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Commissioner's Sale of Land.

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY CONFERRED UPON THE undersigned Commissioner by a certain judgment and decree of the Supreme Court of Granville County, rendered by J. M. Sikes, Clerk of said court, on the 25th day of May, 1896, in a certain cause, proceeding wherein Ralph C. Adams, Plaintiff, vs. J. M. Sikes, Defendant, and the late Chesley Daniel, said J. M. Sikes, Plaintiff, and John H. Adcock and John P. Phillips, Defendants, we will sell for cash by public auction at the courthouse door in Oxford, N. C., on Monday, the 7th day of Dec. 1896, that certain tract of land in Oak Hill township, Granville County, known as the David Adcock tract, containing 250 ac. ±, adjoining the tract owned by Ralph C. Adams, and bounded as follows, to-wit: On the north by the estate of the late Isaac Adcock, on the east by the estate of the late Chesley Daniel, on the south by the estate of the late Chesley Daniel, and on the west by the estate of the late Chesley Daniel. Time of sale 12 M. Nov. 26, 1896.

B. S. ROYSTER,
A. A. HICKS,
Commissioners.

TIMELY HITS.

Points Scored in a Week's Game of Seek and Find.

—Cotton continues to get lower—gold standard.

—Read the new legal advertisements in this issue.

—The gloomiest days often have the most glorious sunset.

—Danville market sold 2,000,000 pounds of tobacco in 7 days.

—With carpets down the home in its winter guise is most alluring.

—The new county officers take the oath of office on the first Monday in December.

—It is safe to say that not a woman in the world will admit that she hasn't good taste.

—Mr. J. S. Brown has had the roofs of his prize house and brick factory repainted.

—It's strange to see white men brag about negroes being elected to office over their own race.

—A goodly number of our people attended the Fife meeting at Henderson the past week.

—The improvements are progressing rapidly on the Ustry residence and out side buildings.

—Judge W. A. Hoke is holding Person court this week in place of Judge Melver who is sick.

—It is said the Republicans have not got enough Populists pledged as yet to elect Pritchard Senator.

—It is stated that Heilman, the Populist leader in the last House, has a cinch on the Speakership.

—Dr. H. C. Herndon is having the stables rebuilt on his Cherry Hill place that was blown down some time ago.

—Note the change in the large advertisement of Crenshaw & Co., as it is money in your pocket if you trade with them.

—Mr. C. G. Mangum, of Hester, sold one barn of tobacco at the Meadows Warehouse Friday at \$21 per hundred round.

—“Give us this day our daily bread!” That is a prayer that only God can answer; but there are many men who help to do so.

—Dr. S. H. Cannady continues to improve his place, as he has had the new fence around the lot adjoining that of his residence painted.

—Fickleness of taste is strikingly illustrated in the campaign button. A few weeks since was a prevalent hobby, and already it's worn off.

—Next year it's expected the bicycle will prevail more than ever. At this rate it won't be long before the man who walks will be on his last legs.

—Mr. A. A. Overton has been commissioned postmaster at Clay, and will make an efficient one. Mary E. Ridout has also been appointed postmistress at Woodworth.

—If you wish to enjoy a regular football game go to Horner Park this Thursday afternoon, and you will catch on to a touch down and a goal, which are the rub with the boys.

—The members of the First Colored Baptist church who have bought the old White Baptist church building expect to have it moved sometime during December on their lot in South Oxford.

—If you want to buy a good horse Bob Day is the man to sell him to you, as he has just received a carload of nice horses. These animals are sold under a guarantee and if not satisfactory money refunded.

—Union Thanksgiving services will be held at Methodist church today, (Thursday) at 11 o'clock a. m., Rev. Shorter Caldwell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, preaching the sermon. Everybody is invited to attend.

—Good men and true men may differ about politics, religion and all matters of opinion; but no man should differ now as to the necessity of a general effort to revive business, employ labor and establish a demand for production.—Sun.

—We wonder if it is not in order now for the Democrats to lay aside small amounts to assist many of the colored Republicans, who fought so gallantly against them at the polls on the 3rd inst., to pull through the cold bleak days of winter?

—The editor apologizes to Mr. I. H. Wilson, constable elect for Salem township, for attempting to change his color and classing him a Republican if he did run on the fusion ticket. We were misinformed, and find that he is a son of our old friend John K. Wilson, and a good Populist.

—We point with great pride to the new designs we have received in fall and winter suits for boys and men. This season the manufacturers were especially anxious to make sales and they put better values on the market than ever before. We bought them up and now is your chance to get a great deal for a little money.—B. F. Kronheimer.

—James Hunt, colored, of Salem Township, did not seem to like it because Walter Crews, a colored brother in politics, saw fit to exercise his right to vote for Mr. Charley Crews for Register of Deeds, so he concluded to make it warm for him. He met him last Thursday and proceeded to carve him up in a serious manner. At last accounts Walter was doing well under the circumstances.

JUDGE AFTER J. M. SIKES.

Refused to Take Affidavit and Hauled up Before Judge Graham.

In pursuance of chapter 135 of the laws of 1895, sect. 5, which provides the way in which two extra county commissioners may be appointed, the Democrats who desired to be represented on the board on last Thursday applied to Mr. J. M. Sikes, Clerk of our Court, with the necessary papers, properly drawn and signed, to make the affidavit required by law so that the papers might be certified to the Judge and the two commissioners appointed. Mr. Sikes possibly laboring under the impression that he was both clerk and judge refused for what reason we cannot understand to allow the affidavits to be made, unless it was because the Republicans had full control of county affairs, and as one of the smart “Alex's” expressed, “We intend to have it.”

Messrs. T. Lanier and J. Crawford Biggs, attorneys for the Democrats, then applied to Judge Graham, who was in town, for a rule on Mr. Sikes to show cause why he should not perform his duty. The matter was before Judge Graham at Chambers Saturday, Mr. Sikes being represented by Col. L. C. Edwards and Major B. S. Royster. After argument on both sides his honor sustained the counsel for the Democrats, and ordered Mr. Sikes to accept the affidavits.

We are now informed that Mr. Sikes still refuses to certify the papers to Judge Graham as required by law so that he may appoint the two commissioners, and that an attachment for contempt will be applied for. We predict that this will bring the gentleman to his senses, and that he will cease, by violating his duty, to thwart the will of the people. He should not kick so violently against a law made by his own party to allow whatever party that is out representation.

GRANVILLE GRAYS.

Oxford's Crack Military Company out Drilling Monday Afternoon.

In spite of adverse legislation and the withdrawal of a large part of the State appropriation, the young men of Oxford and immediate vicinity have been patriotic enough to keep up the organization of our military company.

We have always been proud of the company and given it our most cordial support, and just now we take an especial interest in its welfare. It is composed of young men of high standing, who fully appreciate the obligations resting upon them, and who will promptly respond to every call of duty. We are gratified to note that the company is in fine condition and we congratulate the officers upon the splendid appearance it makes on drill. Our people ought to stand by the Granville Grays. It has rendered valuable service only a few years ago, and has always been an important factor in maintaining good order in this community. We appeal to every property owner and good citizen of the town and county to see to it that these young men are supported and encouraged in this labor of patriotism. The regular monthly parade and inspection of the company was held last Monday afternoon, Capt. Skinner commanding, and the soldierly bearing and splendid deportment of the men, rendered great credit upon Capt. Skinner and his two Lieutenants, J. O. Ellington and W. H. Britt. The parade was a complete success and the company 36 strong drilled like Regulars. Three cheers for the Granville Grays! Long may it live.

Hampton Hummings.

Mr. Herbert Yarborough visited Durham last Saturday.

Miss Emma Rhew visited relatives in this section on the second Sunday.

Mr. R. E. Oakley, of Hampton, visited Caswell county Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. A. Mangum, of Flat River, was the guest of Mr. Dudley Johnson Sunday.

Miss Nettie Gooch, who has been visiting relatives in Durham, has returned home.

Misses Mary Oakley and Yennie Chandler, of near Roxboro, is on a visit to Miss Zula Oakley.

Died, of Paralysis at Round Hill, Durham county, a few days ago, Mr. Radford Stag in his 75th year.

Messrs. J. P. and Joseph Thomas took in the Roxboro tobacco market last week and report tobacco very low.

We heard Joe Fiddlesticks say he greatly admired the PUBLIC LEDGER and that he would take it if it cost as much again.

Mrs. Joseph Tilley, of Nelson, Durham county, who has been on an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. W. S. Cozart, has returned home.

A negro by the name of Joseph Haskins entered the dwelling of Elder J. C. Hudgins and took from his desk \$865 in gold. He has since run away.

Married, Sunday, November 15th, at the home of the bride's father, Wm. Cothron, Mr. Pender Mangum, of near Flat River, Durham county, to Miss Ella Cothron, of near Mt. Tirzah.

Col. Tipton says he has no apologies to make as to the stand he took in the last election. Well, we don't look for or expect any from any of the Hanaeraets as they are no more nor less than the blackest Republican that infests our land, and after they have wrought total ruin to this beloved America may their conscience then smite them.

OLD SLEUTH.

THE TIDE OF TRAVEL.

People Coming or Going in All Directions--A Record.

—Mr. J. A. Renn was in Durham Tuesday.

—Miss Sallie Lawrence is visiting friends in Tarboro.

—Mr. John Gooch was in Danville a few days this week.

—Mr. Wade Cheek, of Henderson, was in Oxford Sunday.

—Mrs. M. L. Watkins is on a visit to her home in Alabama.

—Miss Nina Horner returned from a visit to Durham Monday.

—Mr. H. P. Blackley, of Wilton, paid the editor a visit Monday.

—The Misses Hunt, of Fishing Creek, were on our streets Monday.

—The many friends of Robt. Elliott are glad to see him back in Oxford.

—Ex Judge Winston, of Durham, was on our streets a few hours Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Meadows, of Rock Hill, S. C., are visiting near Greens.

—Rev. James Plummer attended the Episcopal Convention at Norfolk last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Sizemore, and child have removed from Louisburg to Oxford.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Bullock, of Stem, were in Oxford a few hours Saturday.

—Mr. R. A. Loyd, of Adoniram, was among the visitors to Oxford Wednesday.

—Miss Nannie Philpott, who was quite sick during the past week, is convalescent.

—Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hayes, of Fishing Creek, spent a few hours in Oxford Thursday.

—Commissioner Breedlove, of Salem township, dropped in to see the editor Friday.

—Mr. Lawson Knott, and family, of Sunset, were among the visitors to Oxford Monday.

—Mr. John Hall returned Monday from a business trip to Wilmington and Robeson county.

—Mrs. J. S. Amis, who accidentally fell a few days ago and hurt herself, is much improved.

—Mr. L. D. Williford, of Berea, joined the throng in Oxford Friday and rolled out in a new buggy.

—Mr. C. G. Mangum, one of the progressive young farmers of the Hester section, called to see us Tuesday.

—Mr. John H. Webb, of Stem, was in our town Monday, and we were glad to meet this good man in our office.

—Mr. S. C. Lyon, one of the prosperous business men of Creedmoor, was on our streets Wednesday for a short time.

—After spending two weeks at Clay and Wilton visiting relatives and friends Miss Luna Ustry returned home Tuesday.

—Judge A. W. Graham held Alliance court last week, finishing up Thursday, and is dispensing justice in Nash this week.

—Mr. Geo. Pittard left a few days ago for his father's near Bullock, where he will remain until he gets his strength back.

—Messrs. J. C. Ustry and W. P. Lyon, of Wilton, W. A. Parham, of Watkins, J. F. Cole, of Sunset, visited this office Friday.

—Supt. N. M. Lawrence, of the Orphan asylum, returned Saturday from attending the N. C. Methodist Conference at Salisbury.

—Mr. H. M. Lanier has completed his circuit on the road and will rest for a few weeks in Oxford. We are glad to have him with us.

—Mrs. Susan Williams, and little daughter, of Panacea Springs, spent Saturday and Sunday in Oxford the guest of Mrs. Lucy Cooper.

—Mrs. Graham Hunt, of Oxford, and Mrs. T. C. Rogers, of Wilton, returned from a pleasant visit to Washington City Thursday.

—Messrs. W. S. Beck, of Creedmoor, and J. B. Puryear, of Noblin, Luther Carrington, of Hampton, visited our office Wednesday.

—Mr. Harry Bryan returned Saturday from a most enjoyable visit to friends and relatives in Edgecombe, Nash and Halifax counties.

—Misses Connie and Ola Crews, of Tar River, graced our streets Saturday. They are two of the Southside charming young ladies, so the boys say.

—The many friends of Dr. Buck Williams, of Brookland, D. C., are glad to meet him in Oxford. He arrived Tuesday and will remain a few days.

—Mr. R. L. Lyon, of Lyon, stopped over in Oxford Saturday, returning from the Fife meeting at Henderson, and was a pleasant visitor to this office.

—Messrs. C. P. Bullock, of near Raleigh, and our greatly esteemed friend, Wesley Lyon, of Berea, were welcome visitors to our sanctum Thursday.

—Mr. Fred N. Day, of Winston, stopped over in Oxford Monday on his return from New York where he went to purchase a fine stock of jewelry, etc.

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—Mr. James Wood, of Berea, visited his son, Mr. J. K. Wood, Monday.

—Mr. T. V. Edmonds was in Danville several days the past week, and reports a regular sea of tobacco with three sales a day, and still had enough to keep the market glutted all this week.

—Rev. R. H. Marsh made another couple happy on the 22nd inst, as he sent on life's journey Mr. S. L. Noblin and Miss Julia, daughter of J. J. Lawson, Esq., of Oak Hill township.

—Messrs. J. C. Biggs and Paul Graham attended the reception of Judge and Mrs. R. W. Winston, of Durham, last Thursday evening, given in honor of their guest, Miss Henneson, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Miss Gilbert, of New York, and Miss Nina Horner, of Oxford.

New Light News.

Right much tobacco is being carried to Youngville from this section. Look out, ye Oxford buyers.

Miss Katie Sharpe spent last Saturday night with the Misses Mangum. Also several others were there in the evening.

So many of the correspondents are silent that “our paper” is not as interesting as it has been but hope it will come again as the election is over. Do write often everybody.

Rev. J. W. Atkinson delivered a splendid sermon on Sunday last at Fellowship to a large and well interested congregation. Mr. Atkinson always interests his congregations.

We have been away from home sometime and have not taken so much interest in the paper. However, we will be at home ere long, then you will hear from me oftener.

Miss Lucy Jones will close her school at Wakefield Academy in two weeks. We regret very much to have her leave. Hope she may teach again in this section in the near future.

Many thanks, Leopold, for your nice compliment, but we do not pretend to say that we can speak like the other young ladies. Hope you will continue to write often. We enjoy your items.

Misses Alice Coley, of Lyon, Hattie Fleming, Josie Lyon, Eva Davis and Mary Winston, of Creedmoor, Lucy Parrott, of Hester, Nina Mangum, of Mt. Energy, and several other ladies of this section and Messrs. Willie Jones, of Stem, Waldon Allen, of Wilton, John Parrott, of Hester, Tom Rogers, of Creedmoor, Carl Mangum and Rufus Weathers, of Mt. Energy, Obie Winston, of Durham and several others visited at the home of Elm Jay Saturday and Sunday. We enjoyed their company very much and hope they may come again. ELM JAY.

If you want extra early cabbage next spring, now is the time to set out the plants. You can get Charleston Wakefield and Pride of the South from T. G. Taylor. Price 35 cents per hundred.

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Explanation Why Dr. de Lacroix feels Such a Deep Interest in Mr. Field.

In last week's Democrat Dr. Louis de Lacroix in a card advises Mr. A. J. Field not to contest the seat of Willie Crews, col., one of the great leaders of the Repts in Granville, in the next General Assembly. We have no doubt that Mr. Field appreciates the kind, friendly and disinterested advice of Dr. de Lacroix, and no doubt feels grateful to him for the vote and support that he failed to give him on the 3rd of November.

Having shown such a keen interest in Mr. Field's political future we feel warranted in saying that Dr. de Lacroix's failure to vote for Mr. Field for Representative was an oversight otherwise he would not have presumed to advise Mr. Field in this matter.

It has been suggested that as Dr. de Lacroix and Billie Crews, colored, hold the same views upon the financial question that possibly Dr. de Lacroix's vote, or rather failure to vote the Legislative ticket, in the last election was not an unintentional oversight. We have seen fit to offer a more charitable explanation of Dr. de Lacroix's action.

The Fife Meeting in Henderson.

Henderson is being stirred as never before. All the leading men close their places of business during the hours of service. Warehousemen stop the sales and go to the meeting. Men and women hold prayer meetings separately. Many family altars are being erected. The leading preachers and all the best people are in sympathy and to the front. Burwell Hall does not accommodate the vast crowds. People go long before the hour of service in order to get a seat. Great crowds from the county at every service. As many as fifty profess Christ at a single service and large numbers ask for prayer. Prejudice and opposition is melting away and it is believed that Henderson will be taken for the Lord. Mr. Fife has an assistant evangelist, the Rev. Mr. Levett, who is conducting a meeting for the colored people. AN EYE WITNESS.

The Bazaar.

The ladies of St. Stephen's church will hold their annual Bazaar on December 2nd and 3rd in one of the stores in the Johnson warehouse, and we trust the attendance will be large and a liberal patronage extended to them. They will have a sale of fancy work of various designs, dolls, express packages, &c.

Supper will be served each evening and the menu will consist of oysters, (cooked by Greeley Harris, the expert) salad, ice cream, cake and coffee.

Reduced Rates.

North Carolina A. M. E. Zion Conference, Wilson, N. C. Tickets on sale Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and 2, final limit Dec. 9; fare for round-trip \$5.25.

North Carolina Conference M. E. church, South, Kingston, N. C. Tickets on sale Dec. 7, 8 and 9, final limit Dec. 19; fare for round-trip, \$6.05.

Granville Grays Attention.

You are hereby ordered to report at Armory Monday night at 7:30 o'clock, in fatigue suit for weekly drill. By order of
H. L. SKINNER, CAPT.
A. D. HORGWOOD, 1ST, SERGT.

WANTED—A position as teacher of either a public or private school by a young lady of experience who can teach English, Mathematics, Music and beginners in Latin. References given and exchanged. Address Miss M. G. J., Finchley P. O., Mecklenburg Co., Va. Nov. 26-2t.

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