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It is Thought by Many
when the Creator said to woman "sorrow shall thou bring forth children," that a curse was pronounced that the joy felt by every Mother when she first presses to her heart her babe, proves the contrary.



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so relaxes the system that the natural and necessary... change takes place without Nausea... Headache, Nervous or Gloomy... Foreboding and at the trying hour makes child-birth easy, as so many happy mothers have experienced.

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J.G. Hall's
Is the place to get your

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LARGEST AND BEST TURNIPS!

All the BEST different varieties now in stock. Get none but the BEST. Your friend,

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"Neighbor Jones Said"

Fresh Turnip Seed!

New Crop - - - Just Received - - -

Hancock's Drug Store!

I have just received the following fresh turnip seeds: White Norfolk, White Globe, Seven Top, Southern Prize, Amber Globe, Red Top, White flat Dutch, Yellow Amberden, Yellow Rata Baga. Also Fall Cabbage and Clover and Grass Seeds.

Notice.
The undersigned is executor of the last will and testament of the late J. N. Fuller, this is to certify that the same is being held in trust for the purpose of paying the same to the heirs of the said J. N. Fuller from this date or as soon as the same can be paid in full of this or any other debt of the said J. N. Fuller. This 22nd day of June, 1897.

WEEK OF SHORT ACCOUNTS.

To Transcribe Them is but the Work of a Minute some Folks Think

—Protracted meeting commences at Salem on Sunday.
—The general public does not know the intensity and the extent of the fight against the public school special tax.

—If you are in debt to the PUBLIC LEDGER please do not hypothecate nor repudiate, but effectuate and liquidate immediately. We wait with empty plate as our supply of wind has about given out.

—A petrified tongue two feet long has been discovered in Kansas. This is not Mrs. Lease's tongue. Her tongue is not petrified, and she does not propose to let it be petrified while she is able-bodied enough to wag it.

—Our good brother, Mr. D. N. Hunt, of Salem, celebrated his 38th birthday on the 20th inst. May he be prosperous and happy, and continue to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

—Father Worth says that at least one-half of the Sheriffs will go to the county officers' convention at Morehead City, and that besides them there will be no end of other county officers. Father Worth is delighted at the outlook.

—There has been quite a dispute in Wilson county as to who were legally the county board of education. The State Superintendent decided that Geo. W. Connor, Nathan Bass and S. W. Vick were recognized as the board until the courts order otherwise.

—A newspaper man in Raleigh makes the statement that Major Brown, of Governor Russell's staff, will take a place there in the government service. Major Brown is the Populist member of the House from Jones county and is a devoted friend to Senator Pritchard.

—Barnes Bros., printers to the Council of State, get the Agricultural Department printing. Barnes says they would print it so much cheaper than Stewart Bros. had been doing that the department could afford to pay the new rate of postage demanded, one cent for each copy.

—The State Superintendent of public schools says in reply to an inquiry as to what should constitute a school district, that each public school should have at least sixty-five pupils, and that the territory over which the five school committees have jurisdiction must be bounded by the old township line.

—According to the Morganton Herald two Burke county young men have filled a long felt want by inventing a patented hoe by which one man can sit under the shade of a tree, turn a crank and hoe ten acres of corn in a single day. All hail to Burke! First in peace, first in politics and first in the hearts of the Sons of Rest.

—Some, at least, of the Populists, are becoming sick of their environments, and from some sections of this county comes the news that they are ready to affiliate with their old friends, the Democrats. This does not apply to any who have "pie." At the first bite of pie the world grows rose-colored, arguments have no force and all sense of direction is lost.

—The State Superintendent of Public Instruction received a letter from the chairman of a county board of education, asking whether the board could pay the expenses of the county public school examiner while the latter was preparing himself to examine! The superintendent was very angry and replied sharply. The examiner is advised to go to school.

—A cloud has been cast over the teachers who are so warmly advocating the school tax by the question of the unconstitutionality of the law. It has and should have a rocky road as our people now have more taxes than they can bear. The right thing to do, is to vote against any more taxes, and we hope not a single township in Granville will be carried in favor of it.

—We agree with our esteemed contemporary at Charlotte, The Observer, in this: "The truth is that there is more than enough room in North Carolina for all its educational institutions, and after all our protestations in favor of the education of the people we should be ashamed to be found in an attitude of antagonism to any institution which educates them, whether this attitude were taken openly or secretly."

—The secret of true happiness lies in unselfishness.

—Mrs. Lucy Powell, who has been sick for several days, is much better.

—The "old man" is under obligations to Mr. R. T. Moss for a fine watermelon.

—Some of our merchants have erected bicycle racks for the convenience of wheelmen.

—A large Ibis was killed near Oxford Friday. It had beautiful plumage, being white with half of the wings and tail black.

—Our old friend, Mr. C. R. Lewis, of Lewis', is quite happy now, as he has treated himself to a new horse, new buggy and new harness.

—An Illinois town is equipped with a beautiful female undertaker but there is no noticeable rush of young men to be laid out by her.

—The Wilmington, Newbern & Norfolk Railroad was sold last week under foreclosure of mortgage and was bought by the Atlantic Coast Line for \$400,000.

—Rev. A. S. Caldwell is out at Geneva church this week assisting in a meeting. Remember there will be services in the Presbyterian church Sunday next.

—It is reported that one of our iron clad bachelors has undergone a melting process through the tender licks inflicted by cupid, and will ere many weeks become a benedict.

—Mr. Josh King has decided not to leave his many friends in Oxford, and will take pleasure in waiting on them if they will call at Long Bros., where he will be located in the future.

—Master Harry Lehman has laid on our table a large Irish potato in the shape of a turtle. Harry is a nice little gentleman of pleasing manners and we thank him for his curiosity.

—Supervisor Baker, of the Public Schools of the county request us to announce that he will be at the Court House on Tuesday, July 27th to examine applicants for Peabody Scholarship.

—The Board of Supervisors, of Fishing Creek Township, will meet at Clays the first Saturday in August at 10 o'clock. All overseers are required to report their roads that day.

W. A. PARHAM, Chairman.

—Granville Superior Court convenes next week, with Judge Adams presiding, and we hope to see no partizanship displayed in the Court in the selection of jurors, and that political bench warmers will be ignored.

—Mr. Luther Stark is now with Mr. C. C. Cooper, the hustling warehouseman, of Rocky Mount. He left on Monday to commence work, and we congratulate Mr. Cooper upon securing the services of this fine judge of tobacco.

—The Oxford Township School Committee, composed of Revs. Woodson Reavis and J. A. Young, col., and Messrs. Ashton Hicks, B. F. Taylor and F. W. Hancock, met Saturday and organized. Mr. F. W. Hancock was elected chairman and Mr. Ashton Hicks, secretary. No other business was transacted.

—We are sorry to see so many of our colored people doing all they can to place more burdens upon the whites, who pay most of the taxes, by advocating the school tax. Let all who are opposed to increased burdens upon us do all within their power to defeat the ends of demagogues and their negro allies.

News and Observer says, the negro politicians want the Governor to pardon negroes in the penitentiary so they can vote in the next election. The negroes in the penitentiary all want to stay till they can hang up their stockings on Christmas. Between the two, the Governor's exercise of the pardoning power is delicate and difficult.

—Gov. Russell and his council decided not to call the Supreme Court together to test the constitutionality of the school tax law. The Governor said "it really seems that the matter of the school tax election is left entirely to the committee." It is a regular pie hunting scheme, and should be defeated, as we do not believe it would benefit the children.

—Drainage is not a healthy principle when applied to our County Treasury, no matter how money may flow like water in the eyes of a Republican. Our Commissioners must have thought it really did flow like water from the pockets of the tax-payers when they spent \$18.38 to put up roost poles in front of the court house for loafers to sleep on. Was this put down on the program of reform when the Populists and Republicans fused for pie?

TO OUR BUSINESS MEN.

Will you Encourage and Sustain the Public Ledger?

We hope every business man and bankers, principals of schools, and citizens of Oxford will give this article a careful reading. We think it concerns every merchant and every man who does business in Oxford.

We may be mistaken, but we think that Oxford in a business point of view would be greatly improved if they would advertise more liberally in the PUBLIC LEDGER. Our subscription list in this and adjoining territory is a good one and the paper continues to grow in popular favor with the farmers. We venture to say that there is not a local paper in North Carolina where the farmers and the farmers wives read a paper more attentively. The many correspondents we have all over Granville and adjoining counties, which we have taken much pains to get, creates a particular interest in the PUBLIC LEDGER.

We are very thankful for the many compliments we hear all the time of the paper. These compliments come in from Populists as well as Democrats. Among the best friends the PUBLIC LEDGER now has are the Populists who used to pitch into it because we showed up their demagogue leaders. Editors in other parts of the State have praised the paper time and again, and we thank our brother editors for kind words of praise.

Whether we deserve all that is said about us we will not pretend to say, but will say that we think we ought to get more advertising and job printing than we do from the business men of Oxford. Trade languages if business men do not advertise, and if our neighboring towns advertise and Oxford does not it is bound to be to the disadvantage of Oxford. Our opinion is that if every business man, banker, schools, lawyer and doctor will put an advertisement in the PUBLIC LEDGER it would be an advantage to them as well as the town. The large number of readers of the paper in the country reading the advertisements would often be induced to come here to trade, and otherwise would go off to Durham, Henderson, Franklinton and Roxboro, or elsewhere to do his or her trading.

If the business men of Oxford would give us all their job printing and advertise with us we could often send out many extra copies (which we did some years ago) all over this and adjoining counties.

We call on our business men to think this matter over carefully and at least give us a larger amount of their job printing and advertising than they have done in the past.

We cannot complain as to our subscription list, but our price is so low that subscribers don't pay us unless we get advertisements and job printing. The PUBLIC LEDGER really stands on its merits battling to build up our town and county and has no outside aid to help sustain it. Is it not worthy of your hearty co-operation and support?

We believe if you will advertise more you will both help yourselves and help your town and help sustain an enterprise unceasing in its efforts to promote the general prosperity of the town and county as well as for good government honestly and economically administered.

There is no method of advertising now equal to the local paper. Try it faithfully. Successful men everywhere concede the advantages of advertising, and many have made fortunes in that way.

For many years the PUBLIC LEDGER has labored zealously and untiringly amid many disadvantages to push and uphold any enterprise that would help Oxford or Granville. We feel that our labors have been useful, at least in some respects, but how can we keep up the paper unless we get local patronage? Patronage that we formerly obtained from abroad has been practically withdrawn from the local papers.

We know that the PUBLIC LEDGER has done thousands of dollars worth of free advertising for the Oxford tobacco market—upon which the bed rock of Oxford's prosperity rests. Ours is one of the best markets in the State, and we have published this again and again no doubt to the advantage of our market.

We don't regret a line of advertising we have published free in favor of our market, but we do think while we thus labor in this direction the warehousemen and business men ought at least come to our

support with their advertising and job printing, so that whenever they have got either to give out to patronize the PUBLIC LEDGER, as the continuance of the paper depends on local patronage. What we say of the tobacco market applies equally to our educational institutions.

We have no outside resources on which to depend, and if it is the wish and desire of all classes of our business men to have a first-class weekly paper published in Oxford they will of necessity have to extend a more liberal support to the paper. And if they will encourage us with their advertising and job printing we will give them value received for every cent they expend if possible.

We might enlarge this article by showing to our business men, as paraphrased from the Wilmington Messenger, by the paper published in Oxford that the outside world would never discover from it that there was a town of any size or business interests at the place of publication. We think this condition of things is to be regretted, and our purpose in calling attention to the business community to it is to suggest that by a more liberal patronage of their local paper they could upbuild the town and directly contribute to their own personal interests. There is an aggregate indirect advantage to come to the entire community from advertisement of individual enterprises, and this can only be done successfully through the medium of its local paper. If the various merchants, bank, warehousemen, schools and other business men were to make contracts for an advertisement in PUBLIC LEDGER for one year we could issue a larger and better paper which would draw attention to the town and county wherever it went, enlarging our circulation, and enlarging the usefulness of the PUBLIC LEDGER which would be of benefit, more than can be counted to Oxford.

Yours for Oxford and Granville co.,
JOHN T. BRITT.

Marriage of Mr. Joseph L. Fuller.
On Wednesday evening last at 9 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. G. A. Critcher Mr. Joseph L. Fuller, one of our coming young business men, and Miss Meta Eastwood, one of the fair daughters of Nash county, were joined together in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. M. H. Tuttle.

Attendants were: Walter Averett with Lonnie Roberts, J. L. Garrett with Miss Emily Usry, Pete Bullock with Miss Lillian Turner, R. L. Pool with Miss Mattie Usry.

As soon as the ceremony was over the wedding party repaired to the home of the groom, Capt. J. W. Fuller, where an elegant luncheon was served.

The editor joins a large number of friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Fuller a long and happy life.

Ice Cream Served at the Park.
The ladies of the Episcopal church served ice cream and cake at the de LaCroix Cycle Park Wednesday night. Besides the moonlight Japanese lanterns added to the beauty of the surroundings. Between 50 and 75 wheelmen were out and the ladies and gentlemen spent a most delightful evening. There were also a large number out in buggies and carriages. Mr. de LaCroix did all in his power to make the occasion an enjoyable one and received many thanks for courtesies extended.

Money to Burn.
A drummer was in Oxford a few days ago, and asked a merchant "what were the steps in front of the Court House built for?" The merchant replied, "why to go up one side, and down on the other, and for loafers to while the weary hours away." Well says the travelling man, "I have traveled nearly all over the country and never saw such things in front of a Court House before, for the benefit of loafers and tramps. Your county must have money to burn."

Hates Democrats.
Claude Bernard, of Greenville, a frothing-at-the-mouth-Republican must really have pie. He aims high, and wants \$4,000 district attorneyship, an office with little work and big pay. Bernard has a record as hating a Democrat worse than any other man in North Carolina, with the exception of J. M. Sikes, Clerk of the Superior Court, of Granville, who told a Court House full of negroes during the last campaign that he prayed for the "Damnation of every Democrat."

GOING AND COMING RECORD.

Those who are On the Go and in the Whirl of Time.

—Miss Emma Day left Saturday for Baltimore.

—Mr. W. C. Reed is on a business trip to England.

—Ex-Judge Graham was in Washington City Friday.

—Mrs. E. H. Sholer returned Friday from Nags Head.

—Rev. W. C. Tyree, of Durham, spent Friday in Oxford.

—Mr. Geo. Harrison, of Greenville, is visiting Oxford.

—Miss Lena Hawks, of Baltimore, is visiting friends in Oxford.

—Miss Eliza Pool, of Raleigh, is on a visit to Mrs. J. A. Taylor.

—Miss Emily Usry is on a visit to relatives and friends at Bullock.

—Miss Fannie Gregory spent a few days at Stovall the past week.

—Mr. Cog Hampton, of Hampton, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilson, of Stovall, were on our streets Wednesday.

—Mr. Frank Gregory left Wednesday for a business trip to Enfield.

—Mrs. C. J. Cooper and children are visiting Mr. Herbert Faucett at Bullock.

—Miss Belle Cooper is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. C. G. Elliott, at Norfolk, Va.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ray and son, of Roxboro, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Marsh.

—Mr. E. C. Hackney, of Durham, was in Oxford Wednesday and called at this print shop.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Ferebee, of Stonewall, are visiting the family of Mr. J. T. Cheatham.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bowling returned Wednesday from a visit to relatives in Durham county.

—The charming little Julia Winston is spending the summer with her grand-mother at Selma.

—Mr. W. P. Lyon, of Wilton, was numbered among the visitors to the PUBLIC LEDGER Wednesday.

—Wade H. Britt returned Thursday from a pleasant visit to Mr. Willie Carrington near Bullock.

—Mr. R. L. Davie, of Center Grove, visited Oxford Monday and called to see the PUBLIC LEDGER.

—Miss Ethel Dorsey, who has been visiting Miss Charlotte Britt, returned to her home in Henderson Friday.

—Mr. Clyde Dunn, one of the handsome young men of Kinston, was in Oxford a few days last week.

—Mr. Harvy B. Pool, of Halifax, Va., spent a short while with his cousin, Mr. R. L. Pool, the past week.

—Mr. Frank Floyd, of Knoxville, Tenn., is on a visit to his parents near Wilton. He was in Oxford Friday.

—Mr. E. W. Jones returned Monday from a visit to Boynton, Va., and his mother accompanied him home.

—Mrs. Ed White and children left Friday to spend some time at Chase City.

—The following farmers were in Oxford Saturday: Messrs. W. H. Washington, James Parrott and M. L. Winston, of Dutchville; W. A. Blackley, of Wilton; S. T. and A. J. Dickerson, of Fishing Creek; B. F. Hester, of Walnut Grove; Claude Cheatham and A. C. Parham, of near Oxford.

Regards it as Dead.

Tom Watson evidently regards the People's party as dead, for in a recent issue of his paper he said: "In the breaking up of the People's party, which Mr. Butler has done so much to bring about, many other old-time Republicans will be found doing just what Dunning did. If we cannot arrest the falling to pieces of our party, those who were once Democrats will be Democrats again, and those who were Republicans will be Republicans again. Fusion is dissolving Populism back into its original elements."

Of Course There Will Be.

The Pittsboro Record says: We have been asked the question whether or not there would be any schools in those townships which vote against this special tax? Of course there would be, and just the same as heretofore. The object of this election is not to take away any school or decrease their length, but to let the people vote an extra tax so as to have longer terms for their schools. And if any township votes for this special tax, it cannot be repealed for three years, but must be levied and paid in that township every year for three years.

"Last summer one of our grad-children was sick with a severe bowel trouble," says Mrs. E. G. Gregory, of Fredericktown, Mo. "Our doctor's remedies, had failed, then we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which gave very speedy relief." For sale by J. G. Hall.

Vegetables for sale at the Rectory for benefit of the Building Fund of St. Stephen's (Episcopal) Church. July 15th.

Pie for the Ring.

Rev. J. A. Fuller, one of the political colored preachers and henchman of the Court House ring dominated over by negro Bill Royster, and Robt. L. Sikes are the ones designated to make out the taxlist of Granville county. Fuller is a member of the political board of education of the county, and is down on the slate for pie. The question now arises will they be able to get the work done in the time specified by law, make out the book and turn it over to the sheriff. Why don't they distribute the pie around to some of the faithful outside of the members of the Court House ring?

Lyman A. Cotten while at the Horner School, Oxford, N. C., won his appointment to Annapolis in competitive examination. He stands among the first in a large class in which are many college graduates.

Negro Messengers Discharged.

Raleigh correspondent Charlotte Observer says: Of the capitol officials, it has been asserted that only the Secretary of State was so bold as to appoint his own negro messenger. It was said that some mysterious power caused the appointment of the messengers in the other departments, and ousted the faithful fellows who had been there so long. Father Worth gave out this fiery story and figuratively wept as it was told. But the Secretary of State is more prosaic, and says that each man appointed his own messenger; that there was no secret power at all. The new men were simply Republican workers that is all, and were put in the places of other colored Republicans.