



Our Motto--Granville County, Her People, Their Progress and Development in Education, Happiness and Prosperity.

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**Not a Trust Inconvenienced.**  
"As Governor of the State Mr. Kitchin has acted absolutely independently," says a North Carolina paper. "People who had no cause to expect favors from him have had things come their way." Just so, Malindy. Not a trust has been inconvenienced, and the American Tobacco Company subscribed for \$1,000,000 of the State's bonds, and is drawing the interest from the State treasury. "Friends who thought they had him under their thumb found they were mistaken," says this exchange. Ain't it the truth? Like the Irishman's flea, he won't thar! Instead of "appealing to Caesar" when the Legislature enacted a pink-tea anti-trust statute, he went over the State complimenting the General Assembly for its fidelity to the Democratic platform!—Webster's Weekly.

**W. J. Bryam in Raleigh.**  
The Great W. J. Bryam was in Raleigh Saturday night and made a very fine speech to a very large audience in the new auditorium. North Carolina greatest and gifted orator, Ex-Gov. C. B. Aycock, in introducing Mr. Bryam declared that any one needing an eulogy doesn't deserve it and any one deserving it doesn't need it. His theory in introducing speakers, but said that the career of Mr. Bryam constrained him to briefly review it. His eulogy of Mr. Bryam was especially high and eloquent, touching the principles he has espoused and campaigns he has led and insisting that his policies have been forced to application even by opposing parties. He declared the crying need of the hour to be for statesmen who will find the means for the fair distribution of the property of the country rather than for men to delve further in avenues of science and the like. He rejoiced in the modern thought of the brotherhood of man and the growth of the passion among men to aid in the uplift of those in less favorable circumstances.

Governor Aycock received an ovation when he arose to introduce Mr. Bryam, and it was several minutes before cheering subsided sufficiently for him to proceed.  
Mr. Bryam's theme was "Progress of the World in Intelligence, Morals and in Application of the Science of Representative Government." His was an eloquent review of educational progress the world over and of awakening of public conscience in the elevation of the morals of the people along all lines, particularly in reform of public affairs. He regretted lack of progress in his declared reform for election of United States Senators by the people, and declared that both parties must stop sham battles on this subject and go in particularly for driving great corporations and special interests from control of the United States Senate, and pass the bill for people to elect Senators and let its adoption be optional with the people. He predicted that party primaries for nomination of candidates will ere long be generally in force. Among reforms declared to have recently been accomplished in this country were publicity of contributions of funds for campaigns.

**Two Facts About Leap Year.**  
As for the name "leap year" it seems to be a misnomer, since on leap year, the changeable month, does not leap a day, but takes on one. However, the most plausible tradition as to the origin of the name, is to the effect that the law knew but 365 days to the year and that when every four years the 29th of February appeared on the calendar it was not counted as a day in the eyes of the law, but was "leapt" over.  
The year is just exactly as it was after Gregory had corrected it. Even after his correction, however, there remains a slight mistake, but it is so very small that it will amount to only a day in 3,000 years. The error is one of excess, so it is proposed to make the year 4,000, otherwise a leap year, a common year.

**Stand up Boys.**  
We hope that none of the Granville boys will feel inclined to drop out of corn club race this year. There will be contests, although not definitely outlined. If they stick to it their successive efforts will not only make of them real leaders in their respective communities, but the county will wake up to a realization of what old Granville can do with her resources when her people try.

## LOCAL NEWS

How about those new year resolutions?

One of Oxford's great needs is the paint brush.

Let our motto for 1912 be: "Altogether for Oxford."

Mrs. McKeel, of Washington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Fagan.

It goes without saying that the Opera House is badly in need of repairs.

Work has commenced on the second story of the Chamblee building on Main street.

Mr. Charlie Fort has accepted a position at the Southern depot to assist Mr. J. C. Robards.

Mr. A. L. Capehart and family are now comfortably settled in their nice new home on King Street.

The business of the Oxford Postoffice has increased to such an extent that larger quarters are necessary.

Your attention is called to the seed advertisement of T. W. Wood & Sons, of Richmond, on another page.

Even if it is leap year the surplus women in this State will have to remain husbandless whether they want to or not.

Pay up so that the other man can pay up. If you owe the Oxford Banner and Public Ledger anything pay that up too.

Boys the "Isles of Smiles" will be at the Opera House this Tuesday night and you will enjoy 17 smiles from as many girls.

Your attention is called to the change in the advertisement of the Allen Grocery Co. at Creedmoor on the 4th page.

The beautiful snow covered the ground Sunday morning to the depth of 2 inches, and the boys had a great time snow balling.

Mr. Farmer bear in mind that the Oxford Market is still a hummer on high averages, and is just the place to sell the balance of your crop.

Indeed, we are sorry to say, that Oxford is one dirty looking town. Judging from its looks the old town is just simply taking care of itself.

The Public Ledger added 17 new subscribers during the past week, and now has the largest circulation of any paper ever published in the county.

Mr. E. D. Hunt, of Stem, has accepted a position with Horner Bros. Co. Mr. Hunt is well known to the people of the county, and we welcome him to Oxford.

Mr. A. A. Chapman has had some slight repairs made to the front of his building on College Street, occupied by Messrs. Upchurch & Curran and the Commercial Club.

It was an amusing sight to see the Chief of Police, Mr. A. Williford, measure his length on the ice Monday night causing his faithful friend "Col. Billy" to be separated from him many yards.

Those who make it a regular business to hang around the streets with their hands in their pockets, should either be made to go to work, or to tell why they do not have to. How about it Mr. Mayor?

On account of the severe cold wave on Friday night, our plumbers had a regular harvest of work, as a large number of pipes froze up and burst. Thermometer went down to 12 degrees, the lowest thus far this winter.

Of course you are going to take in the "Isle of Smiles" at the Opera House this Tuesday night and smile as it is one of the most entertaining shows that has visited the State for a long while. Don't mind the weather, and secure your reserve seats.

A few nights ago some of our young men launched out to paint the town red, and plugged one of the glass windows in the Medford block, on Hillsboro street, and otherwise disturbed the peace. They have come to grief and Mayor Brummitt meted out to them the usual punishment in such cases.

Dr. E. T. White has made repairs to the front of the postoffice and tiling will next receive his attention.

The services in the churches were well attended on Sunday in view of the cold weather and the snow.

Mr. W. J. Curran, of Route 7, recently killed 2 hogs 10 months old, one weighing 318lbs and the other 288.

Don't forget yourself now and go wild about tobacco to such an extent as that you will increase acreage this year.

The First National Bank has had repaired the interior of the Howell Bros. store which was damaged by the late fire.

The ladies of the Baptist church conducted a series of prayer meetings last week which were very interesting and largely attended.

The world is such a little place, With not much room to spare, So that when happiness comes by It bumps right into care.

The members of the Baptist Church are installing a new heating plant, and when completed will add greatly to the comfort of the congregation.

"Economy means just the same in a public institution as in a private household—going without expensive things, or using less of them or cheaper substitute."

The severe cold spell has given the young people a chance to enjoy the pleasure of skating; on Saturday the ice was in fine condition and many took in the fun on the ice.

It is well enough at times to talk about what we as a community have got; but it is much better to go to work and utilize those resources in such a way as to promote community-growth.

If everybody will pay up now it will make it much easier to make the start this year that ought to be made. When one man holds back another has to do so, and the result is a show-up all along the line.

Services were conducted in the Presbyterian church on Sunday by Rev. S. K. Phillips, of Berryville, Va., who was accompanied by his wife, who is well remembered here as Miss Ellie Holmes. They were guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. T. White.

The host of friends of Mr. Mark Landis, the popular clerk in the clothing department of Landis & Easton, who was operated on a few days ago for appendicitis in Richmond, will be glad to know is doing well, and will be able in a short while to return home.

Owing to the bursting of a pipe after a fire had been made in the range Saturday morning at the home of Mr. W. A. Adams which almost destroyed the range, the alarm was turned in, but fortunately the quick services were not needed. Of course Mr. Adams had to buy a new range.

The Oxford Tobacco Market is all right. Prices are ruling high, and the buyers all have on their buying clothes and are anxious for every pile they come to. The bad roads and cold weather have curtailed receipts since the new year came in. It is estimated that 75 per cent of the crop of tobacco in Granville has been marketed.

Ira Patillo, relic of late Rev. Walter Patillo, died suddenly at her home Friday evening. She was very highly esteemed and praise-worthy woman and mother of Superintendent Walter Patillo, of Oxford colored graded school. The funeral and burial services were largely attended Sunday afternoon, and were conducted by Rev. Ransom.

Mrs. Chas. H. Landis left for Richmond Saturday afternoon to be with her son, Mr. Mark Landis, who underwent operation for appendicitis last week. The whole community is deeply gratified to learn of favorable reports of the condition of the young man who is deservedly popular and one of Oxford's popular young men. All wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Ella Hostrander, a cousin of Mr. R. Broughton, of Victoria, Va., died suddenly Thursday, and Mr. Broughton and daughter, Miss Sula, left at once for the stricken home. The remains were taken to Pennsylvania for interment. Mr. Broughton and Miss Sula returned home Saturday, and the editor extends sympathy to them in their sudden bereavement.

## Foul Play is Suspicioned in The Rainey Case.

The body of Mrs. Carrie Rainey, who died quite suddenly at her home at Dabney, in this county, on the 19th of December and who was buried at Oxford on the following day, was exhumed last Monday by County Coroner D. W. Hardee for the purpose of making an investigation as to the cause of her death, some right ugly rumors having gotten afloat since the burial to the effect that Mrs. Rainey's death might have been due, in part at least, to foul play.

As a result of this investigation the dead woman's husband, J. W. Rainey, was held in a \$500 justified bond for a further investigation by the courts. Not being able to furnish the required bond immediately, Rainey was brought to Henderson and lodged in jail for safe keeping until such time as he might be able to do so.

The following jury of good and true men was empanelled by the coroner: J. U. Fleming, J. L. Kelley, C. M. Cooper, P. E. Wilkerson, B. W. Brame and A. Parrott, and as thorough investigation as possible under the circumstances was made. Several important witnesses testified before the coroner and his jury. Possibly the most important one of these was Dr. D. C. Wyche, of Dabney, who waited on Mrs. Rainey during her last illness.

Dr. Wyche testified in substance that when he reached Mrs. Rainey he found her in an unconscious condition. After examining her carefully and getting what information he could from the husband and little son, he diagnosed the case as a form of apoplexy due to a serious kidney trouble. He had discovered no signs of violence or foul play, but his evidence goes on to show that Rainey made some remarks to him that would have been better for him, perhaps, had they been left off.

A few hours later Dr. Wyche called again to see Mrs. Rainey and found her in an unconscious and dying condition. The second diagnosis of the case seems to have fully confirmed the first. He had been repeatedly assured by Rainey that his wife had received no blows or violence from anyone, and he still discovered no signs of anything of the sort. On Tuesday afternoon of December 19th, Mrs. Rainey died, having never regained consciousness at any time, and her remains were buried at Oxford as above stated.

On the following Saturday, December 30th, Coroner Hardee received a letter from Dr. Wyche, stating that a rumor was abroad in the Dabney community to the effect that Rainey himself was probably responsible, in a measure at least, for his wife's death. Soon afterward Mr. Frank Ellington, of Dabney, came to Henderson to see the coroner and the necessary steps were at once taken for an investigation.

The body was exhumed Monday at Oxford and taken to Wood's undertaking establishment at that place, where the postmortem examination was conducted by Dr. E. F. Fenner, the Vance county physician, and Dr. C. D. Wyche. The only evidence of a possible blow that was found on the body was a bruise at the base of the heart, but it was not thought that even this would have been sufficient to produce death.

It was in evidence that Rainey and his wife had a falling out on the day that the woman was taken desperately ill and that licks had been passed. It is also in evidence that severe threats were made just at this time. While the evidence looks a little bad for Rainey, it is not thought to be conclusive against him. Just what a further investigation may or may not serve to bring out either for or against him remains to be seen.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

## Commenced to Simmer.

We note that a little county politics has commenced to simmer notwithstanding it is more than 5 months before a primary is called. We learn that one man is training himself for the nomination of Sheriff, one for Register of Deeds, two for Treasurer and do not know how many for the thankless job of county commissioner. As to clerk, Capt. Shotwell, is sitting right still with his hat on "sawing wood." The "old man" thinks a juicy piece of pie comes quite handy these days, and don't blame the boys for going after it.

## PURELY PERSONAL

Mr. R. L. Brown spent Saturday in Raleigh.

Mr. W. I. Howell went to Raleigh on Monday.

Mr. Allie Morris was in Henderson Sunday.

Mr. J. F. Meadows was a Raleigh visitor Saturday.

Mr. A. A. Chapman went to Durham Monday morning.

Mr. B. M. Caldwell, of Gela, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Herbert Faucett, of Bullock, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Sam Dickerson, of Dickerson, was in town Saturday.

Mr. J. E. Moss, of Tar River section, was in town Saturday.

Mr. T. E. Hicks, of Greater New York, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pittman are spending a few days at Clayton.

Mrs. Kate White and daughter, Miss May White, spent Saturday in Raleigh.

Mr. D. J. Breedlove, of Route 3, was in town Saturday and called on the editor.

Miss Pearl Jeter, of Chase City, Va., spent Monday night with Mrs. H. J. Council.

Mrs. Joe Davis and attractive daughter, of Stovall, were on our streets Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. John Gooch has returned from spending the holidays at her home in Sampson county.

Mr. Wyatt Walters, of Wilton section, was an Oxford visitor Saturday and called on the editor.

Mr. B. O. Savage, of Cary, spent a few days during the past week with his daughter, Mrs. J. J. Medford.

Miss Julia Council has returned home after spending the holidays with friends and relatives near Apex.

Miss Erid Council has returned from a pleasant visit to relatives near Apex to resume her duties in Oxford College.

Mr. R. L. Brown, General B. S. Royster and Mayor D. G. Brummitt, and Mr. B. I. Breedlove, of Salem, are attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Raleigh.

Major E. R. MacKethan reached Oxford Saturday evening and returned with Mrs. MacKethan and their little sons Edwin and Crawford, Monday morning to their home in Fayetteville.

## Delightful Occasion.

There have been many joyful parties in Oxford in the last two weeks, but none more gleesome and full of genuine pleasure than the merry party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Powell Tuesday evening, when thirty-one couples of young people united in giving an entertainment, which was charming and delightful. Dancing was enjoyed by many, while the very entertaining games and gleeful pastimes in various ways made an evening which the lads and lassies will remember with greatest pleasure. The occasion was made still more pleasant by the serving of fruits and confectionaries in abundance, which completed the attractions of the happy event.

## Honor Roll of Salem School.

The following is honor roll of Salem School:  
Grade 1—Neeta Woody.  
Grade 2—Booth Crews.  
Grade 3—Sam Critcher.  
Grade 5—Sudie Crews, Daniel Crews, Casper Critcher.  
Grade 6—Oliver Curran, Marie Adelia Crews.  
Grade 7—Eugenia Crews.  
Grade 8—Florence Dement.  
Teachers Dixie Hester and Mamie Parham.

Mr. Russell Rogers has returned to Oxford and is again with Lyon Drug Store to the pleasure of his friends.

Don't sit down and content yourself with pointing out what the other fellow ought to do for Granville county and Oxford. Just see what you can help to have done by your co-operation.

## Good Work of a Housekeeper.

We learn that Mrs. J. E. Moss, of Tar River, made a fine record during 1911 as a housekeeper. She sold 280lbs. of butter from two cows after supplying the family with butter. She sold it all to one man at 30 cents per pound, which amounted to \$84. This is not all. Mrs. Moss with 20 hens raised 200 chickens and sold 150 dozen eggs, after supplying her table, which netted her \$33 more. Ye housekeeper, how is this for selling eggs and butter?

## Let us Pull Together, Brethren.

We are all here for the same purpose. Then live and let live. The best way to build up our town is for each and every man to pull together and not strive to rend and tear down. All residents of a town are partners, and not opponents. In all likelihood, the more business done by your rival the more you will do. Every man who treats his customers honestly and fairly will get his share, and the more business that can be secured by united effort, the better it will be for all. And the more tobacco we pull to Oxford the more goods will be sold by our excellent merchants.

## Many Thanks.

Mr. Editor—I have heard so many favorable comments and so many expressions of gratification that the Public Ledger is at last where it first originated that I find would congratulate you, and tell you of the fine expressions on all sides in regard to the most excellent style of the first editions which are a credit to the town of Oxford and the great county of Granville. May you continue as you have commenced giving the people an up-to-date Semi-Weekly Newspaper in every way, filled with news from all over the county and advertisements which keep the people informed of the best places to buy everything. SUBSCRIBER.

## NEWS for the BUYERS

NICE front office room for rent in Mitchell Building. Apply to J. T. Britt.

## WILL BE HERE TUESDAY.

Dr. S. Rapport, of Durham will be at Dr. Henderson's Dental Office, Tuesday January 16th for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. Consultation free. 2t

NELSON & WATKINS have just received a car load of nice serviceable horses and mules, sound and all right. Be sure to call and see them before you buy.

OSBORN & MASON carries a complete line of valves, steam gauges, oil cups, steam pipes and fittings, and in fact most anything found in an up-to-date Plumbing and Electrical Shop. Estimates furnished and work done anywhere in the State. See us about your next job.

LOST, Strayed or Stolen a white setter covered with little black spots that appear blue. Spots on legs darker than those on body. Both ears black and one large spot on back at root of his tail. Name is Brady. Liberal reward for return to James White at Hall's Drug Store.

DR. BENJ. K. HAYS may be found in his office from 10 o'clock a. m. to 10 o'clock m. oct2112

## ENJOY THE WINTER NIGHTS.

If it is your eyes that bother you when at home reading or sewing have them seen to for I will fit you with suitable glasses that will give you comfort in reading and doing close work. I will be at Dr. Henderson's Dental office, Tuesday, January 16th. D. S. RAPPORT.

CAR load of Ober Tobacco Guano for plant beds just received. HORNER BROS

WANTED—A number of young men to raise tobacco. Good homes. E. Y. Ragsdale, Fuquay Springs, N. C.

MR. C. W. BRYAN will return the last of this week with a big lot of horses and mules for us. If you need a horse or mule we can please you. HORNER BROS Co

FOR SALE—I have for sale a duroc Jersey Boar, 5 months old. He is registered and is a beauty. C. H. Cheatnam, Route 3, Oxford.

JUST RECEIVED—Car Load of Guano especially adapted for plant Beds at Long-Winston Co.