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GOOD FOR EVERYBODY
If you need it at all times of the year, it is always about, and the only preventive and relief is to keep the liver active. You must help the Liver, and the best helper is the Old Friend, SIMMONS' LIVER REGULATOR, the RED Z.

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.

YOU
WILL MISS A TREAT IF YOU FAIL TO SEE JACKSON'S DISPLAY!

24 Packages A No. 1 BANANAS
24 Packages FINEST APPLES
4 Boxes FANCY ORANGES

JACKSON, The Confectioner,
NEXT TO BANK.

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

The large Royster prize house will soon be completed.
The roadway of life has never been macadamized for any man.
Chief Renn's street force is at work filling up some of the holes.
It is much better to have a black spot on your face than one on your character.
To be a professor now-a-days all one needs is knowledge of how to cure corns.
The more you puff a cigar the smaller it becomes. And that is the way with some men.
The truth of the biblical saying "Seek and you shall find" is exemplified in advertising.
A love-sick woman is a greater aggravation to the household than an abashed bed-bug.
If you wish a delightful hot drink we recommend hot chocolate to be found at Jackson's.
The roof of the railroad warehouse at Stems was partly taken off during the late high winds.
Be sure and read the new legal advertisements in this week's issue as you may be vitally interested.
The rafters of the colored Second Baptist church that were taken off by the wind are being put back.
An advertisement that rings with the good qualities of an article has for its echo the ring of the dollar.
We will still receive silver money at par for advertising or subscriptions. Don't be bashful about sending it.
Merit alone will not produce a sale for an article; it takes publicity if you have a good thing; tell the people about it.
Women would not be so nervous were it not for the men. The average man is calculated to make a steam engine nervous.
Dr. Joe Morris, of Wilton, rode out of Oxford Monday in a new buggy. He is one of the rising young physicians of the county.
Messrs. Handley Bros. are putting in a gum flooring in the Erwin Cotton Mills at Durham. Mr. A. B. Spencer has charge of the work.
Every reader of newspapers in this country will regret the death of the famous humorist, Bill Nye, which occurred at his home at Buck Shoals, near Asheville, a few days ago.
In the death of Hon. George Davis, at Wilmington, on Sunday morning, aged 76, the State loses one of its most eminent citizens. He was a member of the Confederate Cabinet.
The ladies of the Methodist church will give a dime sociable this Friday evening at the residence of Mr. W. L. Mitchell, on Broad street, from 8 to 10. You are cordially invited to attend.
The many admirers of the new Baptist church hope to see the plucky congregation occupying it by Jan. 1, 1897. The progress of the work is now going on at such a rapid rate it is fully believed that it will be finished by the above date.
We extend our warmest congratulations to the bright and glittering Durham Sun on its successful battle of 7 years for its thriving and bustling city. May it continue its good work and grow brighter with each succeeding day, week and year.
The disgust of many Democrats in Oxford when they read the News and Observer containing the Smith-Peebles-Mott-Butler et al. fusion deal business was very marked, the most of them believing in standing by the old Democratic ship with no negro rule attachments.
Mary Potter Memorial School will hold a "Demorest Contest" in the Opera House this Friday night, Feb. 28th. We invite the good people of Oxford to attend, especially those interested in the temperance cause.
G. C. SHAW,
Principal.

The place to trade to best advantage can always be determined by a careful inspection of the advertising columns of your local paper. Business men who have goods for sale are always represented in their local papers. When you find a man pushing his business you may put him down as the man it will pay to trade with.
A Pennsylvania man recently presented his wife with a piano lamp, which she said she would call after him. On asking her the reason, she replied "Well, dear, it has a good deal of brass about it, it is handsome to look at, it is not remarkably brilliant, requires a good deal of attention, is liable to explode, flares up occasionally, is always out at bedtime, and is bound to smoke."

Father Price, of Raleigh, closed his interesting lectures here on Friday evening in the interest and defense of false charges made against the Catholic church, and left for home on Saturday. We found him a most agreeable and intelligent gentleman and truly a faithful worker in the grand church he represents. It is a pleasure to us to say that he was treated with the utmost courtesy during his stay in Oxford and that the members of the different denominations attended his lectures.

Bones Wanted.
10,000 pounds of BONES WANTED by Davis & Hunt, next door to Postoffice. Highest Cash Prices Paid. Feb 14-4t.

NATIONAL CAPITAL.

NEWS OF THE WEEK BOILED DOWN.

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

613 6th St., N. E., WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Since my residence in this city, of nearly three years, I have been a correspondent of the PUBLIC LEDGER, more or less regularly, all the time. I have never invited, or intentionally written anything to invite a newspaper controversy. Nor do I now. I do not seek that kind of notoriety. But in the issue of the PUBLIC LEDGER of the 14th, I find a communication of one "Magwump," attacking a statement I made in a previous communication, and it puts my meaning in a false light before the public. Perhaps I should have been more explicit and not left myself open to this criticism, but I thought the literature on this subject was so bounteous and well distributed, that it was not necessary to elaborate. I do not believe "Magwump" would misconstrue me intentionally, but he signs himself by such a detestable name to democracy,—one that has been the cause of our undoing,—that one is apt to forget the personality of the individual in the class to which he has elected to call himself as belonging.
I certainly did not mean that Congress could call a certain amount of a metal money, because it put its stamp on it. I certainly do not propose to endorse wild coin money or legislation. (And here I want to say that this climate is more congenial to the growth of malaria than Populism, and though I have suffered severely with the former, as yet I feel no symptoms of the latter.) What I meant was to give silver its due. Make it interchangeable with gold and let it seek its value. If Congress by an act demonetizing it could make it a commodity and of no value except as used as merchandise, perhaps by enacting suitable laws, restoring it to its former functions, it might eventually seek the place from which it had fallen, and be equal with the yellow metal. We all know that when it was demonetized it was the equal of gold, and the records show that in many years it was even at a premium.
This also brings up the abstract question of what can be done with gold. It is accepted as the unit of value, and silver is to be judged by it, there being much more silver than gold, it will take more silver to buy gold, than gold to buy silver. There is never an exchange of two articles, but what one buys the other. If North Carolina should pass a law (which they are liable to do under a Fusion legislature) that corn meal should not be sold or used as bread, but only flour should be so used, the man who raises wheat would have decidedly the advantage of it. He might trade one bushel of wheat for two of corn, or more and feed the corn to his hogs, and from his hogs make the GREASE that goes into his biscuit at a reduced cost. But we would say he was taking advantage of nature and using the fact that North Carolina raises little wheat and much corn to his own advantage. In fact we would say he was taking advantage of his neighbors, whether he was one of the few wheat farmers or whether he was able to import it from abroad.
By surreptitious methods, which no one has even satisfactorily explained, silver received the first dastardly blow. When it was known that it was a fact, everyone asked, "how was it done, and to the advantage of whom?" But an enterprising wedge is the main factor in sundering the knotted problem. So when the Bland-Allison bill was passed it rather counteracted some of this evil. Such astute financiers as John Sherman saw this, and when he became Secretary of the Treasury, shortly after he hit the wedge another blow. Without any authority of law, or any approval of public opinion, he decided that it was necessary to lay by \$100,000,000 in gold in the Treasury, to uphold the public credit. He did so. A Republican Administration succeeded him, and it was then done until Cleveland was President, the first time. Then honest Dan Manning was Secretary of the Treasury. The bankers and others thought it was time to raid the Treasury. They had repeatedly used so successfully since. But he, honest a true man that he was, said to them, "Gentlemen, you can draw gold out of the Treasury for all legitimate purposes, but the moment you attempt to raid the Treasury, I will pass you silver for every dollar of the indebtedness you hold against the Government. The law says your obligations are payable in coin, and I will use my option for the convenience of the Treasury and for the interest of the American people."
That was enough; the raid was nipped in the bud; the gold surplus, whether placed wisely or unwisely, was intact; the oormorants could not gorge themselves, and when that administration went out the Treasury had more than \$200,000,000 surplus. So embarrassed had the question of government receipts become, and so fast were they piling up that the President called for tariff reform, and a lowering of the duties on the articles of FIRM NECESSITY, and to stop it. Politicians say now the issue was pre-

THE TRAVELLERS.

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

Mr. W. J. Long visited Stovall Wednesday.
Major B. S. Royster, spent Monday in Henderson.
Mr. W. H. Green, of Stems, called to see us on Monday.
Judge Graham returned Friday from holding Bertie court.
Dr. I. H. Davis visited Stovall Sunday and returned Monday.
Capt. A. F. Spencer has about recovered from his late illness.
Mrs. George Pittard, of Henderson, spent Wednesday in Oxford.
Col. Henry Cooper and Master Henry spent Saturday in Durham.
Miss Mattie Peed, of Hargrove, is visiting Misses Viola and Eva Jones.
Capt. Archie Gregory and daughter, of Stovall, were on our streets Wednesday.
Messrs. Taylor and Abner Overton, of Fishing Creek, called to see us Tuesday.
Mrs. L. F. Smith and Miss Mattie Smith, of Tar River, were in Oxford Tuesday.
Grand Master F. M. Moyer, of Wilson, visited the Orphan Asylum on Wednesday.
Mr. J. F. Edwards is suffering with a severe cold, and was confined to his room Thursday.
Miss Ethel Dorsey, of Henderson, was the guest of Miss Lottie Britt a few days this week.
Little Miss Eva Bobbitt returned on Tuesday from a visit to her aunt, Mrs. T. C. Rogers, at Wilton.
Mr. A. A. Hicks, one of our eminent barristers, attended the Supreme court in Raleigh Tuesday.
Mr. J. N. Fuller, of Bera, and Capt. Jeff Daniel, of Revenue Department, were on our streets Wednesday.
Messrs. Alex Wilkinson, of Averett, Va., and W. T. Hunt, of Tar River, were agreeable visitors at this office Tuesday.
Miss Lizzie Cutchings, who has been spending some time with Mrs. Eugene Crews, returned to her home at Suffolk, Va., last week.
Gen. W. R. Cox, Secretary of the U. S. Senate, enjoyed Sunday with his two bright sons who are attending the Horner School.
Henry Hundley and Cortez Wright left for Durham Monday in search of work. We wish them success and glory in their spunk.
Mr. J. W. Adeock, of Oak Hill, and the young and sprightly Capt. W. O. Bobbitt, of Fishing Creek, dropped in to see us on Thursday.
Messrs. J. T. Morton, of Satterwhite, and J. E. Prazier, of Whetstone, were welcome visitors to the "Old Democratic Rattle Trap" office Wednesday.
Capt. Thomas Washington will return to Wilson today. During his stay in Oxford he has greatly improved and can walk a few steps without crutches.
Capt. Pryce Jones, the gallant commander of the Vanees Guards and an artistic job printer, was in Oxford a short time Tuesday and dropped in to see us.
Miss Fannie Allen, of Tar River Academy, was summoned by telegraph a few days ago to Rocky Mount to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Nannie Terry, who is critically ill.
The pleasant William Pleasants, of Creedmoor, smiled in upon the ugly "old man" Friday. It is always a pleasure to us to meet a man as good looking as we have the reputation of being.
Supt. N. M. Lawrence, of the Orphan Asylum, and Messrs. J. M. Curran and Fielding Knott attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orphan Asylum at Durham Monday night.
Mr. J. C. Fleming and son, Thomas, of Lyon, visited Oxford Tuesday and sold some fine tobacco. Mr. Fleming informed us that he killed seven pigs 12 and 14 months old, that averaged 323 each.
Mr. S. E. Johnson, of Hampton, was a welcome visitor to our sanctum on Saturday. He seems to look younger since leap year came in, thinking no doubt there will possibly be a chance for him to succumb to the charms of lovely woman.
That shrewd politician, J. B. V. Tunstall, of Bullock, who manages always to be on the winning side, was among the welcome visitors to our sanctum on Wednesday. He was a true old confederate soldier, and will always have a warm corner in our heart.
Our distinguished Populist friend, Josh Barnes, of Vance, was on the breaks Tuesday, and we had the pleasure of grasping his warm hand. He made a big splash in our sanctum when his giant frame fell in the rays of the sun. Call again, Josh, as our latch string always hangs on the outside for our friends.
Milton Caldwell (colored), while on his way to the insane asylum at Goldsboro, fell over in his seat on the train, as if asleep, but was dead when touched.

OXFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Meeting of Business Men of Oxford Thursday Evening.

In response to a call signed by several of our leading merchants and other prominent citizens there came together in rear part of Hall's drug store Thursday evening last some forty of our business men.
Mayor B. S. Royster was called upon to preside, and in a few well chosen words stated that the time had come for an organized movement looking to the furthering of commercial prosperity in the community by the addition of a manufacturing plant to the other industries flourishing among us.
Dr. E. T. White at the request of the chairman drew an interesting sketch of the commercial situation at the South taking a broad view of the subject. He told of the many new buildings erected for manufacturing purposes in towns in this and neighboring States recently visited as bearing substantial testimony to renewed energy, and everywhere awakening enterprise.
Mr. Louis de Lacroix followed, who dwelt on the attractions, advantages and resources of Oxford, which are too well and widely known to need repetition here.
At the suggestion of the editor the new organization was christened the Chamber of Commerce.
Mayor B. S. Royster was elected President; Messrs. John F. Stedman and James Y. Paris, Vice Presidents; John T. Britt, Secretary and Treasurer.
An executive committee consisting of Mr. Louis de Lacroix, Judge A. W. Graham, Drs. E. T. White and John G. Hall, Messrs. R. S. Uary and Gowan Dusenbery were appointed.
President Royster named Mr. J. Crawford Biggs, Drs. B. K. Hays and S. H. Cannady to draw up a constitution and by-laws, the same being approved by the Chamber were requested to report at the next meeting to be held at the Opera House on Monday evening, 24th.
The movement described above is the direct outcome of a feeling long prevalent that our people should take a direct and active interest in the development of the South and be in a position to give exact information to investors and others seeking to locate in our midst. We cannot too strongly express our confidence in the results to be attained by such earnest and concerted action as was witnessed last Thursday night.

CUPID'S TRIUMPH.

Two Lawrenceville, Va., Popular Young People Join Hearts.

The pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jones Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock was the scene of an unexpected but happy uniting of two lovers heart made to beat in unison in life's journey. Miss Bessie Watkins, who was on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Jones, and Mr. L. H. Roney, of Lawrenceville, were united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Maxey, who accompanied the groom on his joyous errand, witnessed by several friends of the winsome bride.
The bride is an intelligent and accomplished young lady and by her sweet disposition while attending the Francis Hilliard School in Oxford made many warm friends among her school mates, and they agreed that whoever should marry first the ceremony should take place in Oxford. She is the daughter of Mr. W. N. Watkins, one of the successful farmers of Brunswick county, Va.
The groom is a high toned, christian gentleman, and a prominent merchant of Lawrenceville. He is a son of the widely known physician, Dr. G. M. Roney, whose name is a household word in Brunswick.
It was not a runaway match, as the parents of the young lady were into the secret of the intended quiet nuptial, which proved such a great surprise to the host of friends of the popular young couple in Lawrenceville and Brunswick counties.
Shortly after the tying of the gordian knot Mr. and Mrs. Roney left on the northbound train for Washington, and other large cities. They will return to their pleasant home in Lawrenceville about the 10th of March.
May they ever be happy in the wish of the PUBLIC LEDGER.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., Jan. 16, '96.

DEAR SIR.—You can enter my order for 40 tons of your Orinoco Tobacco Guano, I think I will need fifty tons for my own use. I have used Orinoco for two seasons past and I like it. It's a splendid tobacco guano.
Respectfully,
K. H. RICKS.

PEAN FOR SALE.

I have for sale 40 bushels of the Won; derful Peas. They are very prolific, yielding two or three times as many as the ordinary Pea. They are also excellent for table use. Price \$1.00 per bushel.
E. N. CRAWFORD,
Feb 21-4t.

The decrease in the valuation of all property in the State as compared with the last assessment is \$5,050,000.

Wake county now has sixty-five convicts at work on the public roads. They have built over twenty miles of macadam.
The temperature last week at points in the Western part of the State was as low as 7 degrees below zero. At Wilkesboro it was 3 below.