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Farmers, Stand By Your County Paper By All Means !

TOWN AND COUNTY.

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. Thomas Usry and W. P. Lyon called on the PUBLIC LEDGER this week.

—Mrs. Dr. J. B. Williams and Mrs. Job Osborn returned from a visit to Asheville.

—We exceedingly regret to learn of the sickness of Rev. G. T. Watkins, at his home near Adonirsm.

—Miss Lela Crews has returned from Greensboro Female College and is at her home near Tar River.

—Charming young ladies, flowers and gallant young men have reigned supreme in Oxford this week.

—Messrs. C. B. Ellington, E. G. Ellington and R. L. Breedlove, of Franklin county, paid us a visit on Tuesday.

—Capt. A. J. Smith, who has charge of Messrs. Hundley Bros.' force of hands, is now at work on the Presbyterian church.

—The march of improvement continues in South Oxford. The Modern Barn Co. and the Knitting Mills are making things hum.

—Mr. H. P. Dillard, one of the old citizens of Brassfield, was in Oxford Monday. Twelve years have elapsed since his last visit.

—Mr. A. S. Peace qualified as Commissioner on Tuesday morning, and we congratulate the county upon his induction into office.

—Mr. D. B. Nicholson, of Clinton, a prominent lawyer and Assistant Clerk to the House of Representatives, visited Oxford on Tuesday.

—The Modern Barn Co. will ship 100,000 tobacco sticks this week besides an immense quantity of baskets. This is a big institution for Oxford.

—Major N. A. Gregory, W. A. Davis, Ernest Parham, Willie Landis and J. B. Floyd attended the dedication services at Grove Hill on Sunday last.

—Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Cole, accompanied by their three pretty little daughters, of Satterwhite, and Mr. J. R. O-Brien, of Dutchville, visted us on Thursday.

—Rev. J. A. George, the Armenian, lectured at the Baptist church on Sunday morning upon the modes and customs of the people to a large audience. Quite a sum was contributed.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Green of Stem, spent Saturdfiy in Oxford. This was the first visit Mrs. Green has made to the town in 12 years. She remarked that the "court house was the only familiar looking building she saw."

—Messrs. J. S. Pool, J. H. House, H. E. Crews, J. M. Phipps, J. H. Painter, J. D. Davis, W. H. Ragsdale, T. G. Cottrell, J. B. Hunter, J. D. Williams, Wm. Goss and Senator G. L. Allen paid us a visit on Monday. We are always glad to see our friends at any time.

—The Granville Female Institute Commencement will be held June 10th and 11th. We thank Miss Bettie Clark, the able principal for an invitation to be present. The order of exercises show that great care has been taken in the training of the pupils, and our people will enjoy two evenings in a most pleasant manner.

—If you are in any way afflicted we urge you to read the unqualified endorsement of the greatest mineral water that flows out of the ground, which is Panacea of course. Preserve the supplement and ponder over what some of the very best people of North Carolina say about the wonderful cures it has effected. Try it by all means.

—We had a most agreeable visit from Mr. W. Raker, of Raker City, this week. He gives most flattering reports of the output of magnificent ore from the Blue Wing copper mines which is now being put on the market. New capital is being invested and the facilities will be greatly increased. Hurrah for Northern Granville and her mining interest!

—Drs. J. M. Hays, S. D. Booth and G. A. Coggeshall returned Saturday from the Medical Convention at Asheville. Oxford captured the secretaryship again, and we believe no better selection could have been made, as Dr. Hays is in every way worthy of the honor bestowed. Dr. Cheatham, of Henderson, was elected President, and we congratulate this gentleman upon his election to the Presidency.

—It seems that the hunting season is still on. Mr. Tom Hunt happened to go out into his woods and struck up with a gang of squirrels. He watched them for a while and saw them all go into a small hollow where he could get to them. He could not allow the opportunity to pass, and built a fire and smoked them out. As they would come down he killed them and continued this until 6 squirrels lay dead at his feet. It was not a good day for squirrels either.

—Our town has been run over with visitors all the week.

—The Horner School commencement to-night (Thursday) and Friday night.

—Mr. P. G. Roberts, of Mecklenburg, and J. E. Roberts, of Charlotte counties, Va., called to see us Wednesday. They sold tobacco with Davis & Gregory.

—The immense frame three story building of the Horner School is now up. It will be of attractive design and will be an ornament to Horner Heights when completed.

—One of the special features of the Greensboro College Commencement was the marriage of Mr. W. B. Lee to Miss Mamie Fontville. It was at the conclusion of the last Grand Concert when Mendelsohns wedding march struck up and the bride and groom, with attendants, entered and were united in marriage by Dr. Dixon. It was a pretty scene, and one of joy and happiness. The congratulations and presents were many.

—Trials took place before Mayor Smith and Squire S. V. Ellis Tuesday and Wednesday of a most disreputable character. Such disgraceful acts and bare effrontery has no parallel we believe in the history of Oxford, and is almost universally condemned by our citizens. The law has the participants in limbo and we hope will extend to its furtherest limit. The affair is so dirty and filthy in its nature that we cannot pollute our columns with it.

—The farmers rolled in Friday amid the rain and mud and sold tobacco at very good prices. We shook hands with the following gentlemen on the breaks: W. T. Overton, Zack Daniel, T. B. Daniel, Ed. N. Crews, A. J. Dickerson, Henry Hester, J. B. Pruitt, S. T. Dickerson, W. M. Nelson, Rufus Hobgood, F. H. Frazier, Ed. Pruitt, A. H. Frazier, B. F. Hester, J. H. Longmire, J. B. Parham, B. Hicks, W. Brummitt, J. M. Phipps, W. Y. Jones, B. I. Breedlove, J. W. Davis, M. Dixon, R. E. Callis, A. C. Parham, Maurice Daniel, W. A. Beck and A. A. Lyon.

Sunday at the Methodist Church.

There was a large congregation at the Methodist Church on Sunday morning, and Rev. R. F. Bumpass discussed in an able manner the text "Cast thy bread upon the water, for thou shalt find it after many days." Among the many proofs brought to bear upon the subject, he said that Peter Doub of this State, wrote a small tract which found its way to Missouri and fell into the hands of the late Bishop Marvin which brought him to Christ, and through his preaching many weary sinner had found a blessed Savior. He said those who were engaged in the great work of the Sunday School were laying the foundation for the indwelling of God's love within the hearts of the young people.

The singing was of a high order as the chois is now composed of good material. Miss Eva Minor presides gracefully at the organ while Messrs. James White and W. C. Thaxton accompany with cornets.

Tuesday a Big Day.

Oxford market is again on the boom and large breaks of the golden weed at each one of our big warehouses. The auctioneers were in good tune and they made it bring every cent that could be gotten with the permission of the trust. The farmers are posted on the prices limited as their pockets have suffered for want of dollars on account of it. Among the large number of farmers present Tuesday were J. J. Renn, J. L. Clay, J. J. Meadows, John Lawrence, W. H. Tillotson, J B Watson, S H Moss, R T Crews, A A Crews, S D Bragg, Roy Currin, C F Crews, W J Badgett, J F Currin, J S Hobgood, J D Wilkerson, L V Peace, J M Ellington, John Elliott, and B F Hester.

AROUND GRANVILLE.

THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE AND ITS INTEREST PROTECTED,

What is Going on in Different Sections as Gathered by the Public Ledger Reporters--Views of Correspondents, &c.

VOICE FROM BROWNSVILLE.

MR. EDITOR:—Please allow me a few words in your valuable paper. After learning Trumps objection to the "Stock Law" as published in the PUBLIC LEDGER of last week it strengthens what I have for a long time been made to believe, that any man who would let his stock run at large when it was against the law, and swears he will not pay when they are impounded I must say is very small man, and letting out his part of "original sin." After having my crop damaged by stock belonging to my neighbor for four or five years to a considerable extent and receiving only about $1 85, as near as I can recollect, and that for impounding. I must agree with trump and say I dislike it because it gives me a chance to find out the smallness of my fellow man, and live in hopes of it hopes of it being repealed that I may raise sheep on other farmers grass and not others raise their stock on my wheat and oats as seems to have been the case, R. M. PITTARD.

DABNEY DOINGS.

Mrs. Horace Ellington is very low with consumption.

The grass hopper is doing considerable damage to tobacco. In some instances whole lots have been eaten up.

Our public school has closed and the small boy can give his whole time to things that call his attention—birds nests, frogs, green fruit, &c.

The closing exercises of Miss Lillie Hays' school came off at Poplar Creek Monday night. We understand it was a very nice affair. We were not present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Swain visited Liberty last week. Mr. Swain preached the annual sermon at the academy at that place. They returned Saturday evening.

The Rev. R. R. Michaux, well known in this section, having once been pastor of the M. P. church at this place, paid our people a visit recently. He is now agent for the American Bible Society.

The ladies of this section have lately been paying their attention to Oxford, looking after the duck of a hat and fine fabrics for summer wear. This is due to the advertisements seen in the PUBLIC LEDGER.

Mr. W. H. Hester sailed into town a few days ago in a buggy to make some purchases. His horse was moored to a tree and after having placed several bundles in the buggy he stepped back into the store when the horse broke loose from his moorings and scud down the Henderson road as though driven by a cyclone; the bundles shifted lively and were finally thrown overboard in crossing the wake of the train. Half a mile below town the buggy stood on its beam ends and finally capsized and went to total wreck. TONGS.

BULLOCK BREEZES.

Mr. G. H. Faucette was in Milton this week.

We regret exceedingly to hear of the severe illness of our neighbor Mr. Holmes.

Miss Mary Carrington left last Tuesday on a visit to relatives and friends in South Boston, Va.

Mr. Harry Watkins has returned from a visit of several days to his sister Mrs. John Morton, of Charlotte county, Va.

Mrs Mamie Watkins and Mrs James Daniel are losing their fowls in great quantities with cholera. The prolonged rainy spell has been very unfavorable for raising young fowls, consequently they will be very scarce this season.

Tobacco in large quantities has been shipped from here this week to Oxford and other markets. The warm, damp spell has made it difficult to keep tobacco from injuring in the bulk unless proper care and trouble is taken with it.

We have had constant and heavy rains for more than ten days and the streams have been very much swollen in this section. Farmers have found it as much too wet for farm work in the past week as they found it too dry before. Tobacco plants that have been set out are being injured by cut worms and flies, so the poor farmers have little encouragement for a crop.

I see in the PUBLIC LEDGER and Durham papers advertisements of Mrs. Lewis E. Amis for summer boarders. "Bellevue" is one of the loveliest country homes in this whole community, and Mrs Amis possesses the rare talent of making every body feel perfectly at home. With such a charming companion as Mrs. Amis, such a lovely home, such fruit and the many other advantages that Bellevue can afford any one may consider themselves fortunate to secure such a summer resort. TRUMP.

STOVALL SHORT STOPS.

Captain A. Landis was in our village a few days ago.

Miss Lute B. Royster, of Bullock's, is visiting here.

Mrs. J. A. Stradley, of Oxford, visited our town during the past week.

The arm and hammer brand soda man was here a few days ago advertising his soda by giving it away to the people.

That "handsome" gentleman from Stovall, who was in Oxford some days ago returned home safely and wears his honors with becoming dignity.

Bishop Lyman preached here last week to a large and appreciative congregation. The choir from Oxford assisted in rendering the music which was grand and inspiring.

A large crowd was here on Sunday last attending the Baptist Sunday School Institute. Much to the regret of the congregation there was no preacher present, though we had some fine speeches from several of the brethren.

Arrangement will soon be made with a very renowned teacher to open a school in our midst. This is a good point and we are confident a large school can be easily built up. Truly the people of Stovall and vicinity are elated at this move.

Our people are greatly pleased at the selection of Capt A. S. Peace for County Commissioner. He is very popular in this part of Granville. We are informed the magistrates did a just thing in asking the Commissioners to patronize the county paper whenever anything is to be published that concerns the people. Every good citizen is interested in the paper, as it is battling hard for the prosperity of Oxford and Granville county, and should be liberally patronized. GRIP.

WILTON WHISPERINGS.

Miss Patty Lyon visited Oxford on Monday.

Our farmers are hard at work since the water ceased to fall.

Mr. W. P. Lyon is making improvements to his dwelling by the addition of another room.

Wheat and corn is looking well. It is said that Mr. Adicus Morris has finest lot of wheat near his house in the neighborhood. He is one of our best farmers and really lives at home.

We are glad to see that Mr. John Elliott, a thrifty farmer of Fishing Creek, is making improvements to his dwelling house. He has made it longer and run it up two stories, and when completed will be one of the neatest places on the road.

It seems that the county commissioners have lost sight of the fact that the county paper should be sustained for its devotion to the cause of good government, and for its true devotion to the rights of the people, We are glad that the magistrates of the county Monday took action in this matter, requesting the Board to put that which concerns the taxpayers in the county paper, and it will meet with the hearty approval of the people.

What is being done about the Oxford & Coast Line Railroad ? Why not make a survey and see which is the best as well as the cheapest route, putting as many miles in the county as can be got and go to work on the road. A large number of our people will contribute to the enterprise. The road can be built from Wilton to Franklinton at a small cost as to grading and open up a fine trade for Oxford. Let the officers of the road make a move all along the line and we believe they will receive encouragement.

The new Church at Grove Hill, in Brassfield Township, was dedicated last Sunday. Rev. Dr. Nash, an able divine of Raleigh, preaching the sermon. The church is the handsomest in the county, not accepting the town of Oxford in making this assertion. Much credit is due the popular pastor, Rev. Mr. Pell, in having erected this magnificent house of worship. In order to show what one zealous christian man can accomplish, backed up by faithful workers, he raised all the contributions for this purpose in the immediate neighborhood, with the exception of less than ten dollars. The attendance was unusually large, Vance, Franklin and Warren counties contributing to the assemblage, and the dinner was a credit to the thrifty section in which the church is located. Rev. John Jenkins, brother of Prof. W. H. P. Jenkins, now of Warren, preached an excellent sermon in the afternoon. The singing was good and greatly enjoyed by all present. We rejoice with our Methodist brethren of Grove Hill, and hope to see other sections and denominations emulate their worthy example.

MEETING OF MAGISTRATES

IN JOINT SESSION WITH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

A Large Number of Magistrates Present—Taxes Fixed at 70 Cents—Road Tax for Oxford Township—A. S. Peace Elected Commissioner--Board of Education Elected--$500 for County Exhibit.

On Monday last the Board of Magistrates and County Commissioners met in joint session to levy taxes, and elect a Board of Education. We dare say that no county in the State can show a more intelligent set of Magistrates than those assembled in the court house on Monday, and the utmost harmony prevailed.

Mr. J. G. Shotwell presided with his usual dignity and ability. He is one of the coming young farmers of Northern Granville, and is a man possessing sound judgment and elegant traits of character.

Mr. R. J. Daniel, Register of Deeds, acted as Secretary, and when he called the roll the different townships were represented by the following Magistrates:

Fishing Creek—W. A. Parham, H. A. Taylor, W. D. Blackly, E. C. Montague, C. W. Bryan.

Brassfield—J. L. Adcock, W. P. Lyon, W. P. White, J. D. Davis, E. J. Jenkins.

Dutchville—J. D. Tilly, W. T. Adams, M. L. Coley.

Tally Ho—W. H. Smith, J. W. Brown, J. H. Webb, J. R. Walters.

Walnut Grove—J. G. Shotwell, B. F. Hester, R. W. Hobgood.

Oak Hill—W. S. Eakes, J. S. Pool, M. S. Daniel, B. T. Winston.

Sassafras Fork—B. F. Frazier, Wilkins Stovall.

Oxford—A. C. Parham, R. J. Mitchell, W. F. Rogers, S. V. Ellis, H. T. Hughes, N. H. Whitfield, T. J. Averott.

Salem—J. B. Parham, Amos Dean, C. F. Crews, J. R. Wilson, A. L. Gooch.

The first business that came up was the election of a commissioner in place of Mr. L. G. Smith, resigned. Col. R. J. Mitchell nominated Capt. A. S. Peace, and different magistrates (whose names we failed to get) nominated M. L. Coley, T. D. Clement, E. C. Harris, W. L. Mitchell and I. N. Day. Capt. Peace was elected by a large majority, who will make the county an efficient and painstaking official, and we congratulate the Magistrates upon the selection of this gentleman.

The tax levy recommended by the Board of Commissioners through their chairman, Mr. T. D. Waller, was approved and is as follows: State tax, on each $100 worth of real and personal property, 25 cents; pensions, 3 cents; and poll 9 cents. School, 15 cents; on poll, $1.43¾. General county taxes, 23⅔ cents; support of poor, 47¼ cents. Schedule B. and C. same as that of State. Work house, 3½ cents, and 10 cents on poll. Oxford and Salem railroad tax on $100 worth of property, 7½ cents; on poll, 22½ cents.

A road tax of 11 cents on $100 worth of property and 23 cents on poll was levied upon Oxford township, which was petitioned for by a majority of the Magistrates of said township in accordance with an act of the last Legislature. We think this is an exhorbitant tax for the purpose of piling mud up in the middle of the roads to be made impassable in the winter, unless a rock crusher is purchased and the roads that are worked macadamized. Enough money has already been thrown away on the roads leading to town by not having a rock crusher to do the work in an efficient manner.

The question of appropriating money to get up a suitable display of the great resources of Granville at the Southern Exposition to be held at Raleigh October and November, as recommended by Gov. Holt and endorsed by President Carr, of the State Alliance, as will be seen by reference to another column, was taken up. Mr. A. W. Graham, explained it in full to the Board. Capt. John A. Williams made an earnest appeal in behalf of the many resources that Granville possesses, and spoke of the many advantages that would result by a good exhibit as it would be the means of bringing capital to our midst.

Capt. J. B. Hunter spoke of the vast amount of minerals that was in Fishing Creek and was highly in favor of something being done to bring Granville minerals to the front. Col. R. J. Mitchell said he was opposed to appropriating any money for an exhibition, and thought the ones interested in the minerals should pay for their own exhibit instead of it coming out of the county. Mr. B. F. Hester was enthusiastic for an appropriation, and did not wish to see dishonor brought upon the county by not being represented at the great Exposition in Raleigh.

Mr. C. W. Bryan arose and moved that $500 be appropriated for the purpose of an exhibit of the resources of Granville county at the Southern Exposition at Raleigh which was carried.

On motion a committee of two from each township was appointed to attend to said exhibit, as follows:

Fishing Creek, J. B. Hunter and C. W.

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