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SIMMONS LIVER REGULATOR

GOOD FOR EVERYBODY and everyone needs it at all times of the year. Malaria is always about, and the only preventive and relief is to keep the Liver active. You must help the Liver a bit, and the best helper is the Old Friend, SIMMONS LIVER REGULATOR, the RED Z.

Mr. C. H. H. of Lancaster, Ohio, says: "SIMMONS LIVER REGULATOR broke a case of Malarial Fever of three years' standing for me, and less than one bottle did the business. I shall use it when in need, and recommend it."

Be sure that you get it. Always look for the RED Z on the package. And don't forget the word REGULATOR. It is SIMMONS LIVER REGULATOR, and there is only one, and every one who takes it is sure to be benefited. THE BENEFIT IS ALL IN THE REMEDY. Take it also for Biliousness and Sick Headache; both are cured by a sluggish Liver.

J. H. Zeilin & Co., Philadelphia.

JACKSON

UP TO DATE

CONFECTIONER

OFFERS TO-DAY

Melanch Grape, Catwaba Grape, Florida Orange, XXXX Apples, Aspenwell Bananas.

Full Line Tenny's Fine Candies.

HOT CHOCOLATE ON DRAUGHT!

Everything good at Jackson's.

STEDMAN'S HEAD-ACHE

FOR HEAD-ACHE IN ALL ITS FORMS AND FOR NEURALGIA.

THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN CURED BY IT. 25¢ BOTTLE. ASK YOUR DRUGGIST FOR IT.

JOHN P. STEDMAN, Manufacturer. OXFORD, N. C.

Here's Greetings To One and All!

Paris Bros. Have moved into Their new store Next door to Cooper's Bank Building, And have started The New Year With new zeal, New energy, New Goods, and They want New customers. All of their Old customers Are invited to Call and see them At their new store. Fall and Winter Dress Goods, Capes, Wraps, &c., Are going Mighty cheap To make room for Their Spring Stock.

A FEW BITES.

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

—Mr. A. A. Clay, of Clay, was on our streets Wednesday.

—Prof. A. Baker, of Fairport, was on our streets Tuesday.

—Droves of horses and mules continue to come to Oxford.

—Mr. Paul Graham has returned and can be found at his office.

—Judge Graham is at home again, and is much improved in health.

—The Riverside Cigar is solid Havana—bought them at D. J. Gooch's.

—Mr. C. J. Gregory, who was quite sick several days, is out again.

—Mrs. W. W. Jones, who has been quite sick, we are glad to note is improving.

—Mr. Goodson, a tobacco dealer of Danville, Va., was on our streets Thursday.

—Miss Lottie Britt returned Wednesday from a visit to relatives in Henderson.

—Thornwell Lanier left Monday evening for Washington City on legal business.

—Mr. Ernest Edgerton, the polite clerk of Mr. J. S. Brown, is on a visit to relatives in Warren.

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

—The glass that has been put in the new Baptist Church, is of a beautiful design and much admired.

—The Directors of the Orphan Asylum held an important meeting some nights ago at this Institution.

—Twin girls were born unto Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sizemore a few days ago, but they lived only a few hours.

—Mr. Abner Newton, near Wilton, killed a hog a few days ago nineteen months old that weighed 549 pounds net.

—The home of Mr. Thos. W. Winston now possesses another sweet messenger of love—that of a little girl.

—The various ice houses were filled during the severe cold weather that we experienced during the first of the week.

—Prof. W. H. P. Jenkins, of Zeeho, was in town Tuesday, assisting Mr. T. D. Waller in apportioning the school fund.

—Mr. H. H. Harper, of Franklin, and brother of our Mr. E. W. Harper, has accepted a position on the PUBLIC LEDGER.

—We more than regret to learn of the sickness of our friend, Mr. John A. Waller, of Knap of Reeds. Wish him a speedy recovery.

—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hester, died at their home near Hester, on Wednesday night, and was buried on Thursday.

—Messrs. W. H. Waller, of Lyon, J. P. Hargrove, of Fairport, James T. Morris, of Sunset, and W. P. Lyon, of Wilton called to see the editor Tuesday.

—Messrs. Paris Bros., are now nicely fixed up in their new store next to the Cooper Bank Building. Remember the place as they are prepared to offer you bargains in goods.

—Try Riverside and Ozone cigars—they are the best—at the Osborn House.

—Oxford is blessed in having a photographer who ranks at the head of his profession in the person of J. D. Brinkley, Esq. We are pleased to learn that his fame is such that he is receiving orders for nice work from Baltimore.

—Mr. Oscar Baker and Miss Lillian Mead were married at Chase City, Va., on Wednesday, and arrived in Oxford on the evening train, and were tendered a reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. Broughton. Mr. Baker is a nephew of Mr. Broughton.

—Mr. Joe Webb, the live dealer in finely finished hard wood tastefully and artistically put together in the shape of furniture, is now offering excellent bargains to the public, and ask you to read his advertisement and go forthwith and take advantage of the rare opportunity.

—Rev. W. A. Pattillo returned to Oxford Monday, and took charge of the school taught by Rev. M. C. Ransom, who refers to do Missionary work in the State. Rev. Pattillo is one of our able colored teachers and has under his charge 175 children, and we welcome him back to his native county.

—Ozone Cigar is hand made, long Havana filler at J. P. Stedman's.

—Col. L. C. Edwards, Maj. B. S. Royster, counsel for Mr. J. W. Brown in the suit in Wake Superior Court against him on account of the passage of the fraudulent assignment act, left for Raleigh on Wednesday. Capt. A. S. Peace, one of the truly faithful of the noble Third also went along to help his partner, Billy Brown out.

—We know from experience that every body dislikes to take medicine when they need it, but if you must do it why J. G. Hall is undoubtedly the place to buy it just now as he has lowered prices several notches as will be seen from his advertisement elsewhere. Digest what he says in his message and take advantage of the offer he makes on several lines of goods.

MISS JEANNETTE BIGGS

Wins the Prize Offered by the Editor Richmond Times.

A prize was offered to little folks, both boys and girls, by the editor of the Richmond Times for the best letter giving an account of how Thanksgiving Day was spent. The letters of the contestants were published in the Times and last Sunday's issue of that paper contained the following announcement: "The prize for the best letter, all things considered, goes to little Miss Jeannette Biggs, of Oxford, N. C."

We publish the letter: OXFORD, N. C., Dec. 21, 1895. MR. EDITOR,

Dear Sir:—You ask us to give an account of how we spent Thanksgiving Day. Now, Mr. Editor, Thanksgiving Day brings up recollections of failure, because the Chapel Hillians on that day met with defeat on Virginia soil; and I as a North Carolinian would have little heart to enter a contest with Virginians, but for your impartial account of the football game of Thanksgiving Day in which you gave the Tar Heels all but the victory; and thus I feel sure that in a contest where you will be judge, Tar Heels may work against others, though they be Virginians.

Thanksgiving dawned bright and beautiful with us and found us in the possession of a much desired holiday, with a programme of fun for the whole day. For several weeks we had looked forward to this festive day with greatest pleasure, expecting lots of fun; nor were we disappointed.

The early hours of the day were spent in a morning stroll enjoying the bright sunshine in the company of gay and happy children. After which we attended church where the sermon, the music, and all the services were of thanksgiving order; the decorations were very beautiful consisting of ever-green and beautiful autumn flowers with offerings of grapes and other fruits.

After the services at church we attended a thanksgiving dinner where the big brown gobbler and the many good things generally displayed at a thanksgiving dinner were placed before us in the most tempting manner. After enjoying that rich feast the most important fun in store for us was a game of football played by the two teams of the cadets of Horner Military School. Of course this was very attractive to the young people of Oxford, and the colors of the two teams were seen displayed by the young ladies who had favorites in one or the other of the teams. The game was more one of fun than of interest as no reputation of colleges or friends was at stake. The football game ended the day.

After tea we attended a sociable to which a large crowd of young people were invited. The recitations and music, the songs and the pleasures of the evening were so enjoyed that we were unconscious of how rapidly the hours had passed until the clock struck twelve and caused us, Cinderella-like, to hurry away, not with a glass or a lost slipper, but leaving us the very happiest remembrance of Thanksgiving Day of '95.

Wishing you the very happiest Christmas, I remain

Your little friend,
JEANNETTE BIGGS, age 13.

NORTH-SIDE NOTES.

The New Year comes in very cold. We regret to know that Mrs. C. H. Allen is on the sick list.

Miss Zella Fleming was very sick during the holidays, but we are glad to know she is convalescing.

We had the pleasure of meeting with Hard Times Christmas and hearing her splendid vocal capacities.

Miss Lea Fleming, of Hester, has opened a school at Mr. A. G. Fleming's. We are glad to welcome her with us.

I would like to know of the correspondents what they think of a fellow when he gets up with his trousers on and don't know how it came about.

Mr. J. M. Beek and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Coley, from Lunenburg Co., Va., spent the Christmas holidays in the neighborhood to the delight of their many relatives and friends.

Much success to the editor, correspondents and the readers of the PUBLIC LEDGER. May they have a happy, prosperous and successful New Year.

I would like to meet that Shake Rag girl that shingles so, I would like to talk to her some about digging "taters." She seems to talk like she has big feet and can throw sand in a hurry, but that's a game two can play.

Some people say talking is cheap, but one Will Gains, colored, was tried before Squire M. L. Coley last Saturday and was fined \$10.00 and cost, \$10.30, making \$20.30 for using a few curse words in the postoffice at Northside, and refusing to leave when asked to do so. Right drag talk, I think.

MAGNUS SEX.

Six weeks ago I suffered with a very severe cold; was almost unable to speak. My friends all advised me to consult a physician. Noticing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised in the St. Paul Volks Zeitung I procured a bottle, and after taking it a short while was entirely well. I now most heartily recommend this remedy to anyone suffering with a cold. Wm. Kell, 678 Selby Ave, St. Paul, Minn. For sale by J. G. Hall, druggist.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

What the Board did on Monday Last --Meeting of the School Board.

The Board met promptly on Monday despite the intense cold weather with all the members present, chairman, T. D. Waller, B. I. Breedlove, G. B. Royster, J. P. Thomas and W. H. Garner, with clerk Crews and N. B. Cannady, at their p. c. f.

Several persons were allowed rebate on taxes erroneously enlisted. The bond of J. W. Brown, coroner, was presented and accepted.

Ordered that J. L. Carrington, of Hampton, I. H. Stigall, J. T. Willey, S. F. Critcher & Co. and M. F. Looman, Oxford, were granted license to retail liquor until June 30th.

Ordered that the County tax of \$25 due from the corporation of Oxford for a license on the Opera House be remitted for 1895.

Lauriston Elliott, constable for Oak Hill township, presented his bond and it was accepted. L. D. Estes, constable for Brassfield, and D. A. Moore, of Oxford, also presented their bonds and were accepted.

Ordered that the usual allowance of \$200 be granted the Granville Grays for the year 1896.

Ordered that W. T. Wheeler be allowed a balance of \$46, for balance on contract to T. L. Cannady for building bridge over Tar River at Cannady's Mill, said Wheeler having taken the contract of said Cannady for building bridge. T. D. Waller registered his vote against it.

Ordered that Sarah Taylor be placed on outside pauper list at \$1. per month.

Ordered that the clerk to the Board be instructed not to receive any merchants purchase returns unless the same has been sworn to according to law.

Ordered that T. D. Waller and S. V. Ellis be appointed a Committee to settle with the County Treasurer.

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Sheriff Cozart reported the unlisted taxes collected as follows: State, \$881.57; school, \$753; county, \$1,287.83.

Sheriff Cozart reports the amount of taxes collected for all purposes during December as follows: State, \$1,120.36; school, \$1,152.81; county, \$1,136.05; railroad, \$103.87; total, \$3,512.09.

After allowing quite a number of claims against the county the honorable duty adjudged, having done their duty towards the people as well as the county. It goes without saying that the Board is one of the best that the county has had for years, and the clerk cannot be best as well as the able, watchful and efficient attorney, Mr. N. B. Cannady.

BOYS AND YOUNG MEN.

Many boys and young men are trying to decide what is best to do the new year, 1896. Now, young friends let us tell you here and now no other investment pays as well as the money spent in securing an education. There is no doubt about that. The only question is, which is best school to attend—where can you get the best advantage for the least money? This is a business, is it not?

In this issue of the PUBLIC LEDGER appears the advertisement of the well known Davis Military School, of Winston, N. C. We recommend this school as absolutely first-class—a school that will do just what it promises to do. This is strong language it is true, but we know what we are talking about. Not only are we well acquainted with the Superintendent and the workings of Davis Military School, but we have been a patron of this institution and know of the thorough teaching done there, and the kind treatment which the boys and young men receive.

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BILLY BROWN IN JAIL.

Not Our Billy, but Franklin County Billy.

Last Friday J. W. Brown, a young white man from Franklin county, brought a small heifer here and sold her to one of our butchers under suspicious circumstances. As soon as he surmised what was up he took leg bail and made a fine run with a large number of men after him. Only five or six colored men had wind enough to follow the Franklin Billy and capture him after a run of two miles, and brought him back to town and lodged him in Hotel de Royster to await the coming of court. Chief Renn caught on to a clue and followed it up until he reached Franklin and with the aid of Equire C. D. Britt found out that Brown was a member of a regular band of thieves and gobbled up two more and never stopped until he landed them in jail in Oxford where they will have the pleasure of eating some of Starvation Bill's scanty grub for two weeks or more.

It turns out that the heifer belonged to a man in Franklin county, who came to Oxford, proved his property and carried her home.

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STARTING WELL.

The Oxford Tobacco Market Still Going Ahead.

Our tobacco market is still on top as to high prices on all grades, and is not led by any other on brights. Our warehousemen are hard to down and never allow a pile to escape their vigilance, and the buyers are willing to join them in paying the highest possible prices for all grades. Our boys are very anxious to fill orders so we tell you to come right along to Oxford with your tobacco, not only to patronize your home town but get the cream of prices for all grades. We happened to be at the Farmers warehouse, run by Hunt & Williams, on Tuesday and took down a few prices to show you how the weed is selling.

C. N. Floyd, \$6, 11 75, 16 75, 24 43.
J. H. Stem, \$9, 9 25, 14, 16 25, 18, 23 40.
C. G. Mangum, \$5 20, 6 75, 12, 13 75, 14 75, 24 50, 42 50.
W. T. Curran, \$5 40, 7 50, 13, 13, 16 75, 31, 48 50.
Harris & Allen, \$4 20, 12 25, 15 75, 14 25, 20, 27, 40 50.
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