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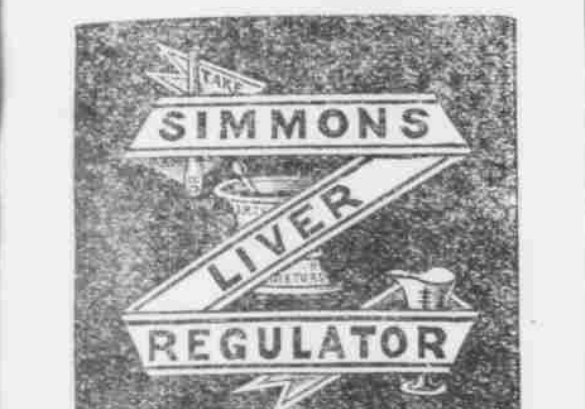
LEDGER.

Our Readers
Should Trade With
Our Advertisers!

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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.

YOU
WILL MISS A TREAT IF YOU FAIL TO SEE JACKSON'S DISPLAY:
5 Bunches A NO. 1 BANANAS.
5 Barrels FINEST APPLES.
5 Boxes FANCY ORANGES.

JACKSON, The Confectioner,
NEXT TO BANK.

We are selling goods for cash, at cut prices so that people call us "Cheap John."
A full stock of Fresh Garden Seed just received.
JOHN P. STEDMAN,
Manufacturing Druggist.

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

—More new legal advertisements appear in this issue.
—Mr. Sid Hunt has been confirmed by the Senate as postmaster of Oxford.

—As far as Congress is concerned they have recognized the billigerents of Cuba.

—Mr. L. E. Estes, of Beck, killed four pigs nine months old last week that averaged 150 pounds.

—Barber Wanted.—There is a good opening for a first-class barber in Oxford. None but a good one is desired.

—Mr. J. A. Taylor with his interesting family now occupies the Pool residence lately vacated by Mrs. Brogden.

—Special reduction on Photographs until the 15th by J. J. Faber, over the old Grandy Store. Best work, and examination solicited.

—The editor regrets that he happened to be cut when Miss Mollie Debnam, the hustling canvasser for Orphan's Friend, called to see him.

—The patrons of the postoffice are happy as a new lamp has been placed in the front part of the building. It is a big improvement and greatly appreciated.

—Mr. Z. W. Allen, the model superintendent of the Home of the Aged and Infirm, placed in the Orphan Asylum, Atlas and Joe Piper, two small boys.

—Richmond Pearson, who the Pops elected to Congress in the 9th district ridiculed the Populists and their devotion to silver in a speech in Congress Wednesday.

—Starling's Electric Soap, best clothes cleaner and medical soap in the world. Sold at the Oxford Racket Store by J. J. Medford. Try a box of it and be convinced.

—The County Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, and transacted a large amount of business. We will give our readers a synopsis of their proceedings next week.

—Rev. J. E. Smith, principal of Pea Ridge Institute at Creedmoor and an able expounder of the word, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church on Sunday, preaching an able sermon.

—Caleb Green, the wide awake correspondent of the News and Observer at Durham, dubbed Marshal Carroll as the "Artful Dodger," but Caleb has got his department "where the hair is short."

—We heartily thank Hon. Fred A. Woodard, the gallant member of Congress from the Second District, for a copy of the memorial addresses on the life and character of that great statesman and patriot Zebulon B. Vance. We prize it very highly.

—Mr. A. A. Bryant, the painter, was the first one to get baptized in the pool of the new Baptist church. A few days ago he was up on some planks oiling the ceiling when they gave way and he landed in the water below. He crawled out without a scratch.

—The hosts of friends of our honored and highly esteemed townsman and able expounder of the law, Mr. N. B. Cannady, will hail with the utmost pleasure that he has regained his old time vigor and is now the picture of health. No truer or better man ever lived in Oxford than Board Cannady.

—We are a stronger Oxford man than ever and determined to do all in our power to build her up, so let us do away with seemingly monopolistic interests in Oxford, and all unite on one common plane to advance and build up our town, as we cannot alone depend on our leaf tobacco market.

—Why cannot our business men enlarge the present telephone system that has already been established in Oxford? It will only cost each subscriber a nominal sum each year, instead of paying the enormous sum of \$50 per year for another system? Think about it and thus keep your money at home.

—The wife of our esteemed countyman, Mr. Milton Washington, of Stem, was gathered to rest on Friday. She was the mother of Capt. T. M. Washington, of Wilson, and has been a great sufferer for years, but her trials are ended and she now sweetly sleeps in the bosom of her Savior. The burial took place Sunday witnessed by a very large number of relatives, neighbors and friends.

—4,640 bids for \$558,269,850 worth of bonds. Such a tremendous total of the subscriptions opened at the Treasury department in Washington Wednesday in accordance with the terms of the call issued a month ago by Secretary Carlisle inviting proposals for \$1,000,000 of U. S. 4 per cent. bonds. The immense offerings astounded experts. The bids range from par up to a single \$50 at \$150.

—We regret to learn from the Durham Sun of the death of one of Durham's most popular citizens, Mr. T. B. Farthing, of consumption, which occurred on Tuesday last. Mr. Farthing was well known and had a host of friends in Granville. He married Miss Roxie Suit, of the Northside section. To the heart-broken widow, two little children and relatives of the deceased we extend our warmest sympathies.

THE GREAT BEAR HUNT

Thursday Night--All Enjoyed the Sport Hugely.

For many days wild rumors of serious depredations by a hungry bear had been floating around. Pigs, puppies and chickens had been ruthlessly eaten, while some of our citizens had been aroused in the dead hours of the night to drive the hungry brute from their very doors. One gentleman assured the writer he had shot at the bear not over five or six feet from his doorstep. Cooks and house servants had to hurry home before dark to keep from falling a pray to bruin. Things were getting serious; no one was considered safe; the town officials were appealed to in vain.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Three Sent to Pen--Able Speeches of Messrs. Royster and Hicks--Solicitor Bynum.

Our report last week closed with the trial of Wiley Smith, colored, in progress for the murder of Sallie Thorp, also colored. The case was made very interesting on account of the able crossing of lances by the counsel on each side. Solicitor W. P. Bynum for the State and Mr. A. A. Hicks and Major B. S. Royster for the prisoner. They made a gallant fight against the astute Solicitor and succeeded in saving Smith's neck, the jury returning a verdict in the second degree. Both of these gentlemen added new laurels to their already fine reputation as lawyers in their able defense of the prisoner. Solicitor Bynum is a bold, aggressive prosecuting officer—decidedly the best we have had for years—and a terror for evil doers and it is a pleasure to us to accord justice to a good officer whether of our political faith or not. Smith sentenced to penitentiary for 15 years, and appealed to Supreme Court.

The following were sent to the Pen and taken there Tuesday by Mr. J. T. Cozart, assisted by Bill Crews: Jack Taylor, larceny, 1 year; Oscar Green, larceny, 18 months; Frank Clay, larceny, 1 year. John Smith alias J. W. Brown, larceny, although a jury pronounced him sane was committed to the insane asylum at Raleigh to be returned forthwith if the authorities pronounced him sane.

State vs Ben Hester, col., a. w. d. w., guilty; 15 days in jail. In case carrying concealed weapons judgment suspended on payment of cost.

As we go to press the case of H. A. Crenshaw, executor of John Johnson, deceased, vs W. C. Johnson and others caveators, has consumed three days. Evidence all in and Major B. S. Royster, one of the counsel for the plaintiff, made the opening speech before the jury, a masterly argument consuming nearly two hours. Col. L. C. Edwards and Mr. Person, of Louisburg, are assisting him. Those on the other side are ex-Judge Winston, Messrs. A. A. Hicks, J. Crawford Biggs and Alex. Field, and some fine speeches are looked for.

The term of court has jogged on in rather a tedious way as might be expected under fusion regime. The Sheriff and deputies continue to make it evident from their actions they consider but few competent to serve as jurors who were not in the original combine. They pay the black brother for his ardent support by making him a talisman, thus does the Pops' promise of a non-partisan judiciary fade in thin air. They made a great commotion about re-fusion on this line, and it was sincerely hoped that what they practiced would bear some resemblance to what they preached, but the worst charges they ever brought against the Democrats utterly fail to describe their actions now that they are in power.

Even so pronounced was the partisanship of some of the Sheriff's deputies in summoning jurors one day this week that three of the deputies were summoned on one jury. As to the regular duties of collecting taxes, serving papers, etc., the Sheriff is unquestionably a good officer.

The average intelligence of our juries has been so lowered by the introduction of politics by this method as to call forth remarks by gentlemen attending this court from other counties. We have to be thankful that we were spared the spectacle of old bench warmer Broomfield Ridley as forman of the grand jury, but such an occasion is not unlikely to meet us if the respectable element of North Carolina permits ignorance and corruption to continue in control of her affairs.

Loosed Four Guilty Men.

The trials of three white men and one negro for incendiarism at Kingston have ended in acquittal of all of the defendants. The verdict is a great surprise.

The trial occupied eight days. The defendants were charged with having caused many fires and great loss of property. The defendants prepared at best for a mistrial. When the verdict was announced Judge A. W. Graham said to the jury: "You have the satisfaction of having turned loose four very guilty men; poor encouragement for a law-abiding people to come to a court of justice."

State Senator James M. Mewborne, ex-president of the State Farmer's Alliance, was president of the jury.

TWO ABLE SERMONS

By Rev. J. Ernest Thacker on Sunday Last.

Below will be found a synopsis of able and impressive sermons delivered by Rev. J. E. Thacker on last Sunday morning and night at the Presbyterian church. These sermons had some striking points in them and were delivered in the pleasant manner characteristic of the speaker who is equally popular in the social circle or the pulpit. The manner of Brother Thacker as a preacher is such that one in listening to him realizes that his religious chief object is to preach the word in sincerity and truth so as to make men love and reverence their Creator. His text was:

Joshua 24:17. Out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. By way of introduction Brother Thacker showed how the Master used figures to reveal the divine truth more clearly; how the whole Bible was full of figures, especially the Old Testament; and how the deliverance of Israel from Egypt was typical of the deliverance of the sinner from the bondage of sin.

I. He showed God's purpose in bringing Israel out of Egypt. (1) Ex. 5:1—"That they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness." He showed them how God fed them both in a temporal and spiritual sense and how He feeds us.

(2) Ex. 7:16—"That they may serve me." He showed how God expected each Christian to serve Him.

(3) Ex. 5:3—"That they may sacrifice unto me." Showing how we are to present our bodies a living sacrifice to God.

(4) Ex. 20:2—"From the house of bondage." Showing God as our deliverer from the bondage of sin.

(5) Ex. 6:7—"Bringeth you out from under the bondage of the Egyptians." Revealing to us our God as the great burden-bearer for those who trust in Him.

(6) Ex. 6:7—"I will be to you a God." He brought them out from among the gods of the Egyptians, and brings us out from among the gods of worldliness that He may be our God.

(7) Ex. 6:8—"I will give you it for an heritage." He brought them and He finally brings us to a better land, blessed of God, flowing with milk and honey. To the "beautiful home of the soul."

The rest was preached at night. II. How God delivered Israel. (1) By blood sprinkled on the door posts and lintels. So today He delivers us by means of the blood of the Lamb of God sprinkled with the hyssop of faith on the door posts of the human heart.

(2) By a leader.—Moses. He showed how God appoints his children as leaders to seek and to save that which is lost.

(3) By overcoming the opposing forces with the plagues. He showed how intemperance, looseness in society and corruption in civil affairs were some of the opposing forces that the churches had to overcome.

(4) By exercise of supernatural power. He quoted Christ's words, "Greater works than these shall ye do," showing that it was greater and more acceptable work to bring a soul to God than to exercise such power.

(5) Some temptation tending to keep them in Egypt. (1) Ex. 8:25—"Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land." Showing how the devil tempts people not to join the church but to remain in Egypt.

(2) Ex. 8:28—"I will let you go, only go to very far away from me." He showed how the devil tempted Christians not to go very far away from their sins, but to remain near the line of worldliness.

(3) Ex. 10:11—"Go no ye that are men." In other words, leave your families in Egypt. He showed how parents neglected the work of bringing their own families to God.

(4) Ex. 10:24—"Let your flocks and your cattle be stayed." Don't take your possessions with you. He showed how that many people professed to be Christians, but their pocketbooks were still unconverted; and how that God said "where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Finally he urged us to lay up our treasures above where moths and rust do not corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.

THE TRAVELLERS.

People That Move with the Times--They go Forward, of Course.

—Mr. E. G. Currin spent Friday in Durham.

—Mr. T. D. Waller is on a few days visit to Bullock.

—Dr. J. M. Hays, of Greensboro, spent Saturday in Oxford.

—Mr. T. J. Crews, of Durham, visited Oxford Saturday.

—Mr. Hillman Cantaly, of Wilton, spent Sunday in Oxford.

—Judge A. W. Graham is holding Craven county court this week.

—Mr. L. Hunter has returned from a six weeks visit to South Carolina.

—Mrs. Bain, of Raleigh, is visiting her mother, Mrs. R. P. Hughes.

—School Examiner A. Baker, of Fairport, was on our streets Monday.

—Mr. James I. Moore, of Franklin county, was on our streets Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jones, of Culbreth, were on our streets Wednesday.

—Miss Ethel Roberts, of Durham, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brooks.

—Mrs. J. M. Currin is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Tyree, of Durham.

—Mr. S. M. Clark, one of the popular young men of Lyon, paid us a visit Thursday.

—County Commissioner Ike Breedlove, of Salem township, was in Oxford Saturday.

—Mr. Wade H. Britt returned from a several months stay in Baltimore, Wednesday.

—Mayor Wiley Person, and Mr. Henry Crenshaw, of Louisburg, are in Oxford this week.

—Mrs. J. L. Ferguson and sister, Miss V. A. Baker, are on a visit to relatives in Durham.

—The humorous Dr. George I. Nowitzky, of Norfolk, Va., attended court here this week.

—Rev. B. C. Allred, of Stem, and Mr. S. C. Lyon, of Creedmoor, were on our streets Friday.

—Mrs. T. B. Kingsbury, of Wilmington, is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Lynch.

—Mr. W. J. Coley, a member of the popular firm of Fleming & Coley, spent Sunday in Oxford.

—Mrs. Jane Young, of Henderson, spent the past week with her daughter, Mrs. N. B. Cannady.

—Mrs. T. M. Lynch, who has been quite sick some days, we are pleased to learn, is much better.

—Little Miss Mary White is on a visit to her grandparents, Mrs. Thos. White, Sr., at Louisburg.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Clement, of Brownsville, were among the visitors to Oxford Monday.

—Miss Pattie Manning, of Henderson, is the guest of Mrs. J. C. Randolph, on Spring street.

—Mr. J. E. Rogers, of progressive Creedmoor, visited Oxford Wednesday and paid us a pleasant call.

—Chief Renu spent Friday in Durham and gave away the great bear hunt fake, in which he was a victim.

—The many friends of Mr. Allen Thomas, of Durham, were shaking his hand on our streets Wednesday.

—Mr. Graham B. Royster, one of our county "dads," from Oak Hill township, was on our streets Tuesday.

—Col. R. O. Gregory, one of the North Carolina and Virginia line commissioners, is at home for a few days.

—Mr. A. G. Cheatham, of the Watkins section, was a welcome visitor to the PUBLIC LEDGER office Wednesday.

—The editor enjoyed a visit on Monday from Messrs. John Lawrence, of Wilton, and W. R. Allen, of Stem.

—Miss Mary Lynch, who has been on an extended visit to Hillsboro and Franklinton, returned home Wednesday.

—Our old time friend, W. C. Thaxton, of Durham, was in Oxford Tuesday, shaking hands with his many friends.

—The very efficient Deputy Collector of this Division, Mr. J. A. Thomas, of Louisburg, was in Oxford Tuesday.

—Mr. T. T. Bobbitt, one of the most popular men on the road, spent a few days with his family in Oxford this week.

—Messrs. A. A. Lyon, of Lyon, and E. C. Harris, of Fishing Creek, were numbered among our welcome visitors Monday.

—The editor had the pleasure of meeting in Oxford Thursday, Mr. I. G. Staunton, one of the substantial citizens of Franklinton.

—Ex-Judge Winston, of Durham, Mr. T. T. Hicks, of Henderson, and Mr. John W. Graham, of Hillsboro, are attending our court this week.

—J. A. Thorp, one of the live colored teachers of Fairport, Rev. J. M. Taylor, of Creedmoor, and Rev. J. Cozart, of Berea, both worthy colored preachers, paid the editor a visit on Tuesday.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

Oxford, Wake up and Become a Link in the Chain.

We have noticed, since our return from Florida, an undecurrent of sentiment strongly favoring an industrial movement in the community. We have expressed to those merchants with whom we have conversed sympathy with this improved feeling and our intention to advocate it through the columns of the PUBLIC LEDGER. The same business ability and energy that has made Oxford the best tobacco market in North Carolina and extended its reputation far beyond State lines can and ought to give its attention to the starting of new enterprises for the still further benefit and advantage of the town of which we are justly proud.

Between Columbus and Durham there are many mills working day and night; every little hamlet has its tall smoking chimney indicating the prosperity and industry of its inhabitants. All along the line new buildings are in process of construction and freight cars are laden with machinery waiting to be put in place.

High Point, a town to the west of us, has half a dozen small plants, all doing well; among them is a chair factory that cannot keep up with its orders.

Concord, in Cabarras county, had in 1880 1,200 population, in 1890 4,000 and at the present time over 7,000. The number of its buildings devoted to cotton manufacturing is 13; it has two roller mills turning out a fine grade of flour and also a large wood working establishment and lumber yard; all this in 10 years.

Our neighbor, Durham, is now suffering from "big head" and has a just right to, brought on by rapid expansion of her commercial interest; and we must have some of these good things also.

It is not necessary here to enumerate the advantages of schools, churches and society Oxford has to offer to strangers; but beside these she has several buildings equipped with steam power which would be leased or sold at nominal figures or their value taken in stock; there is some capital also that would be subscribed to help on the right party who will locate a manufacturing plant here.

The problem is this: we have strong inducements to offer; just such opportunities as live young men are looking for in other States. How shall we reach them, make known our wants and supply their needs? We shall have more to say on this subject later.

How Can They Do It?

We cannot see why Pops, Democrats and Republicans can keep men in office whose carcasses are besmirched and become a stench in the nostrils of all decent people. They should be turned out and men of character put in their places, whether white or colored. Another thing we cannot see is why the white Pops will cling like death to a miserable negro that two grand juries have reported for half feeding the prisoners under his charge unless they are dependent upon him put the leaders in office, or whether they are following the instructions of Boss Butler, the greatest political fraud that North Carolina ever produced.

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.

A Great Household Convenience.

If you haven't seen it, be sure to call at The Standard Cabinet Company's office, next to the Episcopal church, where you will find the gentlemanly agents who will take great pleasure in showing you the Cabinet greatest household conveniences ever brought before the people and we gladly recommend it to our patrons and friends as it is NO FRAUD, but a strictly honest article in every respect. Just think of having your flour, meal, sugar, coffee, tea, rice, oatmeal, Hominy, buckwheat, soda, and all different spices and seasonings, coffee mill, bread box, and a place for almost every article kept in the kitchen. No housekeeper can see it without wanting it. We call your attention to their advertisement in another part of this paper.