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JULY JOTTINGS.

SHORT-STOPS IN THE LOCAL LINE

Gathered and Condensed for the Eye of the Reader.

—R. H. McGuire, of Wilson, has filed a petition in bankruptcy.

—Mr. W. A. Parham, Jr., who has been on the sick list, is much better.

—Messrs Edwards & Winston sent out their first set of tobacco flues Monday.

—75 cords of good dry pine wood can be bought by applying to the Public Ledger office.

—The boomer in real estate must have been the first individual to make a mountain out of a molehill.

—There is hardly a man living who realizes until he reads his own love letters that he was ever insane.

—What a lot of trouble we would be saved in this world if we never wanted anything but what we could afford.

—Quite a number of anglers were on the creeks in Northern Granville Monday and Tuesday enjoying old-fashioned fish fries.

—The editor is pleased to note the continued improvement in Mrs. W. C. Tyree and John G. Hall, Jr., who have been critically ill.

—There are 36 students at the summer law school at the University. Prof. Crawford Biggs says this breaks the record at the opening.

—The record has been broken. A fellow failed in Pittsburg with liabilities of \$233,318.93, assets 0. What a time he must have had living on what he owed.

—The little boys and girls, the joy of many households in Oxford, took possession of the residence of Mr. J. S. Brown, on College street, Friday night, and had a royal good time.

—J. L. Ramsey has resigned the editorial chair of The Progressive Farmer, which position he has held longer than any one except L. L. Polk, Clarence H. Poe succeeds him.

—The Flat River Association met at Grassy Creek Baptist Church Tuesday, with a large attendance. The people of that hospitable section are entertaining the delegates and visitors royally.

—The Greensboro dispensary is doing a rushing business. More liquor than any other sort is sold. The sales are said to be enormous—three times as large as the most sanguine expectations.

—Mr. E. W. Jones, the big cotton farmer of Poverty Hill, is quite happy as his 20 acres of cotton have commenced to bloom, as well as his watermelon vines, and consequently his mouth has commenced to water for a juicy melon.

—Smithfield Herald: Mrs. Lizzie Richardson and her blockade distillery near Wilson's Mills were brought to Smithfield Friday. She was placed in jail. The women are at last taking the place of men in all kinds of business.

—Those of our fine legal lights, who attended the Bar Association at Morehead, returned Saturday and report a delightful and profitable time. It was undoubtedly the ablest body of men that has assembled in North Carolina for years.

—Judge Brown will hear at chambers at Oxford July 28 the interesting case growing out of judgment of the Superior Court in the suit of an ice company against the Seaboard Air Line for the alleged burning of its factory. It will be remembered that a verdict for \$20,000 damages was given in Wake Superior Court and that the railroad appealed, but its attorneys did not file the appeal papers in time, according to the claim of the attorneys on the other side.

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—Mr. A. A. Hicks now enjoys riding around in a new buggy.

—Tazwell Taylor is building a 3 room cottage on Penn Avenue.

—We are glad to learn that yield of wheat in Granville is better than last year.

—Work on the new Methodist church is progressive finely and the walls will be of press brick.

—We ask you to read administrators notice and sale of lands under mortgage in this issue.

—Mr. C. A. Carroll will move into town the first of August and occupy the store room in the Johnson Warehouse.

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THE WAREHOUSE TRUST.

Organizers Come to Oxford and Tell Their Story.

The organizers of the warehouse trust that we have heard so much about the past two weeks have come to Oxford, unfolded their nice plan for a trust of warehouses of the State to our warehousemen and gone on to another field. Their canceuses were of a secret character, and from what we can learn nothing definite was arrived at. We predict that in a short time it will bloom out in great shape and the warehousemen will be rushing to get in on the ground floor as they will have to go in or quit business. Now all the leaf tobacco is now bought by some four firms and they are all in the trust, and with only about four buyers on each market, they can by the crack of their finger kill the business of a warehouseman in one week by refusing to buy tobacco on his warehouse floor, and hence we say our warehousemen will be forced sooner or later into the warehouse combination.

We take it that the trust is a dead certainty, and we are looking into the future, say next year, after the trust gets into working order, it will begin to look around and say, "oh, we have too many markets, and they must be reduced!" What then? Why then the trust will go to work and divide up the territory into six or eight markets and will close up the others, forcing the farmers to ship or haul their tobacco any distance they please to sell it as they have them where the hair is short and they are forced to obey orders. The question arises which markets will be closed up? If Oxford should be one of them, and as we have nothing but a leaf market to depend on, then real estate in Oxford would not be worth 10 cents on the dollar and the bank and other monied concerns would be forced to seek a new field of operation.

We throw out the danger signal, Oxford men, and warn you that the time is near at hand when you will have to fight hard for the glorious privilege of being allowed to have a leaf market in Oxford as this is no longer a free country. As to the warehouseman who backs against the trust and proclaims that he will still stand by the trust-afflicted farmer, he will be snowed under at one stroke by the four or five buyers of the great combine simply refusing to buy tobacco on his floor.

The farmers will naturally go to the warehouses where they can get the highest market prices, and the trusts are paying the highest prices as they regulate the prices themselves, and buy the bulk of the crop.

We rise to ask where is the farmer at? Why like the warehousemen in the clutches of the trusts.

We learn from the Durham Sun of Tuesday that the warehouse trust agents rounded up at Durham and secured options on the Farmers and Center warehouses in that city, at \$6,000 each. As Parrish's and the Banner belonged to Col. J. S. Carr, who was out of the city, they did not have a chance at them, but the would purchasers were given figures at which they possibly could be bought for, and also the rental price. The trust do more while the farmers mourn.

The Two Bills.

—It was a rare curiosity these days to see Tuesday the two noted black Bills, Bill Royster and Bill Crews, walking arm and arm along the street chatting glibly no doubt about when they were kings of Court House, and dictating how the public school should be run. They looked rather lonesome without Rev. J. A. Fuller, now a non-resident of the county, and their white allies for continued negro domination of the public schools of the county. Wonder if they met Monday with the defunct school board, who are trying to continue to run the schools in defiance of the law, and again dictated the appointment of school committeemen of the county and the re-election of Rep-Pop Prof. A. Baker by defunct School Board in the face of a big dose of ipecac administered by an indignant people in November?

Electric Storm.

—During the electric storm last Thursday night lightning struck a chimney of Mr. Robt. W. Lassiter's residence setting fire to some paper in the fireplace; struck two trees in Mr. Jesse Pritchard's grove and then played on the telephone wire bursting the phone at the home of Jailer Turner and balls of fire rolled around his feet on the floor, stunning him and several members of his family. Several other homes in Oxford felt the effects of the lightning on account of phones, and were shocked. It was rather a scary time with the lightning playing on wires, phones popping while one set dazed and blinded by the vivid lightning. We do not have the least hankering to experience it again.

A CHILD ENJOYS.

The pleasant flavor, gentle action, and soothing effect of Syrup of Figs, when in need of a laxative, and if the father or mother be constive or bilious, the most gratifying result follow its use; so that it is the best family remedy known; and every family should have a bottle. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

FOR RENT—My cottage opposite Presbyterian Church. For particulars apply at the Public Ledger office.

Mrs. T. H. COLLINS.

Fruit jars, jelly glasses, preserving kettles at Edwards & Winston's, July 13.

MOVEMENTS OF PEOPLE.

YOU KNOW SOME, BUT NOT ALL.

They Will Come and Go All the Same.

—Mr. Willie Devin spent Sunday in Greensboro.

—Miss Emma Longmire is visiting her sister at Louisville.

—Mr. H. H. Howard is on a visit to his family at Weldon.

—Rev. M. A. Adams, of Lyon, was on our streets Monday.

—Mr. Robt. Elliott enjoyed Sunday in Durham with friends.

—Mr. T. W. Jackson was at Newport News Sunday and Monday.

—Rev. B. C. Allred, of Kirtland, passed through Oxford Thursday.

—Miss Mary Tyler, of Richmond, Va., is visiting Miss May Hundley.

—Mrs. Bessie Durham, of Hillsboro, is visiting Mrs. Emma Lynch.

—Mrs. McCarty has returned from a visit to home folks at Lynchburg, Va.

—Mrs. Pat McGuire, of Richmond, Va., is the guest of Mrs. Susan Williams.

—Mr. W. R. Walter, of Wilton, was in our town Monday and visited this office.

—Mrs. J. S. Hardaway has returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Virginia.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ballou and son are on a visit to relatives in Halifax county, Va.

—Mr. S. M. Green, of Dabney, was on our streets Tuesday and called to see the editor.

—Mr. Lem Day, who has been sick two weeks with the rheumatism, is able to be out.

—Mr. and Mrs. Nat Morton and daughter, of Townsville, were Oxford visitors Friday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pruitt, of near Oxford, was on our streets a few hours Thursday.

—Miss Alston, of Williamsboro, spent a few days the past week with Miss Fannie Gregory.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hester, of Walnut Grove township, were in Oxford Monday afternoon.

—Mr. Lou Burwell after an absence of three years in Georgia arrived in Oxford Monday.

—Mr. Chas. Royster, a successful business man of Bullock, was on our streets Monday afternoon.

—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Crews and Miss Rosa returned Monday from a visit to relatives at Flat River.

—G. W. Yeargan and son, of Creedmoor, were in town Wednesday and called to see the old man.

—Mr. and Mrs. Clem Daniel and child, of Charlotte, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mitchell on Broad street.

—Miss Anna Landis has returned to Oxford to spend her vacation and is stopping with her brother, Mr. C. H. Landis.

—Prof. F. P. Hobgood is at home from a visit to several points in the State in the interest of his most excellent school.

—Mr. J. M. Carrin attended the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orphan Asylum at Durham on Thursday last.

—Mr. W. P. Lyon and children, Morris, Willie and Meta, of Wilton, were in Oxford Tuesday and called to see the editor.

—The noted Dr. Tanner was in Oxford Thursday, and quite a spry old gentleman. He is a knight of the grip sack now.

—Mr. W. S. Lyon and little grand daughter, Miss Thomas, of Berea, were in Oxford Friday and the editor enjoyed a visit from them.

—Dr. J. A. Morris, of Wilton, was in Oxford Saturday and returned to his home in one of Taylor & Cannady's handsome new buggies.

—Dr. J. H. Peeler, of Bullock, and Dr. R. T. Gregory, of Stall, were on our streets Thursday afternoon and dropped in to see the editor.

—Our greatly esteemed old friend W. T. Hunt, of Tar River, was in town Tuesday, and we had the pleasure of meeting him in our office.

—Messrs. Howard Garner and W. R. Garner, of Grissom, M. S. Overton, of Hester, and Sam Lyon, of Creedmoor were on our streets Monday.

—Mrs. G. P. Tarry, of Mecklenburg county, Va., after spending a week with her brother, Mr. E. T. Rawlins, returned home Thursday accompanied by Master Gus Rawlins.

—Master Norman Bobbitt, of Baltimore, and Rufus Bobbitt, of Washington City, who are visiting Mr. T. C. Rodgers near Wilton, were in Oxford Monday. We were glad to meet the young men.

—Capt. William Lassiter and wife are on a visit to his mother and brother, before he takes his departure for the Philippine Islands, to aid the government in solving a great big negro problem.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Cannady arrived in Oxford Monday afternoon and are at the Osborn House, and the PUBLIC LEDGER joins their numerous friends in wishing them a prosperous and happy life.

ROYAL Baking Powder
Made from pure cream of tartar.
Safeguards the food against alum.
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—Mr. E. W. Harper