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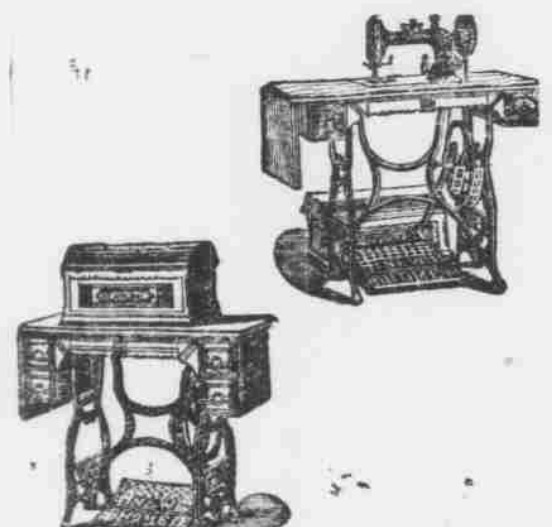
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Full line of Burial Goods of all kinds. Wood and Metallic Cases, Caskets, Coffins and Burial Robes at almost any price you want.  
Prompt and satisfactory attention to all business in town and country.

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And all they have to do to get their wants supplied is to call on us and it will be promptly done. There is no better machine made than the STANDARD as they have stood the test. Also agent for the old reliable NISSEN WAGON, which is numbered among the best in the world.

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sept. 28, J. S. HALL.

## A New Millinery Store

IN OXFORD,  
Just opened in the store lately occupied by the Messrs. Krombeiner, on Main street, next door to Public Ledger office.  
Being familiar with the wants of the public in my line in this section, having for several years past had charge of the millinery department of Messrs. Long Brothers, my stock of

## Fall and Winter MILLINERY

And other FASHIONABLE NOVELTIES and up-to-date styles were carefully selected in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York City. My entire stock is new, varied and attractive—all styles and new and includes many beautiful and striking selections in imported and Domestic Patterns Hats and Bonnets that must be seen to be appreciated. Some of them perfectly lovely. Also many novelties among which are Golf hats and ties to match, assorted wares, collarettes, handsome fur collarettes and hose, table covers, new style corsets, ladies' novelty chignon veils, ready made silk and cloth skirts, superior hat trims, cheap and warranted, mourning veils and mourning ribbons, etc., etc. Also infants' caps and children's caps and jackets, a nice assortment of fall and winter goods before making their purchases.  
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New line of Wraps, Ladies' Jackets and Capses, Golf Caps, Children's Bonnets and Infants' Cloaks. Silk skirts a specialty, very cheap. For caps and all the new novelties.

## A Free Trip to Paris!

Persons of a mechanical or inventive mind desiring a trip to the Paris Exposition, with good money and expenses paid, should write to the PATENT RECORD, Baltimore, Md.

## OCTOBER PARAGRAPHS.

### SHORT-STOPS IN THE LOCAL LINE

Gathered and Condensed for the Eye of the Reader.

—The love of self outlasts all other devotion.  
—It cost \$20,000,000 to give Dewey that great reception in New York.  
—It is easy to say how we would act if we were in someone else's place.

—Pleased to note that Mrs. J. Y. Paris, who has been sick for a few days, is much better.

—Mr. Earnest Bragg is clerking for Mr. C. A. Carroll, where he will be pleased to see his friends.

—Hon. Thos. Settle will settle in Asheville, and will become the leading Republican of Buncombe.

—If you are looking for the Twin Elephant our esteemed friend, J. D. Brooks, says he is one of them.

—We call attention to sale of land advertised in this issue by Messrs. F. P. Hobgood, and S. W. Minor, commissioners.

—The new president of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, James A. Bryan, is removing the fusionist officials along the line.

—A large number of negroes are leaving this part of the State for the North. It is said that as many as 3,500 have left Wilmington in the past eleven months.

—The editor is pleased to learn that Mr. Edgar Crews, of Hester, who was badly injured by a scaffold falling on him about 2 months ago, is able to walk about.

—The Rev. F. W. Hilliard will hold services and preach in St. Peter's church at Stovall on Sunday next, Oct. 22, at 11 o'clock a.m. All persons are cordially invited to attend.

—A large number of our people left on the Wednesday train for the State Fair, which is already pronounced a success. There was a big crowd in attendance Tuesday.

—The Horner football team played the University team Monday, and was defeated by a score of 46 to 0. They did not play the Bingham team at Mebane Saturday. We wish the boys better luck next time.

—When you or your family come to town shopping John Paris extends a cordial invitation to you to visit him at the old Krombeiner store as he has a new stock of goods and unpeaches it before making your purchases.

—There are hotly contested State campaigns in Ohio, Maryland, Kentucky and Nebraska, but in the three States first named there are Governors to be elected. The Republicans must carry Ohio to avoid a fatal brain-clout for McKinley.

—Congressman Atwater of the 4th district, when informed that Senator Butler had declared against the franchise amendment, he said: "That means that he proposes to fuse the Populists with the Republicans. But he can't deliver the goods."

—Tom Jenkins, a negro, attempted to assault a school girl, at Anderson, S. C., Thursday. She escaped from his clutches and he was captured. He was given his choice between being hanged or submitting to a surgical operation. He chose the latter. The operation was performed and was turned loose.

—The devil is having a good time. After getting trusts upon every thing secular, he is about to succeed in starting a Bible trust. The Charleston News and Courier says: "It is interesting to learn that a cut-rate war now being waged among publishers of the Holy Scriptures threatens to terminate in a Bible trust."

—When you come to Oxford with tobacco don't forget that the Owen Warehouse run by R. F. Knott & Co. will get you the highest market prices on all grades. Rufe Knott has been making some good sales and is selling large quantities of tobacco. Don't be led off from your home market as it is equal if not superior to any in this territory.

—Fashions foremost favorites, Field and Hanson's Minstrel Stars, traveling in their own palace car will be at the Opera House Saturday night, Oct. 21st. It has 38 hot members in the company, and in the first part of the performance represents silk and satin. The grand first part opens with Admiral Dewey's reception. If you wish to spend an evening of mirth and fun why don't miss Field and Hanson's Minstrels.

—A trust reduces prices only on one condition—when it is desired to freeze out a competitor they want to destroy or to purchase. The weaker competitor cannot long survive the reduction and must succumb. Immediately this characteristic trust result is achieved prices resume the old rate and are never again reduced except for similar reasons. The trust succeeds by creating and maintaining a monopoly, and it should be the duty of the people to remove the power and maintain monopolies.

## THAT JOYFUL FEELING.

With the exhilarating sense of renewed health and strength and internal cleanliness, which follows the use of Syrup of Figs, is unknown to the few who have not proved beyond the old-time medicine and the cheap substitutes sometimes offered but never accepted by the well-informed. Buy the genuine. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

## HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Sudden Taking Away of One of Oxford's Best Men.

On last Thursday evening the whole town of Oxford was shocked by the announcement of the horrible accident which so suddenly terminated the life of Bro. John Meadows, one of the most beloved and highly respected citizens of Granville County. About 3 o'clock on the evening of that day, accompanied by Col. L. C. Edwards, he drove out into the country to enjoy an hour or two in hunting birds. It seems that Col. Edwards had charge of the horse and he (Meadows) was holding the guns, and when getting out of the buggy, one of the guns in some way was accidentally discharged, the contents entering his neck about two inches below the left ear, severing the jugular vein, and ranging upward, entered the base of the brain, causing almost instant death. Between 8 and 9 o'clock his body was brought into town to his home, where a large concourse of sorrowing people had assembled to sympathize with his beloved wife in her awful grief, and to assist the family and friends in every possible way.

Bro. Meadows was born near Mt. Tizrah in Person county, March 17, 1856, and therefore was forty-three years of age when he came to his sudden and untimely death. He spent his boyhood days at the old homestead; but in early manhood came to Oxford, and was for more than twenty years one of her most honored and useful citizens, and leading buyer on our tobacco market.

He was married June 7th, 1883, to Miss Katie Hobgood of Granville. Dr. R. H. Marsh performing the marriage rite. They were kindred and congenial souls, and their years of married life were years of great blessedness to them both. The fond and devoted wife is left behind to mourn his sad and unexpected death; but she, like her husband, was a true Christian spirit and knows where to go for strength and comfort in this time of sore need for some years, she has been a true and faithful disciple of Christ. For many years his church connections had been with the Methodist church at Oxford, and all the while he maintained his Christian character and integrity. The church, as well as his family, will greatly miss him. The whole church mourns his death. But he was so meek, reverent, tender and loving in character and life that we can but believe that he has gone to rest, "For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." He had been in rather delicate health for some years, at times having severe attacks of sickness, and he often expressed to his wife and on one occasion to the writer, his readiness to die when God saw fit to take him. We hope that he was ready when the summons came.

He was sincerely loved, honored and trusted by all who knew him. Perhaps no man in Oxford had more friends than he. And being true, faithful and reliable in all the relations of life, he merited all the love, honor and esteem which his friends bestowed upon him. He was a very intelligent man; and socially he was pleasant, genial and entertaining. He will be greatly missed by his friends.

The burial services took place from the Methodist church on Saturday morning in the presence of a large assembly of sorrowing friends, the writer being assisted in the services by Bro. Hardaway of the Baptist church, the pastor of Sister Meadows, and who has been so faithful in offering comfort and consolation to her in the name of his Lord and Master. After appropriate services in the church and at the grave the mortal remains of Bro. Meadows were laid to rest by loving hands in the town cemetery, there to remain until the last trump of God shall awake his sleeping dust to a new life of glory in the "Resurrection Morn."

M. H. TUTTLE.

Rheumacide is not recommended for the cure of every ill; it does not cure everything. But it is a certain cure for rheumatism, and is a fine blood purifier and laxative; try it. aug. 25.

## Gentry and Pinto.

Prof. Gentry's famous collection of educated dogs and ponies, now in their 12th year of success, have become such household favorites that their appearance in Oxford under canvas at old circus ground Friday Oct. 26th at 2:30 and 8 p. m. rain or shine, have started all the little folks to making preparation to attend the show. In addition to the ponies and dogs Prof. Gentry also offers as an attraction this year Pinto, tinstest elephant in all the world. Pinto is 27 years old and hardly as tall as an ordinary pony and is as gentle as a lamb and very fond of the children. The price of admission are children 15c., and adults 25c.

The largest and best five cent pencil writing tablets can be found at Hancock Drug Store.

Carry your seed cotton to Parham Bros. Co. cotton gin Henderson, if you want best result and price.

## ACROSS THE THRESHOLD.

YOU KNOW SOME, BUT NOT ALL.

They Will Come and Go All the Same.

—Mr. Luther Farrebow enjoyed Sunday at Stem.

—Mr. J. M. Curran was in Durham Thursday on business.

—Mr. R. B. Hines spent a few days with his family this week.

—Mr. R. Broughton spent Friday and Saturday at Chase City.

—Mrs. J. T. Cozart, of Carlton, was on our streets Thursday.

—Mr. Wiley Beasley, of Durham, is on a visit to his brother Mr. John Beasley.

—Miss Fannie Hughes is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. J. Field, in Raleigh.

—County Commissioner W. H. Waller, of Lyon, was on our streets Tuesday.

—Dr. Kappert, the optician of Durham, was in Oxford Monday and Tuesday.

—Mr. A. W. Graham returned Sunday afternoon from a business trip to Boston.

—Miss Bemis, the General Manager of the Orphan Asylum, took in the Fair yesterday.

—Col. W. J. Hicks is in Raleigh this week looking after the exhibit of the Orphan Asylum.

—Mr. R. J. Stem and daughters, of Stem, joined the crowd of shoppers in Oxford Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gooch and children, of near Beros, were on our streets Monday morning.

—Mr. P. C. Graham, of Durham, was in Oxford Tuesday and his old friends were glad to see him.

—Our old friend, Mr. C. C. Wheeler, of Creedmoor, was on the large break of tobacco Tuesday.

—Mr. H. P. Blackley, of Wilton, was on the Monday's break of tobacco, and called to see the editor.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Malone and accomplished daughter, Miss Cora, of Moriah, were in Oxford Saturday stopping.

—Mr. R. B. Longmire, of Stem, struck the immense break of tobacco in Oxford Friday, and the editor enjoyed a visit from him.

—Mrs. R. B. Owens returned Monday from Salisbury where she has been at the bedside of her sick sister, who is now improving.

—Mrs. N. M. Ferreebe, after a pleasant visit to relatives and friends in Oxford and the country, returned to Norfolk Saturday.

—Mr. Charley Bryan is in South Carolina in the interest of the Taylor and Cannady Buggy Company. He is a hustler and will put in good work.

—Mr. L. T. Daniel and family, of Benson, Johnson county, is in Granville this week visiting relatives. Mr. Daniel was in Oxford Friday and called to see the editor.

—Mrs. H. M. Lanier left a few days ago to accept a position in Waynesboro, Va., much to the regret of her numerous Oxford friends, who will miss her valuable society.

—Mr. Winston Rogers, the very efficient book-keeper at Orpl at Asylum, is off for a week taking a much needed rest, and Miss Bertha Hicks is temporarily in charge of the office work.

—Mr. W. J. Stem, of Darlington, S. C., was in Oxford Saturday to attend the funeral of late his greatly esteemed partner, Mr. John Meadows. We were pleased to learn from him that his family was enjoying good health and that he was doing well in his new home.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Cannady arrived in Oxford from Charlotte Saturday, and their many friends extended them a cordial welcome. Mr. Cannady is now rapidly recovering from his serious illness, and will be out in a few days. They are stopping at the Osborn House.

During the winter of 1897 Mr. James Reed, one of the leading citizens and merchants of Clay, Clay Co., W. Va., struck his leg against a cake of ice in such a manner as to bruise it severely. It became very much swollen and pained him so badly that he could not walk without the aid of crutches. He was treated by physicians, also used several kinds of liniment and two and a half gallons of whiskey in bathing it, but nothing gave any relief until he began using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This brought about almost a complete cure in a week's time and he believes that had not used this remedy his leg would have had to be amputated. Pain Balm is unequalled for sprains, bruises and rheumatism. For sale by J. G. Hall Druggist.

Call and see our \$1.25 pants, worth \$3. See our counterparts at \$1.00. Can't be bought elsewhere for less than \$1.50. See our shoes, the cheapest ever offered in town. In fact the Klondike is the place to buy goods because we deal exclusively with C. B. Ross, who is headquarters for the world. We can sell you bed ticks for 14 cents. Can't be bought for less than 16 2/3 anywhere. When in town don't fail to call at the Klondike and see our many bargains. oct. 12.

The Parham Bros. Co., Henderson, are offering large inducements to cotton planters. They only charge one twentieth and 75 cents for new bagging and tiesl.

37-390 bushels of primed seed wheat for sale by EDWARDS & WINSTON.

## REPORT OF MASONIC COMMITTEE

The Charges Made by Public Ledger Investigated.

On our editorial page we publish, as it is just and right we should, the report of the Committee appointed by the Masonic Lodge of Oxford to investigate the charges we made in PUBLIC LEDGER of October 5th upon what we honestly believed to be reliable information. We have always made it a rule not to publish anything unless we believed we had grounds for doing so even in the heat of campaigns in which the supremacy of the white people was at stake.

The investigation seems to have proven to the satisfaction of the Lodge that that part of the article relative to the negro woman having been employed as an instructor of the girls was a mistake, but the fact still remains, as is shown by the report of the Committee, that the NEGRO WOMAN WAS EMPLOYED to do the same work which the girls were doing and received her instruction from the same matrons the girls did, and in the same room with them and on the same work the Assistant Matron had begun and would have finished had she not been sick. By referring to the Crews woman's testimony you will find this to be substantially correct, and in that particular sense she was occupying Miss Tucker's place until the work she had already in hand was completed.

As a practical illustration: If Mr. E. W. Jones, the able Manager of the Printing Department of the Orphan Asylum, was engaged in setting up and printing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and he was taken sick and it was urgent that the report must be gotten out, and if General Manager Bemis was to send down town and their happened to be an expert colored printer here and employed and put him to work to finish up the report would he not be in charge of that particular work although he would not be instructing the boys in the office?

For every man whose name appears on this Committee we have the highest respect, even if some of them have not the same for us. Every one of them are men of undoubted honesty and integrity, and for the honesty and integrity of our informant, upon whose statement we based our article we have no less respect.

Somebody is honestly mistaken, but we are satisfied that it will be apparent to everybody that the report of the committee states the fact that the negro woman Crews was at work in the same room with orphan girls. The conclusion of the report is as follows:

"From the foregoing statements your committee is of the opinion that said article is without any foundation of fact and is not true."

Let us see about that. The evidence which we print as a part of the report of the Committee, and we take it all the evidence they took, establishes beyond controversy the fact that the negro woman was employed in the sewing room among the girls, and we have to thank the gentlemen of the committee for their kind aid in this particular as we would have been unable to have conducted such a thorough investigation and have substantially established the grounds of our charge, in the face of the fact that it could not be expected that any one employed at the Orphan Asylum under the dictatorial rule of Miss Bemis would have been disposed to even think of giving testimony that might have had a tendency so damaging to her administration, hence it would have been indispensible to combat against a management who had it in their power, if they will to do so, to have arranged beforehand to forestall in a measure the charge in every particular, but we must again be allowed to thank the Masonic Committee for having accomplished for us what it would have been impossible for us to do.

Be that as it may, there is no denying the fact that the public, both in and outside of the Grand Masonic Fraternity, whose glorious work is to take care of the widows and orphans in which the PUBLIC LEDGER join hands, looks with suspicion upon the present administration of the beloved Orphan Asylum because the real head is a Northern woman and not a Mason of course, whose methods are not in accord with Southern ideas, and this same fact has been the cause of much friction in the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina.

We honestly believe we voice the sentiments of the people we come in contact with. If a Southern woman were at the head of that institution does any one suppose that the employment of a negro assistant matron could ever have been suspected? Never. Such a thing would have been impossible.

The PUBLIC LEDGER wishes to ask those in authority in all candor if it would not be vastly better for the interest of the Orphan Asylum if this disturbing element, this Miss

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Bemis, on whose account there is so much dissatisfaction among the outside supporters of this great Institution and so much dissension among the Masons of the State, was permitted to get a salary of \$1,000 per year including board, room and lights in some other place?

The testimony further shows that the negro woman received her instructions from Miss Maggie Meyer, matron in charge, as did Miss Tucker, the assistant, in the same room with the same girls on the same class of work, and being the only person that went to work in the room after the assistant matron left. We are quite sure that all of us have as a first consideration the interest of the Orphan Asylum and in that connection we wish to call attention to a fact which to us is a very pertinent one. The increased cost in salaries of the administration is only a small part of its cost to the institution, which can be proven to the satisfaction of any man who will take the trouble to compare the list of cash donations published in the Orphans' Friend each week under former administrations with those published now. Say two years or more ago it took often from a half to one column to contain them, now they occupy only about half dozen lines, and all this in the face of the fact that twice as much brain matter is used up in the management of the institution as it formerly took.

The editor does not have the distinguished honor of being a Mason, but will say that we have always been taught that the basic principles of Masonry was to care for the widows and orphans, and why could not Manager Bemis have sought out a widow or daughter of a Mason, of whom there are plenty to be found, and given them the work when she found out that the girls could not keep up with the work instead of continuing the colored woman even after attention had been called to it?

Some one may ask what right have we to interfere with the management of the Orphan Asylum? We answer because it is a public Institution and as a taxpayer and a representative of taxpayers we claim the right to do so, because the State appropriates \$10,000 a year to aid in the support of the Orphans that enter the walls of the Orphan Asylum, and the editor can say that he is heartily in favor of the appropriation, and if the institution was under the full control of the Masons of North Carolina we are confident that no criticism would be passed upon its management.

The editor loves North Carolina, "Heaven's blessing attend her," and deplors the fact that there is not a single lady within its domain that does not possess ability enough to occupy the same position that Miss Bemis does, in the face of our boasted culture, refinement, learning, and conservatism, along with the tender feeling we have for the unfortunate orphans of our beloved State.

We invite your attention to our 50 cent corset. Also to our line of stationery. The largest tablet in town for 5 cents at the Klondike. oct. 12.

—Carry the news to the farmers and let them know that prices for tobacco on the Oxford market are reaching up on the top rail, and ask them to read for themselves. Hunt & Meadows, of the Farmers Warehouse, sold last week for Ross & Harris one load at \$6.30, 8.75, 20, 35, 6.70, 7.25, 8, 9, 33, 15, 5.80, Thomas Hunt a load for 5.10, 8.26, 42, 14, 10.75, 5.20.

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Do the work. Take the pills and afterwards quinine or chill tonics. Get well!