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OXFORD TORCHLIGHT.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY, 4, 1888.

OUR RISING CITY.

Oxford Written Up by a Prominent Western Editor.

[Editorial cor. Western Tobacco Journal.]

OXFORD, December 1.—Some one has truly said "There is a time in the life of man, which if taken at the flood tide, leads on to success," and so it has proven the case with Oxford, for it came in with its unsurpassed Yellow Tobacco at a time when it was sorely needed, and its course ever since has been a prosperous one. Prior to 1881, the Tobacco interest of this place amounted to practically nothing, owing to a want of railroad, warehouse and banking facilities. In August, 1881, a railroad was completed, which tapped the Raleigh & Gaston; Railroad at Henderson, a distance of thirteen miles, giving Oxford an outlet to the outer world. With the opening of the railroad the business public began to see the dawn of a new era, and in that year there was sold about a half million pounds of Tobacco, and the sales of which have steadily increased, until they now amount to about eight million pounds of Leaf Tobacco a year.

The demand for the golden hued, or Yellow Tobacco, has always been great, and, in fact, always will be for that which has merit, as the supply has never been equal to the wants of the manufacturing Trade. North Carolina is peculiarly the region in which Bright Tobacco attains the highest state of excellence. It is designated by the terms "Gold Leaf," "Fancy Bright," "Granville Bright," etc. The section around Oxford is known as the "Granville Tobacco Belt," in which are embraced several counties. The tobacco produced in Granville county proper is said to have no equal, the shade, flavor and texture being so so marked that the expert dealer will at once recognize it by these qualities. So well established has the production of this county become that there is never any lack of orders on the market for it, and hardly ever any limit for Bright Wrappers and Cutters. The Wrappers are prized for their clearness, being almost transparent at times, but at the same time having what Tobacco manufacturers very much desire—toughness. The Cutters, for Cigarette purposes, are never a drag, for they are sought after by every manufacturer of Cigarettss for the purpose of mixing with other Tobacco to add aroma to it.

Mr. Augustus Voelcker, a noted chemist of London, England, in a report upon Bright Tobacco, specially referred to that of Granville County. He said: "I find merely traces of nitrates in the fancy Bright Tobacco, which perhaps is one of the reasons why the tobacco has a very mild taste. Another and most important fact which my investigations have brought to light, is that the Granville County Tobacco contains little nicotine, which I am inclined to regard as a good feature in this Tobacco. The coarse, strong tobacco, such as is grown in the Palatinate, contains three or four times as much nicotine," and Dr. Voelcker further adds "Granville Bright is one of the finest flavored mild Tobaccos I ever smoked, poor in nicotine, and albuminous compounds, the absence of which is a good and distinguishing characteristic."

While Oxford is situated in Granville County, which produces from three to four million pounds of Tobacco a year, it is not her only source of supply, as Tobacco is sold here from Person, Caswell, Durham, Orange and Vance counties, all of them producing Bright Tobacco. The wants of every manufacturer can be supplied on this market, for every grade known to a Bright producing section is to be had.

Having said so much in my previous letters about the new crop, there is nothing to impart differing from previous reports. The crop sold here shows defects complained of in the other North Carolina markets. The red tinge does not predominate in Tobacco of this section as in some others, but it is an imperfect crop as a whole, being very nondescript. All grades are ruling high, and every Wrapper and Cutter pile sold finds ready takers at full prices. This being a visit to the last of thirteen markets in the States of North Carolina and Virginia, there is nothing in my observation to lead me to look for the lowering of prices, as some profess to anticipate. In the face of double and in some cases treble, the amount of Tobacco sold in all the markets this year, as compared with same time last year, an active market, strong competition, and high prices are to be noted for every grade.

Oxford has been no laggard in in enterprise. Before the building of the railroad in 1881 it was a small country trading town, with a meagre population. Now it has over 3,000 population, property valued at over $2,000,000, five large Tobacco warehouses, twenty-five to thirty-large and well equipped buildings for handling Tobacco, many elegant and handsome residences, a $10,000 building in course of erection, which will be used as an opera house and city hall on one of the upper floors, and as a market house on the ground floors

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W. A. BREWER, Jr., President.

Net Assets, Dec. 31, '85...$7 394,545.06

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR 1886.

For Premiums,....	$1.508,698.70	
For interest, rents, &c.....	407,117.81	$1,915,816.51
		$8,310,362.15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Claims by Death.....	518,486.54	
Matured and Discounted Endowments, ...	152,718.85	
Cash Dividends, Return Premiums and Surrendered Policies...	425,638.85	
Annuities.....	4,548.99	
Total paid Policy holders,.....	$1,111,383.24	
Taxes.....	15,121.52	
Commuted commissions.....	55,499.12	
Profit and Loss,.....	43,843.12	
Dividends to Stockholders.....	8,590.75	
Expenses, Rent, Commissions, Salaries, Postage, Advertising Medical Examination, &c.....	262,793.92	1,496,730.79
Net Assets, Dec. 31, '86.		$7,813,631.36
Policies issued in 1886.....		3 266
Amount of Insurance in 1886.....		$7,428,439

ASSETS.

U. S. and N. Y. City Stocks.....	$ 659,708.42	
Bonds and Mortgages being first lien on real estate, ...	6,377,898.67	
Real Estate	430,216.57	
Cash on hand and in Banks and Trust Co.....	127,621.52	
Loans on collaterals	170,197.29	
Agents' Balances...	38,483.89	7,813,631.36
Add excess of market value of stock over cost.....		167,546.58
Interest accrued....		53,936.68
Interest due and unpaid...		12,862.25
Deferred and unpaid Prem's less 20 per cent.....		211,636.73
Gross Assets Dec. 11, 1886.....		$8,269,613.60

LIABILITIES.

Reserved by N. Y. Standard Dep't. valuation	$7,219,901.00	
Claims in course of adjustment....	57,169.99	
Matured Endr'mts. not yet called for	1,865.20	
Premiums paid in advance,.....	6,816.60	
Unpaid Dividends to Stockholders.	528.20	
Salaries, Rent, &c.	2,041.68	
Surplus as regards Policy holders....	991,290.63	
		$8,269,613.60
No. of Policies in force.....		16,504
Total amount insured.....		$36,574,883

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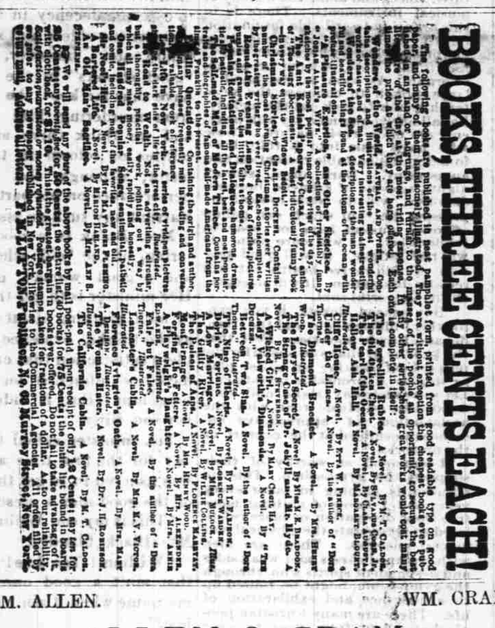

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