

MAMMOTH SPRING OPENING.

UNPRECEDENTED BARGAINS! EVERY INCOMING FREIGHT LADEN WITH OUR ENORMOUS SPRING STOCK!

Our Buyer has just returned from the Northern Markets! Such BEAUTY, MAGNIFICENCE and SUPERB STYLES, Coupled with LOW PRICES never before seen in Oxford! By SATURDAY, the 28th inst., the Bulk of our Purchases will be in, Displayed and Open for your Inspection!

◀ A Broad Invitation Is Extended to One and All.

◀ A Cordial Welcome Awaits You! ▶

◀ We Didn't Buy Them to Keep and They Must Go. ▶

Our stock is complete in every department—nothing sells goods like styles and prices—we have them both. In our Dress Goods department we have it from the finest Silks to the commonest Satings. THE PRICES ARE RIGHT! In wash Goods our special efforts have been put forth—we have them in the cheapest Indias to the finest Organdies. The fact is abroad that there has been a big break in the Dry Goods Market. We were fortunate and caught it just as the tide had ebbed and began to flow.

We quote India Lawns from 2 1/2 to 25 cents.
Nainsooks from 5 to 20 cents.
The best "Sea Island Percals" full pieces, the very cream of styles, usual price 12 1/2 cents at 10 cents.
We have a beautiful line of Dimities, Gaufrés, Grismonda Silks and Moires.
Our line of Dress and Check Gingham stand without a peer, 3 to 10 cents.

CALICOES.

We will sell every piece of Calico in our house at 5 cents. Many brands cost more but we must do the business even if it costs us money. Our loss is your gain. The volume of business is what we want and especially your business we must have.

Before you buy see our Hamburg and Embroideries. We have just bought one hundred pieces Hamburg. We have made the prices 5 and 10 cents per yard. Such values never before offered to the good people of Oxford. Those who see it buy at once. An

opportunity so rare was never known in the history of the people.

In Staple Goods we lead as usual and quote:
"Fruit of Loom" Bleach 7 1/2 cents.
A Good Yard Wide Bleach 4 1/2 cents.
White Star Domestic, full weight, 6 cents.
Good Domestic Yard Wide, A A, 5 cents.
Knitting Cotton, 15 cents.
Spool Cotton, (Coats) 4 cents.
Cotton Batts, 7 1/2 cents.
Cottonades (good worth 15 cents) 10 cents.
Cotton Checks (Home Spun) 4, 5 and 6 cents.
Ginghams 3 to 10 cents.
Calicoes (all colors and brands) 5 cents.
Our stock of Notions comprises all the latest novelties and designs—a more complete line will not be found in Oxford.

SHOES.

We have the largest line of Shoes in this section of the State. We can fit any and everybody. To the ladies, we would like to say we have just added to our already large line, that fa-

mous and most beautiful line of hand made goods manufactured by John Kelly & Co., of Rochester, N. Y. Every pair warranted. All who have seen or worn them want no others.

CLOTHING.

We pride ourselves as having the best values in Clothing in North Carolina. We recently closed out a manufacturer who was changing business at about 50 cents in the dollar. These goods are all new and of the latest styles at prices which defy competition. They were bought to sell and we are going to give the customer the benefit of the misfortune of the manufacturers.

We have several jobs which must be closed. As a starter we have JOB NO. 1—About one hundred dozen Men and Boys Collars, ranging in Nos. 12 to 18. In the lot you will find all the leading and popular brands of the day such as "Earl & Wilson," "Anchor," "Arrow" and "Coon" Brands, usually retail for 25 cents. They are now displayed at our store and we mean to close them out at 5 cents each.

JOB NO. 2—About 500 yards Trimming and Dress Silks—former price 50c to \$2.00. They too must go and we have made the price 19 cents per yard.

We are open for lookers and offers.

We mean business.

Yours truly,

E. H. CRENSHAW,
GEO. D. PITTARD,
J. O. BUNN,
M. T. CLAYTON,
BURWELL HESTER, Porter.

Salesman.

E. H. CRENSHAW & Co., Main St., Oxford, N. C.

We also have about 500 Bushels Corn and a pair of nice Black Horses for Sale Cheap.

OUR COUNTY NEWS.

As Dished up By Our Regular Correspondents.

CONDENSED FORM AND READABLE.

Personal, Marriages, Deaths, Gossip, Politics, the Fireside, Churches, Schools, Farming, &c., &c. News from Outsiders.

We would be glad to receive local news from every portion of Granville, as well as adjoining counties as we want to make the People's Leader a first-class local newspaper. Send us the items friends and we will put them in shape. Don't be backward, friends, let the people know what is going on in your section. Editor.

Trinity Topics.

Miss Lucinda Frazin, of Oxford Female Seminary, spent several days with relatives near here last week.

Mr. Bud Snipes, who has spent two years in Texas and Arkansas, came home last week to the pleasure of his many friends.

County Commissioner, Maj. Graham Royster, canvassed this section last week selling the Orinoco tobacco fertilizer. This brand has given satisfaction and our people will buy a good large lot of it.

Since our last communication, "Dutch" accompanied by his brother, Mr. Thomas Chandler and Misses Norma Chandler and Florence Curran spent Saturday night with Mr. T. W. Wright and family taking in the Union meeting at Mt. Zion Sunday.

Our farmers are up to time with their work. Some are planting corn and others preparing the land. Tobacco plants are plentiful and will be in good time to plant. Wheat is fairly good, but the fall sowing of oats is almost a complete failure, especially on poor land.

Bathia wants to know what we think about old time religion declining. We do not by any means approve of this mere hand shaking way of people getting religion that was not practiced by our forefathers. As for pride being mixed up with religion, we think it all right unless it is unnecessary foolish pride. Don't think people ought to live in rood nice painted houses at home, and then worship God in an old swag-back dilapidated building. We should have pride in religion to a certain extent, because it is something of which we ought to be proud.

The level-headed Leopold speaks out in plain English, and says that the subject of true patriotism declining is too colossal to be discussed in our county paper. Leopold let us agree to disagree. We take with all our heart the negative side of this question that true patriotism is not declining. Designing men all over our country, a large number of them are looking out for number one, and no one else, and are trying to edu-

cate the people of America to believe that the government should own and control everything, and that they are the very boys to put into effect. Such men are enemies to patriotism. They have always been in the world, and always will be. But we are very thankful that we have thousands of people who are ready at any word to wade in blood to stand by the principles laid down by Washington, Jefferson, Patrick Henry and others whose aim was simply to protect life and liberty and let a free people worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. Now can you say that such patriotism is declining? Let some foreign nation of people come over and set up their kingdom and try to put our country under the jurisdiction of a king, and you will see in a twinkling of an eye that our country is full of true patriotism and that it is not on the wane. We know that a great many men who have the power of laws in their hands are enemies to their country, and we know too that one twelfth of Christ's disciples were devils, but is that any reason that the remaining eleven were not true patriots to their Leaders? No, not in the least, and because a few demagogues are trying to gain the whole world and bag the money like Judas, is it any evidence that patriotism is declining? Leopold says, "that to love our country is true patriotism?" This is true. Why should we love our country? Because of its religious freedom. Now Leopold do you dare say you do not love your country for the same purpose that the founders of civilization did? And would you not shoulder your old musket again in your ripe old age, and march to the battle-field and lay down your life for the protection of the country against the British nation? You must remember that our country is loved to such an extent that we have a sufficient number of trained soldiers who are ready at a word to defend any trouble with which Washington and others had to contend. The very idea that our country is on the decline, when we are living in peace, if we will only stay at home and behave ourselves. Look at the almost countless number of churches and charitable institutions all over our country, and how our people are sending the gospel to the people who know it not. You say "love of country is true patriotism?" Well then look for a moment at the lives of Talmage, Spurgeon and others who are standing up for the love of their fellow-man, and most assuredly men from our country. You may say, oh, well they are only preachers and talk about God's work. Did not Patrick Henry stand up before the Assembly of Virginia and tell the people that God was in the Revolutionary cause? Come over Leopold and join hands with those who love their country and do not follow the idea that a few men who can be bribed are all the people in the world. You must remember that such people have been in the world ever since Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden. GOOBERS.

Granville Greetings.

Mrs. Pattie W. Pitman visited Mrs. S. T. Dickerson last week and spent several days.

Mrs. S. T. Dickerson is quite sick at this time, but it is hoped she is improving now.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Isaac Peace who had a tree to fall on him one of those windy days some eight weeks ago, is no better and it's feared he will not recover, after all his sufferings.

Our friend Pittard, G. D., one of the old standbys, is now pleasantly stationed on Main street with the progressive firm of E. H. Crenshaw & Co. G. D. P., as he is known by all and everybody, white and black, certainly extends a warm welcome to all, and as he has the stock and prices to compete with any one we advise all to call and see him.

We notice General A. W. Greely, of Arctic fame, begins in the March Ladies Home Journal, his articles on George Washington, which are expected to create considerable discussion. General Greely claims to have read over 2000 of Washington's private letters. His first article will deal with the loves and courtships of Washington and his final marriage to the widow Custis. General Greely's articles are not likely to confirm the estimate of those who regard Washington in an ideal way, and think him to be the greatest man that ever lived. And we would suggest to the "General" after showing all the bad in George Washington that none of us wish to know, that he take up the Devil and show all his good parts and there may be some readers of the Home Journal, who will think he was not such a bad old fellow after all.

On Friday, April 10th, it was our good fortune and great pleasure to be present at the closing exercises of Miss India Bowden's school at the mansion of Mr. George Davis, a few hundred yards from the Floyd school house in Vance Co. The entertainment was just one of the best, and reflected great credit upon teacher and pupils. The place had been well selected, the rear porch of Mr. Davis being used as a rostrum which was lavishly decorated with evergreens, festoons and flowers to lend to the enchantment of the occasion. No one expected anything so elaborate, and the ingenious arrangement and elegant execution of the programme was a great pleasure to all of us and in particular to the patrons of the school when they saw their sweet little girls and gallant little boys acting their parts so well. Miss Bowden showed herself equal to the task, her qualifications were abundantly evinced by the character of the entire exercises. We were informed by Mr. Davis that the children were making their first efforts in the line of public entertainments, and we can say with pleasure for them they not only did well, but displayed talents which is generally acquired by continual practice before the public eye. The recitations

were of high, and elevating character, and the dialogues sufficiently amusing to give that pleasing variety of parts that never fails to captivate the seekers after fun and amusement. The recitations and dialogues were interspersed by some of the finest music made by the Kirtrell and Bear Pond string band we have seldom listened to. We will not attempt to take up the programme in detail, but say the addresses of welcome were by Misses Myrtle Fuller, Lillian Pardue, Carrie Grissom and Beatie Edwards. Taking it altogether it was one of the best. The audience large and nothing to mar the happiness of it but the cold evening with all seats out of doors. Would like to say more, but must refrain. LEOPOLD.

Fliat Hill Flashes.

Mr. Will Howell and Mrs. W. S. Green spent Easter with their mother, near Sandy Fork.

Mr. H. V. Davis, of the Horner School, of Oxford, spent Easter with his parent's and many friends.

We are glad to learn that little Frank Vaughan, who was accidentally cut on his head is very much improved.

They have re-organized Sunday school at Fliat Hill, and it's in a flourishing condition. Hope it will continue so.

Mr. John Dowling, and sister, Miss Annie, of Middleburg, spent Saturday and Sunday with their cousin, Miss Geneva Woody.

Mrs. Anna Green, who has been very sick for some time, has recovered sufficiently to visit her father, Mr. W. H. Green, of Dexter. Hope she will soon be restored to perfect health.

It was with pleasure we entertained two of Dexter's most charming young ladies, Misses Etta Wilkinson and Mattie Rice the past Saturday and Sunday, also Miss Sarah Evans, of Williamsboro.

It has been some time since we have contributed any editorials to this most excellent paper, but have watched with interest the proceedings of the correspondents. One specially struck us very forcibly, the writing's of "Shueks," on "Pa's hired Man." We will say along this line that it's the duty of every one who can to try to raise and elevate one who tries with an honest effort to be useful in this world. They will try to accomplish some noble purpose, will often meet with discouragement, disappointment and sometimes almost despair. In order to overcome this, they should have a fixed purpose in life and force of will to carry it out, which consists in an honest and noble ambition, but not ambition without these qualities. If you wish to be successful in business, select thro' your own choice some virtuous and suitable occupation which is best suited to your situation in life, and put it to practical use. Life is

too short to be wasted in the trifling things of this world. We all should perform good acts, and not expect much of this life, then we won't be disappointed. "Don't dream noble things all day long, but do them," and see what will be the result. D. V.

Berea Brevities.

I think the cold spell has killed all the peaches.

Miss Maggie Humphries' school at Berea was out April 3rd.

Mr. W. O. McFarland and wife spent Easter with their parents.

The colored Baptist church will be completed by the first of May.

Mr. Sol O'Brien, who was wounded sometime back, continues to improve and was out at church last Saturday and Sunday.

The young people of this section had a gay time Easter—picnic in the morning and base ball in the evening. They enjoyed themselves immensely. G.

Carlton Castings.

Mr. C. H. Parham and lady have moved into their new residence.

Mr. Chas. Callis' little girl, Ethel, about three years old, is very low with pneumonia.

Mr. O. H. Parham has tendered his resignation as magistrate of Dabney township.

Miss Nettie Hunt visited Mrs. C. H. Parham Thursday and Friday and had a nice time catching carp in his pond.

Our Uncle Ruffin Fuller was sick a few days this week but am glad to say he is out again cracking his jokes as usual.

What a pity it is that most every community is troubled with tale-bearers, stirring up strife among neighbors. The tale-bearer is commonly a flatterer; thus he ingratiates himself or herself into favor and prides into the secrets of one person or family and then they go and tell all they know with a malevolent comment in another family, accompanying their slanders of the absent with flattery of those present and in both addressing themselves to the corruption of the human heart. Whoever ridicules or reviles the absent and flatters those present may safely be deemed a tale-bearer and in the next company they will act the same part. Who then would have anything to do with such characters? Suspect a fawning fellow or Miss and have no familiarity with them for their drift is to entice you to talk what they intend to carry about to others. Frown upon them and take heed not to commit thyself by saying anything suited to their purpose. Let us be careful how we talk and handle the names of our neighbors. If we can't speak well of them keep silent. SHUCKS.

Have your job work done at the PUBLIC LEDGER office.

Our Financial Condition.

Our country has drifted into a great financial trouble, which causes great dissatisfaction among the people, particularly the Third party and the Republicans, as they are clamorous for something to find fault with the present administration has done. Every man you meet of the above parties will give a reason for the trouble when they are perfectly ignorant of the cause and effect. Some of them attribute the whole "blame on the President. They do not deliberate; they express their opinions without thought. I would remind them that the power invested in the President is very limited, which is chiefly recommended and to exercise the veto power. His veto can be voted down by a two-thirds vote so we can readily see that his power is very restricted. Why should he be blamed for what he cannot do. The present financial trouble has been brewing for a great many years and it is fully on us at the present time, and the question arises what is the cause? I readily admit that I cannot give all the causes that brought it about, and there are many who pretend to discuss the subject and are in the same condition that I am, ignorant of the subject.

The President is our chief executive and is at the helm of the government trying no doubt to guide her through the boisterous waves of trouble and disaster. No doubt but that he will land her safely to the best advantage and for the good of this great national republic. Her voyage has been checked by demagogues and office seekers, but the helm is in the hands of a true statesman and patriot who can see farther in the future than his many unresponsible critics. There is no lack of confidence on my part, as I think his plans will be carried out if not in his is a wrong that is not done. Where there is something there is a remedy, and it can be applied if judiciously managed. We are a producing country and we produce the raw material that the European people want, and they buy this raw material and manufacture into fabrics that we purchase from them, and they require of us gold in payment for these articles which is a constant drain on us of gold. Now, the question arises why cannot we manufacture our raw material and force the European powers to buy products from us? We most assuredly can if we will only keep the ball in motion as we have started in building manufacturing and ought to be able after a while to undersell the world. Then

we will force the European powers to purchase our fabrics instead of our buying from them; we can dictate to them what kind of money we are willing to take for our goods. If we will accomplish this object no doubt in a short time England will necessarily come to us and propose terms satisfactory for the purchase of our goods as their factories could not compete with ours. So long as we allow England to dictate to us what kind of money she requires she will continue to grind us to powder. We are an independent power and why not act in that capacity? We have it in our power and why not act? Let us establish a currency based on a gold standard, using silver and paper money also and let it be a national currency to be legal standard in this country and it will be at par in foreign lands. This will stop the control of our money by any combination of plutocrats either in this country or Europe for the gold will not, if proper legislation is had, be made any longer the "thorn in the side" of our finances. L.

Sick Headache Permanently Cured

"I was troubled, a long time, with sick headache. It was usually accompanied with severe pains in the temples and sickness at the stomach. I tried a good many remedies recommended for this complaint; but it was not until I began taking

AYER'S

Pills that I received anything like permanent benefit. A single box of these pills did the work for me, and I am now a well man." C. H. HUTCHINGS, East Auburn, Me.

For the rapid cure of Constipation, Dyspepsia, Bilelessness, Nausea, and all disorders of Stomach, Liver, and Bowels, take

AYER'S
Cathartic Pills

Medal and Diploma at World's Fair. Ask your druggist for Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Notice of Sale.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNAL REVENUE LAWS the following articles of personal property will be sold at Bulluck, N. C., on Wednesday, April 22nd 1896, two copper stills, casks and worms, four barrels corn whiskey and nine fermenters. J. M. SIMMONS, Collector of 4th District. J. A. Thomas, Deputy Collector. mh373

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