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A FEW BITES.

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

—Work has again begun on the new Baptist Church.

—The Misses Graham are now enjoying a handsome new piano.

—The foundations to the new buildings at the Orphan Asylum will soon be completed.

—The fine rains of last week caused thousands and thousands of tobacco plants to be set out in Granville.

—Mr. J. F. White has treated himself to a handsome Babcock phaeton. This excellent make is sold by Messrs. Edwards & Winston.

—Engineer Watkins, of the O. & H. road is quite happy now, as his locomotive has returned from the shop, and is in a fine condition.

—Mr. H. H. Eatman placed on our table Friday a bunch of nice ripe cherries. They are the earliest we ever saw being ripe on the first day of May.

—The paint brush under the skillful manipulation of our friend Ball Smith, is transforming the Oxford Female Seminary into a neat and attractive building.

—Having axes to grind is a common political weakness, but if one is not in high favor with the combine he generally vents his spleen by trying to split the party.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Holding the Finances Down on Monday.

The Board of County Commissioners met in their room in the Court House on Monday at 10 o'clock, with all the members, along with the Clerk seated around the table. The able county attorney, Mr. N. B. Cannady, who has been quite sick 5 weeks with the rheumatism, was present on crutches, but being quite weak only remained a short time. We were greatly pleased to see him out if he was on crutches.

As usual the great rebate mill was put in motion and many persons were allowed rebate on double tax and property previously assessed. It strikes us that if the Board would strictly enforce their rules, they would not at every meeting be bothered with the rebate question.

The pauper list of the county is becoming a great burden upon the tax payers and the list grows larger at a rapid rate. Can that not be a stop put to this wholesale business? A halt should be called somewhere, and it would be well for the County Commissioners to establish some rules in regard placing people on the outside pauper list. No doubt they are being imposed upon in many cases. At this meeting Catherine Southerlin, Romelus Walker, Andrew Wilkerson, and Sandy Kittrell were placed on the outside pauper list at \$1.00 each. Sandy Kittrell was so greedy that he wanted the Commissioners to go back to February to pay him which was refused.

Ordered that T. D. Waller be appointed to have the outside steps to the jail repaired or rebuilt as the case may be.

Ordered that J. K. Wood be appointed to assist T. D. Waller to settle with the County Treasurer.

The county had to shell out \$57.65 to run Hotel De Royster for April.

Sheriff Cozart reported the following taxes collected for April: State, \$783.32; School, \$703.79; County, \$775.03; Railroad, \$176.88. Total, \$2,439.02.

The hung juries at the last term of court cost the county \$21.00 per board alone, added to this \$2.00 each night for an officer, making \$6.00 for three nights. The three cases were civil ones, and we cannot see why the county has to shell out money to pay hung juries in civil cases. Is it just, is it just?

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

Not a Single Vote Cast Against Flajor B. S. Royster.

Our town election on Monday was the quietest for years, and only a small vote. It was a one-sided affair, as the vote will show. Our town government will continue in good hands, headed by the talented and very popular Mayor B. S. Royster, who was elected for the fourth time with not a single vote against him. We do not suppose such a thing ever happened before in Oxford, and the editor congratulates him upon such a happy event.

The Commissioners elected are as follows: J. G. Hall, W. L. Mitchell, J. F. Edwards, J. B. Booth, J. Y. Paris, W. C. Curran and Sol Cooper.

A citizens ticket was voted for that endorsed Mayor Royster and Mr. J. Y. Paris, for Commissioner, with the following other names upon it—L. E. Wright, J. D. Brooks, Alex. Crews, C. M. Rogers, T. Lanier and John W. Hunt. This ticket was defeated by about three to one.

We believe the Board elected will prove an economical one, and will use their best efforts to advance the interest of the town, encouraging everything that will redound to the prosperity of Oxford. We are well pleased with our town authorities and tender them our hearty co-operation in working for the good of our people.

KITTRELL KICKS.

A Sunday School was organized at Union Chapel church Sunday.

Miss Lula M. Powsell, of Charlotte, N. C., is visiting Miss Maggie Reid, of Kittrell.

Mr. Brackston Holmes, of Franklinton, is visiting his brother, Rev. Kenneth Holmes.

Rev. Mr. Averett left for Charlotte, N. C., on Tuesday last, but will return in time for regular services next Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Holmes is expected to return on Saturday next from Plymouth, N. C., where he has been for two weeks assisting in a protracted meeting there.

A few days ago I received five extra copies of the PUBLIC LEADGER, which I distributed among my friends, and for which I return many thanks. The result of which I send you 5 new subscribers.

Kittrell held its usual town election on last Monday, and elected for the ensuing year, Col. B. A. Chaphart, Mayor, Mr. Joseph Biggs, Chief of Police, Messrs. C. W. Raney, T. H. Crundup, D. A. Harville, Town Commissioners.

On Monday last the Federation of Homing Pigeon fanciers, of Washington, D. C., sent by express to Mr. J. L. Reid, agent, 650 Homing Pigeons for liberation on Tuesday at 5 p. m. This was the largest number ever turned loose here at once.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Wester and family, of Elberton, Ga., arrived in Kittrell Sunday morning on the Atlanta Special. Mr. Wester returned Tuesday to Elberton, leaving his wife in the hands of her mother, Mrs. J. C. Reid. Mrs. Wester has been in poor health for some time but we are glad to say that she is much improved since her arrival here.

On last Saturday Mr. John Ballou, Southern Express Route, Agent, of Washington, D. C., arrived in Kittrell with 350 carrier Pigeons to be liberated on Sunday morning at 6 o'clock, a. m., but owing to the weather being cloudy they were not turned loose until 7 a. m. They at once made their way up high and then disappeared in a Northern direction.

Last Tuesday's News and Observer announced the death of Mrs. R. B. Raney, at the Yarborough House, Raleigh. Mrs. Raney had made but few visits to Kittrell, but had made many friends. Mrs. Raney was much loved by all who knew her as she was a model woman. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Raney, Miss Lallie Raney and Mr. Ira T. Hunt, of Kittrell, attended the funeral, which took place in Raleigh. The people of Kittrell greatly sympathize with the bereaved ones in this their hour of sore bereavement.

Uncle Sam has established a Post Office at Fairport, N. C., with Mr. J. D. Williams, as Post Master, and has also established a mail route from Kittrell to Fairport. There are now two mail routes that go out from Kittrell: 1st. Seaboard and Mary Dick Route, from here to Bobbitt, N. C., and return, carried by Mr. Jimmie Pleasants, Jr. Mail three times a week. 2nd. Narrow Gauge and Banton Route, from Kittrell to Fairport, N. C., and return, carried by Mr. Charley Williams, Jr. Mail three times a week.

Next Monday, the 11th, will be decoration day at Kittrell, N. C. There will be distinguished speakers present and a large crowd is expected. Everybody is invited to come and bring flowers to decorate the graves of patriots who sleep beneath the beautiful evergreens in the soldiers grave yard here, where some 40 odd found their last resting place. The people of Kittrell and adjoining country always remember them with flowers and suitable services for their noble deeds. The services will commence about 2 o'clock, p. m.

THE "SNOLLYGOSTERS."

Meeting of the Third-Party Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Populists of Granville county met in Oxford on Monday last in the court room, with Mr. Claude Allen as chairman. There was a full attendance and the only thing we could learn was that it was in full sympathy with Senator Butler in his recent manifesto; not being in favor of fusion with the Republicans on the spoils system, but strictly adhering to free silver as the bed rock of principles.

The great fight with the masses now is for free silver against the gold standard monopolists, whose every movement shows that they intend to grind the laboring people down to powder in order to put millions into their pockets.

Second Messiah Garrett, the great oracle of Vance, who said in the last campaign on the stump when he stepped down as a candidate for the Legislature in order to support a negro, "I thank God that the time has come when I can pin a negro's ears back, grease him and swallow him" was here with Plummer Rowland to get them to turn their backs on Butler, the very man that brought such demagogues as they are proving to be to the front, but they did not succeed. The Messiah spouted wisdom for hours, in fact grew dramatic, when late in the evening the hauling of guano through the street, the odor of which pregnant the nostrils of the orator and getting a good whiff of it, and no doubt at the same time hearing the distant tick of an old rat clock over in Vance, concluded it was time for him and dear Plummer Rowland to seek the dark shades of Vance county and left crestfallen as the venom which they spit out against Butler fell still born upon the ears of his followers in Granville.

The trouble with the second Messiah (who is said to be a good orator) is that he wants to beat Stroud for the nomination for Congress in the 4th District and wanted the Pops in Granville, no doubt, to aid him in his treasonous work. He is a spoils hunter of the blackest type as he has given it on his own accord that his heart is black and if it was possible for the great head of the order in Vance to don an Ethiopian's skin in his canvass against farmer Stroud he would no doubt be strictly in it.

NON-PARTIZAN JUDICIARY.

Granville Litigants Enjoy its Full Benefits Last Week.

We regret that the duty is imposed upon us as a public journalist to call the attention of our people to a fair specimen of the non-partizan judiciary as inaugurated by Senator Butler in North Carolina in his fusion with the Republicans at the last election.

Our people ever since that time have enjoyed to the fullest extent the fruits of such a judiciary, as it has fallen to the lot of our people to be afflicted with it ever since the election took place. We always hate to criticize or state unpleasant facts which happen in court, but in justice to the people we must state facts and let the people judge for themselves.

The last court began on the civil calendar on Wednesday of the first week, much earlier than has been the case heretofore, and had a fair showing at the civil docket, as ten long days, and we state that with the exception of two cases all the rest tried should not have consumed more than one hour. The two cases above referred to should have been tried in half day each. The result is that the court never tried any case on the calendar for the second week. Now it does seem to us that all this delay and cost to litigants and taxpayers is the direct result of the manner in which the court conducted its business while in session.

Any Democratic Judge that we have at the State at this time would have taken the civil calendar and tried every case on the docket in 5 days. It so happens some times in court that the Sheriff is party to suits, and we had such a case at our last term, and we are sorry to state that such a spectacle took place as did in the case of Crenshaw vs. Cozart, when the court had to direct some one else to select trial jurors. Now the Court directed the Clerk to summon jurors, and the said officer showing such partizan bias as to select such totally incompetent colored jurors that the counsel for the plaintiff arose in open court and appealed to Judge Coble to stop a meddling Deputy Sheriff who was suggesting and pointing out to the Clerk jurors to sit on his chief's case, and at the same time was acting as Deputy Clerk. The Court was forced to interfere and stop this high-handed insult to justice.

Such proceedings as this only gives our people a full insight as to what is being done by the great non-partizan judiciary promulgated by fusion, which is costing thousands and thousands of dollars to the people of North Carolina. We leave it to the taxpayers to take the case and ask them if they like the medicine to have the prescription refilled for '96 which they took in 1894.

As the strength of a building depends upon the solidity of its foundation, so health depends upon the condition of the blood. To expel impurities and cause the vital fluid to become vigorous and life-giving, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the most powerful and effective medicine in use.

THE TRAVELLERS.

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

—Mr. P. C. Graham visited Hillsboro this week.

—Mr. M. T. Clayton was in Henderson Sunday.

—Major B. S. Royster was in Raleigh Wednesday.

—Dr. Mangum, of Wilton, was on our streets Monday.

—Mr. R. W. Adcock, of Oak Hill, was in Oxford Wednesday.

—Mr. Lawson Knott, of Sunset, was on our streets Thursday.

—Miss Fannie Kronheimer is visiting friends in Rocky Mount.

—Mr. James Pleasants, of Creedmoor, was in Oxford Sunday.

—Capt. W. H. White, the insurance tourist, spent Sunday at home.

—Mr. David Parks, of Hillsboro, visited Oxford Monday and Tuesday.

—Miss Lizzie Outlaw, of Bertie, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. H. Hunt.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morton, of Satterwhite, were on our streets Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Daniel, of Berea, spent a few hours in town Monday.

—Mrs. Howard Dorsey, and daughter were in town Tuesday afternoon.

—Mrs. Robt. Strong, of Raleigh, is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. J. H. Horner.

—Mr. Percie White, of Durham, spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. Thos. White.

—Mr. and Mrs. Pryon Moss, of Mt. Energy, were in Oxford a few hours Friday.

—Mr. Frank C. Wilson, of Tona-wanda, N. Y., is visiting his sister, Mrs. T. W. Jackson.

—Mrs. Joe Parham and daughter, of Salem township, spent Monday afternoon in Oxford.

—Mrs. G. T. Patton, and beautiful little daughter, are on a visit to relatives in Virginia.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Coley, Jr., and daughter, of Lyon, were in Oxford Tuesday shopping.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Parham, and daughter, of Watkins, visited Oxford Tuesday morning.

—E. J. Ragsdale, of Louisburg, was in Oxford Wednesday, and paid this office a pleasant call.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Peed and daughter, Miss Verna, of Hargrove, were in town Tuesday.

—Among the visitors to Oxford Wednesday were Mrs. E. I. and Miss Dora Kimball, of Hargrove.

—Mr. W. J. Coley, one of the prosperous young business men of Northside, spent Sunday in Oxford.

—Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Baskerville and daughter, will leave in a few days for Richmond, Va., to spend a few weeks.

—Mr. Frank Tilly and Mr. Raney, of Chatham county, were in Oxford Friday. They formerly lived at Knap of Reeds.

—It was a pleasure to the editor to enjoy a visit on Saturday from his old friend, Mr. Frank Tilly, of Chatham county.

—Miss Bruce Watkins, of Lawrenceville, Va., arrived in Oxford Tuesday night on a visit to her sister, Mrs. E. W. Jones.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harris and children visited Oxford Thursday afternoon, and the editor was honored with a visit from Mrs. Harris.

—Mr. Louis de Lacroix is in attendance upon the Settlers Convention at Southern Pines this week, and we know he will have a pleasant time.

—Mrs. Pattie A. Moss, and Mrs. John D. Moss, of Brassfield Township, were in Oxford Friday shopping and called at the PUBLIC LEADGER office.

—The polite Col. W. B. Ballou is home again from a special visit to the banks of the dear old rippling Dan, on whose banks is situated the city of Danville.

—Messrs. James Webb, of Tally Ho, B. L. Newton, and W. S. Lyon, of Berea, A. T. Grisson and son, of Grisson's, R. T. Crissom, of Tar River, called to see the editor Tuesday.

—Revs. James Plummer, and J. M. Horner, and Misses Mary Horner, Margaret Hilliard and Fannie Skinner are attending the Episcopal convention at Charlotte this week.

—Rev. J. S. Hardaway, of Oxford, and Dr. R. W. Hobgood, of Sunset, left on Tuesday to attend the Southern Baptist Convention at Chattanooga. We wish them a pleasant visit.

—The genial and pleasant Prof. W. H. P. Jenkins, of Brassfield, was among the many people that thronged our streets Monday, and it was our pleasure to meet him in our sanctum.

—Mr. John F. Woody, of Person county, deputy collector of this district under the Harrison administration, attended the Republican convention held in Oxford Tuesday. It is said he wants to be the Republican nominee for senator from this district, as it goes to Person this time. He was a pleasant visitor at this office.

CREEDMOOR CROPPINGS.

—Capt. Wilkins Stovall, of Stovall, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Thos. Pittard, visited Oxford Monday.

—The editor attended the Grand Lodge of Royal Arcanum in Raleigh Wednesday. This is a splendid organization both as to insurance and social feature and ranks among the safest in the country today.

—Mr. Ernest Edgerton, after a month's absence at his home in Warren county, returned to Oxford Saturday, and is at his post at J. S. Brown's grocery store. We are glad to know that he is much improved in health.

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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.

—All the conventions upon with pride to the record of the party. Even these pointers are an improvement on the calamity-howler.

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