



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

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The Statement Issued.

The four senatorial candidates, ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock, Chief Justice Walter Clark, Governor W. W. Kitchin and Senator F. M. Simmons, met by agreement in the Supreme Court room in Raleigh at 12 o'clock on Saturday, and made the following unanimous agreement as to the Primary and the expenditures in the campaign.

We the undersigned candidates for the United States Senate.

1. Respectfully ask the Democratic State Executive Committee at its coming meeting to recommend to the Democratic State Convention to order a Senatorial Primary to be held on the day of the general election in November, and we further respectfully ask said committee that it prepare rules for the holding of said primary and submit them to the State convention.

2. We agree that we will offer to the newspaper reporters in the city of Raleigh and request prompt publication thereof, not less than ten days before the nomination, and also again within ten days after the nomination, all amounts expended by us in the senatorial contest, which are required by the Federal statute to be filed by senatorial candidates with the secretary of the United States Senate--the purpose of this agreement being to, forthwith give the public the information required by Act of Congress to be filed with the said secretary of the United States Senate.

CHARLES B. AYCOCK.
WALTER CLARK.
W. W. KITCHIN.
F. M. SIMMONS.

Raleigh, N. C., January 25, 1912.

The above is a full statement of all that was done at the meeting.

Under the Democratic plan of organization the Democratic State Executive Committee will meet early in March to fix the time and place of the State Convention. As the National Democratic Convention meets in Baltimore on the twenty-fifth of June it is expected that the State Democratic convention will meet at least a week before this time, about the eighteenth of June.

Harm of Gossip.

Once upon a time half a dozen young women were gathered together in a room busily engaged in blasting the reputation of a young lady friend, a close relative of at least three of the group. Things were said about her that if true, indicated a considerable depth of depravity and made it certain that she would land on the ash-heap in a few years if something was not done to stop her on the downward path. There was a step in the hall and one of the young ladies said: "Careful--that's mama. If she hears this she will tell Cousin John"--and Cousin John was the young lady's father and the very person of all persons who should be told about it!

Of course, this did not happen in Oxford, but such things do happen every day. We hear "slightly" things said about this young man, or that young woman and pick up a bit of disgraceful report here and a few snatches of dirty gossip there, and we repeat it to others the chances are that we tell it so that it will never reach the persons whom it should reach. Oftentimes we claim close friendship--even kinship--with those who should know what is being said about their girls and about their boys and we keep silent. A word might save these friends of ours much sorrow and many a headache in the years that are to come and result in the making of useful citizens out of those whose wayward feet are carrying them to destruction.

This is a very unpleasant subject to write about but life is not all pleasant and a gentle reminder of our failings once in a while may do good.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

It affords me much pleasure to announce that I have opened up business again, and you will find me in the new Brown building adjoining the Granville Real Estate & Trust Co., opposite the Court House. I expect to carry in stock a first-class line of Picture frames and mouldings, wall-paper, window shades and poles, chair seats, artist's material and many other things. Come to see me if it is pictures and wall paper that you want. I am also going to put the paper on your walls if you desire it. I expect a beautiful line in a few days. Yours very respectfully,
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LOCAL NEWS

As we slip we slide along.

It is your duty to yourself to make each day a success.

If you take all the vanity out of some lives there would be very little left.

The trouble with some is, that when you add them up there is nothing to carry.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. W. B. Ballou who has been quite sick is out again.

High prices for all grades of tobacco is still the ruling spirit on the Oxford market.

Friday is ground hog day, and it is to be hoped the "old boy" will not see his shadow.

It is well said that a man should so live that his death will mean a distinct loss to his community.

A Texan has bequeathed \$100,000 to his washerwoman thereby proving that it will all come out in the wash.

We hate to say so, but it begins to look like the rowdy and loafing element has taken possession of the town.

Any stout man with a slick, loud voice can pledge the vote of his county as soon as he gets 50 miles from home.

Morality is not what the law says you shall do, but what the refinement of a wholesome nature prompts you to do.

Granville Superior Court will convene in Oxford next Monday with his Honor Judge C. M. Cooke, of Louisburg, presiding.

Selfishness is a powerful factor in the inspirational work of the world; it is its narrowness which makes it a very dangerous doctrine.

Read the change in the advertisement of Mr. C. D. Ray, the coal and building material man, on the 4th page and send him your orders.

Many "favorite sons" in Granville just now have the "pie counter" bee buzzing in their hats and the average voter has become very popular.

We are much pleased to learn that the popular and much beloved Mrs. J. H. Daniel, of Providence, who has been numbered with the sick, is much improved in health.

The question now arises has the town been turned over to any rowdy element that may take possession of it at night and curse and swear just as much as they please?

Mr. James Powell not only makes a good officer, but is a fine bird and vote hunter. He killed over 100 birds in two days and received many warm assurances of continued support.

The town "lock-up" has been moved into the room in the Municipal Building recently occupied by Mason & Osborn. We have no use for it now as every thing is "go-lucky" with us in this burg.

Greensboro Record says, they have treed the cause of pellagra at last. We suspected as much. Corn liquor brings it on. We had no idea so many women were drinking corn liquor. When did they contract the habit?

In its change of advertisement in the paper today the National Bank of Granville, makes a dignified claim for business, and we have pleasure in pointing out to you this old and tried institution as a good bank connection.

The First National Bank of Oxford with its large capital and splendid equipment, with very polite and attentive officials, places its unexcelled facilities at your command. See fresh advertisement on the 4th page.

The high price for a site has something to do with the decision of a manufacturer to locate in a community, but what he wants is plenty of labor, good banking facilities, low taxes, and satisfactory transportation.

"He may be ten kinds of a liar,
He may be six kinds of a fool,
He may be a wicked highflyer,
Beyond any reason or rule.
There may be a shadow above him,
Of ruin and woes that impend;
I may not respect, but I love him--
I love him because he's my friend."

DR. BENJ. K. HAYS may be found in his office from 10 o'clock a. m. to 12 o'clock p. m.

Hello George, are you snowed under again?

Did you say mud? Yes, and plenty to spare.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet next Monday.

The venerable W. R. Buchanan, of Route 2, was in town Tuesday.

We ask you to read the sale of land advertised in another column by W. A. Devin, Commissioner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Phelps have rented the cottage on Hillsboro street owned by Mrs. W. H. White.

Mr. O. F. Crowson has moved the excellent newspaper outfit he purchased from Mr. Frank Pinnix to Burlington.

We call attention to the dissolution notice of A. L. Curland A. R. Davis, of Creedmoor, on the 4th page, as you might be interested.

Dr. Hørsfield gave notice Sunday morning in St. Stephen's Church that Bishop Cheshire would visit the church in Oxford February 11th.

Messrs. Lucius and Lee Mangum, of Culbreth section, killed 110 birds last Friday. We call that reducing the stock of birds at a rapid rate.

We hope the rumor that Oxford will have an up-to-date Theater building in the near future will prove true as there is a fine opening here for one.

Speaking of ground hog, the only one we know of is sausage, and when it is fried it doesn't even leave a shadow in consequence of Shrinkage.

Mr. James Newland after spending a week in Oxford returned to his home in Burlington Saturday afternoon. He is a clever gentleman and we hope he will come this way again.

Mrs. W. H. Tillotson, of Route 2, has proven to be another one of the county's energetic and successful housekeepers. During the year 1911 she made \$652.79, off of cows, eggs and fruit.

The editor very much regrets to lose Mrs. Charles Lawrence as a correspondent from Creedmoor, owing to the fact she has moved to the country, and we wish her great happiness and prosperity.

The services in the Methodist church Sunday morning were very interesting and the church was filled with a large audience who listened with interest and pleasure to the excellent sermon of Dr. A. P. Tyer.

Rev. S. K. Phillips, of Berryville, Va., has written a letter of acceptance to the Oxford Presbyterian Church to which he was called as pastor. He will come as soon as he can leave his present field of labor.

We call the special attention of the farmers to the advertisement of Long-Winston Co. on the 4th page as they deal largely in all kinds of farming implements, wagons, buggies, pheonons, harness, heavy groceries, guano, etc. This is a live progressive firm and when you need anything in their line call and see them.

The Greensboro Record is near right in observing that however the senatorial candidates may agree among themselves as to limitation of expenses the boys will find means of pulling their legs. In the last gubernatorial campaign they tried to unjoint Governor Kitchin's leg. In a State-wide primary the candidate's only safety against leg pulling is not to have the money at all!

Still After the Stills.

A few afternoons ago Sheriff Sam Wheeler received a wireless message that a still was running near Hampton close to the Durham county line. He at once got his force together and was soon on his way to Hampton. Soon after his arrival he located the branch and commenced the search for the still in the still moonlight. The Sheriff had not walked very far before he came upon the outfit that goes with a still, consisting of stands of beer, tubs, etc., but the still was gone, and the signs around proved that the owner and the still was taken with a sudden leaving. The Sheriff destroyed the beer and stands and returned home. He says it is not so much trouble to locate and destroy a still, but it takes the co-operation of a law-abiding people to catch up with a walking tiger, and will enforce the law every time he gets an opportunity.

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Two Sets of Triplets.

January 26th, in Gaffney, S. C., was indeed a day to make the heart of "Teddy" Roosevelt, that able enemy of race suicide, happy. It is thought that the record for births was broken in this city, two sets of triplets being born here. Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Parris are rejoicing over two girls and one boy, while a similar happy event occurred among the population at the home of Wash Deal. Six in one day amongst two families is a good record for any town and the fact that "Gaffney Grows Great" cannot be disputed.

From Twenty-Third "Sams."

1. My wife is my boss, I shall not deny.
2. She maketh me lie down behind the bed when swell company comes, and she leadeth me behind her up main street.
3. She restoreth my pocketbook after she has spent all its contents for hobbie skirts and theatre tickets and she leadeth me in the main aisle for her new hat's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk more than half the night through the dark rooms with a crying baby, I will get no rest, for she is behind me, her broomstick and her hat pin they do everything but comfort me.
5. She prepareth a cold snack for me, then maketh a bee-line for an aid society supper. She annoieth my head with the rollingpin occasionally. My arms runneth over with the bundles before she is half done with her shopping.
6. Surely her dressmakers and millinery bills shall follow me all the days of her life, and I will dwell in the house of my wife forever.

Oratorical Contest.

Prominent men of the community met and organized "The Granville County Oratorical Association." The object of the organization being to elevate the standard of oratory in the schools of the county and hoping to effect permanent improvement and lasting results by encouraging friendly competition, and inspiring the young with ambition in the art of elocution and oratory. The members issued invitations to the schools of the county to join in a contest which took place last Friday evening in the Graded School chapel before a large and attentive audience.

Mr. T. G. Stem was on the platform as president of the Association and Prof. Vernon, Superintendent of Stem Graded School as Secretary. Mr. Stem made very appropriate introductory remarks and stated that it was intended to increase the usefulness and attractiveness of their public entertainments by introducing in future a series of debates and other speakings.

Seven schools of the county, Creedmoor High School, Stem High School, Howard's public school, Stovall public school, Horner Military School and Oxford Graded School sent speakers, all of whom reflected most creditably on the schools. After the rendition of the speeches the verdict of the judges was given in favor of Elliott Cooper, who represented Oxford Graded School and spoke with fire and feeling the speech of Patrick Henry, "Give me Liberty or Give me Death."

Organization was fortunate in securing such competent judges as Dr. Tyer, Dr. Coggeshall and Mr. J. R. Hall.

The gold medal was presented in a very pleasing and witty style by Dr. Tyer.

The other representatives were: Tom Moss, of Creedmoor High School, Earl Spicer, of Stovall High School, Richard Lanier, of Horner Military School, E. T. Daniel, of Howard Public School and Roy Giles, of Stem High School.

Now is the time to subscribe to the Public Ledger.

\$5.00 GUESS AND GET A PRIZE. \$2.50 COST YOU NOTHING.

I will light a very large candle, four and half feet high, 12 3-4 inches in circumference, on Feb. 22nd, Washington's birthday, at 10 o'clock; the head of each family in Granville County will be entitled to one guess, the person guessing nearest number of hours and minutes the candle burns will get \$5 in trade. Next nearest \$2.50 in trade. It cost you nothing to compete for these prizes. Cards will be furnished at the drug store or you can write a postal card with your guess on it, always give your post office address and write plainly.
Your friend,
J. G. HALL, Druggist.

PURELY PERSONAL

Gen. B. S. Royster went to Charlotte Monday.

Prof. J. A. Pitts, of Creedmoor, was in Oxford Friday.

Mr. Herbert Crews, of Watkins, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Mike Chamblee was in Richmond Monday on business.

Mr. Geo. Duke, of Route 2, was on our streets Tuesday.

Mr. A. L. Curl, of Creedmoor, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. Stephen Newton, of Route 3, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. Sam Hunt, of Enfield, is on a visit to Mr. S. W. Parker.

The attractive Miss Katharine Lassiter enjoyed the week end at home.

Mr. Jack Dickerson and son, Fletcher, of Dickerson, were in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robards spent Sunday with relatives in Henderson.

Mr. C. A. Hicks, of Route 3, was in town Saturday and called on the editor.

Mr. J. J. Renn and little son, Harry, spent Sunday with Mr. J. R. Renn on Route 6.

Mr. L. G. Perry, of Tar River, was in Oxford Saturday and called on the Public Ledger.

Mrs. A. H. A. Williams returned Saturday from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Bonitz, in Chicago, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Minor, of Durham, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Julia Minor on College street.

Mrs. C. B. Edwards, of Raleigh, spent the past week with her daughter, Mr. Mike Chamblee, on High Street.

Mrs. R. L. Brown and Miss Josephine Brown went to Richmond Monday to spend two weeks with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Barnett, and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brummitt, of Shady Grove, were Oxford visitors Saturday.

Mr. W. "Drowsy" Rives was in Raleigh Sunday basking in the sunlight of the radiant smiles of one of the attractive lassies of the City of Oaks.

Mrs. J. H. Cheatham, G. E. Cheatham, Kate Cheatham and Mr. B. Y. Hunt and wife have returned from Danville, Va., where they were called to the bedside of their sister, Mrs. L. W. Franklin. She died while they were there and was buried in Green Hill cemetery.

The Oxford College Must Pay Taxes.

The North Carolina Corporation Commission, Commissioner Travis writing the opinion, rules that the Oxford Seminary Construction Company, which owns the property with which F. P. Hobgood conducts that well known college for women, must be assessed for taxation as other property is assessed in spite of the fact that it is used exclusively for educational purposes. This ruling is on the ground that the construction company conducts no school, but rents the property at a profit for this purpose to Dr. Hobgood, who pays \$250 a year rental, maintains the property, insurance and interest on the corporate debt.

An extensive review of the question and the law is written by Commissioner Travis in connection with the ruling seven typewritten pages being required to present the case from the viewpoint of the commission. The position is taken that the terms of the statute in exempting property "held for educational purposes" includes only such property so held, in respect to its title and beneficial ownership, that the property itself and all its accretions are dedicated to educational purposes in such a sense that neither the property nor its profits could be diverted by the holder to other use or purpose as distinguished from property which, though used for educational purposes, is held with a view to private gain and which the holder may at will put to any other use or appropriate to private purpose, the latter being construed to the statue of the seminary property.

Girls Garden and Canning Club

The Girls Demonstration Club work which is now to be extended into the twelve States, has proven very interesting and successful during the past year.

In North Carolina there are several counties that will undertake the work, among them Granville.

The object of this club work is to help the girl in her home life, to provide some means by which she may earn money at home, and at the same time get the education and view point necessary for the ideal farm home--to encourage rural families to live at a lower cost, and to save the otherwise waste and surplus products of the garden and orchard--to make the home attractive, and render less possible the dissatisfaction so characteristic of many of the farmers wives and daughters. These are a few of the reasons for the organization of this work.

It is desirable to organize the local garden and canning clubs as far as possible in connection with the county school system and the co-operation of the teachers will be of much importance.

Three clubs will be organized in Granville county this year, the location of these clubs depending upon the amount of encouragement and support received from any locality. The clubs should consist of from ten to twenty members, preferably twenty. For the present year the club work will be confined chiefly to the mastery of one subject--the cultivating and canning of a crop of tomatoes, and the study of the various uses of the tomato, etc.

Each girl who undertakes the work is required to plant one tenth of an acre in tomatoes, to cultivate it according to instructions furnished her by the Department of Agricultural, to keep a strict account of expenses and profits and method of cultivation.

The canning is to be done at some central point under the direction of a local agent, or teacher, thus insuring a good product which will find a ready market.

To encourage competition, and as a further incentive to the club member to put forth her best efforts, a number of very attractive premiums will be offered for the best display of products both at the county and State Fairs.

Death of Mr. Cook.

Percival H. Cooke, of Louisburg, son of Judge Charles M. Cooke, of the Superior Court, died at his home here Saturday night at 6:30 o'clock, after a brief illness. Deceased was about 40 years of age and is survived by his widow and several children. The funeral took place Monday afternoon at the Baptist church. Mr. Cooke had a number of relatives in Durham.

NEWS for the BUYERS

A CAR LOAD of Royster's Fertilizer for Plant Beds just received at the Norman Burwell warehouse near the Southern depot or at his home.

SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

On Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m. Feb. 17th, 1912, I will sell for cash at the highest bidder at M. Blalock's home. Two good horses, one 2 horse wagon and harness, one top buggy and harness, farm implements, feed, household and kitchen furniture.
3t, Jan. 31. on tu. A. H. BLALOCK

WHO! WHO! Runs the best repair shop in Oxford? Who does the best work? who does the best work? who gives the promptest service? who makes the best prices? Callis does, that's who. Stables to tie your horse in while your work is being done and a good place to feed. Your patronage will always be appreciated by Callis.

PULL together, boys, in 1912 and let Callis repair your buggies. It will please the girls.

WANTED--A live agent to handle Ford Automobiles in the county of Granville. Ford Sales Company, Raleigh, N. C.

WANTED--To borrow three hundred dollars, 12 months time, gilt edge security. Address X. Care Ledger. 3t26.

FINE lot of pigs. Call or write Louis de Lacroix. 2t, Jan. 31. pd.

START 1912 right! Have all your buggy repairing done at Call's Repair Shop, headquarters for all buggy repairing.