooms of the organization in the Electrical building at noon, January 6th, and which was largely attended by members of the association from various counties of the western part of this state. The members in attendance upon the meeting expressed themselves as being gratified with the work of the past year and the manager was warmly congratulated upon the success of his efforts along various lines.

The meeting was called to order promptly at noon, with H. W. Plummer, chairman of the executive committee, presiding in the absence of President W. E. Brees, Jr. Among those in attendance were W. T. Lindsey and G. B. Cobb, of Polk county; Horace Sentelle, F. W. Miller, Bishop James Atkins and J. F. Bass, of Haywood county; R. L. Gash, of Transylvania county; T. R. Barrows, of Henderson county; N. Buckner, W. F. Randolph, H. W. Plummer, Frank M. Weaver, George S. Powell, of Buncombe county; S. H. Hardwick and James H. Wood, of the Southern Railway company. A telegram was read from members of the organization in Jackson county expressing regret at their inability to send a representative but assuring the organization of their cooperation and good wishes.

Mass Meeting. In order that the people of this section of the state may be given an opportunity to meet with the members of the organization and familiarize themselves with the nature of the work being done by the association, it was decided to hold a mass meeting here February 26, to which the people of the seven counties comprising the organization will be invited and which will be followed by the annual business meeting of the association. An effort will be made to have President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railway company, here on that occasion to speak to the members of the organization and the residents of Western North Carolina. A committee was appointed yesterday to extend to President Harrison an invitation to be here for the meeting; and the committeemen will communicate with him immediately.

The report of Colonel Sandford H. Cohen, the manager of the association, showed that the institution is in excellent condition financially. Taking up each county comprising the association, Colonel Cohen dealt at length with the expansion along various lines experienced in this section of the state since the submission of the last annual report. He also referred to the fact that more visitors have visited Western North Carolina during the past year than during any similar period of time in the history of this section of the state. Many of the visitors, he stated, have purchased and constructed homes in the Land of the Sky and important colonies and summer camps will be established in this section of the state as a result of the popularity of the Land of the Sky. Colonel Cohen attributed the increase in tourist business to the "tremendous amount of advertising done by the Southern railway and augmented in a small way by the work of this association and the various boards of trade and commercial organizations in the territory.

Work in Hand.

Dealing with the work in hand, Colonel Cohen stated that several thousand booklets have been issued and advertisements are being carried in several papers of New York city and eastern points. Plans are now being made to advertise the Land of the Sky in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit, and Chicago. Arrangements have been made to post twenty towns in Florida and to advertise in the newspapers of that section in an effort to bring tourists to the North Carolina playground. The management of the association, the report stated, is endeavoring to locate several colonies from Louisiana, Arkansas, Florida and Alabama.

Endorses Association.

The organization went on record as endorsing the recently organized Appalachian Park association and a committee was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions for presentation to that organization.—Asheville Citizen.

COLUMBUS.

J. WATT MacFARLAND.

Age 60 years and six months, born at Sandy Plains, Polk Co., N. C., 1853, youngest of 10 children. Died at Columbus, N. C., Jan. 2d, 1914, of heart failure, death sudden, buried at old cemetery at Sandy Plains, funeral services at Sandy Plains church by Rev. Mr. Rankin. Was unmarried, lived with his sister at Columbus, and is survived by one brother, Wm. H. MacFarland of Tryon, and two sisters, Mrs. Cornwell (county commissioner's wife) and Liddle E. MacFarland of Columbus, N. C.

LANDRUM.

Watch meeting was observed by a few at the Baptist church New Year's Eve. They rang the church bell at midnight, ringing the old year out and the new year in.

Mrs. M. Morris visited at Rutherfordton during the holidays.

T. F. Thomas of St. Petersburg, Fla., was here for a few days.

The Southern's new agent here is W. T. Nettles of Arden, N. C.

Mr. Earl Cantrell has moved to Spartanburg with his family.

The council have ordered more cement sidewalks to be laid around the hotel park and at the Baptist church. That which has been laid is giving good satisfaction.

The hosiery mill has declared a 3 per cent semi-annual dividend for New Year's.

Miss Sou Irwin principal of the Barksdale school, spent her holiday vacation here.

Cashier R. P. Whitlock of the Bank here went to Spartanburg Christmas day.

Mr. K. Cook and family have lately moved onto Mrs. Foster's farm near Victor.

MILL SPRINGS.

W. S. Taylor of Rutherfordton died at his home Monday P. M., Dec. 29th. The funeral took place at Big Level church Dec. 31st under the auspices of his order, the McBee. He is survived by a wife and three children and many relatives.

Thomas F. Mills of Spartanburg, was in this vicinity on business last week.

Charlie Nodine of Glover, Okla., is visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity. He expects to return the 18th.

J. B. Green of Spartanburg visited his father, Jesse Green New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Arledge and little daughter, Virginia will leave for Texas, about the middle of this month in company with Messrs Otis Waldrop and Grover Thompson.

Mr. James Wilson of the Asheville college, came home for the holidays.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Jesse Green on New Year's day, his daughter Lillie, became the bride of George Jones of Tryon, N. C. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Geo. L. Taylor amid a bower of cedars, holly and mistletoe. After which guests were invited to partake of a delicious dinner. The bride was tastefully dressed in white silk, trimmed with embroidery. Among the guests present was Mr. and Mrs. Odell and daughter Vesta, Genevieve Taylor, Louise and Armodie Green, P. D. Williams, Mark Ward, H. B. Taylor, T. F. Mills, J. R. Green, William T. Green and others. The happy couple intend making their home in Tryon.

OUR SCHOOLS.

Polk County Superintendent, E. W. S. Cobb, Columbus, N. C.

I come now to the consideration of the Analytic method of teaching reading, which also has two forms, usually called the sentence method and the word method. The first assumes that the sentence is the unit or element of thought, and should therefore be the unit or element through which to convert the ear vocabulary into the eye vocabulary. It is analytic because it begins with the whole sentences and proceeds to the analysis of these into words and letters. The word method assumes that the word is the unit or element of thought in the case of the child, and is the largest whole which he ought to be expected to grasp at

The sentence method is, perhaps, nearly an ideal way of teaching beginners to read, provided it can be used under ideal conditions. These conditions are, (1) that there shall be few pupils to each teacher, separable into not more than two grades; (2) that there shall be ready access to nature out of doors; (3) that the teacher be free to do some object teaching and language work before reading is taken up at all; (4) that the teacher shall have time and tact to draw from the pupils themselves the sentences which they are afterwards to read in written or printed form; (5) that these shall be facilities for multiplying copies of exercises; and (6) that the teacher be able to draw well. All these conditions can obtain only in the most fortunate schools; the great mass of teachers cannot hope to enjoy them for some years to come. Yet, by determined effort, much can be done in the face of adverse conditions.

By some pedagogists it is deemed best not to have the child attempt to read at all until he has been in school for some months. During that time he should be under oral teaching in nature study, language, and numbers. The objects in this arrangements are to enable the teacher to get at the contents of the child's mind—to discover what he knows, what objects and ideas are familiar to him, and to give him some readiness in expressing thought and feeling.

The best form of the sentence method is that which uses, as reading matter, sentences made by the children themselves. This is the surest and simplest means of adapting the work to the capacity of the learner, and of being certain that only such words are used in the first lessons as are already familiar in vocabulary of the child, and whose sounds and meaning are therefore familiar to him. It will be found that the beginner will quite readily read most words, even large ones, that he understands and uses in his talks with teacher and classmates.

These sentences should be natural, free expressions of the child's thought and feeling, called out by simple conversation exercises, in which teacher and pupil talk interestedly and unaffectedly about some more or less familiar object, or picture, or experience. In these exercises, the interesting talk should seem to the pupils to be the main thing, not the preparation of reading matter.

When the teacher is ready for the first reading exercise, he stands before the expectant pupils, who know by experience that something pleasant is coming, and asks them—for example—what grows on trees. The answers are many and varied, of course, but some one will suggest, say, apples. Holding up an apple, kept out of sight until now, the teacher asks: What is the color of this apple? The answer to this leads to other suggestions as to the color of apples. In like manner the shape of apples is made the topic of a very short, animated talk. Finally the teacher asks, What do we do with apples? and rapidly writes the answers on the black board.—We eat apples.—We peel apples.—We cook apples, etc. He then reads these sentences distinctly to the class, pointing as he reads and then calls on each pupil to say, his own sentence from the board, still using the pointer to guide the eye as each one repeats his sentence. When all have read—(though not a word has been said about reading—the teacher says, Now go to your seats and each of you copy your sentences on your tablet; then you may go out and play, and have a piece of this good, nice, apple we have talk-

GOOD ROADS

CHAINGANG'S COST EXCEEDS BENEFITS DERIVED FROM IT

Yorkville, Dec. 26.—There seems to be considerable dissatisfaction with the operation of the chaingang in this county. The impression is growing that the cost to the taxpayers is far out of proportion to the benefits received, in that not nearly so much or effective work in road building is being done as is being secured by the neighboring County of Gaston, in North Carolina, under the contract system.

It is said that one material difference in the two counties is that in Gaston work is done at a minimum cost and in a minimum time by the use of improved machinery, while in York practically all the work is done by hand, and a maximum period of time consumed in doing it. At present the gang is engaged in building a road from the Chester County line to the North Carolina line, a distance of about 28 miles, less two miles off for the corporate limits of Yorkville and Clover, and has already been at work on it more than four years, and is not likely to complete the task in less than another year, and the cost for maintaining the gang is not less than \$12,000 annually, and possibly a great deal more, but owing to the fact that detailed reports of expenditures are not made the exact figures are not available to the outsider.

A part of the road that has already been completed is said to be in bad condition already because of the fact that no provision has been made for keeping it from deteriorating.—The Observer.

FOLK WILL ESCHEW THE WEED.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Joseph W. Folk, Solicitor of the State Department, has sworn off from smoking. In doing so, he hopes, as he expresses it to set a good example for the American youth. Mr. Folk has for years been an inveterate smoker. His daily consumption of cigars averages from fifteen to twenty. "This is n't a mere effort to escape Christmas gift cigars, a good many of which I have received," declared Mr. Folk. "I've made a New Year's resolution and I'm going to keep it."

LYNN.

Mrs. Edwards of Buncombe County is visiting her sister, Mrs. Justice, this week.

Mr. T. C. Westall of Flat Rock, formerly of Lynn, is very ill, but steadily improving.

Mr. W. W. Capps is improving after a severe attack of indigestion.

Mrs. W. F. Swann visited her brother at Flat Rock last week end.

MRS. F. A. THOMPSON DEAD.

Mrs. F. A. Thompson, after a brief illness, died at her home in Clear Creek township Christmas Day. She deceased was a daughter of J. B. Hill of Fruitland, and was about 22 years old at the time of her death. Surviving are two children, one brother, one sister, her husband and parents. The deceased was Mr. Thompson's third wife, his second wife having died on Christmas day two years ago.

The division of the apple gives splendid opportunity for a little number work to be introduced.

These sentences are left on the board, and at the next lesson, which should come on the same day as the first lesson, each pupil is called on to say his sentence from the board, and opportunity should be given to any one who desires to say some other sentences besides his own. More sentences are formed about some object or its picture, and the reading of these from the board may close the lesson.

(Continued next week.) E. W. S. COBB, Co. Supt. Ed.