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## 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.**

—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cole, are on a short visit to Asheville.

—Miss Mary Holt has returned to Oxford to spend several months.

—Capt. A. Landis's household is in possession of another little girl.

—Mrs. Ida J. Knott, a former resident of Oxford, was in town Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Graham have returned from a week's visit to Hillsboro.

—The stock of the Land and Improvement Company is rapidly being taken up.

—Mr. J. M. Curran has thus far cured twenty-two barns of most excellent tobacco.

—Mr. O. O. White, our most excellent tailor, is the happy possessor of a boy at his home.

—We give a large amount of our space this issue to the discussion of the tax question.

—Dr. and Mrs. Dixon will sever their connection with the Asylum on the 22nd of August.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hunt, who have been on a visit to Bertie county, have returned home.

—The wood work on the Alliance and Davis & Gregory Warehouses is rapidly going forward.

—Oxford is to be afflicted with a two room passenger depot. We think we deserve better treatment.

—Mr. A. Wilkinon, one the big tobacco farmers of Mecklenburg county, Va., called to see us on Thursday.

—Messrs. Davis & Gregory received another car load of new tobacco from the East last Wednesday morning.

—Dr. Eugene Grissom has removed from Raleigh to Denver, Colorado, and is practicing medicine in that city.

—Mr. H. E. Overton, one of the rising young Democrats of Fishing Creek township, called to see us Wednesday.

—Mr. T. L. Daniel, of Berea, sold the last of his old tobacco crop Tuesday at the Alliance Warehouse at good figures.

—Dr. A. J. Dalby, accompanied by his good lady, left for Asheville Monday. The Dr. is attending the State Farmers Alliance.

—Capt. W. A. Bobbitt, and Mr. John Webb are buying largely of new cutters as they hold good orders for foreign trade.

—The singing class of the Orphan Asylum, was in luck at Durham. Main Street Church and Sunday School gave them \$137.

—We are pleased to learn that Mr. C. F. Kingsbury will remodel the old Granville warehouse and make it a good prize house.

—The Flat River Association is in session this week at Pleasant Grove church, near Mt. Energy. Large number of people are attending.

—Miss M. E. Carter, who has been spending several days with Mrs. John W. Hays, left Tuesday for Graham to take charge of a school.

—Mr. J. A. Taylor, of the Oxford Tobacco Co., is taking in South Carolina and Georgia, in the interest of the firm. We wish him great success.

—Mrs. B. F. Hester, accompanied by Mrs. A. C. Parham and her two little daughters, attended the sale at the Alliance Warehouse on Tuesday.

—Mr. D. G. Hohgood now says he was never willing to serve the dear people in any office, as his private affairs at home would not allow him to do so.

—A. Landis & Sons have removed their large stock of furniture back into their building. They are now receiving a handsome lot for the fall trade.

—Davis & Gregory had big breaks of new Eastern tobacco Wednesday and Thursday. Prices ranged high and sellers were satisfied. Hurrah for our market!

—The Oxford Land and Improvement Company is moving right along. The news of its progress is of the most cheering character. The stock, if reports are true, will soon be all sold and Oxford will thus secure another impetus of prosperity. The good points of this Company will continue to be seen and felt for years. Everybody should say a good word for so commendable an enterprise.

## THE TAX QUESTION, AS DISCUSSED PRO AND CON, BY OUR CITIZENS.

**Views of Correspondents, Both For and Against the Levying of Special Tax Bonds for the Establishment of a System of Water-Works.**

Mr. Editor—I am somewhat surprised at the manner of attack you and your correspondent made on the friends of Water-Works in your last issue. I did not intend to take any part in this contest, but I do like to see things discussed on their merits, and I do hate anything that tends to array one class against another. This is the first time I have ever heard the cry raised that a rich man wanted to vote a tax on his property so burdensome that it would crush out the poor man. Generally the cry is the other way—that those who have nothing will impose a tax that will be heavy on those who have much.

Now, let us lay aside abuse and assertions, and discuss this great matter of taxation on its merits. I will pass unnoticed the insinuations made against the property owners who signed the petition, and come at once to the last—and most sensible—sentence in your correspondent's communication, "We had better stop and calculate." Yes, let us "calculate" and see whether these burdensome taxes have pulled Oxford down or built it up, and whether or not they have run the laboring classes out of town. In 1880 Oxford had no railroad. She had two old warehouses, one of which has long since passed away, but the "Old Granville" still stands as a monument to her progress up to that time. She had but one or two inferior leaf prize houses. She sold then about 300,000 pounds of tobacco. One steam whistle gave forth its lonely sound in her corporate limits. Probably half a dozen mechanics found employment at scant wages. There were no banks. Her enterprising citizens were leaving for Durham, Henderson, and other places, where they had better facilities. Those towns were growing into cities, and the music made by the hammer and saw in the hands of "the poor laboring man" made the wide-awake Oxonian ask: Why is it not so at home? The plain answer came back: You are not on an equal footing with us. They went to work to get a railroad. The town voted a tax and after a hard struggle the O. & H. road was built, and tho' it gave but limited outlet, yet its effect on the growth and business of Oxford was magical. Encouraged by the benefits of this road the people determined to put themselves on an equal footing with their rival sister towns. Another tax was voted and the O. & C. road was built, and where do we stand to day? Let us "stop and calculate." Assertions and abuse may mislead, but an old saying is that "figures will not lie." 1890 will close with six large brick warehouses, equal if not superior to any in the State, to say nothing of the wooden ones, and with from forty to fifty prize houses. It is estimated we will sell 10,000,000 pounds of 1890 tobacco. These railroads that we are taxed to build, are bringing it from every point of the compass, even from away down in South Carolina. And they are carrying our merchandise into other States. The music of more than a dozen steam whistles is echoed throughout the town. A score of hammers and saws may be heard on one building, and more than a dozen trowels are piling up brick and mortar, that requires a car load of lime per week, brought over these same railroads. Instead of "running the poor laboring man out of town," Oxford is advertising in all the neighboring towns for mechanics and they are coming in every week, and there is still room for more. We have two of the best banks in the State. Many of her citizens who had gone to other markets, have returned, and are piling up monuments to their skill and industry in the shape of mammoth factories, prize houses, etc. Then six or eight old wooden buildings held her merchandise. Now more than forty brick stores adorn her streets. Merchandise of all kinds, especially groceries, is much cheaper. The poor man saves more than enough on groceries alone to pay his tax. Yes, let us "stop and calculate." I wish I had time to get up all the statistics before we had the railroad and since. In 1880 our taxable property was valued at \$339,525. This year it will go over \$1,000,000; an increase of 300 per cent. in a decade. Property that sold here then for \$3,000 cannot be bought now for less than \$4,000. Driving money from Oxford, indeed! Well, if we keep on at this rate, driving out capital and labor, we will be a Chicago after awhile. Why, Mr. Editor, you

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would not be here. I would not be here, and the rank and file of the business men of the town would not be here, were it not for the railroads, and the railroads would not be here but for the taxes. This explains how it is that taxes build up cities. It is a fact that no town can grow into a thrifty city without going into debt. The reason is plain—without debt they cannot get the improvements and conveniences that are necessary to invite capital and business. Don't understand me to favor a reckless expenditure of money. I am far from it. Now, I will admit that some people, and good observing people, have their property advertised for taxes and go to the lawyers for help in their time of need. It has been so from the organization of society; it will be so to the end of time. Now let us come down to the gist of the matter—have these heavy taxes made Oxford richer or poorer? The answer is in such plain, clear figures that you may run and read. I am appealing now to intelligent, unbiased men, who have the prosperity of the town at heart. Some men "convinced against their will, are of the same opinion still." I hope we have none of them in Oxford.

Now, Mr. Editor, I have taken up as much of your space as I can ask at one time, and have not gotten to the Water-Works. I have been trying to put in its true light the theory of taxation for public improvements, and its beneficial results in Oxford. With your permission I will say what I have to say about Water-Works in your next issue. I think it is now time to "stop and calculate." Yours truly, J. C. HUNDLEY. OXFORD, N. C., August 11, 1890.

**Water-Works or Fire-Works.**

If the atmosphere continues like it is this morning for any length of time, we will need fire-works instead of water-works. The poor will need their money to buy wood and clothing, instead of having to pay it in taxes for the fat bondholders, who sit in easy chairs, in warm offices, smoking your money. That kind of business is what some people call robbing under a very mild type of law.

A few days ago some gentlemen and myself were talking about the bonded debt of Oxford. I made the statement, and I repeat it here, that there was not a man, in or out of Oxford, who could tell the debt of the town. No, sir; it can't be done. This of itself, shows that something is wrong and rotten. This reminds me of what the late Gov. W. A. Graham said about heavy taxes. He said that, "when the taxes of the country got to be burdensome to the people, there was something wrong and rotten in the governing power." What a truth! One of the gentlemen above spoken of said the town debt was \$53,000, and the township debt \$20,000, and that Oxford pays nearly all of this. Then we came to the Market House tax. The very calling of that name made us all stand upon tiptoes and tremble as though the ghost of ——— had appeared. They say the market house tax now is only \$13,000. I ask, where did they get the extra \$3,000 from? We only voted for \$10,000 at first, and have had no other vote since. The truth is, the voting people of this town were badly deceived about that tax. We were told with big-mouthed trumpets that \$10,000 would build the lotse. That sum was soon wasted or stolen, and no one can tell how. But we do know that the money is gone. I am informed that it took \$7,500 more principal money to finish the house than we voted for that purpose, and it's a sorry job at that. Voters of Oxford, just think of such an outrage; \$7,500 of your hard earnings gone, and you were never asked one word about it, and every cent of which was taken without a shadow of law. If we vote \$50,000 for the water-works and we are treated by them as we were by the market house fellows, to wit: charge us \$7,500 extra for every \$10,000 voted for, it will take \$87,500 to fix up the water works for running, and then the interest on this enormous sum has got to be paid every year, or they will sell you out. Besides all this, it will cost you about \$15 to get pipes to carry the water to your house, and then a \$10 rental tax for every year you use the "nassy" water. The Good Lord can only tell what new cost would be added. What poor man, white or black, can stand all this extra taxes? No, you had better go to "Bettie Oakley's Branch" for water, rather than the little property which you are fortunate enough to own, should be put up at the court house door and sold for the taxes which will go to pay off these unbearable and oppressive tax bonds.

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