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### COTTON GROWING IN POLK CO.

The Southern half of Polk County has enjoyed for many years the reputation of growing a remarkably excellent quality of lint cotton and buyers usually pay from a half to one cent a pound above the ordinary market price for it. This should encourage every grower to put in more cotton every year and it would doubtless be so, were there ginning facilities adequate to the requirements conveniently located near the growers. Were ginning facilities better there is no doubt that more of our farmers would take up cotton growing to a limited extent, as it is a money crop that appeals to the farmer practicing diversified farming as about all the more enterprising farmers are doing of late years.

As ginning conditions now are, many growers have to haul their cotton a day's journey down into South Carolina and then have to wait a day or more before they can get attention and then its an all day or all night trip to return home.

If some enterprising experienced ginner will at once publicly announce that he will install a ginning and cotton oil outfit at some central point in Polk County, because our growers are forced to go over the State line into South Carolina for their ginning and those bales get counted in with the South Carolina crop, to the disadvantage of Polk County, that actually produces them.

With a good graded road across our county from west to east that will be finished before cotton picking time, running as it does, through a section well adapted to cotton growing, the farmers all along this road will be glad to put in cotton this spring if they know to a certainty a gin will be located within reasonable distance of them ready for business this fall.

Now is the time for the gin men to get busy.

### CO-OPERATION WINS.

A single snowflake falling upon the broad landscape ultimately melts and leaves no visible trace; but when joined to millions of others the earth is soon covered with a white mantle. A single brook winding its way through the valley is weak and impotent; but joined with others it forms a great stream whose flow speeds the wheels of industry. A single man in a community can do little by himself; but by joining men of kindred aims the union can do much for the moral, mental and physical betterment of the community. Neighborhoods cease to grow when the people cease to labor in union and work at cross-purposes. Therefore, it is essential for the community's advancement that all pull together. There should be no room in any neighborhood for pullbacks.

### TRYON.

The proposed discussion of women's suffrage on Tuesday evening, January 27, has been postponed to a later date.

There will be a public meeting held in the K. of P. Hall on Saturday night, Jan. 24th at 8 o'clock, for the discussion of fire protection and the organization of a volunteer fire department in Tryon.

There will be a choral service at the Episcopal church in Tryon next Sunday Jan. 25th at 4:30 P. M.

This will be continued each Sunday afternoon at the same hour, until further notice. You are cordially welcome.

Among the late arrivals at Oak Hall Hotel, Tryon, is, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Klemm, Philadelphia; Mrs. Paul Davis and son, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Brownell Detroit, Mich.; Neil Gray, Jr., Oswego, N. Y.; Karl Kellogg, Oswego, N. Y.; Mrs. C. A. Lightner, Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. E. W. Peattie's new novel "The Precipice" will be published Feb. 4th. The book deals with the psychology of women, the diversity of their interests and their goals.

Mrs. E. G. Holden will give an interpretation of the poet John Massfield at the Lanier club Jan. 29th. The club is urged to join in an open discussion of the poet afterwards.

Mrs. Kerschner gave a social dancing party at the Library on Friday night, Jan. 16th to a number of her friends in Tryon, twenty-five couples participated, making it a most enjoyable affair. The Tryon orchestra rendered the music.

Mr. Staley Herschery of Asheville, spent the week end in town at the Stearnes cottage on Melrose ave.

The Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Tryon M. E. church, will hold their regular meeting at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon Jan. 26th at the residence of Mrs. W. J. Ford, all are cordially invited.

Mr. C. A. Lightner who has been suffering from the effects of a cold for past week at Oak Hall Hotel is convalescent. Mrs. Lightner came in Tuesday afternoon and joined him at the hotel. Their elegant new home at "Overlook" is nearing completion.

The city fire apparatus is now housed in the rear of the building occupied by Mr. F. P. Bacon by the depot, this will serve as fire house until the city's new building is erected.

Mr. J. W. Washburn is making many changes at his place since his arrival. The former stable has been removed and a gravel drive way laid to his fine new stable from the macadam road, and into the solid red clay banks east of the stable workmen are cutting in a tennis court. The garage is finished ready for his big touring car that has just but in its appearance here.

While the weather north has been reported as very severe for some time, it has been ideal winter weather here and farmers and gardeners have been very busy plowing and putting their ground in order for crops and considerable early cabbage plants, onion sets, etc., have been set and are, now looking well.

The regular session of the Lanier club was held at the Library Thursday afternoon, Jan. 15th.

Prof. von Kahlden read a paper on The German Empire, old and new, that held the attention of the appreciative audience throughout. Mrs. Orr and Mrs. Kennedy were the hostesses of the occasion.

A duck awning of improved design to roll up, is being fixed to the front of the Missildine Drug Store on Trade street.

The ladies of the Lanier club will give a supper on Tuesday, January 27th at the Library building, from 6 to 9 P. M. Oysters and other good things will be served. Tickets 50 cents. Proceeds to meet the indebted-

ness of the club and the urgent needs of the Library.

Remembering with grateful appreciation the generous patronage accorded to similar efforts in the past the ladies offer a cordial invitation to everybody to COME AGAIN!

The Tryon Water Company is making extensive changes in its plant with the view of increasing the supply, these changes have interfered with the supply somewhat lately which was really unavoidable, but, soon as the repairs are finished the company are confident of adequate supply for everybody regularly.

Mrs. D. S. McCoy and daughter, Mrs. Ohlmecker of Detroit, Mich., with Miss Meade of Pennsylvania, are at the Kennedy House on the Howard Gap road, where they expect to remain for some time.

Among the new arrivals at the Stearns cottage on Melrose avenue, are Misses Reed of Danville, Ky., and Mrs. Fonda of Washington, D. C.

Don't forget the series of Lyceum entertainments the second of which is to be at the Library, Feb 17th, when the celebrated Four Bostonians are to give one of their rare musicals. Tickets are obtained at the drug store.

**Mountain Industries Association.**  
There will be a meeting of the Mountain Industries Association on Monday evening the twenty sixth, at eight o'clock in the sun parlor at Oak Hall. Mr. Ralph Erskine, Mrs. Washburn, Mrs. Wynne, and Miss Large will speak of the work of the association and of the plans for further usefulness.

All are cordially invited. Suggestions or criticisms are welcome. If possible a representative of the mountain people will be present to advise as to the best way of conducting the work in the future.

### TRYON ROUTE 1.

We are glad to note Mrs. E. H. Edwards is improving from a serious illness.

Mrs. Hubert Lowell is visiting at the home of her deceased sister, Mrs. Joe C. Edwards this week.

Mr. R. G. Hamilton is beginning to walk today, for the first in two weeks. Mule crippled was the cause.

Mrs. Jack's school is getting on fine, each pupil wants his or her paper to hang first.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Jackson, a girl.

Mr. William Henderson and Miss Jannie Holbert was married recently. Bill says he's as well to marry as any of them.

### TRYON COMMISSIONERS MEET.

The adjourned meeting of Board of Tryon commissioners was held Monday night Jan. 19th, 1914 in the K. of P. Hall.

The sewer committee reported, and the board voted to accept the bid of Mr. J. C. Cagle of Rutherfordton, to furnish the labor and do all the work, the city to furnish the tile, cement, etc.

Mr. Brannon an expert of Boston, Mass., was engaged to superintend the sewer work.

\$700 cash was ordered paid on the fire apparatus and a note of \$675.00 authorized for the balance.

The mayor was empowered to put on a night watchman to patrol the streets at night, in place of the present day martial, if the business interests in town would share the expense.

A new building was authorized to be erected on the city's plot for use as fire house, lock-up, mayor's court and council room, and contract for its erection was awarded to the lowest bidder, Mr. W. J. Gaines for \$1,829.00.

A requisition from Chief Anderson for supplies for the fire department was approved, and several small bills for material ordered paid.

Start the season's work right by having the chores done before dark. Farming is but drudgery where ten hours are spent in the fields, followed by a few more hours of putting around the barn with a lantern.

### COLUMBUS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Arledge wife of Mr. John P. Arledge, clerk of our Superior court, died at her home here Sunday morning, January 18th in the 54th year of her age, after a sickness of several weeks.

Mrs. Arledge had lived in Columbus many years and was most affectionately esteemed by all who were acquainted with her. She was the mother of a very interesting family of three daughters and seven sons, now grown to mature years, nine of these children were in attendance at her funeral which was very largely attended on Monday afternoon at the Baptist church here, conducted by Rev. J. M. Walker assisted by Prof. Cobb of the State High school, and a choir of singers. Interment was in the church yard by the church.

### Death of Mr. Waldroup.

It has been learned that Mr. Terch Waldroup, who was injured in an accident at Sunburst several days ago, died at the Mission hospital Tuesday night.

Mr. Waldroup was employed by the Champion Lumber company and was severely injured in an accident while at work. He was taken to Asheville and given every possible attention but his life could not be saved. The deceased is related to a number of people in this section, he having come to Sunburst from Polk county. The funeral occurred Wednesday, at his former home.—Canton Observer.

### LANDRUM.

It is reported that a fertilizer company of Anderson, S. C., has leased the Finger Lumber Co's new store house here, from which they will distribute fertilizers to our farmers.

F. D. Earle is teaching in the Oak Grove school in Greenville county.

T. W. Waldrop a prominent Polk County farmer was in town Saturday last.

The Methodist Sunday school teachers have formed a Bible study class to meet every week, to prepare themselves for their Sunday classes.

The members of our town council were socially entertained at a supper Friday night at the Imperial Hotel.

### LYNN.

Miss Emerson, the secretary of the A. M. A. has been visiting Miss Schwarberg this week.

Rev. H. N. Bowne filled his regular appointment here Sunday afternoon.

The Mimosa Hotel is filling up with guests.

The Misses Cook of Flat Rock visited Mrs. Gray Thompson last week-end.

Rev. Mr. Morgan of the Congregational church in Tryon will hold services in the school house next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and Rev. Mr. Rankin of Rutherfordton in the evening at half past seven o'clock.

### SALUDA.

Theodore S. Averill, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. S. Averill, died Monday A. M., and was buried at Friendship church cemetery.

### THE TRYON YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETY.

The third meeting of the Tryon Young Peoples' Society was held at the Congregational church on Friday night January 16th, at 8 P. M. The subject was a Hat Debate. Many topics were discussed, by speakers elected from the audience. Mr. E. G. Holden, winning 1st prize, his subject Devoe's Robinsoa Crusoe. Among the speakers following him were, Mr. Wm. Hawley Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Orr, Mrs. E. G. Holden, Mrs. E. E. Misildine, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Parsons, Mrs. P. Campbell Morgan and others. The judges were Rev. P. Campbell Morgan and Mr. W. E. Parsons. The next meeting will be held at the above church, Friday night Jan. 23rd at 8 o'clock. The subject for debate will be, "Music, is it The Supreme Art?"

## GOOD ROADS

THE LONGEST WAY AROUND IS SOMETIMES THE MOST ECONOMICAL WAY HOME IN ROAD BUILDING.

The average life of horses and automobiles may be increased and the cost of hauling reduced, according to the Office of Roads, of the Department of Agriculture, by relocating many old roads and the more scientific laying out of new ones. The natural tendency in road building is to build a straight road, whether it goes over steep hills, or not, and pulling over these grades naturally adds to the wear and tear on horses and vehicles.

The doctrine of the Office of Roads is that the longest way around may often be the shortest, and most economical way home, and that frequently by building a highway around a hill or grade, but little appreciable distance is added and this is more than offset by the reduced strain of hauling.

The chief drawback from the farm owner's point of view is that the laying out of roads on this principle of avoiding grades necessitates, in some cases, running the road through good farm land or orchards or pastures, instead of going around the farm line and building the road through old worn-out fields and over rock knolls. This, of course, must raise a question in the mind of the individual land owner as to whether the cutting up of his property by a road yields him individual advantages and so benefits his community as to offset the use of such land for a road, or to overcome the inconvenience of having his land divided. In this connection the Office of Roads points out that the running of a road and the resulting traffic through a good farm, where there are good sheep, cattle, horses, grain, fruit, or vegetables, has a certain advertising value and in many instances makes the land more valuable. In other cases, the importance of such a level road to the community is so great that it might well repay those using the road to give the farmer the equivalent in land equally good in place of what he has sacrificed to the common welfare.

At any rate, the Office of Roads is now taking special pains to make clear the economic advantages of avoiding steep grades in their roads, even at some sacrifice of better land. Investigation shows that the laying of such roads over hills has resulted more from attention to the preservation of farm lines than from scientific attention to the problem of road building.

According to the testimony of farmers consulted, where a horse might be able to pull 4,000 pounds on a level road, it would have difficulty in pulling 3,000 pounds up a steep hill. The size of the load, therefore, tends to be measured by the grade of the largest hill on the road to market. In a number of cases actual experiment shows that the relocating of roads around hills has been accomplished, either with no addition in road length in some instances, and with the adding of only a few feet to the highway in others. The office knows of no case where a properly relocated road which has cut out grades has led to any question as to its material reduction of hauling costs.

Masons provide \$500 for curing needy tubercular brethren.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons at Raleigh, one of the most significant actions taken was the providing of \$500 to pay for the treatment of needy and worthy tubercular Masons at the State Sanatorium at Montrose, and also the appointment of a committee to devise some plan for permanently endowing beds at the institution.

This action on the part of the Masons is especially commendable, as it doubtless marks the beginning of such benevolence among other fraternal orders, clubs, churches, etc. To the Masons, however, belongs the credit of taking the initiative in this good work.

### OUR SCHOOLS.

Polk County Superintendent, E. W. S. Cobb, Columbus, N. C. MEETING POLK COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The next meeting of the County Teachers' Association will be held in the County Court House in Columbus, Friday, January 30, beginning at 11 o'clock A. M.

The following is the program, viz:

1. A paper on some vital need of the rural schools, by Miss Bertha Ledbetter.
  2. A paper on the first three chapters in Everyday Problems in Teaching, by Miss Della Green.
  3. A paper on the first three chapters in Growing a Life, by Miss Winifred K. Henderson.
  4. A paper on the first three chapters in Country Life and the Country School, by Miss Creola Guffey.
- General discussion will be called for on each of the above papers.
5. Question Box, by Superintendent.

The School Library—One of the most important factors in our educational system is a well selected and widely used school library. In many instances, however, teachers and superintendents have been slow in giving the library its due place in the work of education. The child who leaves school without knowing how to use books and without a genuine love of good literature is not well prepared to make the most of his life. This knowledge of books and love of good literature can only be obtained by use of and familiarity with a well equipped, well organized and well administered library. In towns having good public libraries the school libraries need only have a few works of reference and books for supplementary reading, as all books for general reading can and should be supplied by the public libraries. But school libraries in small towns and in rural communities are called upon to render a more extensive service and to supply all demands for reading materials.

There are hundreds of pupils in our schools each year who hunger and thirst after good reading, who while away the long winter evening longing for something to read and without the opportunity to satisfy that longing.

"Library Day" in the Schools—Teachers and students cannot be reminded too often of the part that books and reading play in human life and in education, and in some states a special day is set apart each year to be observed as "Library Day" or "Book Day". Such an observance not only emphasizes the importance of reading and loving good books, but it also affords an excellent opportunity for explaining the various interests and needs of the school library and enlisting the co-operation and help of the patrons. Although no special time has been appointed in North Carolina for the observance of "Library Day" we suggest that every school in the state make books and libraries the subject of the exercises held on the last Friday afternoon in January. The Library Commission will gladly make suggestions and furnish material for the program.—N. C. Library Bulletin.

### SILVER CREEK SCHOOL.

Miss Bertha E. Ledbetter, teacher. Such lovely weather as we have had during the past week for school days. Our attendance has been unusually good. We had a glad surprise early Friday morning by a visit from Supt. E. W. S. Cobb. He did not tarry long, but long enough to impress upon us that "Esse Quam Videri" should be uppermost in our minds.

### A PUPIL.

We want citizens. And the public school and the public library are the places where citizens are made. Therefore we must labor for and support these institutions first and foremost. To a very great extent, the librarian is the custodian of public morals and the moulder of public men.—Winston Churchill.

### BUILDING UP.

A man goes away to build up his run-down physical system and comes back to build up a run-down financial system.—Judge.