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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1914 REPORT OF POLK'S AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The inquiry made of the Polk County Commissioners, in these columns last week, brought forth the information that the auditing committee are yet at work upon the account of the several departments of the county, and that they expect to get through with their work within two weeks, when their report upon each department will be made public.

ROLLING WINTER WHEAT.

It has been proven over and over again, by actual experience that it pays to roll wheat in the spring, and figures show that rolled fields gave an increased yield of more than five bushels per acre, more than not rolled fields, all other conditions being the same.

Harrowing wheat in the spring has not been demonstrated to be as beneficial as rolling.

Wheat can be safely rolled even when six inches high, to its advantage, but do not roll it when the land is wet.

This rolling in spring, packs the soil about the roots, and covers many exposed roots that the frosts and rains of winter have left exposed to the hot sun. It uniformly firms the soil and stimulates them to root deeper. The mulch formed by this rolling process, as the dry crust is crushed and pulverized, prevents the escape of much moisture that the crop needs during the summer season to mature its grain.

If the wheat growers of Polk county will practice this spring rolling of their fields, it will surely put extra wheat in their bins next fall. Try it, and report your experiences.

LOWER EXPRESS RATES.

By order of the interstate commerce commission lower express rates were put into effect throughout the country on Feb. 1st, 1914. The experts of the commission estimate that the reduction in charges averages seventeen per cent. The commission's order for reduced charges also requires the various express companies to comply with some new regulations for improved methods of service.

TO WALK STRAIGHT IN WOODS.

It is a well known fact that we walk naturally in a curve. If you are in the woods with nothing to guide you you will walk in a circle and not find your way out. If you are on the plains and have neither sun nor stars nor compass for guides you will do the same thing—walk in a circle and arrive nowhere.

In the woods, however, a clever device to be resorted to is this: Select three trees in a straight line and walk toward them. When you reach the first one there are still two ahead which keep the straight line for you. Select a third tree in line with the other two and walk toward them. Always keep the line of three trees ahead and you will never walk in a circle.—American Boy.

MOUNTAIN INDUSTRIES MET.

The postponed meeting of the Mountain Industries held in the sun parlor of Oak Hall hotel, Monday evening, Feb. 2nd, was most interesting and instructive. Mr. Ralph Erskine in a very earnest opening address told of the development of the industry here, and Mrs. J. L. Washburn explained its aims and objects, very minutely and clearly. Mrs. E. G. Holden reported upon the membership and Mr. E. E. Brownlee, the treasurer, reported the finances and Miss Mary H. Large the superintendent told how the industries was run and the good deeds it accomplished among the mountaineers.

Interesting remarks were also made by Mrs. M. Y. Wynne, Mrs. W. T. Lindsey and Rev. W. A. Newell, president of Weaver college.

Mrs. Pritchard, the expert mountain spinner was present wearing the badges she received at the international Stock Show last winter, of which she is deservedly, very proud. She briefly related some of her impressions of Chicago to the audience.

THE TRYON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.

The 5th meeting of the Tryon Young People's Society, took place on Friday evening Jan. 30th at 8 o'clock. The subject, Book Evening, The Life of Napoleon Bonaparte—papers by Miss E. Tisdale, Miss Carolyn Smith, Mr. E. G. Holden and Mrs. E. G. Holden. All the speakers were present except Miss Tisdale. The night was rainy and very few were out. Rev. and Mrs. P. C. Morgan were also absent. Mrs. E. G. Holden, acted as chairman in the absence of Rev. Mr. Morgan. Rev. Mr. Morgan's distinguished father, Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, D. D., of London and Cambridge University, England, will lecture to the society Thursday evening, Feb. 5th at 8 o'clock. Subject, "Some pages from the Music of Life."

THE FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB.

The Friday night club gave a dance at the K. of P. hall last Friday night, for the benefit of its members. The club was organized several weeks ago. Lieut. Roach, is the general manager. They have now 36 members. The ladies of the club furnish all refreshments, for all parties and dances given by the club. On account of the dance given by the students of the Bella Vista school at the Lanier Library this Friday night, the club will give a bridge party at the K. of P. hall on Thursday night of this week.

A SUCCESSFUL BOX SUPPER AT SANDY PLAINS SCHOOL.

Miss Lola Edwards teacher. Our school is making fine progress. But being badly in need of desks we thought we would buy us some, so decided to have a BOX SUPPER, Jan. 31st. Now as everyone knows, it is pretty hard to get up any entertainment in the country, in the winter time, especially when the roads are muddy as they are now—so we were not much disappointed when out of our whole community only thirteen boxes were received, but let me tell you, we are mighty glad to report that those thirteen boxes brought \$10.95. Furthermore the "pretty girls" cake, which was won by our teachers sister, Miss Cora Edwards, added \$9.95 making a total of \$20.90. We feel well paid for our efforts. We had already \$24 in our treasury, (a surplus from last year) so you see we have now a nice little sum toward our needed school furniture.

RAISE DAIRY BREEDS.

Any farmer is safe in breeding and raising for sale large milking or butter-producing cows. As an industry there is no more profitable line of stock growing than raising good cows and selling them to the dairymen who are making a specialty of producing market milk or selling their milk to condensary plants where they do not have the by-products returned to their farms to feed out to the calves that are being raised to replace the cows that are annually discarded from their herds.

The keeping of more cows for creameries and cheese factories is also encouraging and many men are willing to pay a good price for well-bred dairy cows.

TRYON.

Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, D. D., of London, England, preached at the Congregational church Sunday morning and evening to audiences that packed the church.

He also delivered his lecture "The harmony of the testaments" before a large and appreciative audience on Wednesday evening at the congregational church, and on Thursday evening in the same church he addressed the Young Peoples Society, "Some pages from the Music of Life" being his subject.

A false alarm was sounded on the bell of the fire department last Saturday late in the afternoon, for purposes of drill that brought the department out, ready for business with commendable promptness, demonstrating the fact that all hands are in earnest and ready for any emergency that is liable to occur.

On Friday last the Southern depot turned on their new station lighting system for the first time, greatly to the satisfaction of our citizens, as well as the traveling public, the train platforms as well as the interior of the building being well lighted.

Mrs. Wm. Gresham of Jefferson, Ga., is visiting Mrs. W. S. Heavener in her new home, by the graded school building.

The Four Bostonians to be at the Library Feb. 17th, are noted for their musical attainments of a very high order. The committee hopes that Tryon will give them a most cordial reception.

The Polk County Highway Engineer is expecting a shipment of 22 iron bridges to arrive any day for use on Polk County roads now being built.

Mr. T. C. Mills left Wednesday for Houston, Texas, where he will engage in the real estate business.

The building for the finished lumber business South of the railroad embankment, has been begun and is to be carried forward to completion now as rapidly as possible.

The sun must have been too bright for the ground hog on Monday. He has not been seen out since that we have heard of.

Mrs. Parsons lectured before the Junior Missionary Society of the M. E. church last Sunday afternoon on Japan.

Mrs. Geo. B. Cobb is visiting relatives in New Jersey and New York.

MELVIN HILL.

There was quite a storm of wind and rain here last Saturday morning.

Mr. Bob Cooley of Cooley Springs was in town on business Thursday.

Mrs. Nannie Bush visited her brother Mr. S. S. Lawter last week-end.

Mr. Jim Johnson has moved his saw mill into the woods near this village where he will be sawing lumber for sometime.

Mr. W. B. Feagan of Columbus, Polk County Treasurer, was in town one day last week.

Elder W. A. Reede preached an interesting sermon here last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerre Jones made a trip to Spartanburg Monday.

Mr. Foster Lawter was hauling cotton to the McMillin ginney Monday and Tuesday.

There will be regular church service here next Saturday and Sunday.

Baby's eating pins, Oh my! He will swallow them and die! Mother sits and calmly grins: "They won't hurt, they're safety pins."

Jack—Thy say that kissing is dangerous, do you believe it? Jane—it may be sometimes; but Papa is not home tonight.

COLUMBUS.

Mr. Logan H. Cloud has been appointed postmaster here, to take the place of Mr. Walker Newman who resigned some time ago, but has had to hold over, until his successor was appointed.

Mr. Cloud has moved his family in from his farm and taken possession of the old Hampton store building on Mills street, where he will locate his postoffice and he has rented his farm to the Williamsons who have moved there from Mrs. Barnes' place, leaving the Barnes place unoccupied for the present, as it is undergoing repairs.

Mr. Walker Newman recently sold his 336 acre farm 3 miles east of Columbus towards Rutherfordton to Mr. Firman Phillips, who expects to improve it.

First Monday was a very quiet day for the commissioners as nothing but routine matters came before them for consideration, but it was a very busy day for Tax Collector Hill, as nearly everybody that come into town, seemed in a hurry to pay their taxes and get back home to keep their plows going, the conditions of the land and weather were so favorable for such work.

The audit committee of the county were in session here at the court house on Monday.

Mr. C. C. Constant, the road builder, lately purchased from the Stearns estate the entire square next east of the court house. He is overhauling the buildings on the property that were used for school purposes and will adapt them for residence us of his own and his son's family.

Miss Ada Walker is quite sick with a light form of smallpox at her home, at the high school dormitory. The family have no idea where she could have contracted the disease. She is under the care of Dr. Palmer of Tryon.

The citizens of the town do not seem to be very much alarmed about the possibility of it spreading, but are quite generally taking the precaution of being vaccinated.

The Blankenship road builders that have encamped in town while working roads here, have finished their contracts hereabouts and left on Wednesday with their entire outfit for Rutherford county where they are to build the Twitty Ford road in that county.

MILL SPRING.

Mr. Wm. Newman, ex-postmaster here has lately sold his farm in this vicinity to Mr. J. L. Jackson of Columbus.

LYNN.

W. F. Swarm made a business trip to Spartanburg, S. C., Monday.

Many of our citizens attended the Congregational church at Tryon Sunday and enjoyed Dr. Morgan's sermon very much.

Mr. P. N. Hood who has been very ill is slowly recovering.

Miss Ada Acker has gone to Asheville to have her broken hip treated.

Mrs. W. W. Carps is very ill.

MILL SPRINGS.

Mrs. Sallie Walker, wife of Mr. Martin Walker is the newly appointed post mistress here, taking the place of Mr. Wm. Newman, who resigned a month ago.

Our farmers are improving this fine weather very generally by plowing most of the land to be broken for next season crops, is about finished now.

Feb. 2nd, ground hog day, was a bright sunny day here, so we are expecting some cold stormy weather before balmy spring time comes to stay.

LANDRUM.

(Special to The Polk County News.) Landrum had her first community fair last fall. So complete was the success that the promoters have decided to make the fair a permanent thing for the community. A meeting will be called in a few days to form definite plans for next fair. One of the most essential needs is to find a plan to finance it.

E. A. Pound of Georgia, delivered an eloquent address Friday evening at the Spartan academy to a large and appreciative audience.

Rev. E. S. Fulton of Columbia, made an interesting talk on Japan at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon. The fact that he was born in Japan made his address more interesting.

Rev. J. H. Mitchell and Prof. H. L. Riley have returned from Union where they attended the ministers' conference.

Miss Kathedine Anderson has returned from a visit to relatives at Moore's.

Hubert Foster of this town has a position in a drug store in Greer and will move there in the near future.

Miss Hallie Thompson spent the week-end with relatives here.

This community has learned with regret of Dr. E. E. Smith's intention to sell out his drug business and move to Greer in the near future.

Rev. J. R. Copeland of Campobello will preach here in the Methodist church next Sunday morning.

Dr. Earl Grady of Tryon was a Landrum visitor Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Jennings is visiting relatives in Winnsboro.

Misses Inez and Lizzie Mae Foster have returned to Limestone college after spending the week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Foster of this town.

D. F. Ezell of Chesne spent the week end with his family here.

It is reported that the ground hog came out today and seeing his shadow, returned to his den. So we are to have forty days winter yet, according to the old saying.

It is said that Landrum will have electric lights before long. May this come true!

The graded school here has had the largest enrollment in its history, and there are others coming in.

SALUDA.

Mr. E. J. Bradley grows choice apples in this section and is developing a winter apple, a seedling, that keeps sound and good until May.

The good road contractors' steam shovel in use a short distance below here, down the gorge, attracts considerable attention lately. It is a sight worth watching any day.

CONFLICTING COMMANDS.

One of the bosses of Baldwin's Locomotive works had to lay off an argumentative Irishman named Pat so he saved discussion by putting the discharge in writing. The next day Pat was missing, but a week later the boss was passing through the shop and he saw him again at his lathe. Going up to the Irishman, he demanded fiercely.

"Didn't you get my letter?"

"Yis sur, Oi' did," said Pat.

"Did you read it?"

"Sure, sur, Oi read it inside and Oi read it outside," said Pat, "and on the inside yez said I was fired, and on the outside yez said, 'Return to Baldwin's Locomotive works in five days'"—Lippincott's.

The country church problems. The greater part of the teachers today need enlightenment on church matters. She should be well posted on all the church organizations.

MISS CREOLA GUFFEY.

OUR SCHOOLS

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COUNTRY LIFE AND COUNTRY SCHOOL—THE FARM PROBLEM.

High cost of living is the usual topic of today. Its cause is migration of the country people to the towns and cities. To the country boy who hasn't many advantages the city seems alluring. The way to find an end to this problem is to prepare country life to hold them here. It isn't every boy's talent to farm of course, but care must be given to those who stay. The farm problem then in its most fundamental aspects is the problem of maintaining a standard people upon our farms. Since the days of Cain farming has been the foundation industry. The most alarming thing is one third of our population gain their living from the soil, and the other part depends upon the sustenance of it.

Isolation in the country is caused mostly by bad roads. They are so bad in winter that the farmers who have to travel them buy enough provisions to last them during the bad months, this making hermits of themselves. Neighborhood strife is another cause of rural isolation.

Farmers need leaders, ones that have the confidence of the people and they need to organize.

The book gives an ideal community. A community in Putnam county, Ill., where the land owners stay upon their farms and therefore have their interest centered in the community in which they live. Too many of our land owners are moving to the cities and leaving their land and country homes to tenants, who of course are just in for all the can get out of it.

In a progressive community we find rice farm homes. What is grander than living in the country and having a nice farm home.

The school, the home and the church are the places which are of interest to each family.

Nothing speaks better for a community than a nice church and school building.

A stranger who is thinking of moving into a new community of which he knows nothing the first question he will ask, "Have you a church and school?"

A school house should especially be a place of social, interest fitting preparing our young people. Our me and women of the great tomorrow.

Our country homes should be convenient and nicely furnished. Nothing but things that can easily be kept sanitary should be put into our homes as it causes so much drudgery on the house wife which might not be. In our school rooms domestic science should be taught for we find so many farm wives who are inferior cooks. There are many things too numerous to discuss that go to the improvement of the country community. The country church in most respects is one of the most ineffectual problems of the community. This of course indicates that the farmers haven't the religion they should have. The influence of a progressive church is great. But a large number of our churches are dead in a sense. For the lack of earnestness and zeal or inefficiency of the pastor. The children should have more religious training in the home. One great reason why our church problem is such an economic problem today is that the compensation is so small that the pastor's salary is no more than a common laborer. The pastor should have good knowledge of farm needs and social condition in the community which he supplies. It is too often the case that country preachers like teachers are the "back numbers" or the youth of their profession. Country teachers and preachers should and must know agriculture and the social and economic conditions of farm life. The country church progress is being brought about by the federation and co-operation, more of the spirit of the Y. M. C. A. and better education of ministers. The country teacher must have interest in the church work in the community where she works. She must give much thought and study to