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FEBRUARY PARAGRAPHS.

SHORT-STOPS IN THE LOCAL LINE

Gathered and Condensed for the Eye of the Reader.

How many will go in for honest denial during Lent?

Rubbers are one's soles' salvation these days of mud.

Some people are only sorry once and that is for all time.

The well of Mr. John Paris eaved in on Saturday afternoon.

Talent teaches us what to do—tact tells us what not to do.

Have faith in yourself if you wish the world to believe in you.

How many New Year's resolutions are in a good state of preservation yet?

The woman never blessed with babies always knows the most about the correct way to bring them up.

Mr. Jerome Day has gone to the progressive town of Winston to learn the jewelry business under Mr. Fred Day.

Don't go to your relatives for sympathy or pecuniary assistance. Strangers are universally more reliable.

Monday about 2 o'clock the kitchen room of Mrs. Hunter caught fire and was put out with but little damage.

With what ease we can point out the defects and imperfections in our neighbors and others, and how difficult it is to discover them in ourselves.

The great weight of the snow last week wrecked the large Riverside tobacco warehouse at Louisburg. The damage amounts to some \$10,000.

Little Mamie, the oldest daughter of General and Mrs. B. S. Hoyster, who has been quite sick the past week with pneumonia, is rapidly improving.

Hugh McLean, Esq., of Harnett county, one of the noted twin breeders, died on the 9th inst. in the 90th year of his age. His brother survives him.

When you get ready to garden bear in mind that you can get them at Hall's drug store.

The weather was so cold in Kansas last week that a prisoner who broke out of jail over night came back to keep from freezing.

Col. C. M. Rogers having resigned as a magistrate Clerk J. G. Hunt appointed Mr. J. K. Wood to fill the vacancy. A good appointment.

M. F. Adeock, near Creedmoor, offers for sale several milch cows, with young calves. Will exchange for beaves, but prefers to sell out right.

There is no fun in selling papers unless you can get pay for them, and if you fail to receive the PUBLIC LEADER don't let it fool you that the paper is not printed.

Greensboro aldermen have passed a curfew ordinance. Children under 16 are prohibited from being on the streets at night unless accompanied by parents or guardians.

Secretary of War Alger was hissed as he rode through the streets of Boston Friday. "Yah, yah! Beef, beef, beef!" jeered the crowd. For the Hub to give anything the preference to beans is phenomenal.

The meanest thief on record has turned up—or rather hasn't turned up—in Battle Creek, Mich. He broke into the house of a colored man who had died during the day and stole the suit of clothes he was to be buried in.

The Board of Supervisors of Fishing Creek will meet at Clay station Saturday, March 4th, at 10 o'clock a. m., and magistrates and overseers are requested to be there and report their roads, or be dealt with according to law.—W. A. Parham, Sr., Chairman.

Messrs. W. A. McFarland and Charley Howard, two lively, energetic young men have purchased the Fuller stock of goods at Berea, and will continue the business. They are honorable and popular young men, and PUBLIC LEADER wishes them unbounded success.

The Henry County Weekly says that at Anna, Illinois (Illinois, mind you) one day last week, a negro man had to swim a river and run 6 miles to escape a mob of infuriated white men with an assortment of ropes. The refugee hadn't done a thing, either, except to attempt to fasten his citizenship there.

We call the attention of our numerous readers to the change in the advertisement of J. K. Wood, the low price furniture man of Hillsboro street. If you want a nice baby carriage to ride the little darling around in he will sell you one low down. A new lot furniture just in, and if you contemplate buying call and get his prices. His undertaking department is stocked with handsome caskets and coffins, and all orders filled on short notice.

Scotland Neck correspondent of Richmond Dispatch of the 17th says: The alarm of fire was given at Hotel Lawrence yesterday morning a while before 1 o'clock, and it was discovered that a lamp, which had been lighted and placed in one of the rooms for a guest to return, had exploded. The furniture was badly burned. Mr. W. T. Clement, of Oxford, a tobacco buyer, rushed in from his room near-by and had his feet badly burned.

It is given up by the farmers who have used Oronoco Guano that it is hard to beat on producing fine textured tobacco as it comes up fully to the claims of the manufacturers. It has no equal on the market, and if you want to make a good crop of tobacco this year buy the Oronoco. Mr. Royster, the head of the firm, is an old Granville man and will take pleasure in furnishing the Granville farmers with high grade fertilizer. Read the advertisement in another part of this paper and be sure to try the Oronoco this season.

Durham Sun receives information that a hog belonging to Editor Noel, of the Roxboro Courier froze to death during the severe weather. It was fifteen months old and weighed about 27 pounds he states. We sympathize with him deeply in his loss, for it is seldom that an editor of a newspaper is lucky enough to own a hog. It is to be hoped that the good people will see that he does not suffer for bacon.

The Kinston Free Press says the trouble in Green county is not yet over. Friday when Mr. Dixon, the fusion Sheriff, went to Goldsboro Mr. B. W. Edwards, the Democratic sheriff, with about ten men broke in the jail and took possession and compelled Mr. W. E. Murphey, the fusion register of deeds, who had his office in the jail to get out. The door of the jail was broken open with axes and sledge hammers.

"Last Monday morning," remarked the man from Seuffleton, "our cook spilled a bucket of water in the centre of the kitchen floor. Some fell on her right foot and the rest on the floor, but it all fell in a lump and was frozen when it hit the floor. We had to take off the cook's shoes before we could release her. Since then during the cold wave we kept a red hot fire in the stove, but that lump of rigidity hasn't showed a single sign of melting. In fact—"

"You're good," interrupted the man from Reavisville. "What'll you have?" And the man from Seuffleton got away with a tom and Jerry.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c. I. C. C. Hall, druggists refund money.

Taylor & Cannady has just built a high grade delivery wagon for J. S. Brown, the grocer.

Read sale of lands under mortgage by A. J. Feild, trustee, and Durham Fertilizer Co., Mortgagee.

Take your hat off to the ground hog. He knew his business when he went back in his hole on the second of February.

Our warehouses enjoyed heavy breaks of tobacco Tuesday, the old Johnson taking the lead as to quantity and Zack Lyon was happy.

Mrs. A. A. Hicks was the only person in town that we know of that recognized Washington's birthday. She had her front porch decorated with old glory.

In speaking of the big snow in 1857 Dr. Kingsbury says it snowed in Oxford five consecutive Sundays, was 20 inches deep on a "dead level" and we saw snow on the ground in April of that year.

Messrs. Bullock & Mitchell, of the Bank Warehouse, lead in pounds at Tuesday's big break of tobacco, as they sold over 40,000 pounds. On Wednesday there was another good break in Oxford.

During the extreme cold weather the honorable firm of Parker and Hunt did not refuse to fill any order for wood or coal, nor did they take advantage of the necessities of the people by raising prices on coal and wood. This is quite commendable in this firm.

Another one of the dear old women of Granville has been gathered to the House of Many Mansions in the bright world above, as she served her Master faithfully for over sixty years, and is now resting under the shadow of the Great White Throne. Mrs. Nancy E. Hicks died Monday evening at the home of Mr. J. N. Faucett, in Fishing Creek township. She was about 80 years of age and had been a member of the Baptist Church for 60 years, and possessed a warm heart and ever ready to aid the distressed. She was the aunt of our most highly esteemed townsman, Dr. S. H. Cannady. The interment took place Tuesday morning at the old family graveyard near Cannady's mill.

Will say to Legislature that the East and no one else, better or more upright man can be found within the borders of our grand old State than Capt. Thomas W. Slocumb, of Goldsboro. He is an old Confederate soldier, bearing scars of gallant service rendered in defense of our Southland. Ever since the war he has been in Railroad business and is thoroughly conversant with all the details as to freights and passenger traffic, and the members of the Legislature would find him one of the best equipped men in North Carolina for Railroad Commissioner. Capt. Slocumb is a high toned christian gentleman, and a greatly beloved citizen of Goldsboro, as well as a staunch and uncompromising Democrat.

MOVEMENTS OF PEOPLE.

YOU KNOW SOME, BUT NOT ALL.

They Will Come and Go All the Same.

Mr. Willie Crews, of Durham, visited Oxford Tuesday.

Robert G. Elliott is on a visit to his sister at Chase City.

Mr. Hillman Cannady returned from a business trip Friday.

Mr. A. S. Davis, of Henderson, was on our Streets Tuesday.

Sheriff Sam Fleming, of Hester, was on our streets Tuesday.

Thursday's News and Observer had a good picture of Senator Hicks.

Mr. Sam Watkins, of Danville, Va., was an Oxford visitor Sunday.

Ex-Judge Winston, of Durham, was in Oxford yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Hawkins left Friday for their new home at Johnstown City, Tenn.

Mr. Dabney, of Richmond, Va., visited his sister at Mr. Geo. Patton's the past week.

Messrs. J. A. Taylor, R. P. Taylor and John Good, knights of the road, spent last week in Oxford.

Mr. Alf Hobgood, who has been suffering for the past ten days with the grip, is much improved.

Superintendent Toepelman, of the Henderson Telephone Company was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Price, of Lynchburg, Va., were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. McCarty the past week.

We are glad to learn that Mr. I. H. Stegall, who has been quite sick several days, is much better.

Messrs. S. M. Green, of Dabney, and B. T. Fuller, of near Oxford, dropped in to see the editor Saturday.

Mr. J. W. Floyd, of Wilton, and Mr. A. H. Owen, of near Oxford, were in town yesterday and called to see the editor.

Messrs. Joe and Louis Kronheimer, of New York City, and H. W. Kronheimer, of Winston, returned to their respective homes Friday.

Messrs. R. W. Hobgood and J. C. Puckett, of Sunset, John Adeock, of Culbreth, and J. C. Curdin, of Beeson, were in Oxford Monday and called to see the editor.

Messrs. Eugene Ury, of Wilton, W. W. Hart, of Oak Hill, S. D. McFarland, of Centre Grove, W. A. Farham, Sr., and Hart Overton, of Fishing Creek, and L. T. Fuller and son, of Vance, were Oxford visitors Tuesday and called to see editor.

Mr. Charley Taylor, after spending three weeks in Oxford visiting his father and mother, sister and brothers returned to Midland, Texas, Tuesday. He was accompanied by Miss Lena Taylor, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor.

IMPROVE OXFORD & GRANVILLE.

Cannot Something be Done to Push them Forward?

In point of intelligence, refinement and educational advantages Oxford is unsurpassed by any town in the State, but in enterprise and material prosperity she lags behind. She has a good tobacco market, and that furnishes about all the business life the town has.

It is passingly strange that there is no spirit of enterprise developing itself in the establishment of factories. If other towns find factories beneficial to their growth and prosperity why should Oxford remain indifferent to their establishment? The conditions are very favorable for the establishment of factories. The town has two outlets by railroad and the road bed of the third is graded. There are several large brick buildings that could easily be converted into structures suitable for machinery. It would pay the owners of some of these buildings to donate them to some enterprising manufacturing companies. Some of these buildings are unoccupied and yielding no profit to their owners. If factories were established in them then the adjacent lots would be in demand and would sell for remunerative prices.

A cotton factory adds about 500 persons to a town or community. Suppose Oxford had three or four factories of different kinds then a thousand or more people would be added to the town, and would pay cash for their supplies. This would greatly increase the business of the town and would create a demand for such supplies as farmers raise for market.

The superior educational advantages of the town would be a great inducement to factory men to come here in order to educate their children.

But where would the money come from to start factories? The great scarcity of money that has prevailed for the past several years has taught the people how to economize. Farmers have learned to make their supplies at home, and by doing this a goodly number of them have saved money, and would not doubt be glad to invest in some safe business that would yield them some returns.

Tobacco will probably never again be a money making crop. It is mainly a luxury, and might therefore cease to be made. But cotton, though not a money making crop, is a necessity and must therefore continue to be made. If the cotton culture must continue then cotton factories must continue. If this true it would seem to be safe to invest in cotton factories. All the cotton factories of the South seem to be doing a profitable business. Many in this State paying a dividend from 8 to 12 per cent.

Will not some enterprising men of the town get a move on them and not confine all their money to bank stock and tobacco, and see what can be done about the bad roads. Let us have good roads and then hold out inducements to enterprising settlers to come amongst us, and they will come, and a higher degree of prosperity will come with them.

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Made from pure cream of tartar.

Safeguards the food against alum.

Alum baking powders are the greatest menaces to health of the present day.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

Stovall Short Stops.

Mr. Sim Carrington expects to go to Danville Monday.

Mr. John T. W. Clay, of Chase City, is visiting his parents.

Mrs. Fannie Dyer has returned home after visiting friends at this place.

Mr. H. Patterson has returned to Clarksville after visiting his wife and daughter in this place.

Dr. I. H. Davis passed through our city Saturday. Dr. R. H. Marsh also passed through the same day.

Messrs. J. A. Wilson and M. Munn had a big deer hunt recently. Got all the horns but no meat. Mr. alumn killed a mad dog after an awful scare.

ASK YOUR DOCTOR!

Ask your physician this question, "What is the one great remedy for consumption?" He will answer, "Cod-liver oil." Nine out of ten will answer the same way.

Yet when persons have consumption they loathe all fatty foods, yet fat is necessary for their recovery and they cannot take plain cod-liver oil. The plain oil disturbs the stomach and takes away the appetite. The disagreeable fishy odor and taste make it almost unendurable. What is to be done?

This question was answered when we first made

SCOTT'S EMULSION

of Cod-Liver Oil with Hypophosphites. Although that was nearly twenty-five years ago, yet it stands alone today the one great remedy for all affections of the throat and lungs.

The bad taste and odor have been taken away, the oil itself has been partly digested, and the most sensitive stomach objects to it rarely. Not one in ten can take and digest the plain oil. Nine out of ten can take SCOTT'S EMULSION and digest it. That's why it cures so many cases of early consumption. Even in advanced cases it brings comfort and greatly prolongs life.

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Standard Patent Medicines,

Sponges, Chamoise Skins, Trusses, Supporters and Shoulder Braces, Package Dyes and Dye Stuffs.

Early Garden Seeds!

Gardening time is near at hand, and we are recognized headquarters for all kinds of Garden and Field Seeds, pure and fresh, which we sell at lowest possible prices. When you get ready to plant call at Hall's drug store to buy your seeds.

DEATH OF MR. R. S. WILLIAMS.

A Popular Warehouseman Passes Away Sunday.

The editor is pained to announce the death of another one of our popular business men, Mr. R. S. Williams, which occurred at the home of Mr. Adieus Morris, near Wilton, Sunday evening after a short illness of congestion of the brain, when his spirit took its eternal flight from the things of time and sense and passed to be with God.

JUDGE SHAW STIRS THINGS.

Grand Juror Fined—County Commissioners Presented.

Judge Shaw stirred things in Ireddell superior court Friday. His first pass was at a grand juror who so far forgot the dignity and responsibility of his position as to get drunk. A. C. Feimster, of Olin, a member of the grand jury tanked up on Tuesday. Friday morning he was arraigned before Judge Shaw, fined \$50 and dismissed from the grand jury. The fine was paid. Later in the day Wilburn Steele was drunk and disorderly in the court room and was sent to jail in default of a fine of \$10. Later some of his friends paid the fine and Steele was released. These facts are evidence that his honor doesn't take any nonsense in his court.

Then, too, on Friday Judge Shaw gave the commissioners an overhaul. It came to his notice that the juries were no room in which the juries could retire to make up their verdicts and that they had to take to the open air, notwithstanding the zero weather. Thereupon his honor instructed the grand jury to present the commissioners for failure to provide a jury room and also for failure to provide a court room large enough for the convenience of those who are compelled to attend court, and the grand jury presented the commissioners accordingly to instructions. In the course of his remarks Judge Shaw expressed that so great a county as Ireddell had no better court house.

—Statesville Landmark.

THE MODERN WAY

Commends itself to the well-informed, to do pleasantly and effectually what was formerly done in the crudest manner and disagreeably as well. To cleanse the system and break up from the grand effects, use the delightful liquid laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs. Made by California Fig Syrup Co.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

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New goods arrive daily. Odds and ends in every department go for a song at feb. 9.



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Beginning **FEB. 1ST**

We will offer to the people of Oxford and vicinity our entire line of

Clothing for Men and Boys' Wear.

OVERCOATS, UNDERWEAR, HATS, CAPS, SHOES, SHIRTS, COLLARS AND CUFFS, NECKWEAR, HANDKERCHIEFS, GLOVES, HOSIERY, SUSPENDERS, &c.

AT COST

30 Days Only

After the expiration of that time the special sale will cease.

The reason for this unusual offer is to reduce our entire stock preparatory to adding another department to our business this year, of which you will be notified. This is the greatest opportunity ever offered in Oxford, as our stock consists entirely of reliable merchandise suited to the wants of our people. This is a money-saving chance and we advise you to come early.

We have anything you want in the wearing line and you will have the rare chance of buying at cost. This means that much of the stock must go to make room for our change we are to make.

B. F. KRONHEIMER,
Granville's Clothier.

Married at the Osborn House by Rev. W. T. Walker, Feb. 16th, Mr. E. E. Rainey and Miss Lucy Hazlewood, both of Lunenburg county, Va. It was a runaway match.

A boiler to the cook-range in the residence of Mr. J. D. Cooper at Henderson bursted on the 15th inst, tearing off the chimney and blowing in and came near killing the cook.

The charming and accommodating Miss Carrie Skinner, of the Telephone Exchange, is confined at home with the grippe, and wish her a rapid recovery. Miss Fannie Gregory is acting in her place.

A museum curiosity now exhibiting has three well developed legs. He is said to be particularly contented and good-natured. Here's a hint to lots of people we know with only two legs to do less kicking.

W. E. Clark and a party of three or four, all residents of East Durham, went out in the neighborhood of Fairtooth Friday on a rabbit hunt and returned that night with 75 they had killed during the day says the Durham Sun.

Mr. Roy Currin informs the editor that 75 rabbits were killed on his plantation last Friday. Talk about rabbits, the Durham Sun says that a wagon from Chatham county containing over 1,000 "old hares."

Mr. Joe Turner and Miss Alice Longmire walked quietly down Wednesday night to the residence of Rev. Kenneth Holmes and he made them one. They took their friends by surprise, but wish them much happiness through the journey of life.

Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning our streets were crowded with our farmer friends who were here selling tobacco. Our warehouses had large breaks of tobacco, and prices were high as our buyers were anxious for the weed to fill orders.

To the great pleasure of the Episcopal congregation Bishop Horner occupied the pulpit of that church on Sunday morning. His sermon was one of the ablest we ever heard this distinguished divine deliver, receiving the strictest attention from the intelligent congregation.

Miss Mary Bell Gregory will leave Monday for Baltimore to purchase a spring stock of Millinery having decided to open an up to date millinery store in Oxford. She is an energetic young lady and well equipped for the business, and will be prepared to suit the taste of the most fastidious.

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THE BEST SALVE IN THE WORLD FOR CUTS, BRUISES, SORES, ULCERS, SALT RHEUM, FEVER SORES, TETTER, CHAPPED HANDS, CHILBLAINS CORNS, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. G. Hall.