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A FEW BITES.

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

—Twenty-three young ladies graduated this week at Salem Academy.

—Mr. W. J. Puryear has about completed painting the store of Mr. J. S. Brown.

—Mr. F. W. Hancock has placed in front of his drug store a very neat awning.

—We are glad to see out after several days sickness, our young friend, Willie Biggs.

—Beauty and grace adorned our streets on Monday, as they were thronged with young ladies.

—Capt. Robt Henry, of Durham, dropped dead Monday while walking over his farm near the city.

—A storm and tornado swept over several counties in Iowa Monday killing 32 people and wrecking several small towns.

—Found—I have found a gold badge, and the owner can get it by calling on L. Hunter and describing the same, and paying for this notice.

—After several days of sickness we are pleased to learn that Mrs. J. S. Amis is convalescent, which will be good news to her host of friends.

—Dr. Tyre York said last week in Wilkes to a Raleigh man that he knew of 25,000 Republican votes which Russell could not get.

—The lady teachers at the Orphan Asylum tendered their young gentlemen friends of Oxford a reception on Friday evening last. It was a most enjoyable affair, and will long be remembered by the participants.

—Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Miss Lillie Wade, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. William Bowling to Mr. Samuel H. Jones, of Culbreth, at Red Mountain Baptist church, June 17th, at 3 o'clock p. m.

—An Atheism girl has a parrot that shrieks, "Don't dare kiss me!" every time a young man crosses the threshold. The bird learned it while sitting on the porch near the hammock summer nights.—Atheism Globe.

—Sunday will be children's day at Salem church, and promises to be a most enjoyable occasion, and everybody is invited to attend. Our talented townsmen, Mayor B. S. Royster will deliver an address to the children.

—Mr. Spencer O'Brien, of Berea, who was so badly shot in the shoulder some weeks ago, is now improving very fast. We were very glad to shake hands with him in Oxford Tuesday, and found him in good spirits.

—Hon. F. R. Farrar will deliver one of his fine humorous addresses before the Sunnyside School, in Clarksville, Va., on the evening of June 2nd. Friends and patrons invited to attend. Admission fee 25 cents, reserved seats 35 cents.

—Let the old veterans of Granville organize and get ready to attend the Confederate re-union and corner stone laying of Jefferson Davis' Monument at Richmond, Va., the second day of July. Send your name to L. H. Stegall if you intend going.

—There will be an entertainment at Mr. E. K. Howard's Tuesday night, June 2nd. After the exercises are over ice cream will be served for the benefit of Geneva and Enon churches. The public are cordially invited. Exercises will begin at 7:30.

—Messrs. Hunt & Williams, of the Farmers Warehouse, enjoyed a good break of tobacco Friday and succeeded as usual in getting the highest market prices for their patrons. This is a live and popular firm, and are hard to get ahead of.

—The commencement exercises of the Davis Military School, which ranks among the best in the South, will take place June 1-3. We extend our thanks to Col. Jeff Davis, the able superintendent, for an elegant designed invitation to be present.

—Take Warning—Let every Democrat attend primary of his township, and have a voice in the organization of the party and in the fight for free silver. This is the time when every true lover of liberty and battle until sun down on the first Tuesday in November.

—Out of a class of six at Greensboro some days ago, our popular young friend Willis Peace, won the Cadetship at West Point from this district. We warmly congratulate him upon his success. Hollis Winston, son of President Winston, of the University, captured the appointment at the Naval Military Academy.

—Let the good people of Granville begin to get ready to attend the celebration of St. John's Day at the Orphan Asylum on the 24th of June. Tell your neighbors about it, and get them to join the happy and general throng that will gather beneath the giant oaks on that day. We thank Superintendent N. M. Lawrence for an invitation to be present.

—Mr. J. K. Daniel, the good natured old bachelor of Berea, smiled upon the editor Tuesday. He seemed to be in such happy frame of mind we took it for granted that he had become a leap year victim, and will take some time for him to get through kicking himself for being so selfish with his love all these weary years. Send us an invitation John!

FRANCIS HILLIARD SCHOOL.

Closing Exercises of this High Grade Institution of Learning.

The closing exercises of this institution, held in the chapel of the school building, have been full of interest to those privileged to attend them. The recital on Wednesday evening was of exceptional excellence, as was one taking part showing the results of the earnest and painstaking instruction of their teacher, Miss Elizabeth Hilliard. The instrumental numbers were very accurately rendered and showed a thorough knowledge of and grounding in the foundation steps so essential to all successful or pleasing music. Those who were present a year ago noticed with a glad eye the proficiency of the same pupils who played at that time, notably Misses Laura Williams and Mary Phelps. Of those who have more recently commenced lessons, Misses Hettie Lyon and Mary Shotwell showed natural ability.

The vocal selections were good and evidenced that much care and thoughtful study had been given to the development of each one's voice, as was shown in the singing of Misses Lucy Webb, Annie Crews, Katie Briscoe and Master Cecil Daniel.

The recitations by the younger children were particularly pleasing especially the one in unison by a class of seven girls and boys and Mr. Orator Puff, recited by Master Henry Cooper, elicited much applause.

The reception on Tuesday evening for the members of graduating class was very enjoyable, but the crowning event of the week was the Graduating Exercises. The essays by the members of the graduating class, Misses Rosa Crews, Nora Boggan and Francis Phelps showed unusual thought and mental discipline.

The diplomas were presented by Rev. J. M. Horner, who made an appeal to the young ladies to live not for happiness, but for duty, for others not for self.

The piano selections by Misses Maud Wilcox and Dorothea Coggeshall were well and exquisitely rendered, as also the singing by Misses Maud Wilcox and May Hundley.

The program closed with reading of the roll of honor containing the names of those pupils whose average rank for the year was over 95.

Death of Dr. Thos. H. Pritchard.

The Baptist church of North Carolina mourns the death of one of its brightest and hard working ministers in the demise of Dr. Thos. H. Pritchard which occurred in New York Saturday morning, whether he had gone for treatment for Brights disease. He had many warm admirers in Oxford and Granville.

In speaking of his death the Raleigh News and Observer says: "We think this will be the most important and far-reaching matter they will have to consider during their term of office. What reason was there for a change in the law? The same books have been in use for nearly seven years and so far as we can learn have given universal satisfaction; they were written by men noted for their learning and who were born and have lived in the South all their lives and are therefore familiar with the conditions which surround the Southern people, while on the contrary the books advocated for adoption in the place of these are books written and published by Northern men who are unfamiliar with the condition of the Southern people and who are as partisan and sectional as they are ignorant.

The books now in use are sold to our children cheaper than any others at the price lists of the various publishers will show. Then why was the law changed? We have given the matter careful consideration and with the evidence before us we say and say without fear of contradiction that the reason why the present school book law is on our Statute book is the cupidty of a Northern publishing company and the unscrupulousness of some of our legislators. This same concern went into the fusion legislature where they seemed to have met with better success as it was at their instance and by the use of their money that the present law was enacted.

Again, as we said before, the most potent reason for advocating no change in the books is the expense it would entail upon that class of our people in our county who are least able to bear it. There are children now in our schools whose parents are denying themselves that they may have an education and if there is a change the burden upon them will be but the greater. Commissioners, are you by your action the 1st of June going to endorse the cupidty and unscrupulousness of this book concern, the action of the fusion legislature, and add a burden of thousands of dollars to the already over-taxed people of our county? We believe not.

Thanks.

To the citizens of Oxford I desire to express my sincere thanks for their timely assistance in extinguishing the fire in my store on the night of the 26th inst.

Very gratefully,
J. P. STEDMAN.

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BEAUTIFUL ENTERTAINMENT

Given by Mrs. A. A. Hicks' School Wednesday Evening.

A very pleasing entertainment was given at the Opera House Wednesday night by Mrs. A. A. Hicks' school. The little folks' performance was very creditable to themselves and their teacher, and gave great pleasure to the host of parents and friends gathered there to hear them. The boys were manly in appearance, spoke distinctly, being especially heard on all parts of the floor, the little girls sang well and were all very sweet. The only one we shall mention particularly was the smallest child, Miss Alleine Minor, who attracted much attention and the admiration of every one.

The efforts of the young lady who thought she looked "just like grandmama" and the small boy who would be a "soldier" in the first part were very well received. We are sorry that Miss Alice Hundley thought she could not respond to the hearty encore following the song, "Two Marionettes." In the chorus sung by Misses Jeannette Gregory, (solo) Julia Minor, Fannie Ellis and Lullie Renn the little girls were very sweet. Master Jack Booth, a natural orator, brought the apple from the garden of Eden down to date and the house also, which was enthusiastic in its applause. The parol drill had many pleasing features, being both well planned and executed. This was followed by the closing number which brought the whole force on the stage in the "Red, White and Blue" march. We had nearly omitted to mention the duet by Miss Alleine Minor and her sister, who were given during the intermission, and was the musical hit of the evening.

Mrs. Hicks received many compliments at the conclusion of the successful program rendered. Beautiful bouquets of flowers were showered in profusion upon the young performers.

There Should be no Change.

In our issue of last week we had occasion to refer to the change in the school law relative to the adoption of school books for use in our public schools and since then we are more convinced than ever that in no instance should there be a change. Until the advent of our last legislature our representatives had always, and wisely, seen fit to leave this matter in the hands of the State Board of Education, who as we remarked before are eminently qualified to judge of the merits or demerits of a book which is to be put in the hands of children at that tender age when their minds are plastic and the impressions made thereon are to influence them through their whole after life. The law as it now stands takes this out of the hands of the State Board and places it in the hands of the County Commissioners, and for the reasons given below we think this will be the most important and far-reaching matter they will have to consider during their term of office.

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THE TRAVELLERS.

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

—Dr. E. T. White spent Monday in Richmond.

—Mr. H. M. Shaw attended Vance court this week.

—Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Bryan, of Stem, were in Oxford Tuesday.

—Miss Georgie Duncan, of Berea, is visiting Miss Annie Ragan.

—Mr. N. C. Wood, of Danville, Va., was on our breaks Tuesday.

—Mayor B. S. Royster is attending U. S. court in Raleigh this week.

—Dr. Atwater, of Knap of Reeds, spent Monday afternoon in Oxford.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Curran, of Northside, were on our streets Tuesday.

—Miss Lucy Webb, of Stem, attended the commencement in Oxford Monday.

—Miss Nannie Gregory, now of Suffolk, Va., is visiting Mrs. J. A. Lewis.

—Mr. Thos Gooch, the handsome clothing tourist, was on our streets Tuesday.

—Mr. John Crews, of Danville, Va., took in the commencement Monday.

—Mr. David Oestreich, of Charlotte, was in Oxford several days this week.

—Mr. Frank Parham returned from Chicago, and is now at home near Carlton.

—Mrs. W. C. Tyree, of Durham, attended the commencement exercises this week.

—Mrs. A. C. Parham and daughter, of Carlton, were on our streets a few hours Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Powell, of Henderson, visited Capt. and Mrs. R. H. Powell Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lyon and daughters, of Stem section, were on our streets Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Parham, of Greenville, were among the happy throng in Oxford Monday.

—Mr. R. L. Pithford is one of the jurors in the United States Court, at Raleigh this week.

—Mr. J. H. Evans, the hustling merchant of Satterwhite, called at this print shop on Tuesday.

—Mr. L. Thomas, who has been quite sick several days, is up again to the pleasure of his friends.

—Mrs. C. J. Cooper and children, who have been a visit to Leaksville, returned to Oxford today.

—Mr. Claud Cheatham and his sister, Miss Eva, attended the Salem Academy commencement this week.

—Dr. Coggeshall returned Monday from a visit to the great State of Texas and St. Augustine, Florida.

—Mrs. B. S. Crews, of Danville, Va., was numbered among the large number of visitors to Oxford this week.

—The Misses Tyree, of Durham, and Averett, of Danville, were the guests of the Misses Curran this week.

—Mrs. Bailey Owen, of Henderson, attended commencement of Oxford Female Seminary Sunday and Monday.

—Mr. H. B. Davis, of Williamsboro, an old Horner boy, attended the commencement exercises of that school this week.

—Mr. Joe Randolph, of Tillery, attended the commencement. Of course he was looking after his hearts best interest.

—Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Jr., of Asheville Graded School, arrived home Monday, and will spend his vacation in Oxford.

—Rev. B. C. Alred, of Stem, spent Tuesday night with Rev. G. B. Perry, and left Wednesday morning in a handsome new buggy.

—Misses Mary Belle and Lizzie Powell, of Henderson, spent several days this week with Miss Mattie Brown on College street.

—Mr. Wade H. Britt returned Tuesday from Baltimore where he has been taking a business course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College.

—Misses Mary and Nellie Curran, Carrie Hobgood and Susie Gooch and Mr. J. M. Curran took in the Wake Forest commencement this week.

—Miss Carrie Lawrence has returned from the State Normal School at Greensboro, and accompanied by Miss Evan, a fascinating young lady of Reidsville.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Farabow, and sons, accompanied by the accomplished Miss Lucy Farabow, music teacher at Caldwell Institute, were in Oxford Wednesday, and the editor enjoyed a visit from them.

—Messrs. L. H. Moss, H. D. Mangum and son, Ed Parratt and G. L. Allen, of Wilton, and A. C. Parham, of near Oxford, were among the pleasant visitors to the PUBLIC LEDGER Monday afternoon.

—Messrs. J. W. Morton, of Satterwhite, C. C. Wheeler, J. E. Freeman, James Pleasants and W. H. Tingen, of Creedmoor, and C. J. Bobbitt, of Watkins, were among the much abused "old man" of the PUBLIC LEDGER Tuesday.

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—Mr. J. E. Jones, of Louisburg, was in Oxford Monday.

—Mrs. L. F. Smith, of Tar River, was an Oxford visitor Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Sherman, of Berea, were in Oxford Friday.

—Miss Jessie Herman, of Warrenton, is the guest of Miss Lessie Hunter.

—Mr. Zeb V. Burroughs, of Dabney, was in Oxford Saturday afternoon.

—Dr. W. O. Baskerville has returned from an extended visit to Richmond.

—Mr. N. B. Daniel and daughter, of Satterwhite, were on our streets Friday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dorsey, of Clay section, spent Friday afternoon in Oxford.

—Mr. John H. Webb, of Stem, visited Oxford Friday and paid us a pop call.

—Miss Etta Cordon, of Washington, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. John Stedman.

—Misses Nannie and Carrie Landis, of Henderson, are the guests of Miss Fannie Landis.

—Mr. Alex Wilkerson, of Averett, Va., is on a visit to his sons, Col. Henry and Mr. W. I. Wilkerson.

—Messrs. J. W. Smith, of Mt. Energy, H. Suit, of Berea, visited Oxford Friday and called to see the editor.

—The editor enjoyed a visit on Friday from Masters Charlie Cash, and Melvin Bragg, two of Stem's bright boys.

—Misses Stella Cheatham and Mamie Baxter, two attractive young ladies of Ridgeway, are the guests of Miss Lula Biggs.

—Ex-Sheriff James A. Crews, of near Crews' Mill, David Smith, of Tar River, and J. T. Morton, of Satterwhite, spent a few hours in Oxford Friday.

—Our esteemed young friend, Frank Madry, of the sprightly Durham Herald is confined at home on account of sickness. We wish him a speedy recovery.

—We were glad to grasp the hand of our young friend Roy Jackson, of Franklin county, in Oxford this week. He was in attendance upon the commencements.

—We more than regret to learn of the illness of Mrs. Thad Manning, of Henderson, and trust ere this the disease has been checked and is rapidly convalescent.

—Mrs. J. A. Crews, of Shady Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Cash and children, of Stem, Mrs. Callis, of Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harris, of Fishing Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Ajax Walters, of Stem, Mrs. W. C. Peed and Misses Mattie Peed and Lillie Smith, of Hargrove, were in town Friday.

—Mr. Fred N. Day, one of the wide-awake business men of Winston, was in Oxford this week, visiting his relatives, and we enjoyed a visit from him. We were glad to see him looking so well, showing that his lines must have fallen in a pleasant place when he located among the good people of Winston. (Should have appeared in last issue.)

Messrs. T. J. Smith, of Hargrove, accompanied by Mr. Strickland, of Rockingham county, Dorsey Mangum, and J. W. Lawrence, of Wilton, J. P. Mize, Milton and Crawford Hobgood, and Crawford Knott, of Enon, D. G. Crews, and Edgar Crews, of Tar River, B. F. Hester, of Walnut Grove, Goodrich Wilson, of Stovall, Uncle Sammy Dickerson, and W. A. Parham, of Fishing Creek, were on our streets Friday.

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Commencement Exercises University North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. Tickets on sale May 29th to June 3rd; limit June 6th. \$2.20 round trip.