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BRIEF LOCAL MENTIONS.

What is Transpiring Around and About Us, in Town and County.

Several ice houses were filled on Tuesday.

The thermometer got down to 4 degrees Wednesday morning.

The ice on Hicks' pond Wednesday morning was 7 inches thick.

Lookout and be sure to read the many legal notices in this issue as you may be interested.

Mr. Will Carville is the happy father of twin boys. It will be in order to name them Cleve and Steve.

A regular juvenile party was held at the residence of Mr. D. Y. Hunt, on Raleigh street, last Friday night.

Business men secure space in your county paper, and then strive to make it the most interesting part of the paper.

The inauguration of Gov. Elias Carr will take place next Wednesday. The State Guard are invited to take part in the ceremonies.

Dr. G. A. Coggeshall has been commissioned by Gov. Holt a delegate at large to the Road Congress that assembles in Raleigh on the 19th inst.

Hon. Baldy Williams is attending the Grand Lodge of Mason in Raleigh. Dr. Black, the model superintendent of the Orphan Asylum, S. H. Smith and C. J. Gregory are also in attendance.

F. W. Thornton, dealer in dry goods and notions failed in Fayetteville on the 9th, with liabilities estimated at \$25,000 and assets about the same. Preferences and mortgages aggregate \$76,000.

Renew your subscription at once to the PUBLIC LEDGER. See your neighbors, get a new subscriber or two and send in with your own. You can't do a better thing than helping to build up your county paper.

The town commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Monday night. Mr. Eugene Crews, the newly elected town clerk, assumed the duties of his office. Quite a number of accounts were allowed.

The German given by the young men at Oxford on Friday night last was a most enjoyable affair. Besides our own lovely maidens there were quite a number of attractive ladies from a distance in attendance.

Mr. L. R. Christie proposes to try his hand on running a daily in Oxford, provided he can secure patronage enough to warrant the undertaking. We trust he will succeed as a daily is a great convenience to Oxford.

A bill was introduced in the Legislature to require druggists and physicians to go before Superior Court Clerks and take oaths not to sell whiskey save upon prescriptions except for bona fide medicinal purposes.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. A. E. Wilson, of Morganton, and Miss Hallie Landis, at the Presbyterian Church Wednesday morning, 18th inst., at 11 o'clock. No cards issued in town. Public invited.

Owing to the very cold weather tobacco breaks have been small. All that has been offered brought fine prices. Remember when the thaw takes place Oxford is the place to get the very highest prices on all grades.

Miss Lillian Covington, of Laurinburg, is the music teacher at the College Street Female Seminary. She is a graduate of Peace Institute, and had the honor of receiving the metal for great proficiency in instrumental music.

The Methodist Sunday School is furnishing a dormitory at Trinity College in honor of Mr. John W. Hays, who has been the mainstay of the Sunday School for thirty odd years. Certainly this is a compliment most worthily bestowed.

Old Ben Butler is no more. He died in Washington on the 11th of heart failure superinduced by an attack of pneumonia. One by one the

persecutors of the South pass away, and no true Southerner will shed a single tear over his departure.

It used to be said in the dark ages, "honesty is the best policy," but in this era of refined civilization the man who has the filthy lucre, no matter how it is obtained, is the fellow people flatter, and old true and tried citizens have to take back seats.

The genial Prof. W. H. P. Jenkins, the ever-faithful County Superintendent Public Instruction was in town Tuesday and called to see us. We learned from him that the schools were in fine condition and well attended despite the extreme cold weather.

Senator John E. Kenna, of West Virginia, died at Washington, D. C., January, 11, of heart-disease, from which he had been for some years an acute sufferer, so much so that for a long interval he had been compelled to abandon his duties as senator and to forego all mental exertion.

Laboring Under a Misapprehension.

In discussing town affairs on Wednesday with his honor Mayor Hicks he politely informed us that we were "opposed to the present town administration." No town government is composed of better material than that of Oxford, and we are more generous than even his honor, and say we are heartily in favor of the administration, as well as being in favor of all internal improvements that will ensure to the direct benefit of Oxford.

We are not so narrow minded as to oppose anything that we believe will advance Oxford one step on the road to prosperity, and we claim the right to honestly differ with our friends on one point of public policy though not opposed to the administration.

Mortuary Report.

The following is the mortuary report of the town of Oxford for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1892, according to age and color:

	WHITE.	COL.
From 1 day to 1 yr. old,	2	13
From 1 to 5 years old,	2	9
From 5 to 20 years old,	7	6
From 20 to 30 years old,	6	7
From 30 to 40 years old,	2	2
From 40 to 50 years old,	0	0
From 50 to 60 years old,	3	0
From 60 to 70 years old,	0	1
From 70 to 80 years old,	2	0
Total,	12	41
Still born,	2	3

Number of deaths under five years of age one.

PATRICK BOOTH, M. D., Superintendent of Health.

Will You Help Us?

We ask the good people of Oxford and Granville county to rally to the support of the PUBLIC LEDGER in order that we may continue to furnish them with a first-class weekly newspaper. Don't be backward about it, as we are working hard for the upbuilding of Oxford and Granville county. We would remind our business men and all others in need of anything in the job printing line that our facilities for turning out good work are excellent. Prices low. We earnestly solicit a share of your work.

Hard on the Poor Man.

The way that pork is jumping up in price on account of the trust we suppose it will become a delicacy on a poor man's table. We are thankful that a large number of our farmers will not be effected by it as they raised their own meat and are independent of the trust. What a glorious thing it is these days to be independent of a trust?

Cheeky Business.

We fully agree with the Kinston Press Press in the following: It is cheeky in those who quit taking a paper because of anger towards it to bother regular subscribers by borrowing. It you don't want to buy the paper because displeased at it be square enough not to borrow your neighbor's paper, thereby inconveniencing those who do buy it.

For Sale or Rent.

Some of the most valuable property in the town of Oxford.
Jan 13 4t R W. LASSITER.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION.

Presentation of Valuable Jewel to S. H. Smith by B. S. Royster.

The newly elected officers of Oxford Lodge No. 396, A. F. & A. M., were publicly installed Saturday night last in an interesting and impressive manner. The officers for the present year are: C. J. Gregory, W. M.; B. S. Royster, S. W.; W. J. Boykin, J. W.; D. J. Gooch, Treas.; E. W. Jones, Sec.; H. H. Eatman, S. D.; J. F. Royster, J. W.; Rev. R. H. Marsh, chaplain.

After the installation of officers, B. S. Royster in behalf of the Lodge and in a neat little speech presented Mr. S. H. Smith, the retiring W. M., with a beautiful Past Master's Jewel. Mr. Smith gracefully accepted it with warm expressions of thanks and appreciation.

Mr. Smith has been the efficient presiding officer during the past three years, during which time there have been thirteen accessions to the Lodge and a continued revival of interest in the work of the order.

We congratulate him and hope for his successor an equally successful administration.

Rev. J. H. Cordon, D. D.

Our whole community, irrespective of creed, is to be congratulated upon having among us that distinguished and scholarly divine, the Rev. J. H. Cordon, D. D.

While every corpuscle of blood which flows in the Doctor's veins bears the stamp of Methodism upon it, it may be truly said that he is a gentleman of broad and liberal views by nature as well as education and scorns the fetters of sectarianism and bigotry as weights which beset the minister who is earnestly striving to fraternize the world and win it for the Master.

Imposing in presence, genial in disposition, earnest in his work, his heart melting in sympathy with the suffering and his whole nature going out in pity for those who are still in spiritual darkness; it does not require that the cloak of inspiration should rest upon him who prophesies that our people will early recognize in him the well rounded man, the ripe scholar, the eloquent preacher and the whole souled neighbor and friend whose presence is sunshine and whose counsels are radiant gems.

Dr. Cordon is about forty-two years of age, having been born in Washington, N. C., July 9th, 1851. He has been engaged in active ministerial work since he entered the Conference in 1878 at Statesville. During this time he has served the people of Mattamusket circuit three years, South Edgemore circuit four years, Statesville station two years, Raleigh, Edenton St. station, three years, and again at Wilson station during the year just passed. To each of these charges Dr. Cordon has proved eminently acceptable, and has easily risen to a position of distinguished prominence among his ministerial brethren.

The fact that he is ex-Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of the State to the Sovereign Grand Lodge evidences the esteem in which he is held by that order.

This able divine preached two very excellent sermons on Sunday, morning and night, to large and appreciative congregations.

Bound to Go.

Now is the time to buy goods at your own price from the great and only A. Max, as he is going to leave Oxford and says he wants to give the people of Granville the benefit of the best bargain ever offered in Oxford. He has bought the large stock of R. H. McGuire and can now sell you almost anything you need. Go and see him and get a pile of goods for a little money. Read his advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

Death of Mrs. R. I. Hicks.

Nannie Randolph, wife of Dr. Robert I. Hicks, died on the 5th of January. Dr. Hicks and his wife resided for several years in Granville county, and removed to Warrenton, Va., about 14 years ago. Many of the older inhabitants of the county were their warm friends, and will hear with profound sorrow of her untimely death.

Dr. William Royall Dead.

Prof. William Royall, D. D. LL. D., of Wake Forest College, N. C., died suddenly in Savannah, Ga., on the third day of January, 1893. Dr. Royall had gone to Savannah to spend his holidays with his son-in-law, Mr. W. C. Powell, and was there in the home of his own loved ones when the messenger came for him. He was born in Edgefield county, S. C., July 30th, 1823, and was in his seventieth year when he died.

Dr. Royall was first elected as Professor of Latin and Modern Languages in Wake Forest College in 1859. He devoted twenty-five years of his life as a professor in that institution, in which position he served efficiently and satisfactorily till his death. He was eminently distinguished both as a preacher and an educator.—Biblical Recorder.

Prof. Royall was the father of Mrs. F. P. Hobgood, of our town and we extend to her our heartfelt sympathy in her sudden affliction.

Officers of I. O. O. E. Lodge.

The following are new officers of Oxford Lodge 103:

- Noble Grand—A. A. Hicks.
- Vice-Grand—J. M. Hays.
- Recording Secretary—R. L. Bobbitt.
- Treasurer—J. F. Edwards.
- Financial Secretary—J. A. Renn.
- Warden—R. W. Day.
- Conductor—W. A. Bobbitt.
- R. S. N. G.—J. A. Taylor.
- L. S. N. G.—J. E. Howell.
- R. S. V. G.—C. A. Carroll.
- L. S. V. G.—W. L. Black.
- Chaplain—D. N. Hunt.
- R. S. S.—S. M. Bullock.
- L. S. S.—R. Broughton.
- I. G.—J. R. Day.
- O. G.—H. H. Howard.

Merchants-Purchase Tax.

At the State's Business-Men's Convention held in Raleigh last week, A. A. Thompson, of Raleigh, presided and made an address, in which the chief points discussed were the repeal of the merchants-purchase tax, a statebank system, and public roads. A committee, of which E. G. Harrell, of Raleigh, is chairman, was appointed to urge the Legislature to repeal the merchants-purchase tax. A committee of twenty was appointed on banks and banking interests. The association will have special representation at the State road congress on the 19th instant. A committee will consider the desirability of re-establishing the State Bureau of Immigration.

Come Along, Farmers!

W. I. Wilkinson, proprietor of Wilkinson's Warehouse, sold one hoghead of tobacco a few days ago for McGowan & Rencher, for the old time prices: One lot \$60.00, one lot \$52.00, one lot \$39.00, one lot \$31.00, one lot \$18.00, one lot \$12.00, an average of \$28.13, plant round. All I want is good tobacco and I will get you big prices.

Since the holidays all grades have advanced as our order buyers are loaded with new orders and our speculators have been making good sales of old stock.

Persons having old or new tobacco ready can bring it along, and I will get them good prices. Wrappers, cutters, fillers and smokers are all bringing stiff prices.

Come to see me you shall have good prices and kind treatment.

Your friend,

W. I. WILKINSON.

Death of Major Nelson.

Major Nelson, who has been suffering from exposure for some days, died this Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. He never fully recovered consciousness. We published an account of his misfortune when it happened. Everything that medical skill could devise to restore him was done, but to no avail. He was a native of Virginia and had been employed as clerk by A. Max for four years.

Guaranteed Cure.

We authorize our advertised druggist to sell Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Coughs and Colds, upon the condition. If you are afflicted with a Cough, Cold or any Lung, Throat or Chest trouble, and will use this remedy as directed, giving it a fair trial, and experience no benefit, you may return the bottle and have your money refunded. We could not make this offer did we not know that Dr. King's New Discovery could be relied on. It never disappoints. Trial bottles free at J. G. Hall, Drug Store. Large size 50c and \$1.00.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of the Movements of Your Friends and Acquaintances.

Miss Mamie Reams, of Durham, is visiting friends near Hargrove.

Miss Birdie Black returned to Greensboro Female College on Monday.

Mr. J. T. Strayhorn is still confined to his home on account of sickness.

Misses DeVaga, of S. C., are on a visit to the family of Dr. J. Buxton Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hunt returned from a two weeks' visit at Windsor.

Miss Bessie Watkins, of Lawrenceville, Va., is visiting her sister Mrs. E. W. Jones.

Misses Cora Taylor and Eva Cheatham have returned to Salem Female Academy.

Capt. A. W. Graham was in the city of New York Thursday and Friday on legal business.

Luther, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. White, who has been sick several days, is much improved.

Messrs. R. H. Fleming and Sam Lyon, of Creedmoor, and J. W. Harris, of Wilton, were on our streets Monday.

Messrs. H. G. Cooper, N. B. Cannady and Capt. B. S. Royster spent two days in Richmond during the past week.

W. W. Clement, of the Richmond & Danville Railroad, spent a few days in Oxford the past week visiting his parents.

We more than regret to learn of the continued sickness of Mr. R. P. Taylor, who has been confined at home for six weeks with malarial fever.

Messrs. W. A. Parham and H. E. Crews, of Watkins; I. N. Hobgood, of Sunset, and A. P. Overton, of Wilton, dropped in to see us on Tuesday.

Cadets Henry McGuire, Harry Williams and George Dorsey have returned to Bethel Academy, Va., and R. H. Cheatham to the Davis School, Winston.

Mr. Haywood White, late of Oxford, and who has been located in Charlotte some time, has gone to live in Richmond. He is a splendid telegraph operator.

We had the pleasure of meeting in our office Monday Messrs. John F. Cannady, of Wilton; W. J. Mangum and Mr. Davis, of Grissom; J. W. Wilson and son near Oxford.

J. C. Howard, of Culbreth, is at home from Wake Forest for a few days. We were glad to learn from him that Messrs. F. P. Hobgood, Jr., Frank Parham, P. P. Cannady, T. H. Hill and J. Y. Mangum from this county are doing well and stand high in their respective studies.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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