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## Granville Superior Court.

Owing to the delayed arrival of Judge Cook court did not convene until 2 o'clock. Solicitor S. M. Gattis was at the table when court was called to order, and all the officers were at their post of duty. Mr. T. Lanier is assisting Clerk J. G. Shotwell owing to crippled condition of Mr. W. T. Lyon, who fell and hurt himself. Sheriff Wheeler and his assistant, Mr. Conrad Walters, are looking after the court room.

The following grand jury was drawn with C. W. Bryan, Foreman, R. O. Smith, J. B. Vaughan, B. F. Frazier, C. B. Bennett, A. A. Campbell, J. A. Brinkley, D. W. Wiley, J. T. Pleasants, E. G. Buchanan, C. Y. Davis, N. R. Hall, T. E. Bobbitt, Elijah Daniel, L. L. Fowler, W. T. Hight, E. Goss, T. R. Fleming, and Roy Curran.

Judge Cook's charge was delivered in his characteristic style and was interspersed with many of his witty sayings, causing a ripple of laughter every now and then in the court room. He took up first the responsible duty that rested upon a grand jurymen, as the liberties, and the protection of the people rested upon him; the protection of the homes, society and enforcement of the law was in his hands. It was his duty to aid in the bringing to justice all violators of the law. He said a large majority of homicides that occurred in the State each year was the result of carrying concealed weapons, and every person caught carrying a pistol should be punished. He next referred to gambling and used very emphatic language along this line, citing several instances in connection with gambling. He said that dealing in cotton futures, playing polka, crap and other games for money was gambling. That playing bridge whist for prizes was also gambling, and indictable under the law, and if the names of ladies engaged in it were brought before him he would have them indicted. It is no use apologizing for men who violate law, and every one who did it was a worse man next day. Even older men will teach young men to gamble, and they too become gamblers. He turned to Solicitor Gattis and asked him if he had a case of gambling on his docket, and he replied: "I have not." Judge Cook said: "Thank God for that much." He referred next to selling cigarettes to minors, and if they knew of any merchant selling cigarettes to minors it was their duty to indict him. Referred to a number of the other laws on the statute book, among them that of violation of prohibition, law and that every blind tiger and illicit still should be broken up.

Judge Cook is serving his tenth year on the bench and is on his second round over the State, and it is a well settled fact that there is only one Judge Cook.

The following is a list of the regular petit jury: J. B. Riggan, N. C. Bradsher, J. P. Stovall, W. D. Jones, J. W. Daniel, S. W. Parker, E. L. Mize, William Boyd, O. B. Breedlove, D. E. Brummitt, T. B. Daniel and R. V. Bently.

The following cases have been disposed of up to going to press this Tuesday morning:

In running over the criminal docket several cases were not pressed with leave.

State vs Alma Sides, retailing, plead guilty.

**Judge Clark First to Propose It**

It is pointed out in Raleigh with reference to the recommendation of Postmaster Hitchcock for government operation of telegraph lines as a part of the postal service that he is wrongfully credited with a new proposition, the fact being that twenty years ago Chief Justice Walter Clark of the North Carolina Supreme Court and now aspirant for successorship to Senator F. M. Simmons in the United States Senate, made a speech advocating just this thing and the then Postmaster General John Wanamaker asked of him and was granted the privilege of incorporating this speech in his recommendation to Congress for this government operation of telegraph lines, the speech and recommendation of the Postmaster General being transmitted to Congress through President Harrison.

It seems further that this speech by Judge Clark was afterwards published as a Senate document for general distribution.

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## LOCAL NEWS



Mr. J. L. Peed, of Creedmoor, was in Oxford Tuesday.

There are no blanks in life. You always draw something.

The important question now arises have you paid your taxes?

A little girl arrived at the home of Sheriff Sam Wheeler a few days ago.

A few plug horses changed owners Monday and Tuesday as it is Court week.

A man needs money to get married and then he needs more of it forever after.

Hurrah for the Carolina Power & Light Co. as its line reached Oxford on Saturday afternoon.

A cold wave and beautiful snow visited this section again Saturday night but was clear and cold Sunday.

In the death of Sheriff W. M. Boone last week Franklin county loses one of its most popular and useful citizens,

When the good old summer time roll around it is said work will commence on the Government Building.

Attention is called to the change in the advertisement of the Granville Real Estate & Trust Co., in another column.

We are not a knocker, but we really think if the Vagrant Law was enforced in Oxford we would have a better and more orderly town.

Jonah entered the whale. "This is the original water wagon," he exclaimed. Herewith none wondered that he remained aboard only three days.

We have been in the hands of Col. Gripp for more than two weeks and have had rather a hard time getting out a readable paper for our readers.

Take back the gifts you've bought me. Take them all back, and bring a little sausage and oysters.

For they are the gifts that cling.

Wonder if there is any news floating around about the enlarged Buggy Body Factory and the new Theatre? It is mighty cold weather, but don't freeze them out.

The Monday Bridge Club was attractively entertained Monday afternoon by Mrs. J. C. Robards, refreshments were served, and the eight members enjoyed the game.

The venerable and greatly esteemed Col. Roger Gregory, who has been confined at home on account of sickness, is able to be out again to the pleasure of his host of friends.

The faithful mail carriers of the county have had a tough time of it thus far this winter, and the ground hog added six more weeks of winter for them to pull through.

The Public Ledger continues to grow more popular as a semi-weekly as a large number of our readers are much pleased at the fact that we did not continue the weekly edition.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Daniel and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Daniel, of Tar River, Mr. Banks Saunders, of Memphis Tenn, and Miss Ola Byrd, of Creedmoor, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester Montague Sunday.

Mr. J. C. Davis is making headway on the construction of the Chamber Building on Main street considering the weather. When completed it will be occupied by our good friend J. Robt Wood, the old reliable furniture dealer and undertaker.

I do not want the glittering gold, I do not want the jewels that shine; I only want the sweet enfold Of love's dear arms at home for mine. I do not want the costly gifts, But those beyond the reach of pay— My little family to be glad, And my own strength to hoe my way.

Mr. W. T. Lyon, our most efficient County Treasurer who had the misfortune to fall from his crutches some days ago and hurt himself right badly, we are very glad to learn is much improved. He is one of our best, benevolent, christian gentlemen, always doing good as he goes through the world on two sticks.

Considering the extreme cold weather quite a large number of farmers are attending court this week.

Verily the people of Oxford have been afflicted with frozen and bursted pipes, and of such is the pleasure of modern improvements.

Two mules hitched to a wagon ran away Monday afternoon down Main street and caused quite of excitement but no damage was done.

The Basket Ball Team of the Oxford Graded School have arranged a game at Creedmoor next Saturday. We wish the young contestants a happy time.

There will be a meeting of the ministering Circle of the Kings' Daughters Wednesday morning at half past ten o'clock at the residence of Mrs. C. G. Elliott.

Oxford Tobacco Market, the best in the State, enjoyed large breaks of tobacco on Monday and Tuesday and the weed continues to sell very high. Bring you next load to Oxford.

Mr. O. F. Crowson, recently of the Public Ledger, has become the great head of the Durham Sun, and may it grow brighter and brighter under his leadership, and prove a financial success, is the sincere wish of the Public Ledger.

There is something doing on the tobacco market here, large sales and higher prices than has been known for several years. All the farmers are pleased beyond expectations. Bring your tobacco to Oxford, and go home with a pocket full of money and make yourself and family happy.

At a meeting held by the ladies of the Episcopal church Monday afternoon, it was agreed that they would meet once a week during lent at the residence of Mrs. E. T. Rawlins and make different articles of fancy work and at the close of lent sell them for the benefit of the ladies aid society.

**Friday Night Bridge Club.**

Mr. J. A. Taylor entertained a number of his friends Friday evening at his hospitable home on Raleigh street. A very sociable time was enjoyed and a supper served which consisted of the choicest menu of the season: Turkey, oysters, salads, beef tongue and everything that could be desired made the elaborate supper complete.

**Put Him in a Tub.**

Revenue officers on Wednesday discovered and destroyed a big illicit still near Reidsville. The two owners were at the still, but escaped the officers. Before escaping one of the blockaders picked up Mr. Price Beasley, one of the officers, and dumped him into a tub of still slops or beer, and got away before the officer got out of the slops. The two men are known and will soon be captured, is the belief of officers. Well they could not have done Sam Wheeler that way.

**At Greenville.**

Mrs. B. K. Hays left Tuesday for Greenville where she will attend the meeting of the officers of the Woman's Federation of Clubs, of which organization she holds the office of Treasurer. They will be hospitably entertained for several days by Mrs. Robt. Cotten at her spacious country home, "Cottendale", near Greenville. The entertaining of the organization in Oxford a year ago is pleasantly remembered and the reception given by the ladies in the parlors of the Commercial Club, was a hospitable entertainment.

**Will Be Here Friday.**

The next big attraction to be seen in Oxford is that sterling New England play, "Along the Kennebec," which will be given in all its entirety, wealth of rural scenery, the great quarry scene with its working drills and a real steam engine at the Opera House on Friday, February 9th.

The company is one of the best travelling and numbers many well known players, including some clever speciality artists. The characters are all unique in originality and there are several types entirely new to the stage. In all, the play in its entirety will compare favorably with the best of New England plays, such as "Old Homestead," "County Fair" and "Shore Acres." The comedy duel scene in the third act is very funny and is said to surpass the celebrated duel scene in Joseph Jefferson's play of "The Rivals."

## Mrs. Hicks Entertains.

The Recreation Club was very elaborately entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. A. A. Hicks. The guests of honor were her sister, Mrs. W. T. Minor, of Durham, and her friend Mrs. W. B. Ballou. The beautiful home was attractively adorned and the game of the club "forty two" was heartily enjoyed. Elegant cream and cake were served and the guests pronounced the occasion one of the most delightful of their club meetings.

## Leap Year Dance.

The young ladies of Oxford gave a Leap Year Dance complimentary to the Cadets of Horner Military School Friday evening in the chapel of the Barracks, which was tastefully adorned with the colors of the school and of the two companies, the purple and gold, blue and white and the black and yellow, making a very beautiful adornment with the gay pennants and numerous lights. Music was by the Durham Band. Unique souvenirs of gold rings were presented by the young ladies and afforded much merriment in the presentation of the Leap Year Symbols.

The chaperones were Mrs. Horner, Mrs. Rawlins, Mrs. Capehart, Mrs. Ballou, Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. Robards. The dance was led by Miss Sophie Taylor with Major English.

The couples were as follows: Miss Lucy Landis with Cadet Beard; Miss Margaret Capehart with Cadet Chapel; Miss Ethel Hancock with Cadet Sharpe; Miss Elizabeth Hancock with Cadet Harkins; Miss Bessie Roberts with Cadet Lanier; Miss Sallie Hamme with Cadet Quevedo; Miss Helen Royster with Cadet Merrimon; Miss Bessie Howell with Cadet Lanier; Miss Sallie Webb with Cadet Julian; Miss Mary Webb with Cadet Garrison; Miss Sophia Taylor with Cadet Blalock; Miss Estel White with Cadet Anderson; Miss Gladys Rawlins with Cadet Joyner; Miss Edna Griffith with Cadet Anderson; Miss Ethel Adams with Cadet Goforth; Miss Mary Shaw with Cadet Ramsay; Miss Esther Mitchell with Cadet Alleine; Miss Marie Burwell with Cadet Murray; Miss Sallie Burwell with Cadet Glenn; Miss Helen Murray with Cadet Faison; Miss Helen Paris with C. E. Erwin, of Chapel Hill; Miss Margaret Murray with Cadet Windy.

**Sad Death of Young Boy.**

The whole community is grieved to hear of the sad death of Carroll Parham, the sixteen year old son of Mrs. Sarah Parham, which occurred Saturday evening at seven o'clock at the home of his mother on Route 3, after nine days illness with pneumonia. The young man was a cadet in Horner Military School, lived at his home in the country and rode in to school each morning. He was a favorite with his schoolmates, eager in the pursuit of his studies, and most companionable and popular with all.

He left a grief stricken mother, three brothers, Theodore, Paul and Earl and a sister, Dorothy. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at his home, and the burial in the Cheatham family plot near the home.

The sad death of his father, Percy Parham, which occurred a few years ago by accidental shooting while hunting, is fresh in the sympathy of the community.

Death is sad at all times but is peculiarly touching when it comes to the young man, in the flush of youth, with every hope of manly success opening before him thus suddenly to pass away from the home and presence of his devoted mother and dear loved ones.

At the funeral and burial services of the lamented and beloved young Carroll Parham, which was conducted by Rev. J. B. Witherspoon, a beautiful token of love was sent by his comrades, the cadets of Horner Military School, and this handsome floral design expressed the sincere esteem in which he was held.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved who are thus suddenly called upon to give him up.

"None knew him but to love him, None named him but to praise."

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## PURELY PERSONAL

Mr. P. H. Mize, of Route 2, was in town Monday.

Mr. J. R. Renn, of Route 6, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. H. G. Aiken, of Northside, was in Oxford Tuesday.

Mrs. W. L. Taylor, of Stovall, spent Monday in Oxford.

Mr. R. P. Coble, of New York, spent Sunday in Oxford.

Mr. Crawford Knott, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

Mr. J. L. Hamme, of Route 3, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. Sam Webb, of Stem section, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Jessie Clement, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

Mr. R. L. Burnett, of Route 6, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Littlejohn Taylor, of the road, is at home this week.

Mr. Chas. Lawrence, of Creedmoor, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. Oscar Yancey, of Route 1, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. W. R. Garner, of Creedmoor, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. Cary Parham, of Route 5, was in town Saturday afternoon.

Mr. S. G. Dean, of Fuquay Springs, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. T. T. Hicks, a very able member of the Henderson Bar, is in attendance upon our court.

Mr. R. H. O'Brian, of Route 1, was in town Friday and called on the editor.

Mr. B. S. Royster, Jr., of Warrenton, is spending a few days with his parents.

Mr. Fred Phipps, of Route 1, was in Oxford Monday and called on the editor.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hancock returned Friday from a visit to Richmond.

Mr. Claude Allen spent several days with relatives near Providence last week.

Miss Frances Gregory returned Friday from a visit to relatives at Fayetteville.

Messrs. A. C. O'Neal and M. W. Wheelous, of Grissom, were in town Monday.

Miss Annie Gregory, of Stovall, spent Monday with Miss Martha Ferebee.

Messrs. Sam Currin, C. C. Heggie and Dawson Burwell, of Stovall, were in town Monday.

Mr. C. H. Hicks, of Dickerson, was an Oxford visitor Tuesday and called on the Public Ledger.

Mr. F. M. Timberlake, of Oak Hill Township, was in Oxford Tuesday and called on the editor.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Knott and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Knott, of Route 1, were town visitors Monday.

Messrs. Lester Montague and Vassar Critcher are spending a few days in Wake county, on a hunting trip.

Mr. B. M. Caldwell and son and Miss Jennie Caldwell, of Gela, left Monday for Florida to spend the rest of the winter.

We were much pleased to receive a call Friday from our young friend, Roy Crews, of Salem, who was in town on business.

Representative Ben W. Parham, of Thomasville, visited his parents. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Parham, near Oxford this week.

Our good friend, J. P. Stovall, of Oak Hill township, is in attendance upon our court this week and we had the pleasure of a call from him.

Mrs. Bettie Osborn and Miss Annie Osborn, of Lawrenceville, Va., are visiting Mrs. I. N. Howard on Broad street and Mrs. C. H. Cheatham on Route 3.

Miss Florence M. Young, quite a bright and attractive young lady, was in Oxford Monday in the interest of Crittenton Home for young ladies at Charlotte.

## Attending to His Duties.

The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says:

That Senator Simmons said in reference to invitations that are coming to him to make speeches in North Carolina, that he had received many invitations to make addresses on various occasions and subjects in the State, that of course it would give him great pleasure and probably be very helpful to his interests to make these speeches, but that his duties here were of such a character that he could not do so without neglecting the public business; that he could not well accept some of these invitations without accepting them all; that the finance committee (of which he is a member) would in a few days begin consideration of tariff measures in which the people were deeply interested; that the commerce committee (of which he is a member) would at an early date begin the consideration of the river and harbor bill in which the people are greatly interested and many other questions in which the people are profoundly interested would be accepted upon during the session and that he felt that his duty was here and so feeling he felt impelled to decline these invitations.

He said that last summer while Congress was in extra session he had scores of invitations to make speeches in the State but on account of his duties here was compelled to forego the pleasure of going to the State.

The Senator expressed the hope that the people of the State would understand the situation and that his failure to leave his post of duty in the interest of his candidacy would not operate against him.

## Social Meetings.

At the suggestion of the Rector of St. Stephen's church a meeting of the men of the church was held Monday evening with the view of encouraging social intercourse among the men of the church. A pleasant gathering of the members was held and resulted in an arrangement to give a social dinner at an early day, which is considered a good beginning to get the men in social meeting.

## Captured His Man.

On account of the persistent effort of chief Williford Walter Linebarker, the negro wanted in Oxford for breaking into the stores of Baird & Chumblee and L. F. Day and the room of Mr. Claude Allen, was captured a few days ago in Richmond, and Chief Williford went to that city and brought him back. Linebarker was tried before Mayor Brummitt and confessed his crimes and will be tried at this time of court, and will assist for some time in building roads in the county.

## NEWS for the BUYERS

TWO houses for sale on High street. One nine room house newly papered and painted inside, new tin roof. One four room cottage in good condition. Apply to R. W. Brown, Oxford.

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

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