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A FEW BITES.

Little Minnows of News Caught in the Stream of a Week's Happenings

—Don't write it 1895.
—This is leap year, so look out boys.
—What shall we make Oxford in 1896?

—Christmas in Oxford was the quietest for years past.
—The frame work of Mr. Graham Royster's prize house is up.

—Start the New Year right by subscribing to the PUBLIC LEDGER.
—Try Riverside and Ozone cigars—they are the best—at the Osborn House.

—Our merchants enjoyed a good holiday trade as the town was crowded with shoppers.
—The Francis Hillard School reopened after the Christmas recess on Thursday morning.

—Mr. Henderson Tilley, who lives near Hampton, died on Friday in the 55th year of his age.

—Write Riverside Cigar Co., Danville, Va., for samples and prices of strictly fine hand-made cigars.

—The gripp is sweeping through the town and a large number of our people are suffering with the malady.

—Remember that you can get a nice cup of hot chocolate at Jackson's celebrated confectionery store.

—The tobacco boys are glad to get to work again as they are crowded with orders, and are anxious to get them filled.

—The children of the Presbyterian Sunday school enjoyed a Christmas tree and the dear little ones hearts beat for joy.

—Business men, we want your advertising and job work; farmers, we want your subscriptions to the PUBLIC LEDGER.

—The editor has lost his bunch of keys, the ring containing postoffice, desk and other keys. The finder will be rewarded by returning the same.

—Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates, Presiding Elder of this district, will hold his first quarterly meeting for Oxford station on Sunday next at the Methodist church.

—The members of the Good Samaritans tendered their colored friends a reception at the Lodge room Friday night which was pronounced a great success.

—"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." So let our people once more be a unit and be vigilant in pushing ahead everything that will add to Oxford's prosperity.

—Do not borrow the paper any longer, but turn over a new leaf for 1896 and stop spurning on the editor and subscribers. Only 50 cents for six months and \$1 per year.

—It would be a nice thing for Chief Kenna to have the sidewalk from Brinkley's photograph gallery to the new Baptist church graveled as the mud is very bad in wet weather.

—The question now arises among the good people of Granville will Sheriff Cozart have the backbone to discharge his pe, Rev. Starvation Bill Royster, who has made the county jail a bawdy house?

—Let the business men of Oxford extend to the PUBLIC LEDGER a more liberal patronage in the way of advertising and job work this year as we need it to make the paper what it should be—a credit to Oxford.

—Mr. Thos. White, the polite as well as excellent clerk who has been for a long time with the clothing house of Mr. B. F. Kronheimer, is now with Long Bros. where he will be glad to see his numerous friends.

—The President appointed Associate Justice Brewer, Judge Alvery, Andrew D. White, Frederick Condit and President Gilman the commission to enquire into the rightful boundary between Venezuela and British Guiana.

—It would be a source of great pleasure to the editor if subscribers would renew their subscriptions promptly as he regrets very much to stop the paper. Why hesitate when you must have the PUBLIC LEDGER to keep up with the county news?

—The first Quarterly Conference for Oxford circuit will be held at Salem the second Saturday and Sunday in January (the 11th and 12th). It is very important that we have a full attendance of the members.

G. B. PERRY.

—We are glad to say that Christmas passed off quietly and pleasantly in Oxford without a single accident, with the exception of Master Brown, son of Mr. J. W. Brown, who was accidentally hit in one of his eyes with a roman candle, but he is now all o. k.

—Mr. J. S. Brown, the grocer, has purchased from Judge Winston, of Durham, the corner store now occupied by Mr. L. E. Wright and will move into it about the 15th inst. This will give Mr. Brown plenty of room as he carries a large stock of groceries, hay, bran, shipstuf, &c.

—The many warm friends of Mrs. Anna Landis regret to lose her from Oxford, but it is an old-time saying that "the best of friends must part." Mrs. Landis has removed to Raleigh and is nicely fixed up in a large house and is keeping boarders. A host of friends wish her prosperity and happiness in her new home.

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—Mr. L. Hunter is on a visit to friends in Tillman's domain.

—Mr. E. W. Harper enjoyed Xmas with his parents at Warrenton.

—Mr. W. A. Hester, of Hester's, dropped in to see the editor Saturday.

—Mr. Paul Randolph has returned home after spending several weeks at Tillery.

—Mrs. H. M. Shaw and infant daughter returned a few days ago from Jackson.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Crews enjoyed Christmas at Suffolk, Va., the land of oysters.

—Miss Mary E. Gregory, of Stall, spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. James Powell.

—Sterl Carrington, of Durham, the fine cigar manufacturer, spent a few hours in our town Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perry and son, of Henderson, enjoyed the holidays in Oxford with relatives.

—Mr. T. B. Jeffreys, of Rocky Mount, while on a visit to Oxford took in the big show at Atlanta.

—Mr. W. A. Parham, of Watkins, has recovered from the effects of the holidays and dropped in to see us Friday.

—Miss Rosa and Master Eugene Crews spent Christmas in Durham county with their grandmother, Mrs. Lunsford.

—Mr. W. J. Coley, one of the rising young men of Northside, was in Oxford Thursday and honored us with a visit.

—Mr. H. M. Hester, of Hester, now spends around a little bigger than usual as he has a new 12lb boy at his home.

—The popular Foster Rogers, of Richmond, Va., joined his many friends in Oxford and enjoyed the festive season.

—Misses Annie Williams and Mary Cotton, two of Halifax's fairest young ladies, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rankolph.

—The Misses Hillard, who spent the holidays in Atlanta and in Monroe visiting their parents, returned to Oxford Tuesday afternoon.

—Prof. A. B. Kimball, now of Louisville, called to see us the past week in company with his brother, Mr. Ira Kimball, of Providence.

—Misses Carrie J. Shepard, May Bailey and Mr. Fred Shepard, of Suffolk, Va., and Miss Essie Marshall, of Concord, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Booth.

—Col. Ballou smiled his sweetest smiles on the classic banks of the Dan in the dear Old Dominion during the Christmas tide and returned home as happy as a lark.

—Major B. S. Royster, one of the finest officers of the State Guard, inspected the Franklinton company one day the past week and found the boys in most excellent trim.

—Messrs. Roy Hobgood, of Wake Forest, Willis Peace and Darius Eaton, of the University, and Robert Dalby, of University law school, joined their parents for the holidays.

—Major Minor, a distinguished looking gentleman of Staunton, Va., spent the holidays in Oxford with his daughters, Mr. James Plummer, the accomplished wife of the Rector of St. Stephen's church.

—Mr. W. A. Wilkinson, of Winston, joined Col. Henry Wilkinson in Oxford last week and they sought the old homestead at Averett, Va., where they met with a warm welcome.

—And still they leave us. This time it is Mr. Amos Dean, of Lewis, who has removed with his interesting family to Wakefield, Wake co. The best wishes of many friends follow him to his new home.

—Prof. David N. Blair, principal of the graded school at Winston, spent several days in Oxford the past week visiting his sister, Miss Emma Blair, one of the accomplished teachers at the Orphan Asylum.

—Col. W. A. Bobbitt visited this week his warm friend, Capt. Thos. M. Washington at Wilson, who has been seriously sick on account of breaking his leg. Col. B. returned Thursday and reported that he was much better.

—The pleasant Dr. Graham Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Bobbitt, of Baltimore, and Mr. S. Bobbitt, the handsome warehouseman of Wilson, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. C. Rogers, near Wilton, during the joyous season.

—The editor greatly enjoyed a visit from Mr. James Jenkins, of Greenville, Tuesday. He is an old Granville boy and it is a pleasure to us to note that he is one of the largest leaf buyers on that market. We wish him a prosperous trade for 1896.

—Dr. G. A. Coggeshall returned on Tuesday from a visit to Capt. T. M. Washington at Wilson. Although he is dangerously sick, we are glad to learn from the doctor that he will with good nursing pull through if he has no further set back.

—Mr. Jerome Tunstall, of Bullock, was in town Wednesday and called to see us. We found him with his head all tied up from being thrown out of his jumper and bruised about the head, but not seriously, and is getting along all right. He is as usual one of the deputy sheriffs of the county.

NATIONAL CAPITAL.

NEWS OF THE WEEK BOILED DOWN.

What is Going On In and Around the Capital of the Nation.

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up all manufactories, give work to the unemployed, give us a market for our agricultural and manufactured products, and give the country a boom generally. When the President sent his message to Congress with the war talk in it, he probably did the most popular thing among all classes he has ever done. It seemed to strike a responsive cord in the Legislative branches, as well as in the breasts of the people. They immediately authorized him to appoint a Commission to inquire and report upon the disputed line between Venezuela and England. Further several bills were introduced appropriating money and authorizing defence &c. England at first was disposed to laugh at it, and attribute it to mere bragadoocio for capital in a political campaign. But when she saw the seriousness of the question, and the other day when Russia made an offer of a loan to us of \$400,000,000 in gold John Bull changed his smile into a frown, and later the frown gave way to great seriousness of countenance.

Russia has ever been the friend of the United States, and as cordially hates England. She will do all she can to bring about a war between us and England, as this will give her a chance to doctor Turkey, "the sick man of Europe," a little more, and open up a way to the Mediterranean, a thing she has long desired. France and Russia are great allies, and besides France is more friendly to the United States than England, and even were she not, she would be too busy watching Germany to take a hand. Spain is busy with Cuba, in fact very busy, and it looks now as if she would have to be a great deal more so, if she wishes to retain Cuba. In case of British defeat it would probably mean the annexation of Canada, the loss of hundreds of millions of English capital invested in this country, as well as the payment of an immense war indemnity, which is the correct thing in modern warfare. Australia would likely assert her independence at such an opportunity, and set up a Republic. In fact it would mean a change of the whole face of the earth. Of course I am not admitting the defeat of our country under any circumstances. Russia would join us, ere she would allow it, and turn loose her 1,200,000 half barbarian soldiers, but good fighters, and English territory, England, with all her stubbornness, has never been accused of a want of policy and judgment. It is not believed she will risk the casualties that might happen to her, in case of defeat, for a few thousand square miles of Venezuela territory. Venezuela is even now preparing for war, and the other Central American Republics would likely join her for mutual protection. Let us hope that the dispute will be settled without the horrors of war, and that the two most civilized countries on the globe, of kindred manners, and the same tongue, will settle their disputes in a bloodless and Christian manner.

Dr. Shields, an eminent physician of Tennessee, says: "I regard Ayer's Sarsaparilla as the best blood medicine on