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WEEK OF SHORT ACCOUNTS.

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

Mr. Sidney Hunt is putting new blinds to his house. Mr. S. W. Cooper has rented the old Mitchell residence.

Mrs. Stewart presented her husband with a son Tuesday night. The walls of the new Episcopal church continue to climb higher.

Mr. Henry Hunt has removed his insurance office to the old Bank of Granville.

Dr. E. T. White is adding steam to his prize house, near the depot, and is erecting a large edition to his factory.

Mrs. Emma Lynch has rented the Couch residence near Oxford Seminary and will move into it in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spencer had a girl born unto them Saturday night, and mother and baby are doing well.

Mr. R. H. Morse, of Charlotte, and his Gospel Wagon reached Oxford Saturday morning and remained until Monday.

The venerable and greatly beloved Dr. E. A. Yates preached two very able sermons at the Methodist church Sunday.

The ladies of the Baptist and Episcopal churches will give an ice cream and cake supper at Horner's Park Friday evening.

Messrs. R. T. and William Smith are now connected with the Farmers Warehouse, and are proving great hustlers on wheels.

Mr. Chas. Landis is now with the live hardware firm of Edwards & Winston, where he would be pleased to see all his old friends.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Emmett, has so far recovered from her accident as to be able to walk about the house without the aid of a crutch.

The new additions to the immense factory of W. A. Adams & Co., are nearly completed, and will be one of the best equipped plants in the State.

The Monroe Enquirer says there was a man on the jury there last week who is 45 years old and had never been in the court house until he took a seat in the jury box.

Another building is being erected at the Mary Potter Memorial School, which is sad news to some of the colored political preachers who are so anxious to crush out Rev. G. C. Shaw.

The Misses Hillard School opened up last week with between 40 and 50 scholars. The school building has been put in nice repair, and we wish these accomplished ladies unbounded success.

Almost any street you travel on in east Oxford the sicken smell of a hog pen greet you. Cannot the sanitary officer see that they are kept clean, as this is the month that serious cases of typhoid fever are apt to occur?

The "old man" was much pleased to meet in his office Friday his old friend, A. F. Smith, of Culbreth section, after his heated summer campaign during which he succeeded in raising a good crop of tobacco, corn, oats, wheat and peas.

The confederate veterans reunion at Henderson promises to be a grand affair. The Granville Grays and many of our citizens will join the old soldiers of Vance in their picnic, as well as those from Franklin and Warren. It will be a great day for Henderson.

Johnnie Helmer, one of the orphans at the Asylum, died Saturday of congestion of the bowels. He was 7 years old, and was from Pineville, Mecklenburg county, and had been in inmate of the Asylum about 18 months. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon.

Charlotte Observer says: "We see no explanation and can't understand why Rev. T. W. Babb should be removed from his job as chaplain to convicts on the Roanoke farms to make place for a brother in black, when he has held it for only two or three weeks. We are afraid that he became overjoyed at his relief and got full."

Lex Green, son of Mr. W. H. Green, of Dexter, told his father the first of the year that he wanted to go to school, and pitched him a crop of tobacco and went to work with a vim. He made a nice lot of tobacco cured it, stripped it out and sold it for \$58 net and added it to what he had and has gone off to school. This shows what a boy can do when he wants to get an education.

Read sale of land under mortgage by A. A. Hicks, trustee. The editor thanks Mr. A. B. Curran for some fine sweet potatoes.

The editor is under obligations to Mr. John W. Hunt for some superlative grapes.

Henderson is no longer a dry town. The Commissioners have granted licenses.

In order to build up Oxford and its every interest it is necessary for us all to pull together.

Mr. W. J. Stem is having his residence on Broad St., repainted and other improvements.

Yellow fever has made its appearance at Ocean Springs, Miss., Mobile, and New Orleans.

The world does move and the wheels continue to roll. The first colored girl on a wheel in Oxford was numbered among the occurrences during the past week.

The Oxford Seminary has started out with the largest attendance the first week within the history of the school. There are some 50 boarders with increased number of day scholars.

Mrs. Payne, accompanied by Masters Francis and Albert Cox, sons of General W. R. Cox, arrived in Oxford Tuesday and are boarding with Mrs. G. T. Patton. The boys are attending Horner School.

New bicycles arrive daily and the cyclist have captured Oxford and the few that are forced to walk are greatly in the minority, and have to almost give up the sidewalks in order to get along, especially late in the afternoons.

We are glad to see that Prof. W. T. Shannonhouse, is again numbered with the faculty of the Horner Military School. He ranks among the progressive young teachers of Virginia, and we are pleased to have him in Oxford for another year.

The tax list of the county is not yet completed and the sheriff will be unable to comply with the law as to the time of commencing to collect taxes. The political preachers did not prove to be experts in figuring, and it will be several days before it is completed.

Let it be understood among the bicycle riders that when meeting any one to always keep to the right and all will be well, and no friction will occur, and always ring bell when turning a corner. If you have no bell the commissioners should require you to have one.

The old reliable Horner School opened on Tuesday, and has some 40 boarders, and the number increases by every train. The attendance in day scholars is good and it is thought the attendance will be the largest in several years. This school is numbered with the best in our grand old State.

Apropos of the "hearing" before the Governor in the matter of the Railroad Commissioners Wilson on September 1st, this may be said: The Governor remarked that he could not get witnesses as to the charges, because he did not have power to summon them, but evidently he had had witnesses before the proceedings. He said also that he had letters, but that they were confidential.

The editor was very glad to meet in his sanctum Tuesday afternoon, Mr. D. C. Farrabow, one of the County Commissioners. From the way he is getting to scrutinize the bills that come up before the Board he will soon be termed the watch "dog of the treasury," and we hope he will justly be entitled to the name, as there are many ways in which people try to take advantage of the county.

Capt Will Landis is now in New York buying a handsome Fall stock of goods for the large trade of Landis & Easton, and he informs the editor that he is succeeding in securing many rare bargains for the benefit of his large trade. Miss May Francis is with him assisting in buying goods. Watch the columns of the PUBLIC LEDGER for a big advertisement of the progressive firm of Landis & Easton.

Oxford was full of tobacco Friday and each warehouse was crowded with farmers. Prices were good, and general satisfaction was expressed on all sides as to prices, as medium grades sold well. It was an all day sale with the Meadows leading as to the largest quantity on the floor, but the other warehouses enjoyed good breaks, and kept the auctioneers whooping up nearly the whole day. That's right, farmers bring your tobacco to Oxford if you want big prices.

From the looks of the streets of Oxford yesterday we should think every man in Oxford would be heartily in favor of any enterprise that would help the town.

Proceedings have been begun against Judge L. L. Greene, for damages. The case arises out of an application for a writ of habeas corpus, in the case of the State against Harris down on Hunting Creek. Harris was placed in jail. His attorney applied to Judge Greene for a writ of habeas corpus. He refused to grant. Application was made to Associate Justice Furehes who granted the writ. The case will be tried next spring. The case will excite considerable interest.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.

Why is it that our citizens cannot unite for the purpose of fostering and encouraging every enterprise that will tend in the least to help the farmers as well as help build up Oxford? It will be money in monied mens pockets. Just lay aside a little selfishness for a while and let us all pull together and see if Oxford will not forge to the front. Do away with clamishness and give everybody a fair chance, remembering that united we prosper, and divided we stay in the same old rut and come out behind in the race for trade.

We are for Oxford and Granville first, last and all the time, and we are really puzzled to know the reason why some of our leading citizens are opposed to the establishment of a cotton market in Oxford? Do they not want Oxford to compete with Henderson, Durham, and other tobacco towns, who work for and encourage everything that tend to advance their interest? As it is, Oxford only depends on a leaf market for its support. Why should some of our people oppose Oxford's advancement? Do you want the town to stand right where it is today?

When you need GROCERIES, remember that John W. Hunt can sell them to you just as cheap as the next one. His stock is fresh and reliable, and it will be to your interest to call and see him next to Pendleton's Bakery.

Meeting of Board of Education. Granville county Board of Education met in their room in the Court House Monday with Dr. Sikes, Rev. J. A. Fuller, the negro political preacher, and Dr. A. J. Dalby present. Prof. A. Baker, clerk of the board was at his post.

The Board filled several vacancies in school committees, and also decided not to allow but \$30 per month for first grade teachers. The question arises can first-class teachers be secured at that price?

They decided to leave the time of opening public schools to the committees of the various townships. It was ordered that Supervisor Baker shall attend at the Court House in Oxford on the first Monday in each month for the purpose of signing school vouchers and attend to miscellaneous business.

The pay of the Supervisor was put at \$250 per day, and each member of the Board at \$2 per day for each days services with mileage. As two of the members live in town only Dr. Sikes will draw mileage.

WANTED, a good job by a young man who can sell goods, keep books, write short hand and is willing to do general work. References gladly furnished from the people last with. Address: O. J. H. sept 9 th. Box 81, Oxford, N. C.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Meeting of Board on Monday--Part of Proceedings. This body met on Monday in their room in the court house, with Messrs. J. A. Bullock, chairman, D. C. Farrabow and C. M. Rogers present.

It was ordered that D. J. Gooch be authorized to repair the railing on Gooch's bridge. Coley Gill was allowed \$2 for repairing Island creek bridge.

Ordered that Belle McGhee, of Brassfield, be allowed \$1 per month as an outside pauper, or she could go to the poor house if she wished. Ned Waller was put on outside pauper list at \$1 per month.

Ordered that the insolvent and delinquent tax list for 1896 be turned over to Sheriff Cozart to be collected on the best terms that can be made and turned over to the County Treasurer.

From the best estimates made from the accounts already allowed at this meeting the school election for registrars and pollholders alone will cost the tax payers \$400, so it will be seen that it cost over a dollar a vote to allow those in favor of a triple tax to cast their ballot.

The usual current accounts were allowed and ordered to be paid. There was a great deal of interest manifested by the truly faithful in the election of Superintendent of the poor house to succeed Mr. Z. W. Allen, the best and most successful superintendent in the State, as under his able management the institution has not cost Granville county a single cent in years. Of course the woods were full of candidates and the corridor of the court house ran over with the friends of each aspirant. Among those whom we learned were candidates were: W. K. Jenkins, Wyatt Bradford, Coley Gill, J. B. V. Tunstall, J. R. Buchanan, Thos. Pitchford, J. T. Murray, J. W. Mitchell, W. D. Eakes, J. W. Wilson and others whose names we could not learn. The election did not take place until Tuesday. It was by ballot and finally resulted in the election of Mr. J. R. Buchanan, of Fishing Creek, for two years commencing the first day of January, 1898. Mr. Buchanan is well known in the county as a good man and a staunch Populist. We do not think he is equal to the task of the management of the place, owing to his feeble state of health, but we feel sure that he will make an honest and faithful officer. Thus one more plum has been scooped in by the Populist contingent.

The Cotton Gin Question. Why should some of our citizens oppose an enterprise that would benefit Oxford and the cotton raisers in our vicinity?

In response to enquiries as to when the proposed cotton gin would be in operation, we were told that the order for the machinery had been placed and other arrangements completed except the securing of a location for the plant, much annoyance having been caused by the refusal of the party in control of the most eligible site to allow the use of his premises for the purpose. After considerable backing and filling and apparently needless delay the owner announced his final and adverse decision, adding "I just do not want a cotton gin set up in Oxford," or words to that effect. This remark throws a flood of light on the difficulties to be met with in establishing an enterprise in this township, and when prominent citizens express sentiments akin to the above the reason for the whole trouble is not far to seek. One of the gentlemen interested in the cotton gin does not hesitate to say that the proposed company has had to change their plans several times on account of combinations of circumstances brought about by influences that are inimical to the interests of Granville county.

Why is it that there are those who live off the farmers and indirectly, if not actively, discourage any attempts to put in operation manufacturing or other industrial projects that would afford farmers a wider market, enable them to raise and dispose of diversified crops or furnish employment for their sons other than in the raising of tobacco? Whether the farmers condition improves from year to year or whether he raises the accustomed crop at a profit or loss is largely a matter of indifference. "After us, the deluge."

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GOING AND COMING RECORD.

Those who are On the Go and in the Whirl of Time. Mr. W. S. Lyan, of Berea, called to see the editor Wednesday.

Miss Mamie Perry left Tuesday for Littleton Female College. Dr. Sikes, of Grissom, was in Oxford Monday a few hours.

Miss Emma Gooch, of Durham, is visiting Mrs. J. H. Meadows. Mr. Frank Landis, the drug tourist, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. E. N. Moize, of Stem, has returned to Chapel Hill to school. Miss Annie E. Baird, of Christie, N. C., is visiting Mrs. Belle Booth.

Messrs. Chas. and Bud Best, of Chapel Hill, were in Oxford Monday. Mr. Thos. C. Harris, of Wilton section, has returned to Chapel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Tunstall, of Bullock, were in Oxford Monday. Mr. R. S. Usry returned from a visit to her sister at Jeffries Saturday.

Mr. Walter Hobgood, of Enon, dropped in to see the editor Thursday. Mr. W. D. Barbour, of South Boston, Va., was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. W. L. Mitchell after spending two weeks at Creedmoor is at home. Miss Julia Usry who has been on a visit to Clarksville, returned home Tuesday.

Miss Anna Landis left yesterday for Vandermere, Pamlico county, to teach music. Sheriff Cozart, of Hampton, shed the light of his countenance in Oxford Monday.

Mrs. Jane Young, of Henderson, is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Mary Cannady. Mr. David Parks, of Hillsboro, spent Sunday in Oxford with his sister, Mrs. Rounton.

Miss Mata Mitchell has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Clem Daniel, at Charlotte. Mr. A. V. Smith, of Hargrove, who is now located at La Grange, is on a visit to his parents.

Misses Ruth Lanier and Mary King, of Baltimore, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. M. V. Lanier. Miss Lucy Farabow, one of the accomplished young ladies of Stem, graced our streets Monday.

Mr. F. B. Wimbish, book-keeper at the Penitentiary, Raleigh, spent Sunday with his family in Oxford. Miss Tempe Williams, of Washington City, is on a visit to her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams.

Mrs. John Booth and son, of Enfield, are the guest of Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Booth on College street. Mr. S. R. Harris, of the hustling firm of Harris, Gooch & Co., Henderson, was an Oxford visitor Tuesday.

Mr. R. L. Lumpkins, of Dexter, passed through Oxford Friday on his way to Louisburg to enter the tobacco trade. Mrs. E. T. White and children returned Saturday from spending several days with relatives in the Wilton section.

Capt. Chas. Lewis, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Lizzie, who makes Greenville her home, were in Oxford Tuesday. Mr. C. J. Ward, who has become a prince among hotel keepers, of Burlington, was among the visitors to Oxford Monday.

Master Thomas Landis, of Raleigh, is numbered with the visitors to Oxford this week and met with a warm welcome at the hands of his boy friends. Mr. B. F. Kronheimer returned from New York Tuesday where he purchased a handsome line of clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, etc., for his trade.

Mr. Eugene Hicks, of Abbeville, S. C., spent Monday in Oxford. We were pleased to learn that he is doing well in the service of the Seaboard Air Line R. R. Mr. G. W. Bennett and Miss Lullie Harper, of Warrenton, brother-in-law and sister of H. H. and E. W. Harper, spent Tuesday night in Oxford en route to Durham.

The old war veteran, S. R. O'Brien, of Berea, and J. G. Newton, of Moriah, were in town Friday and were numbered with the callers at the PUBLIC LEDGER office. Messrs. Dennis Brummitt, of Fishing Creek, W. D. Tippet, of Wilkins, and F. E. Woody, of Stovall, were on our streets Tuesday and visited the "old man."

Miss Mary Lynch has returned from spending the summer at Hillsboro. Mr. Douglas Lynch is on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Durham, at Hillsboro.

J. A. Thomas, Deputy Collector for this district, was in Oxford Saturday. Mr. Nathan Lawrence has returned from spending the summer at Tarboro.

Messrs. Will Long and Josh King returned from New York City last Thursday. Miss Belle Thorp, of Oak Hill, was the guest of Mrs. C. H. Landis the past week.

Miss Emma C. Webb, one of Louisburg's fascinating young ladies, is visiting Mrs. Bell Booth. Col. B. S. Royster left Tuesday afternoon to look after some of the companies of the State guard.

Misses Lizzie Lowndes, of Caswell, and Eva Carlton, of Durham, visited the Seminary this week. The editor received a visit Friday from John T. Mitchell, one of the progressive colored farmers of Creedmoor section.

Mrs. H. M. Lanier has returned from spending the heated term at Waynesboro, Va., and Baltimore, and is ready for her music class. Mr. T. W. Jackson returned Monday from Newport News, accompanied by his mother and dear children. While Mr. Jackson was riding to his home on his wheel his handle bar slipped throwing him to the ground, spraining his left wrist.

Messrs. J. C. Pattison, of Boston, Mass., and Geo. Beatty, of Stenbuville, Ohio, were the guests of Mr. Louis de Lacroix a few days this week. They entered Master Charley Roach, of Boston, at the Horner School. Mr. Pattison will return here the latter part of October with his family to spend the winter.

FOR SALE. One pair good mules, one two-horse wagon and harness. Apply to sept 9 th. C. H. LANDIS. Roger Short Shortens Maj. Bullock's Purse. Major J. A. Bullock by invitation spent Monday night with Dr. L. C. Taylor, and on awaking in the morning found a small colored boy, who waited around the house, in his room, but did not think anything of it at the time, supposing that he had come to wait on him. After breakfast the Major missed his money—amounting to some \$23—\$20 of which he had collected for the election officers of Bullock precinct, and he had the boy arrested but failed to recover the money, the boy refusing to tell what he did with it. He was bound over to court in a \$100 bond which he gave. This is not the first time this little 12-year-old boy has been hauled up for stealing. The case was tried before J. W. Brown, J. P.

Rape and Lynching. A special from Mount Airy Sept 6 to News and Observer, says that near Friends Mission, Va., Miss Sadie Cook, a respectable white girl, was assaulted by Henry Wall, white, 21 years old. After accomplishing his purpose, Wall dealt his victim several blows over the head with a hoe, knocking her insensible, then placing her head on a log crushed it with a 14 pound stone which was left lying bloody near by. The brute then cut the girl's throat, severing the wind yards up a ravine, threw it into a branch where it was soon afterwards found. Meantime he went to a spring near by and was found washing the blood stains from his clothing. Excitement became so intense that this afternoon Wall was taken by unknown parties from the officers and lynched near the scene of the crime.

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