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Accommodations first class. Good tables; elegant rooms; spacious sample rooms; home comforts. Free buses meet every train for the benefit of patrons.

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This is one of the safest and most reliable Life Insurance Companies doing business in the State. If you desire to take out a policy be sure to give me a call, as it will be money in your pocket.

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Samples of spring goods of the latest designs. Call and leave your order, as I can make up goods as cheap as can be done anywhere. Work guaranteed.

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2,000 bushels best seed oats; 600 bushels best white corn; 2,500 pounds best hay; flour, meal, meal, molasses, shipstuffs and bran arriving daily, which we will sell at prices that cannot be equalled.

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Best material used. All work warranted. Ten years' experience in the business. Repairing a specialty.

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A full line of Sugar, Coffee, Molasses, Syrup, Cheese, Honey, Etc. Water-ground Flour and Meal of superior quality. Our prices we guarantee to be as low as the lowest.

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—OXFORD, N. C.—

I have in store a full line of Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Shoes, Notions, and in fact everything usually kept in a general store.

## CONDENSED NOTES

OF THE PASSING LOCAL EVENTS OF THE DAY.

**What is Transpiring Around and About Us, in Town and County—The Movements and Doings of People You Know, Etc.**

For other locals see 4th page.

—Mr. R. L. Norris, of Richmond, was on the breaks Wednesday.

—Mr. R. R. Best, who is teaching a public school at Corinth, has over 30 pupils.

—Tobacco continues to arrive in large quantities from Virginia and the eastern counties.

—Mr. Hatchett, the wide-awake editor of the Henderson Tomhawk, was in Oxford on Tuesday.

—Rev. J. H. Hall has erected a neat stable and buggy house at his residence on Spring street.

—Mr. I. N. Holgood, who has been a sufferer for two weeks with the grippe, is able to be out again.

—It is with much pleasure that we learn that Mrs. S. W. Cooper, who has been sick for some time, is improving.

—Sheriff Rogers has had a neat fence erected around his lot occupied by Mr. R. P. Taylor, near the Baptist Church.

—We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. J. H. Lyon, one of the progressive farmers of Dutchville, in town on Tuesday.

—We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. W. E. Sten, one of Tally Ho's most reliable farmers, on the breaks Wednesday.

—At the big fire in Richmond a few days ago the Durham Fertilizer Company lost \$10,000, which was covered by insurance.

—Mr. A. E. Bobbitt, of Wilton, sold a fine load of tobacco Wednesday at the Banner at an average of \$41.50 for all grades.

—Mr. Tom Ayeritt is still confined at home with rheumatism. His many friends would be glad to know of his full restoration to health.

—Several members of the Granville Grays having served five years, have resigned. They are now under the law exempt from jury duty for life.

—The schedule on the Atlantic & Danville railroad is so arranged as to make connection with the Oxford & Clarksville road at Clarksville, Va.

—Oxford continues to gain high rank as a first-class tobacco market. Our corps of buyers are equal to any in the State, and hold large orders for all grades.

—The Tarboro Southerner, which says that thousands of acres of tobacco will be raised in Edgecombe this year, is now booming a warehouse for the sale of the leaf.

—Mr. H. H. Blackley will leave tomorrow for Richmond, Va., which place will be his future home. He will be connected with Mr. Stiles Shelburn, commission merchant.

—We regret to announce the death of Mrs. W. G. Bonn, in Fishing Creek town ship, which occurred on Sunday last, in the 71st year of her age. She was buried on Monday last.

—We are sorry to learn that Mr. John A. Waller, one of the leading citizens of the Knapp of Reeds section, is seriously ill with pneumonia. We wish him a speedy recovery.

—Mr. R. H. Holgood is now busily engaged in thoroughly renovating the Exchange Hotel. It is his purpose, with the able assistance of his good lady, to keep a first-class house.

—Henderson has granted J. L. Ludlow, civil engineer, the franchise to build an extensive water works system. The work is to begin in sixty days and the system is to include eight miles of pipe.

—Mrs. W. H. Smith has opened a boarding house near the Oxford Female Seminary, on Raleigh street, and all those in search of home comforts and good fare would do well to give Mrs. Smith a trial.

—A severe rain storm passed over Oxford yesterday morning and it became so dark that the merchants had to light up their stores. The water came down in torrents accompanied by thunder and lightning.

—Mr. E. W. Jones, the excellent manager of the Orphan Asylum Printing Department, is turning out a splendid line of job work. He is a first-class printer, and Dr. Dixon should congratulate himself on securing the services of so competent a gentleman to look after the interests of that branch of the Orphan Asylum.

—It was our pleasure to meet on the breaks Tuesday, Messrs. W. M. Moseley, R. J. Woody and C. J. Currin, three thrifty farmers from Sassafras Fork township, who sold their tobacco at most satisfactory prices.

—Mr. Uriah Cutts and his good lady, of Stovall, left on Monday for a visit to their two sons who reside in Henderson, Ky. They will also visit friends in Christian county before they return. We wish them a pleasant trip.

—Messrs. Halthcock & Co. now have everything neatly arranged in their new quarters, and have added largely to their stock of drugs, besides having on hand choice brands of cigars and a full line of French and plain candies.

—The stockholders of the Granville County Farmers' Alliance Warehouse Company will have a meeting in Oxford, 1st Monday in March. It will be a meeting of great importance and all stockholders are urged to be present.

D. C. WHITE, President.

—Granville boys generally come out ahead. The freshmen at Chapel Hill awarded medals on the 22nd to the greatest, dullest, ugliest man, etc. The cheeky man's medal was captured by our esteemed young friend, Mr. J. C. Biggs. It is a good thing to have and he has brains with it.

—We publish to-day Sherman's last march, twenty-five years ago, from Savannah to Goldsboro. We cannot vouch for its accuracy in detail, but there is some interesting facts in it concerning what took place in North Carolina down to the surrender of Gen. Johnson near Durham.

—Mr. J. N. Fuller came in from Berea Tuesday and was on the breaks. We are pleased to learn that the firm of Fuller Bros. enjoyed a good fall trade and anticipate a lively trade for the spring. That section of the county is to be congratulated on having such clever gentlemen to deal with.

—We learn that Saunders' Crossing, on the Durham & Northern railroad, is in a wretched condition, and is almost impassable. It is certainly the duty of the railroad company to put this crossing in good condition, and we advise the overseer of the road to report the fact to the railroad authorities.

—Vance Superior Court decided that the piece of track used by the Oxford & Henderson railroad to get down to the depot in Henderson, was the property of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad Company. The Richmond & Danville will now have to seek another route to get down in the heart of town.

—On Monday evening one of the boys in the store of Mr. D. W. Eakes, in attempting to put out two lamps, they fell to the floor, spilling the oil, which took fire. Mr. Eakes took in the situation at a glance and procured some blankets and smothered the flames, without creating any alarm of fire.

—Mrs. F. J. Wood is now putting up a splendid preparation for piles, old sores and cuts, which is highly recommended by all who have used it. It is said to be a sure cure. We learn that Mrs. Wood is making preparations to put it up on a large scale. It will be placed on sale at all of our drug stores.

—Mr. O. O. White, the excellent tailor of Warrenton, has decided to locate permanently in Oxford, and will open about the 15th of March, a first-class tailoring establishment in the store next to the PUBLIC LEDGER office. Mrs. White will also open a millinery store in Oxford about the 1st of April.

—We learn from Mr. J. F. Cole, president of White Rock Alliance, that their storehouse near Hester's Church is completed. He informed us that Mr. A. P. Fleming, of Fleming Bros., Oxford, would open in it about the 1st or 10th of March, a first-class stock of general merchandise. We wish Mr. Fleming abundant success.

—The full board of trustees of the Baptist College will meet in Greensboro soon to settle the locating question. How is that? Is it on account of the howl raised because of the unfair means resorted to by Raleigh to have it located in that city. We say give every town a fair showing and there will be no more growling.

—We are very sorry to learn of the extreme illness of Mr. Lawson Knott, brother to Messrs. Fielding and Henry Knott, at his home near Hilliardston, Nash county. Mr. Henry Knott is now at his bedside administering to the wants of his afflicted brother. In behalf of a host of friends in his old home we wish him a speedy recovery.

—Quite a number of Wake county farmers have found their way to the Oxford market and were delighted with the treatment received at the hands of our warehousemen. Some of them had not been in Oxford but once or twice since the war.

—The following are the delegates elected by the Y. M. C. A. of Oxford, to attend the State Convention, which meets in Goldsboro, March 13th: J. H. Bullock, B. S. Royster, C. J. Cooper, C. J. Gregory, J. C. Hundley, J. M. Morris, R. V. Minor and J. S. Brown.

—On Saturday last Enon and Providence Alliances consolidated, and will in future meet at Enon Academy. The consolidation of these two lodges now make it one of the strongest in the county, and good work for the interest of the farmers may now be expected from the lodge.

**Lost His Mind.**

The many friends of Mr. E. C. Coley, a prominent farmer of Dutchville, will be grieved to learn that he is now without reason, having become almost a raving maniac. He became so violent on Sunday that his family and friends found it necessary to bind his hands in order that he might not do himself or his family bodily harm. This is a sad case indeed, the more so because, we learn, he was to have been married some time in March, to one of Dutchville's charming young ladies. Mr. Coley has been carried to the Asylum at Raleigh. He is a leading member of Concord Baptist Church, and ranks among the best citizens of the county.

He was making preparations for a big crop of tobacco when this misfortune overtook him. His family have the deepest sympathy of his friends and acquaintances.

Twenty tons Plow castings, 500 plows, genuine Dixie, Watt, Farmers' Friend and Imperial turning Plows and Malta double and single shovel Plows at Owen, Barbour & Smith.

**A Revenue Officer Shot.**

We learn from the Durham Sun that a fatal shooting affair occurred 6 or 8 miles from Hillsboro on the 25th, while a number of revenue officers were making a raid on a blockade still. Revenue Agent Kirkpatrick, who has charge of all the revenue forces in this State and a Democratic hold over on account of his efficiency as an officer, had charge of the raiding party. When the officers made their raid upon the still they were met with a heavy fire. Kirkpatrick was shot in the face, putting out one eye. This shot was fired by a negro, who a few minutes later was shot and killed by Deputy Patterson. Another negro was also severely wounded. Mr. Kirkpatrick was taken to Greensboro.

The best Cooking Stoves made are sold by Owen, Barbour & Smith. Be sure to call and examine them.

Any style of vehicle made to order by Owen, Barbour & Smith.

**Thieves at Work.**

On Tuesday night some thieves forced an entrance through one of back windows of S. W. Mitchell Son's Hardware Store on Commercial Avenue. It is supposed the first thing they went for was the cash draw as it was cut up badly in trying to get it open, but they found it empty as all the money had been taken out on closing the store at night. They helped themselves to knives and pistols as a large number were missing. Mr. William Thomas had a watch in the cash drawer which was carried off. When they took their departure they left an empty tickler and a box of matches in the store.

For Sale—Two good Farm Horses for sale on easy terms. Apply to T. L. Canady, Wilton, N. C.

Big stock Buggies and wagons and prices the lowest at Owen, Barbour & Smith.

**Another B. & L. Association.**

A branch of the North Carolina Building and Loan Association, of Charlotte, has been organized in Oxford, with the following officers: R. W. Lassiter, Jr., president; James Jones, secretary and treasurer; J. S. Hall, J. C. Hundley, Henry Field and John Mitchell, directors; J. S. Amis, attorney; J. E. Tyler, local agent.

The best Corn Planters on the market at Owen, Barbour & Smith.

**Another Chicago Fire.**

But it did not injure the drug business. That store down on Commercial Ave, conducted by Furman & Hays is fast becoming the popular resort for the ill who wish to be well, and the well who wish to buy soaps, perfumes, stationery, fruits, cigars, tobacco, etc.

## NEWS ABOUT THE STATE.

WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE WITHIN HER BORDERS.

**A General Epitome of Recent Occurrences Around and About Us, From the Mountains to the Sea, as Culled from our State Papers.**

Winston will shortly have an elegant new \$50,000 county court house, to be built by issuing county bonds. The question will be submitted to people shortly, and will pass without opposition. Some fertilizer companies have been applying for licenses, sending their checks under protest. In each case the checks have been returned, and then some of them came back again without protest. The Agricultural Department is making a determined fight on the license question, and is determined to shut out all companies which have entered the pool to test the constitutionality of the license tax. There is serious talk of removing Davis Military School to Goldsboro and the matter is under consideration. Another ten miles of the Winston and Wilkesboro Railroad has just been completed and turned over for business. This makes forty miles of road now completed. Concord folks are elated. A gold digging furor has invaded the town, and they are sinking shafts right in the streets. And the out-side world is gazing them about the danger of undermining the place. A Mr. McCarty, citizen of Thomasville, Davidson county, sold the Eureka mines, within one mile of the town, for \$105,000. Revenue officers J. S. Murrow and J. B. Field have just returned from a raid among the moonshiners about Danbury, Stokes county. They destroyed ten illicit stills. This is in a mountain section where numbers of men of this class have long defied the law. In the above skirmish the moonshiners showed fight, and about thirty shots were exchanged. The officers came off unhurt. It is not known whether any of the fugitives were hurt or not. Two more of the persons injured by the boiler explosion near Salisbury Friday night have died, making four dead in all. Charles Kimball died Sunday. Mr. Green, the storekeeper at the distillery where the explosion occurred, though badly hurt, is expected to recover.

A man named Walsler, living in the western part of Davie county, went out in the woods last Thursday morning and on his not appearing at home at the proper time, search was instituted, and he was found dead in the forest. His death is thought to have been caused from apoplexy. Nearly 70,000 bushels of oysters were brought to Norfolk from the south of North Carolina during the month of January. Professor F. W. Simmons who was formerly professor of geology at the University of North Carolina, and has lately held the chair of biology at Arkansas University, has accepted a similar position with larger pay, in the University of Texas. A Mr. Oates a resident of Cleveland county, on Saturday fell on a circular saw and was literally sawed to pieces. One arm and leg were cut off, and his stomach was sawed in two. A force of hands were to-day started at work on the excavations for Raleigh's new Union depot and work will now be pushed forward without interruption until the depot is completed. Reports from New Bern state that the largest crowd is in attendance at the fish and oyster fair ever known in its history. Governor Fowle opened the fair. Thirty-three men were imprisoned in Egypt Coal Mine last Thursday and there was an exciting time among the people of the community for a few hours. There were thirty-three men at work in the mine at a depth of four hundred and ten feet when the cage caught about midway between the top and the bottom of the only shaft at the mine, thus closing the only means of escape for the miners below. The men remained in the mine until next morning when they came out through a hole which was cut through the cage. When they were rescued the water in the mind had risen to the knees of the men.

**Happy Hoosiers.**

Wm. Timmons, Postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicines combined, for that bad feeling arising from Kidney and Liver trouble." John Leslie, farmer and stockman, of same place, says: "Find Electric Bitters, made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town, says: "Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies; he found new strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease on life. Only 50c. a bottle, at J. S. Hall's Drug Store."

## Fertilizer Analyses for 1890.

Experiment Station Bulletin, No. 69, will be ready for mailing Feb. 28th. It will contain all analyses of fertilizers, sampled by the official inspectors, which have been finished up to date.

The fertilizer season this year, for a variety of reasons, is an exceptionally late one. Not until the latter part of January, owing to late shipments, was it possible for the inspectors to find the brands on sale. And as the value of our whole fertilizer inspection depends on the fertilizer samples being taken after the goods are shipped into the State and offered for sale, necessarily if the shipments are delayed, the analyses in consequence will be retarded. This bulletin contains, therefore, a limited number only of the brands licensed, but they are published at this time with the desire of accomplishing as much good as possible, in giving to the farmers some analyses at least which may aid them in their purchases.

Valuations for 1890 have a different meaning from the values of previous years. Heretofore it has been attempted to give by the commercial value, an approximation of the retail cost of the mixed fertilizer for cash, at the seaboard. That is, the price which a man at the seaboard ought to give for the complete fertilizer. This plan was to some extent unsatisfactory, and gives place this year to the new system. The commercial value as given to a fertilizer this season (1890) means the actual retail cost for each of the ingredients in bags at the seaboard. It does not include the cost of mixing these ingredients, nor of branding the bags, nor of handling the mixed fertilizer, nor any expenses contingent upon the management of an extensive fertilizer manufactory. A farmer when he buys a fertilizer this year, by glancing at the commercial valuation, as given by the Experiment Station, can see what is the actual cash worth of the ingredients composing it at the seaboard. For interior points, freight to those points from the seaboard must be added.

The valuation for the three ingredients for this year by this system will be: For available phosphoric acid, five cents per pound; for ammonia, thirteen cents per pound; for potash, five cents per pound. This system and this valuation has been adopted by the combined States of North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina.

Bulletin 69 will be sent to each name on the mailing list of the Experiment Station. Those who are especially desirous of getting this bulletin at once will do well to request the same by postal card; as necessarily, with such an extensive mailing list, it must be some days before all the names can be supplied from it.

H. B. BATTLE, Director.

See the Disc Harrows at Owen, Barbour & Smith.

**Office of Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina.**

Winston, Feb. 15th, 1890.

The following edict, passed by the Grand Lodge at its late Annual Communication is published for the information of all who may feel interested or employed in its execution.

1st. The Grand Master shall appoint one Grand Lecturer who shall have charge of the secret work, who, together with the Grand Master, shall be the custodian of the work.

2nd. The Grand Master shall appoint as many assistant Grand Lecturers as the necessity of the jurisdiction may require, who shall be commissioned as such upon the certificate of proficiency made by the Grand Lecturer.

3d. It shall be the special duty of the Grand Lecturer to confer with the Assistant Grand Lecturers and instruct them, if necessary, in order that the work may be uniform in all the Lodges in this jurisdiction.

4th. The expenses and proper compensation of the Grand Lecturer and Assistant Grand Lecturers shall be defrayed by the subordinate Lodges asking their services.

5th. It is recommended that all the subordinate Lodges ask the services of one of the Grand Lecturers during each Masonic year.

To execute this edict and establish a system of work entirely uniform in its practice, and satisfactory to the lodges it is enjoined upon all brethren who desire the appointment of Assistant Grand Lecturer to meet the Grand Lecturer, Brother Eugene Grissom, at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Raleigh, on Wednesday, the 5th day of March next, at 10 o'clock, a. m. for examination as to proficiency in the work of the jurisdiction. Commissions will be issued from this office only upon the certificate of the Grand Lecturer.

SAMUEL H. SMITH, Grand Master.