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Come to headquarters for TOYS and HOLIDAY GOODS. Popular presents at popular prices.

The holiday stock is full of Quality, Variety, Beauty and Good Taste. It is easy to select from, and it is a mistake to buy where you see it. Remember, this assortment contains the right thing for every person, old and young. Come in and see how satisfactory Christmas shopping can be made, how well we can fill your wants, and how far we can make your money go.

Yours to please, J. G. HALL.

DECEMBER JOTTINGS.

SHORT-STOP IN THE LOCAL LINE

Gathered and Condensed for the Eye of the Reader.

We regret that several correspondents reached us too late for this issue. Eight deaths have occurred at the Normal School at Greensboro...

Mr. J. L. Garrett and Mrs. Mad-dra were quietly married on Wednesday night last, Rev. M. H. Tuttle performing the ceremony.

We call your attention to the sale of lands by Mr. J. W. Hays, admitted and trustees, as advertised in another column Jan. 15, 1900.

The County Commissioners met Monday in Oxford and transacted a great deal of business and we will publish a synopsis of the proceedings next week.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Overton, of Fishing Creek died Friday night, and they have sympathies of their many friends in the loss they have sustained.

Wanting to close out stock of ladies and childrens jackets also plush and cloth caps, will sell now at cost; please call and buy at once.

The singing class of the Orphan Asylum is off on a trip East in charge of Mr. Will Coley and Miss Eva Minor and we hope they will meet with the success they deserve.

We learn from the Richmond Dispatch that Mr. W. C. Reed suffered considerable loss a few days ago by a fire in his leaf tobacco house.

Prof. and Mrs. F. P. Hobgood have returned from Baltimore and Mrs. Hobgood received great benefit from her trip and is improving rapidly in health to the joy of her many friends.

Messrs. H. H. Eatman killed a pig a few days ago that weighed 420 pounds and E. K. Howard two that pulled the scales at 320 and 305, and K. W. Day one that weighed 300 pounds.

The Baptist State Convention met in Asheville yesterday, and Revs. J. S. Hardaway, J. A. Stradley and Dr. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford and Messrs. B. F. Hester and James Pruitt, of Walnut Grove township, are in attendance.

Rev. M. H. Tuttle, who has so acceptably served as pastor of the Methodist church in Oxford, for three years, and Rev. Kenneth Holmes, the strongpreacher in charge of Oxford circuit, left yesterday to attend Conference at Washington, N. C.

John Young, the expert manipulator of mortar, while plastering the office in the Hunt building slipped and fell off the scaffold breaking one of his legs near the ankle. He is one of our most excellent colored citizens, and we deeply regret the misfortune that has befallen him.

It is important that every Democratic Magistrate should attend the meeting of Magistrates in Oxford on December 19th, in order that a commissioner may be elected even if our Republican and Populist should walk out, as they are playing a game of politics and enured the Democrats on the first round.

The Bazaar opened up Tuesday afternoon, and was largely attended at night. Armory Hall is beautifully decorated and the Booths are in charge of some of our fairest young ladies. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and help the self-sacrificing ladies in their efforts to complete the Episcopal church.

Congress met on Tuesday and General Henderson, of Iowa, was elected speaker, and Congressman Richardson, of Tennessee, succeeds Mr. Bailey, of Texas, as leader of the Democrats in the House.

The Mormon member was not sworn in, and a committee was appointed to investigate his case. A petition containing seven million names was presented against Roberts taking his seat.

That Throbbing Headache Would quickly leave you if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by J. G. Hall, Druggist.

At the regular meeting of Masons Monday night, the following officers were elected: W. B. Ballou, W. M.; J. G. Hunt, S. W.; S. W. Minor, J. W.; W. L. Mitchell, Treas.; E. W. Jones, Sec'y.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Some time ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25 cents size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited. THOMAS C. BOWER, Glencoe, O. For sale by J. G. Hall.

-Man never commits a greater sin than marrying a woman when he cannot take care of her.

-The turkey that escaped the carving knife was the most ardent thanksgiver on Thursday.

-No matter how practical we may be, one real heart experience makes us dwell more in the long ago than in the present.

-Rev. J. T. B. Hoover and Miss Rosa Parham, on Raleigh street, are making some needed improvements to their places.

-If persons would only look before they leap, and then jump in the other direction, there would be fewer financial disasters.

-Two more boys stole off from the Oxford Orphan Asylum some days ago, and were overhauled at Durham and brought back.

-Mr. Willie Howell is now devoting some of his spare time in getting a new girl which arrived at his home a few days ago.

-The editor is under many obligations to his friends Sam Simple, of Parnell, Wake county, for a club of 5 subscribers. We tip our hat to him this cold morning with thanks.

-Mr. E. E. Lyon, of Creedmoor, was in Oxford Monday attending the meeting of Magistrates and informed us that Mr. L. Clark of that place killed a porker a few days ago that weighed 520 pounds dressed.

-Col. F. P. Hobgood, Inspector General, is in the Western part of the State inspecting the State Guard in that section and will not return until next Wednesday noon.

-Eighteen hundred and ninety-nine began Sunday and ends Sunday and therefore there will be fifty-three Sundays in the year. October, November and December have fourteen Sundays, two or three months having five Sundays each, which is extraordinary.

-Prof. J. C. Horner and the football team of the Horner Military School returned from Wilmington Saturday night where they played a football game Thanksgiving Day. While they played well the Wilmington team defeated them by a score of 5 to 0, which shows that the cadets will have to become more proficient in the art of football playing.

-We are very glad to learn that Dr. J. Y. Mangum, who entered Wake Forest some years ago from Granville county is reflecting honor upon his State by the success of his practice in New York City. He has recently been elected a member of the staff of the New York Polytechnic Post Graduate School and Hospital, in addition to his other appointments.

-We are sorry to learn that Mr. J. K. Wood, one of our oldest business men, has decided to remove his furniture and undertaking business to Monroe. One by one we are losing our citizens all because our monied men will not assist in establishments manufacturing enterprises as Oxford has arrived at that stage that it cannot solely depend on a leaf market. Wake up! Something must be done, or we shall be called upon to announce the departure of more of our citizens.

-Among pharmaceutical writers none has a more acceptable title than our esteemed confrere, Francis B. Hayes, of the Druggists' Circular. Bro. Hays has a concise way of stating things and an adequate store of dry wit which he uses as a seasoning for his remarks in just the right proportion and the columns of the New York local drug news contained in the Circular are interesting to people who don't ever know a soul in that city just for this reason. When it comes to argumentative writing, however, he has a logical, convincing way that makes him a bad man to go up against. -Detroit, Michigan, New Idea.

-Some of our boys are taking Christmas in advance by exploding cannon crackers, familiarly called among them as "Wheeler and Day Wakers," nearly every night. Saturday night the boys concluded they would have a big time as they had not been caught up with, and started out about 9 o'clock. It was not long before the eagle eye of Policeman Wheeler, who was on the watch for the breakers of the law, espied some of our young gentlemen and caught them in the act of the shooting "Wheeler and Day Wakers." Consequently had to wake up and shell out \$7, that were slumbering sweetly in their pockets.

THE MODERN MOTHER Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy, than by any other. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

AUCTION SALE.-A chance to buy goods at your own prices. We will sell at public auction our entire stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Hardware, Shoes, &c., Saturday, Dec. 16, 1899. Come right along and get the goods, as we are going out of business and want you to have the advantage of low prices. Don't forget the date. Sale will commence at 10 o'clock. Will sell also 2-horse Mower, Rake, Cane Mill and Vaporator and farming Utensils. J. B. ELLIOTT & Co., Clay, N. C.

-On Sunday night about dark the old D. T. Cheatham residence on the mill place, near Oxford, owned by Mr. Hambley, was burned to the ground. Suspicion at once rested on a negro woman by the name of Roberta Taylor, and Mr. J. T. Cozart, J. P., issued a warrant and had her arrested and she is now in jail. The only reason she had for burning the old Mansion was on account of jealousy, as one of her colored neighbors was going to move into it, and Roberta did not like to see her set up so high in the world. If she committed the crime we truly hope it will be proved on her and suffer the full penalty of the law.

-Washington correspondent of Raleigh Post Dec. 4th says: Congressman Kitchen, the youngest man in North Carolina delegation, but the dean among the Democratic members from the State in point of service, takes but little stock in Republican claims that the constitutional amendment will be beaten in the August election. "Among my people," said to the Post correspondent, "the matter is exciting widespread interest. Our people are naturally conservative and not easily aroused; but when they are, as witness the late State election, they move as a mighty torrent. I expect to see that amendment carried by a very substantial majority."

-Thanksgiving was more generally observed in Oxford Thursday than usual, as the most of our business houses joined the bank and postoffice in observing the day. Services were held in the Episcopal church, and the Methodist and Presbyterian worshipped together at the Methodist church. Of course there were no tobacco sales, and the buyers, warehousemen and citizens generally enjoyed turkey and oysters. In the afternoon quite a number of our people attended the exercises at the Oxford Orphan Asylum and enjoyed an entertaining program rendered by the children.

General B. S. Royster was present and made a very interesting talk to the children, as he has the happy faculty of adapting himself to almost any occasion, whether it is a sermon, literary address, political speech, or an intricate law case.

Fire at the Orphan Asylum.

Tuesday about 12:30 o'clock smoke was discovered coming from the roof of the main building of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and the alarm was sounded, causing our people to turn out en masse and to the rescue of an institution that lies near their heart as well as to the TRUE Masons and the people generally of the State, accompanied by the fire engine in command of Mr. Frank Edwards. In the meantime Clark Winston Rogers, fully assisted by Mr. Barnhill, an employe, found that one of the storage rooms on the fourth was on fire, the flames having reached the roof. They fought the flame heroically, assisted by others, and by the time the people down town reached the Asylum had the fire under control. The tin roof was cut and the fire put out. It is thought that it originated from spontaneous combustion.

Messrs. Rogers and Barnhill, deserve unstinted praise, as they braved the flames and entered the burning room, with buckets of water and succeeded in being masters of the situation. They had their hair and eye brows singed. It was an exceedingly close call, but brave hearts saved the destruction of a sacred monument to North Carolina's charity. The loss amounts to several hundred dollars covered by insurance.

Santa Claus on Deck at Hall's Drug Store.

This popular headquarters for old Santa Claus for so these many years in Oxford have received and have on display a splendid line of Christmas and Holiday Goods. John Hall has one of the best displays ever shown in Oxford, and to fully appreciate what he has to offer our people a visit to his store and an inspection of the large stock is necessary. In toys, novelties and holiday goods his line is complete, and to attempt to mention the list of articles would be to make a signal failure.

Mr. Hall takes a column space on first page of this favorite sheet with the people, and by reading what he has to say and their forthwith visit his store before purchasing elsewhere, you can save money. Mr. Hall and his polite clerks are ready to show you round whether you buy or not. Read the advertisement as you will find it pleasant reading.

Thanksgiving Entertainment.

The Thanksgiving entertainment by the intelligent little scholars of Mrs. A. A. Hicks' primary school Thursday night at the Faucette building was most charmingly rendered which was greatly enjoyed by a large crowd of admirers. The program was very entertaining, and each one of the dear children acquitted themselves in their several roles with great credit, showing that they had received superior training at the hands of their splendid teacher. The Hall was decorated with farm products, and presented a scene of plenty. The following dear little girls and boys took part in the splendidly rendered program: Ethel Clement, Janie Booth, James Booth, Annie Crews, Janet Gregory, Daisy Minor, Bulah Lynch, Julia Minor, Lonnie Mitchell, Leonard Mitchell, Jack Bullock, Estelle Bullock, Ruth Mitchell, Alma Bagland, Carl Egeland, Lillian Minor, Adelaide Minor, Norma Barwell, Kath Leon Turrentine, Vergie Pendleton.

DEVIN-BERNARD.

Marriage of a Popular Young Couple Wednesday Evening.

The most brilliant social event of the season was the marriage, on Wednesday night, Nov. 29th, of Miss Virginia Bernard, of Greensboro, to Mr. William Augustus Devin, of Oxford.

The wedding was at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bernard, and was largely attended by the relatives and friends of the young couple.

At 9:30 the groom entered the parlor, accompanied by his best man, Mr. W. W. Vass, of Raleigh. Then came the bride with the maid of honor, Miss Imogen Bernard. The bride was beautifully dressed in white silk, with veil; and was given away by her father.

The impressive ceremony was said by Rev. J. D. Miller, of Greensboro.

After the conclusion of the ceremony elegant supper was served. The young couple took the late train for a visit to several northern cities. The bride is one of the most popular and attractive young ladies in Greensboro, and has endeared herself to all who know her. The groom is a prominent and successful lawyer of Oxford.

Both have very many friends. The wedding presents were costly and numerous.

Among the out-of-town visitors were Messrs Salls and Mary Meade Bernard, of Petersburg, Va.; Mrs. Webb and Mrs. S. H. Cannady, of Oxford, and Mr. George Stevens, of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Devin have the heartiest congratulations and best wishes of the entire community. -Greensboro Record.

Meeting of Magistrates.

The Magistrates of the county were called to meet in Oxford Monday at 12 o'clock. Dr. R. W. Hobgood called on Mr. W. L. Taylor, of Sassafras Fork Township, to act as temporary chairman, while Register of Deeds John Mayes was assisted by Dr. J. G. Hunt Clerk of the Court.

The roll was called and out of 127 in the county only 69 answered to their names. On motion Mr. A. C. Parham was made permanent chairman, after which the meeting adjourned for 30 minutes. During the interval the Democratic magistrates met in caucus and decided to nominate Mr. N. B. Daniel, of Oak Hill, for County Commissioner in place of Mr. J. S. Royster resigned. In the meantime the Republicans and Populist magistrates had agreed to vote for Ex-Commissioner D. C. Ferrabow, of Stem, N. C.

On this account the meeting was forced to adjourn without the election of a County Commissioner, and will elect a County Commissioner to succeed Mr. Joe Royster.

Even if one should not be elected we have four most excellent gentlemen who admirably manage the finances of the county, and the taxpayers will not suffer in the least if another commissioner not should be elected.

San Francisco Minstrels.

The world renowned Minstrel Troupe will appear at the Opera House in Oxford Thursday evening Dec. 7th, with a most entertaining program. If you want to enjoy an evening with the gentlemen of the cork, be certain to attend, as it is seldom you have an opportunity to see the celebrated San Francisco Minstrels. See advertisement elsewhere in this issue. In speaking of the company the Kingston, N. Y., Press says: The San Francisco Minstrels, which were at Liscomb's opera house on Saturday night, gave one of the best minstrel shows ever presented in this city. The jokes and songs were entirely new and catchy. There was a large house and every one who witnessed the show was highly pleased with the many attractions."

AUGUST FLOWERS.

"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houston, "that in travels in all parts of the world, for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy, for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach, and for constipation. I find for tourists and salesmen, or for persons filling office positions, where headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for some stomachs and indigestion." Sample bottles free at J. G. Hall's. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

ACROSS THE THRESHOLD.

YOU KNOW SOME, BUT NOT ALL.

They Will Come and Go All the Same.

-Mr. Willie Crews, of Newbern, was in Oxford Sunday.

-Mrs. Payne spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Knoxville, Tenn.

-Mr. J. E. Burroughs, of Dabney, was on our steets Tuesday morning.

-Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Crews, of Watkins, were in Oxford Wednesday.

-Mr. Sam Allen, of Henderson, was among the visitors to Oxford Tuesday.

-Mr. Joe Smith, an old Granville man but now of Virginia, was in Oxford Friday.

-Miss Charlotte Britt left Tuesday to visit relatives and friends in Washington City.

-Messrs. Thomas Horner and Brooks Parham, of Henderson, were in Oxford Sunday.

-Dr. Faucette, of Burlington, was in Oxford Monday visiting his sister, Mrs. C. J. Cooper.

-Mr. R. T. Gregory, of Stovall, and Mr. A. A. Owen of near Oxford, were in Oxford Wednesday.

-Major N. A. Gregory, of Richmond, Va., spent Monday with his brother, Col. Roger Gregory.

-Dr. J. A. Morris, of Wilton, and Dr. G. T. Sikes, of Grissom, were on our streets a few hours Monday.

-Mrs. Anderson, of Halifax county, Va., is visiting her brother Col. W. B. Ballou, on Hillsboro street.

-Miss Ethel Dorsey, of Henderson, was the guest of Mrs. J. T. Britt Tuesday, and attended the Bazaar.

-Mr. T. Cheatham, of Youngsville, was in Oxford Monday and we had the pleasure of a call from him.

-Messrs. D. T. Winston and J. W. Winston, of Adoniram, were in Oxford Wednesday, and called to see the editor.

-Misses Susan and Alice Graham returned a few days ago from a visit to their aunt, Mrs. R. W. Winston, at Durham.

-Mr. J. D. Cash, of Wilkins, joined the throng in Oxford Monday, and we were pleased to meet him in our office for the first time.

-Messrs. John Elliott and A. A. Overton, of Clay, visited Oxford Friday and called at the Public Ledger office on business.

-General B. S. Royster and Messrs. J. W. Brown, D. A. Moore and Durrell Brummitt left Tuesday to attend Federal Court in Raleigh.

-Our dear old friend, Mr. Milton Washington, of Stem, was numbered with the visitors to Oxford Friday, and we were glad to shake his warm hand.

-Our esteemed friends Messrs. A. P. Overton and H. E. Overton, of Fishing Creek Township, were in town some days ago and honored us with a visit.

-Mr. B. F. Kronheimer and Master Harry Lehman, of Durham, was in Oxford Sunday and Monday to the pleasure of their old and young friends.

-Messrs. Edger Crews, of Hester, and F. F. Howell, of Clay, were among the many farmers on the very large break of tobacco Friday and called to see the editor.

-Dr. Geo. Winston and wife, of Raleigh, were in Oxford Thursday, and Dr. Winston delivered a scholarly address before the Shakespeare Club at the Francis Hilliard square.

-Mr. W. W. Clement, of Raleigh, and Mr. Joe Clement, of Charlotte, S. C., both of the Southern Railway, were in Oxford the past week visiting their parents, Capt. and Mrs. T. D. Clement.

-Mr. Sam Peace, of Chapel Hill, to the pleasure of his family, and his numerous friends spent Thanksgiving in Oxford. The editor was much pleased to meet him in his sanctum.

-The editor was greatly pleased to meet in his ink den Monday his most highly esteemed friend, Mr. Dave Hunt, of Salem, who is numbered with the purest Christian gentlemen of Granville.

-It was a real pleasure to the editor to meet his old commanding officer in the Confederate Army, Col. W. F. Beasley, in Oxford Monday. As the years have increased his heart has warmed towards his old comrades, and it is a pleasure to the editor to know that he has by industry and skill accumulated a competency that will enable him to take it easy the balance of his life.

-Mr. T. B. Frazier and daughter, of Satterwhite, were Oxford visitors Monday and the editor enjoyed a visit from them. Mr. Frazier lost an arm in the Civil War, and never received a pension from the State, and while in our office met the true and gallant Confederate, Col. W. F. Beasley, whose heart went out at once to his old comrade, and he at once assisted in placing his name on the pension roll.

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

Death of Mrs. J. W. Booth.

Mrs. Annie Clewell, the beloved wife of Dr. J. W. Booth at Tally Ho, passed away Saturday morning after several weeks sickness of paralysis in the 51st year of her age.

She was a lady of high culture and intellect, and well known in the state, and a sister of Rev. Dr. Clewell, President of Salem Academy. She was the second teacher at the Orphan Asylum after its establishment where she taught for 10 years, and her death will carry pain to many an Orphan's heart who she trained with a loving hand. In February, 1882, she married the greatly esteemed Dr. J. W. Booth, and everybody in and around the Tally Ho learned to love her as she was a noble Christian lady, ever ready and willing to do a kind act. She was truly a pious member of the Moravian church, and her remains were taken to Salem Monday for interment accompanied by grief stricken husband and Mrs. T. L. Booth, of Oxford. The PUBLIC LEDGER joins a host of friends in extending heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family.

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

Chief Day Happy.

On Thursday afternoon Mr. J. Y. Paris while out hunting flushed what he thought several wild turkeys, and did not get a shot at them. He came to town and informed Mr. S. V. Ellis of the fact in the presence of Chief J. R. Day, who at once said he wanted to join them next morning in the hunt. Messrs. Paris and Ellis left before Mr. Day and he followed on after them. On reaching the back of Mr. Louis de Lacroix plantation about light he espied a big gobbler coming across a branch in front of him and squatted down until the gobbler got in range of his gun when he pulled away and killed his first "Wild Turkey." Of course Mr. Day was so much elated over his good luck on his 43rd birth day he forgot all about the other turkeys and picked up his trophy and made for town as fast as his feet would carry him with his face all smiles.

Our stock of Toys and Christmas Goods for the children will be opened in a few days.

We have a nice line of everything for old and young. Our pure, fresh spices, whole and powdered, cannot be excelled.

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