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**A FEW BITES.**

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

—Presidential lightning rods will be all the better by being tipped with silver this year.

—Mr. John Meadows now occupies the splendid new prize house of Mr. Graham B. Royster.

—Anybody can understand why the office can't seek the men from the way public officials hold on to them.

—The Butler Populists are laughing at the "card" of Skinner and Cy Thompson, terming it a "milk and water affair."

—As against what skaters do in winter the Trust never cuts figures on ice in summer. If anything it puts them up.

—There is nothing of interest to report in court this week. It has been the slowest, dullest court we have ever seen held in Granville.

—Mrs. A. B. Spencer in her suit against the town, the jury awarded her \$100. She sued for \$1,000 damages on account of being injured by a bad bridge.

—Some more of the Republicans now express a willingness to have the Populists name the Governor—to do anything to get fusion. They are fairly wild for fusion at any price.

—We have received a nicely gotten up invitation to attend the Commemorative exercises of Pairview Institute, at Whitesett, N. C., May 13-20. Mr. D. M. Stovall, of Granville, is one of the Marshalls.

—Next Monday is election day, and the boys will have a chance to exercise their suffrage again. Our town is sure to fall in good hands as the Democratic ticket nominated will be elected.

—Announcement of the regular formation of the Silver party in this State is now looked for daily. It is the claim that it will be composed of 70,000 Populist, 45,000 Democratic and 5,000 Republican voters.

—The election for municipal officers in Seffleton has been postponed until next Monday week, in order that fusion may be accomplished in order to defeat the present able and bustling Mayor, A. A. Bryan.

—Oxford must be going to get a regular move on her, since Alex Hester, a well-known colored lounge and politician, has managed to pull himself together and actually worked two days this week, the first in several years.

—A circulating Library has been established in Oxford, with headquarters at Hancock's drug store, Odd Fellows Building. Already 80 volumes of choice books have arrived. This is a good thing for the people of Oxford.

—The Caucasian of this week contains a great many letters from all parts of the State congratulating Senator Butler on the Populist committee's refusal to fuse with the Republicans, and telling him to "keep in the middle of the road."

—The Republicans of Carteret county have voted in favor of fusion with the Populists. That is likely to be the course taken by the Republicans in every county in the State. They are literally clamorous for fusion and almost demand it.

—Real Democrats would rather vote for a disgraced Republican who had quit the old machine than a disgruntled, growling, hungry Democrat who had kicked himself out of the Democratic party with which he was so long time identified.

—We have been thinking it for several weeks, and so we will say now that the Oxford Public Ledger is as neat a paper, typographically as is turned through any press in North Carolina, and it is always full of interest.—Hillsboro Recorder.

—Hotel Panacea at Panacea Springs, N. C., is now open for the reception of guests. Board \$2.00 a day, \$10.00 a week, \$30.00 to \$40.00 a month. Special rates to families. We learn that many of our people will visit the great health resort this season.

—On Friday morning last a horse belonging to Mr. J. C. Horner, attached to a one-horse wagon ran through the streets, creating considerable excitement. He demolished the lamp in front of Mayor B. S. Royster's residence and did considerable damage to the wagon.

—Grant Foster, the heavy weight butcher, is preparing to supply his customers with meats right off the ice. He has placed in his stall at the market a large commodious refrigerator, nicely arranged and well built. It was put up by Mr. H. J. Council, which is a guarantee that it is a good job.

—Has the Democracy of North Carolina, in one defeat, lost all of its backbone and is it willing to allow the very same crowd that wrecked the party in 1894 to come in and name half of the ticket in order that a few Democrats may have the chance of being elected to hold some office.

—The Winston Republican calls Butler a Benedict Arnold. There are Democrats with memories who recall the fact that on the 21st of July, 1892, his paper, the Clinton Caucasian, urged the Democrats to vote for the ticket headed by Elias Carr. Some days later that ticket was pulled down.

**MERCHANT OF VENICE.**

Presented at the Opera House Friday Evening Last.

This beautiful comedy was rendered at the Opera House on last Friday evening by the Elocution Class of the Francis Miss Maud Wilcox, under the skilful direction of Miss Elizabeth Hilliard. A year ago Tennyson's Princess had been presented by the same class, and with such marked success that the Oxford public now looked forward to seeing a Shakespearian play with much pleasure.

With Friday evening came a storm, but notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather quite a large audience was present. Before the curtain rose Miss Maud Wilcox entertained the audience with music. Each young lady seemed to possess a peculiar fitness for her part, and portrayed the character she represented in a way which not only reflected credit upon her teacher, but showed independent study. Many of the passages were long and difficult, yet they were accurately memorized and were repeated without hesitation. Every action, gesture, intonation and about showed the most careful training. The costumes were well chosen and were, many of them, very attractive. The arrangement of the stage was noticeably good, while the posture and facial expression of the young ladies were both graceful and pleasing.

The play opens with a speech from Antonio, sad and melancholy, and this melancholy grows upon him throughout the play.

The deep pathos and rich intonation of Miss May Handley's voice, her deliberate manner of speech, her sorrowful expression, and, in the trial scene, bursting into tears, all showed a clear interpretation of Antonio's character.

Miss Nora Boggan, as Bassanio, spoke in a full clear voice, but was decidedly too pretty to be a man.

Miss Maud Wilcox rendered the part of Gratiano with force, repeating the words of Shylock with seething sarcasm.

Miss Annie de Lorenzo, in taking two parts, that of Lorenzo and the Duke, showed much tact in changing from one to the other, but was especially good as the Duke.

As Portia, Miss Annie Taylor displayed a becoming dignity and grace, the silvery cadence of her clear voice falling upon the audience like strains of music, while "Her sunny looks Ming on her temples like a golden fleece."

A more elegant Nerissa than Miss Dorothea Coggeshall could not be wished; pointing with ill-defined indignation over the pretended loss of her ring, she makes her husband Lorenzo as miserable as possible, and then producing the ring, she displayed a characteristic beauty not always confined to the stage.

Miss Laura Williams rendered the part of Salario well, while Miss Katie Briscoe as Jessica and Miss Isabel Smith as Tabal did their parts with credit.

The strongest character in the play is that of the Jew, Shylock. In a deadly affection for his daughter, bearing a deadly hate toward all Christians, suspicious of his friends, merciless toward his enemies, avaricious, covetous, revengeful, he anticipates the slaughter of his victim Antonio with fiendish hilarity. In this character Miss Rosa Crews displayed dramatic talent of which any actor might well be proud. Her costume was similar to that worn by Macready, and while she is doubtless familiar with what the critics have to say of Shylock, it was evident that her interpretation of the character was drawn from a most painstaking study of the play itself.

We feel that we have cause to congratulate not only the young ladies and their teachers, but that every citizen of Oxford should feel a pride in an institution that sends forth into the world young women of superior learning, finished culture and capable of exercising the power of original thought.

**THE TRAVELLERS.**

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

—Mr. C. D. Osborn is at home for a few days.

—Mayor B. S. Royster was in Raleigh Saturday.

—Mr. E. T. Pittard, of Clay, called to see us Monday.

—Dr. J. W. Booth, of Tally Ho was on our streets Tuesday.

—Mr. J. B. Batchelor, of Raleigh, attended our court this week.

—Miss Scarpie Waller, of Dutcheville, visited Oxford Tuesday.

—Mr. Hillman Cannady, of Wilton, was on our streets Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Mangum, of Wilton were on our streets Tuesday.

—Capt. John Williams spent several days last week at Panacea Springs.

—Miss Susie Daniel, of Satterwhite, spent a few hours in Oxford Saturday.

—Mr. H. T. Beasley, and son, Walter, of Louisburg, were in Oxford Monday.

—Mr. J. R. Walters, of Tar River section, was in Oxford Saturday, and called at this office.

—Mr. Philo White, of Wilton, dropped in Friday and chatted for a short while with the editor.

—Simpson Latta, of Berea, and S. L. Wilson, of Wilton, visited the PUBLIC LEADGER Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence, and daughter, Mrs. J. W. Floyd, of Wilton, were in town Saturday shopping.

—Messrs. Andrew J. Harris, and Ed. Barnes, of Henderson, were among the visitors to Oxford Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stark and children, of Rocky Mount, are in Oxford and will remain several weeks.

—Messrs. J. P. Thomas and B. I. Breedlove, County Commissioners, were among the visitors to town Wednesday.

—Messrs. Mable Royster, of Adoniram, and Bettie Pittard, of Bullock, are the guests of Mrs. John W. Hunt, on College St.

—Capt. J. J. Loughlan, Jr., one of the live business men of Henderson, was in Oxford Tuesday and we enjoyed a visit from him.

—Mr. James I. Moore, of Franklin county, was on our streets Monday and we found him as true as ever to the Republican party.

—Messrs. C. D. Britt and N. H. McGehee, of Franklinton, were in Oxford Tuesday a short time, and we enjoyed visits from them.

—Messrs. T. T. Hicks, of Henderson, and N. Y. Gulley, Professor of Law, at Wake Forest, were in attendance upon our court this week.

—The good looking and all-round farmer, W. C. Peed, of Hargrove, shed the rays of his amiable countenance in our print shop on Monday.

—Mr. A. S. Davis, who is now with that prince of gentlemen and grand old Democrat, Melville Dorsey, of Henderson, honored us with a visit on Monday.

—Miss Mamie Norris, one of Raleigh's fascinating young ladies, and daughter of our old time and true friend, Mr. M. T. Norris, is the guest of Miss Carrie Hobbgood.

—Our esteemed friend, A. F. Smith, and his good lady, of Tar River Academy section, were numbered with those that visited Oxford Friday, and we enjoyed a visit from them.

—Messrs. Bige Wells and Ewing Connor, two clever horse dealers of Owensville, Kentucky, who handled stock in Oxford during the fall and winter, left for their home on Monday last.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Chandler, of Buchanan, were in town Wednesday. Mr. Chandler found his way to see the "old man." Our friend Abner Overton, of Fishing Creek, also called.

—Mr. Joe Clement, who has been on a visit to his parents, returned Monday to Rocky Mount. Joe is one of Granville's hustling boys and the Rocky Mount people will find him all right.

—The editor enjoyed visits on Tuesday from Messrs. T. B. Wheelers, of Grissom, E. Roberts, of Stem, W. P. White, Rev. J. B. Floyd, Chas. Floyd, and J. W. Floyd, of Wilton.

—Messrs. J. C. Caddell, of Biblical Recorder, E. A. Hunt, of Salem, and Clarence Parham, and Ruffin Fuller, of Carlton, and R. H. Pleasants, of Pleasants, were among those that called at this office Saturday.

—Mr. R. B. Longmire, of Stem, accompanied by Mrs. Jennie Jones, Mrs. Ben Ferrabow, Misses Mary and Emma Longmire and Mary Goss, were in Oxford Friday, and were welcome visitors to the PUBLIC LEADGER office.

—The jolly "Dolly" Thomas, of the Franklin Times, pulled himself into this print shop on Wednesday morning, and we found him in the best of humor as he had just arrived from Henderson, where he had met and talked with that prince of good fellows, Thad Manning.

**Salem Sayings.**

Rev. Mr. Perry filled his appointment at Salem last Sunday.

Mr. Haden Crews, of Dabney, set out several thousand tobacco plants last week.

Mrs. W. S. Hester left Monday morning for a visit to Littleton, N. C., and Richmond, Va.

Our friend, Mr. N. G. Crews, has been quite sick for several days. We hope he will soon be out again.

Mr. J. A. Cottrell planted a considerable amount of tobacco last week, and his plants are getting overgrown now.

President Kilgo, of Trinity College, of Durham, will preach at Tabernacle church, near Townsville, the second Sunday in May.

The closing exercises of Salem Hill Academy will take place in the afternoon of May 1st, which is the date of this issue of the PUBLIC LEADGER.

There has been a considerable amount of fertilizer delivered at Huntsboro within the last ten days. Our Farmers are using Bangh's, Orinoco, and Cooper's Special, No. Old Brand.

Mad dogs continue to move about through the country. About two weeks ago a mad dog bit the only two hogs of Time Curran, a worthy colored man living on the farm of Rev. W. S. Hester, near Salem church, on Friday of last week, one of the hogs went mad, and had to be killed, and buried, and the other hog was killed and buried. Last Saturday it was rumored that the other hog of Time Curran had gone mad, and many people in the neighborhood went to see it, among many others, was Chief Kenn, of Oxford, and the writer, the hog did not have violent fits, but at stated intervals, it would snap and bite the bushes, trees, the fence and bite at everything around it. It was soon pronounced by all to be mad. On Monday morning it was killed and buried. The mad dog also bit some dogs in the neighborhood. On Monday morning at Huntsboro when the people were offering words of sympathy to Time Curran for having lost his last hog, one gentleman told him that if there were ten or more pigs in his next litter he would give him one. Let those who have a pig to spare send Time one.

NICHOLAS.

**The Important Matter.**

The advocates of free coinage must not permit any advocacy of fusion or any denunciation of fusion, or anything else, to divert them from the important work they have in hand. Talk of fusion is a chimerical dream; denunciation of fusion is raising up a bogey man and knocking him down.

If these things are permitted to engage the attention of the people, there is danger that one of the chief matters for which the State Convention is called will be, in a measure, lost sight of, to wit: The election of twenty-two silver delegates to the National convention.—News and Observer.

Dandruff is an exudation from the pores of the skin that spreads and dries, forming scurf and causing the hair to fall out. Hall's Hair Renewer cures it.

Dr. J. E. Wyche Coming.

Dr. J. E. Wyche, will make his annual visit to Oxford, and remain during the month of July, on professional business. He requests that all desiring his professional services to remember the time and call and make engagements when he comes.

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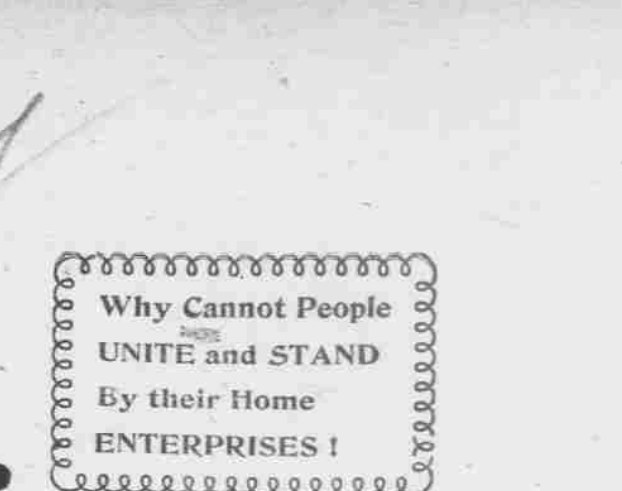
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**Granville Manufacturing Co.**

We have the satisfaction of announcing that the Granville Manufacturing Co. has been organized and this is in line with what we have been urging for years. We advocate earnestly the formation of still other industrial enterprises. The one referred to was organized on Saturday last with the following efficient officers: Louis de Lacroix, President; E. G. Curran, Vice-President; C. J. Cooper, Secretary and Treasurer; J. F. Edwards, S. W. Cooper, Dr. S. H. Cannady, John Bullock, P. C. Graham, Directors. Such names insure success. The PUBLIC LEADGER has always been in line with just such movements as tend to develop Oxford and Granville county.

The ball keep rolling. We must yet have other industries. We must have the Oxford & Coast Line Railroad, and a cotton factory we hope will soon be started on a scale that will result in success. We are glad to use our paper in helping to build up Oxford and Granville county. We must continue to work for other plants until we get enough industries established here to give employment to all classes of our community. What helps Oxford helps Granville county and what helps Granville county helps Oxford.

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