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And all they have to do to get their trunks supplied is to call on us and we 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 NISSAN WAGON, which is numbered among the best in the world.

Yours to serve at any time, sept. 28, J. S. HALL.

## A New Millinery Store

IN OXFORD.

Just opened in the store lately occupied by the Messrs. K. Schomer, on Main street, next door to the old school building.

Being familiar with the wants of the public in this line, having for several years had charge of the millinery department of Messrs. Long Brothers, my stock of

## Fall and Winter MILLINERY

of other FASHIONABLE NOVELTIES in millinery styles were carefully selected in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York City. My stock is new, varied and attractive--all made and sewn and includes many beautiful and unique novelties in Imported and Domestic Hats and Bonnets that must be seen to be appreciated. Some of them perfectly lovely.

My stock consists of: among which are Golf hats, morning hats, assorted wraps, collarettes, neckties, collarettes and bows, table covers, table cloths, ladies' novelty chiton veil, and many more silk and cloth skirts, superior dresses, etc., and warranted, mourning veils, and many more. Also, also infants' caps, children's dresses, a nice assortment of hats and winter goods before making their trunks.

Yours to please,

## Miss Emma Day.

of Wraps, Ladies' Jackets and Caps, Children's Dresses and Infants' Hats. Silk skirts a specialty, very cheap, and all the new neck novelties.

## Free Trip to Paris!

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

## NOVEMBER JOTTINGS.

### SHORT-STOPS IN THE LOCAL LINE

Gathered and Condensed for the Eye of the Reader.

—Mr. Sam Averett had on exhibition in Oxford a few days ago almost a white partridge he had killed out of a covey. It was a real curiosity and attracted a good deal of attention.

—Kinston Free Press: Between 600 and 700 children are registered in the several schools in Kinston, 410 being in attendance at the white graded school and 175 at the colored graded school.

—Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Ola Crews and Mr. Graham Smith, two popular young people of Tay and Messrs. R. T. Crews, Wednesday, Nov. 8th at 4:30 o'clock.

—Dr. Coggeshall was called on Friday by Prof. Gentry to amputate one of the fingers of one of his educated monks. The doctor administered chloroform and made a nice job of amputating the finger.

—Brother Coley, of the Orphans Friend, keeps himself exceedingly close these days and must be putting in some hard work on this paper, as we rarely ever have the pleasure of beholding his fair and genial countenance.

—A thrifty farmer in Johnston county heard of the great reputation of the Oxford tobacco market, and last week drove 62 miles to try our market. He sold with Messrs. Bullock & Mitchell, and was pleased with his prices.

—The old Johnson and Z. W. Lyon are still humming right along and selling tobacco just the same and reach the cream of the market. They sold a load a few days ago for Mr. A. L. Veazey for \$5 10, 7.50, 7.50, 14 25, 20 and 30.

—The ball keeps rolling and the PUBLIC LEDGER grows more popular each week, as we added 11 more subscribers to our list since the last issue. Among them are one from South Carolina, one from Texas and one from Virginia.

—Everybody, little and big, who attended the Pony and Dog Show of Prof. Gentry Friday in Oxford are enthusiastic in their praise of the performance. It was undoubtedly the best show of the kind that ever pitched a tent in Oxford.

—Did you ever think that you don't help your town at all when you send off for anything you can get at home? When a man in any business sends his money out of town he is diverting that much from the channels of his business and it never comes back to him.

—The Ladies Aid Society of the Episcopal church are quite busy preparing for the annual Bazaar the latter part of this month, and it is their intention to make it surpass anything they have had. Mrs. Thos. W. Winston will be the manager, and our people may look out for an entertaining program.

—The PUBLIC LEDGER this week is almost entirely in the hands of our correspondents, and we gracefully yield the palm to them. They discuss various subjects, besides giving the news from different sections. This feature of the paper is the cause of the PUBLIC LEDGER being so widely read and sought after.

—The sign of the PUBLIC LEDGER succumbed to the wind Sunday night and ceased to swing to the breeze, but don't forget that we are rattling away at the same old stand trying to build up Oxford and fighting for the interest of the trust afflicted farmers of our dear old county, who are the PUBLIC LEDGER's true and tried friends.

—The Owen Warehouse is still moving right along and Rufe Knott is securing good prices for quality of tobacco sold. Read a few of them and judge for yourself. Knott & Daniel \$9, 11 50, 24 50, 14, 7, and 5 60. J. F. Dean \$5, 60, 9 75, 26 50, 10 7, 6 50. H. Skinner \$4 60, 15, 30, 8 75. C. H. Barnett \$6 30, 8, 20 50, 10 75 and 5 75.

—Invitation are out announcing the marriages of Mr. William C. O'Bryant and Miss Rosa T. Bullock, and Mr. Thomas W. Bullock and Miss Etta F. Stem on Wednesday Nov. 8th, at 7:30 o'clock at the Methodist church, Sten, N. C. Of course there will be a large number of friends present to witness the plighting of vows between these popular young people.

—The series of meetings that had been going on for a week at the Methodist church closed Sunday night. Rev. M. H. Tuttle was assisted by Dr. Nash, of Warrenton, who preached some very able sermons. Rev. Tuttle occupied the pulpit Sunday morning and night and delivered two of the ablest sermons in the cause of the Master that have been listened to in a long time.

—The farmers of this county should keep an accurate account of all farm products raised this year--the acreage, yield, etc. This for the information of the Census Bureau, which will expect it next June, when the census enumerators will be around and all questions relating to the products of the soil will be asked, and North Carolina and Grauville county should make the best showing possible.

—Come to see us with your next load of tobacco. We will treat you right and see that every pile brings top notch price. Yours to serve,

**MEADOWS, COUNCIL & COZART,**  
Proprietors Farmers' Warehouse.

## THE HORNER CADETS WILL ENJOY A DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT.

—We call attention to the administrators notice of J. B. Roller elsewhere in this paper.

—Squire S. V. Ellis, who has been confined at home on account of sickness for several days, is better.

—Read the sales of lands by Mr. J. G. Hall, trustee, and J. G. Pittard, trustee, under mortgage in another part of this paper as you might be interested.

—Messrs. J. B. Roller and J. F. Royster are so far this season the champion bird hunters. A few afternoons ago they went out and bagged 62 partridges.

—Owing to a leak in the roof of the Odd Fellows Building the down-pour of rain Monday did some damage to the beautiful hall of this great and beloved order, which is now so prosperous in Oxford.

—Our Town Fathers have purchased a fine 20 horse engine in Erie, Pa., and will arrive here in a few days when the rock crusher will begin to hum again. The next thing needed will be a high grade rock crusher as the one now in use is too small.

—Large quantities of tobacco continues to be sold daily in Oxford, and Saturdays and Mondays have become good sales days. It is an undisputed fact that cannot be headed off. Oxford is a regular winner on high averages all the year round. Farmers be true to your home market and sell your tobacco in Oxford.

—During the rain storm Monday night the wind blew down the old prize house near the old depot belonging to Mr. Hart, of the American Tobacco Company. It has been in a shaking condition for sometime. It also blew down a tree on the sidewalk on College street, in front of the Methodist Parsonage, breaking down a portion of the fence.

—We take pleasure in calling attention to the advertisement of the shoe shop at the Oxford Orphan Asylum in this issue of the PUBLIC LEDGER. First-class work is turned out there, and seek the patronage of our people, which we hope they will receive. Prompt attention paid to all orders and satisfaction guaranteed at the lowest possible prices. Remember the Orphans when you need any work done.

—The Herald Square Opera Co. are unable to fill their engagement tonight (Wednesday) and will be here Saturday and present the Chimes of Normandy at night in the Opera House. Admission 75, 50 and 25 cents. They give a matinee Saturday afternoon and present Said Pasha, and the admission will be 25 cents to entire lower floor. Let the people of Oxford give them a rousing house as it is not often that we can get an Opera Company to come to our town.

—Mr. W. R. Garner and family, of Grison, are now numbered with the citizens of Oxford and the PUBLIC LEDGER extends them a cordial welcome. Mr. Garner is a fine blacksmith and Messrs Edwards & Winston have erected for him a splendid shop nearly in rear of their hardware store. Mr. Garner seeks the patronage of our people and we take pleasure in recommending him as a first-class workman and a clever gentleman. Read his advertisement in another column.

—The Chatham Record is right in saying Neither the press nor the people of North Carolina will endorse the action of the directors of the penitentiary in not removing Sumnerell, the overseer or superintendent who has been proved to have treated the convicts so cruelly and brutally. All humane persons will endorse the five Democratic directors who voted for his removal. It seems like adding insult to injury for the directors to have passed a resolution declaring Sumnerell's cruelty was merely "a mistake!"

—Rev. Walter A. Pattillo, Pastor of the First Baptist church, and principal of the Colored Graded School in Oxford, has quite an industrious family. While he preaches and teaches his children cultivate quite a good farm and are rewarded in manner as to bribe 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 Pain Balm is unequalled for sprains, bruises and rheumatism. For sale by J. G. Hall Druggist.

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## OPINION MEN HELP OXFORD.

Are you Willing to Sit Still and Let the Town Go Down?

EDITOR OF PUBLIC LEDGER:—The Manufacturer's Record reports 13 new enterprises started in 12 different towns in North Carolina last week! It has been making similar statements weekly for months past. Still the name of Oxford has never appeared in the list. Why not?

Inquiry among the farmers elicits the information that nothing meets with favorable consideration in this community that would furnish a market for any other product than tobacco. The small merchants report that they stand ready to subscribe according to their means to any new industry that will result in a pay roll every Saturday night. The capital to be had from this source is necessarily too limited to establish a plant successfully. This leaves those who control the financial strength of the community to be heard from.

That there are those among them who are willing and ready to aid in progressive movements goes without saying, yet every effort that promises to end in the establishment of a new industry that would make a demand for farm products other than tobacco, fails to materialize. (It may be remarked just here, that the number of tobacco buyers decreases at about the same ratio with the prices received, figuratively speaking it might be termed a triangular market, in which by suitable manipulation all three corners appear as one.)

While the writer does not undertake to explain the true inwardness of the circumstance the following statement will serve to illustrate the situation:

Several months ago a large manufacturing company in New York offered to send shirts cut and partially made in sufficient quantities to keep THREE HUNDRED hands constantly employed in sewing them together, if the citizens of Oxford would raise ten thousand dollars; one third of the sum to be invested in sewing machines and steam power to run them, and the balance used to carry the pay roll and other expenses necessarily incurred during the process.

The matter was thoroughly looked into by two of the ablest and most conservative merchants in the town, and pronounced by them a feasible project, with a minimum risk—one that would give employment to many who were anxious for it, yield a reasonable interest on the investment, and put \$500 and up-plying every week in the hands of those who need it most. This sum would eventually be distributed among merchants, farmers and others who bring and market the supplies for daily needs, thus every citizen within a radius of twenty miles would be directly or indirectly benefitted.

An amount a little in excess of what was required had been promised to start a similar enterprise, but as soon as a definite proposition, endorsed by the judgment of two leading business men, was laid before these gentlemen a chill seemed to strike the backbone of the assembly. One who had expressed much interest in starting something withdrew his subscription entirely, another more influential party cut down his subscription one half, and his example was followed by several others; a few days later three others subscriptions, and the next day a fourth were withdrawn as the result of a prominent official of the bank.

About this time rumors of a projected cotton mill began to pour in and arguments were rife that a cotton mill would bring more blessings to Oxford than any other kind of a factory possibly could. The above Financial Institution gave out that \$70,000 of the capital could be had in Oxford township without counting on what the people in the country would contribute, and that \$100,000 was to be secured from Durham, and even building sites were discussed. This, of course, was a "knock out" blow to the shirt factory. As to the cotton factory (?) possibly a microscope might find it.

There are those who give to the common welfare the same consideration they do to their private interests, and all honor is due them, and "there are others." There are those who have accumulated property from trafficking in the crops of the farmers; others who make an independent living by trade in providing for the wants of the country dependent on Oxford for supplies--these have a just and legal right to enjoy the fruits of their intelligence, but there goes with it a moral obligation to the community where they have attained success to extend to other less fortunate, openings to better their conditions, and to help the county people from whom their income chiefly comes to a market that will absorb every variety of product, from the dairy to the field

## crop, that they can bring to town for sale.

There is also a duty to growing youth to provide business opportunities that young men may not be driven away to earn a living, but remain under home influences, that the traditions of the past may be perpetuated.

To picture the final result of disregard of these pertinent facts is unnecessary.

LOUIS DE LACROIX.

## Saved His Life.

Mr. C. E. Henderson, Poolville, Texas writes us as follows: My wife had been troubled many years with constipation. She used nearly all kinds of remedies, but failed to receive any benefit until she tried Ramon's Pills and Tonic Pellets, sold here by W. L. Bullington. She is now in better health than for a long time. We use no other.

W. I. Bullington, Druggist, Poolville, Texas, July 17, 1897, says: I sell more of your Liver Pills and Tonic Pellets than of all others combined, and I handle fifteen or twenty different kinds of pills. For sale by J. P. Stedman.

## We have six large Stemmeries in Durham at work all the time besides our order books.

Bring us a load to Durham and drive straight to the Farmers' Warehouse and Meadows, Council & Cozart will see that you get the cream of the market on all grades.

## A Good Meeting.

The Union Meeting of the Flat River Association, held with Island Creek Church on the 28th and 29th of October was an unusually interesting meeting. It was not very largely attended because the program was not published in time for the meeting to be generally known.

The meeting was organized by the appointment of Bro. B. F. Hester as Moderator. It was opened by religious exercises conducted by Rev. J. S. Hardaway.

All the Queries of the program were discussed except one. Interesting and inspiring speeches were made by Brothers J. S. Hardaway, F. P. Hobgood, J. P. Pace, D. L. Woody, H. W. Hancock, J. H. Long, B. F. Knott, P. B. Sneed, C. Gordon and the Moderator.

The speeches of these Brethren were above the average on such occasions. The meeting was intensely interesting with one single exception. There was a person present, who became so deeply interested in the questions for discussion that he expressed some of his views to far. When his zeal cooled down he regretted his mistake. Look at the subscribed initials and see who he was.

The Union was entertained by the church and community handsomely and with ease and pleasure.

We noticed with pleasure that Island Creek Church has made some needed improvements by putting the pulpit platform in better shape, covering it with carpeting and supplying pulpit chairs. A neat and tasty pulpit takes the place of the old unsightly one. The church is well supplied with new Gospel Hymn and Tune Books, one of the few good hymn books now in use.

J. A. S.

## Prevented a Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, Ohio, prevented a family tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful cough had long tried her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of Pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at J. G. Hall's Drug Store.

If you want to get the prettiest and finest boxed paper you ever saw, call in and see it at Hancock's Drug Store.

## Officers Tobacco Board of Trade.

The following officers were elected at the regular annual meeting of the Oxford Tobacco Board, on Oct. 16th, which was taken in part from the Richmond Tobaccoist:

President—S. W. Cooper.  
Vice-President—J. M. Currin.  
Secretary—E. T. White.  
Executive Committee—Messrs. E. T. White, R. F. Knott, G. W. Woodling, Z. W. Lyon, J. D. Bullock.

Sales Committee—Messrs. W. B. Ballou, J. M. Currin and John Webb.  
Arbitration Committee—J. H. Bullock, W. B. Ballou, Z. W. Lyon, J. M. Currin, and E. T. White.

## Volcanic Eruptions.

Are grand, but skin eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, cure them, also Old, Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Bolls, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains. Best Pile cure on earth. Drives out Pains and Aches. Only 25cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by J. G. Hall, Druggist.

The Farmers' Warehouse, Durham, has made sales the past few days for the following prices:

Wm. Jenks, 44 lbs, \$5.00; 82, 6.75; 70, 8.00; 50, 10.90; 74, 14.00; 20, 25.00; 116, 700.

T. D. Alken, 62 lbs 5.70; 78.70 102.00; 155, 6.75; 54, 15.00; 100, 10.25; 216, 6.00; 86, 5.00.

A. H. Jenks, 1.5, 1.5; 15, 25; 110, 25; 92, 6.25; 54, 20.00; 30, 7.75.

T. L. Bowling, 42 lbs 5.00; 100, 12.50; 202, 21.00; 258, 7.50; 44, 6.25.

G. M. Veazey, 90 lbs 10.00; 100, 6.00; 130, 10.00; 90, 14.00, 96, 16.00; 58, 25.50; 142, 26.50; 36, 35.00.

W. W. Cozart, (Last Cutting), 24 lbs 3.40; 74, 7.50; 100, 6.00; 130, 10.00; 180, 16.00; 142, 25.00.

When good tobacco commences to move more freely look out for bigger averages.

## ACROSS THE THRESHOLD.

YOU KNOW SOME, BUT NOT ALL.

They Will Come and Go All the Same.

—Mr. J. C. Hundley, of Durham, spent Sunday in Oxford.

—Mr. Raiborn Person has joined the Oxford colony in Durham.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harris, of Tar Kiyer, were on our streets Thursday.

—Mr. Thornwell Lanier is at home from several weeks visit to Baltimore.

—Miss Lottie Tomlinson, of Durham, is visiting the Misses Currin on High street.

—Rev. A. S. Caldwell returned to Oxford Monday after an absence of three weeks.

—Mr. J. W. Wright, of Cornwall, was in Oxford Monday and called on the PUBLIC LEDGER.

—Miss Margaret B. Harris, of Raleigh, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Will X. Coley, on Broad street.

—Miss Tempie Williams, of Washington City, is on a visit to her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams.

—Mr. and Mrs. Twissell, of Middleburg, visited Rev. and Mrs. J. T. B. Hoover, several days the past week.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Royster and children, of Greensboro, are on a visit to relatives in the Buchanan section.

—There were four generation assembled at the home of Mr. J. K. Wood on Sunday, which is a rare occurrence.

—Mr. J. T. Hughes, of Creedmoor, was among the large number of farmers in Oxford Friday and called on the PUBLIC LEDGER.

—Mrs. McCarty, who has been spending the summer in Lynchburg returned home Friday and of course Mr. McCarty is happy.

—Misses Fannie Landis and Anne Taylor, two of Oxford's fascinating young ladies, attended the German at Chapel Hill Friday night.

—Mr. Ed Crews, of Dabney, who has been on the sick list for many months, was in Oxford Saturday to the pleasure of his old friends.

—Misses Fannie Landis and Anne Taylor, two of Oxford's fascinating young ladies, attended the German at Chapel Hill Friday night.

—The attractive Miss Mamie Canady after spending several weeks in Greensboro visiting Miss Minnie Whitsett returned home Tuesday.

—Mr. H. M. Shaw left a few days ago on a business trip to Mississippi. He will visit Birmingham, Ala., and Chattanooga, Tenn., before he returns.

—Messrs. W. P. Hobgood, of Satterwhite, and R. H. Rogers, of Creedmoor, were on the large break of tobacco Thursday and called to see the editor.

—Mr. Hugh Skinner, of Smithfield, enjoyed Saturday with his mother and sisters. Of course his numerous friends in Oxford were glad to meet him.

—Mr. R. J. Daniel, who has a host of friends in Danville, is in Atlanta, Texas, and Mrs. Daniel will join him later, as he married sometime ago one of Person's fairest daughters.

—Mrs. Robt. Wood and little daughter left Monday to visit relatives in Chesterfield county, Va. This little lady has two grandfathers and two great grandfathers living.

—Mr. Eugene Currin, the very efficient buyer for the American Tobacco Company on the Kinston market, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Currin, the first of the week.

—Mrs. Charles C. Johnson, of Raleigh, spent a few days here the past week visiting her sister, Mrs. Will X. Coley. She was accompanied by her little son, Chas. C. Johnson, Jr.

—The editor was glad to meet in Oxford this week, Dr. Robt. Hicks, of Warrenton, Va. He formerly lived in Granville and greatly esteemed by our citizens. He was on a visit to his sister, Mrs. M. V. Lanier.

—Mr. Winston Rogers after a number of days rest from his confining duties as book-keeper at the Orphan Asylum is at his post again. He is a faithful worker and untiring in his effort to advance the interest of that beloved institution.

—Mr. Charles C. Johnson, Superintendent of the Raleigh Street Railway and Electric Light Company, spent last Sunday and part of Monday in Oxford visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will X. Coley. He returned to Raleigh via Henderson on Monday noon, accompanied by Mrs. Johnson, who is a sister of Mrs. Coley, with whom she had been visiting for some days.

## AN IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE.

To make it apparent to thousands, who think themselves ill that they are not afflicted with any disease, but that the system simply needs cleansing, is to bring comfort home to their hearts, as a positive condition is easily cured by using Syrup or Figs. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, and sold by all druggists.

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

**ROYAL Baking Powder**

Made from pure cream of tartar.

Safeguards the food against alum.

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

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

## BIRTH OF MRS. W. S. HUNDLEY.

This beloved lady Passed away Wednesday.

Mrs. Bettie Hundley, the beloved wife of Mr. W. S. Hundley, and only child of Capt. A. F. Spencer, fell asleep Wednesday morning, after several weeks suffering from the effects of a carbuncle.

We are called upon to chronicle the death of a purechristian woman whose remarkable traits of character suggested a perfect woman, nobly planned. She was greatly beloved by all who knew her, kind and considerate neighbor and