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Surprise Marriage.

This is cupid's own season and his darts have not fallen amiss. A surprise marriage was the event of social news week, when Mr. Hiram Murray and Miss Ellen Harrison were quietly married at the home of Rev. Mr. Joyner. The newly married couple have made their home with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Taylor on Spring Street. Mr. Murray is favorably known here where he is employed by the Oxford Buggy Co. The bride has made many friends by her attractive and pleasant manners and is well known as the accomplished assistant in Mrs. Lanier's Millinery Store.

Meeting of Literary Club.

The Woman's Literary Club met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. W. Horner. The afternoon was devoted chiefly to the annual election of officers. Those elected for the coming year were: President, Mrs. S. H. Cannon; Vice-President, Mrs. B. K. Hays; Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Horner; Treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Hall; Reporter, Mrs. R. G. Lassiter.

Original couplets were the responses to the roll call. This is one from a returning officer:

To obey my Clubs demand,
I've labored till I'm tired,
If the gift of rhyme is denied,
No rhyme should be required.

Two very interesting and educating papers were read, "The Demands of the Twentieth Century Civilization," and "How Women are Meeting Them," by Miss Susie Genham.

"Late Archeological Discoveries," by Mrs. A. A. Hicks.

A salad course with coffee and mints proved a very enjoyable finale.

Goes to Durham.

Mr. John Buchanan to leave Oxford, while he congratulates Mr. Buchanan, on his deserved promotion in receiving an offer of a position in the Fidelity Bank of Durham, we also express our regret that another fine young business man of Oxford will make his home in another town. Mr. John Buchanan is most favorably recognized in Oxford as one of her most deserving and successful young men. After completing a course at Wake Forest College he accepted a position in the National Bank of Granville, where he has made good by his untiring devotion to duty, his affable manners and gentlemanly bearing in every way. We wish him success and the people here regret deeply to see him leave, having been highly esteemed in social life and in the church as also in business circles.

Mr. Buchanan's leaving Oxford for Durham recalls the fact that the National Bank of Granville gave up Mr. Sam Peace to accept promotion in Henderson. Mr. I. E. Harris left here to accept a position in the Citizen Bank of Creekport. Mr. Sidney Minor and William Minor are in most trustworthy positions in Durham. Mr. Alex Peace is also cashier of the Bank of Lumberton, and Mr. Merrill Peace is book keeper in the National Bank of Henderson.

Pants Are a Monopoly.

Pants are a natural monopoly reserved by law for the sole use and embellishment of men. They are found wherever men are reasonably civilized, and while not beautiful they are a great comfort and one with which not even a man with beautifully moulded and Apollo-like legs would think of dispensing with.

Pants consist of doubled barreled leggings, surmounted by a capacious dometop, the whole being affixed to the wearer by means of suspenders which go over the shoulders and cause unimpeded gait and embarrassment by dissolving into component corporations without warning at critical moments. The suspenders are attached to the waistband or equator of the pants. The waistband is the most important feature of a man's clothing. It is a sort of sartorial scales. Man doesn't mind his waist measure until it gets over forty, but after that he views it with dismay and refuses pie with tears in his eyes.

Pants are of many styles and models. The Turk wears peculiar knee pants with ten-bushel legs. The Hollander wears pants in layers, peeling them off like open oysters one at a time as the weather lightens up in the spring. The Englishman wears loose pants made to fit a step ladder and turns them up at the bottom enough to allow his feet to escape. The college boy wears bifurcated balloons called post-pants. The minister wears a pair of back trousers with padded knees. Sometimes a wife wears the trousers of a family, but only figuratively. The law forbids her from the actual pants, but remains colorfully silent concerning the conventional ones--George Fitch in Richmond News-Leader.

BOARDING STABLES.

I am running a Boarding Stable in the rear of Long-Winston Co's store and all horses put in my care will receive the best attention. Spirited and nervous horses will be carefully handled and taught to drive quietly. Buggies and harness will be kept nicely washed and greased. I refer you to Dr. S. D. Booth as to my efficiency in the care and handling of horses.

RICHARD HARRIS.

LOCAL NEWS

Thursday can be put down as one of the worst days of the year?

Oh, for good old summer time once more, ground hog, or no ground hog.

Mr. E. H. Crenshaw returned Thursday from a business trip south.

Mr. M. L. Oakley, of Route 6, was in Oxford Wednesday and called on the editor.

Wonder if the new Theatre talked about two weeks ago has come to naught?

Thursday was such a rough day the pump handle brigade was forced to take a rest.

Mr. J. H. Daniel, of Lyon, was in town Wednesday and called on the Public Ledger.

Oxford is one of the "wet" towns in the State with two jug trains a day from Virginia.

Take care of your pennies, and the chances are your dollars will be blown in by your heirs.

Mr. W. Z. Mitchell has Slate's improved tobacco seed to give away at the Banner Warehouse.

Mr. Claud Allen returned Wednesday from an extended visit to Washington City and Baltimore.

Mrs. W. H. Fleming and Mrs. D. C. Hunt returned Wednesday from a visit to relatives in Dutchville township.

Oxford tobacco market is still a hummer on high prices, so come and capture the cream of the market on all grades.

Open wide your heart George, and bow gentle zephyrs in this direction instead of ice which makes your old partner shiver.

We are very sorry that we are forced to leave out several interesting correspondents which will appear in Wednesday's issue.

We regret to learn that Mr. Elbert Crews, who has so well managed the Opera House, has decided to give it up on account of its bad condition.

Mr. James Horner returned home a few days ago from a business trip to Baltimore. He stopped over in Washington and looked in on Congress.

Your special attention is called to the change in the advertisement of the Carolina Power & Light Co. on the 4th page as they have reduced prices on fixtures.

Dr. Benj. K. Hays will attend the Tri-State Medical Convention, which meets in Columbia, S. C., on the 20th, leaving Oxford on Tuesday and returning Friday.

Our good friend Charley Lewis, the safe cashier of the Stovall Bank, was an Oxford visitor Thursday, and the editor was greatly pleased to receive a visit from him.

Rev. R. A. McFarland, pastor of Suffolk Baptist church, attended the funeral of Rev. J. A. Stradley, and is spending a few days with his brother, Mr. W. A. McFarland.

Mr. J. H. Daniel, of Lyon, was on our market a few days ago and sold a barn of tobacco at \$14 1/2, 26 1/2, 48 1/2, 53, 32 1/2, 21--average \$35. That don't look like tobacco is lower.

The wind, sleet and rain did some damage to the electric wires on College street Thursday, but hustling Superintendent Couch had the damage repaired in time to turn on the lights in the evening.

We hope it will be done. A reduction of about 30 per cent. in the exorbitant Express rates is hoped for by the shippers pressing an investigation of the express business before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Junior Philathea will have a Penny Social today, Saturday afternoon, at the armory. Choice candies and other dainty refreshments will be sold. A gypsy palmist will tell your fortune. Everybody is cordially invited.

A little toil, a little rest,
The dream of play is in the breast,
As is the dream of task and time;
So fill the heart and sip the rhyme
Till head and heart and soul renew
These mornings of the early dew
When earth and life from dust up-sprung
Were lost in joy of being young.

Don't forget to read Horner Bros. Co's large advertisement on the fourth page. This is a splendid firm to deal with as they sell everything for the farm and family. They have just received a nice selection of horses and mules for inspection, and now is time to supply your wants either with a horse, mule, buggy, wagon or harness for either cash or credit.

A SAINT IN ISRAEL.

Funeral and Burial of Rev. J. A. Stradley.

The funeral services of Rev. J. A. Stradley were conducted in the Baptist church Wednesday afternoon. The attendance was very large. All business houses of the town were closed and men of Oxford attended the funeral of the man of God who had been a familiar figure in their midst for half a century, who commanded the respect and love of all the people by his consecrated, godly life and "upon whose like we never shall look again."

Physicians of the town attended in a body and many friends came from country congregations, to whom he had served so faithfully as pastor.

After the choir had rendered sweetly favorite hymns of the deceased Rev. Jesse B. Weatherspoon, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, made a few very appropriate remarks, and said the three friends of the deceased, who had known him many years would deliver memorial addresses.

Prof. F. P. Hobgood, President of Oxford College, read a very touching memorial and brought tears to many eyes in the congregation by the following choice remarks on his death:

"With the passing of this prophet and servant of the most High God, this community, this county, and the State at large have sustained an almost irreparable loss. He had lived his life among us going in and out. We had seen him grow old and venerable, and so earnest that our streets were going back and forth to the post office for his mail, stopping to salute his friends, only long enough for this. I believe that he was the most self-sacrificing man in Oxford. He showed how to put value on the high things of the spirit. His salary as pastor of country churches was never large, and of late years not large enough to justify him in keeping a conveyance. He could have done this probably, if he had not given away so much of what he made. Some years ago friends furnished him funds to pay his expenses to the meeting. I think of the Southern Baptist Convention. Before he could use it a member of his church lost his house by fire, and his sympathy was so great that he gave all that had been furnished him, and more besides, to the distressed family. He generally led the contributions of his churches to Missions and cared nothing absolutely for money except as it might enable him to glorify God. He was in my opinion one of the strongest moral forces in this town or in this county or in the State. He was a man of positive faith and of positive convictions; what he believed he believed with his whole heart. He was of unbending integrity, he was so intense in his belief that sometimes he had the appearance of being a little intolerant; but that was only in appearance, for there was no man more kindly disposed, more benevolent, of a sweeter spirit, in our community. I do not think that anybody can recall his ever, in the pulpit or in private conversation, having uttered a censorious or harsh remark about anyone. Children were fond of him; young people generally were on the best of terms with him. He was an Israelite, indeed, in whom there was no guile.

He was a man of strong determination, and of great will power. This is shown in the sacrifice and struggle he made to obtain education that he might fit himself for preaching the gospel. It is known that when he was twenty-one or twenty-two years of age his education was quite limited, and that he worked for \$7.50 a month and used a part of this to pay his tuition in the preparatory schools. He entered Wake Forest College when twenty-five or twenty-six years of age, and obtained a fair education--enough as a basis on which to rear a good superstructure of knowledge and learning. He bought good books and read a great deal; he wrote much for the newspapers to the delight and edification of their readers. He prepared his sermons with care, and was an excellent preacher; he was a safe and sound theologian, and with his intense nature he was thorough and earnest Baptist. He believed the old doctrines of the Bible, the reward of the righteous, the punishment of the wicked, salvation by faith, the divinity of Jesus, his atoning sacrifice, and his resurrection, and those distinctive doctrines held by Baptist; but I do not think that he was intolerant of other beliefs. He was not a bigot; he did not believe that he himself alone was right, and every body differing from him was consciously wrong. He spared not himself when duty called. I do not suppose that any man of his age in North Carolina failed to meet as few appointments as he. It has been gratifying to his friends that he lived to such a green old age; with good health, in the full possession of his faculties, he seemed to grow in favor with God and man. In a prayer meeting talk two weeks ago he was telling of the things he wished to do this year; one was to be a better man, the other was to be able to do the best work of his life and die in the harness. This last wish was gratified. Four days ago he went to the station to take the cars to meet an appointment, was there taken sick, and had to go back home and to bed from which he never arose. Like Barnabas he was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost. He could say with Rabbi Ben Ezra:

"Grow old with me,
The best is yet to be;
The last of life for which the first was made
Our times are in His hands,
Who saith a whole I planned;
Youth shows but half trust God; see
all nor be afraid."

He trusted God, he saw all of life and was not afraid; and I feel that he was not afraid when he entered into the presence of the Father and heard the welcome plaudit: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

"O strong soul, by what shore
Tarriest thou now? For that force
Surely has not been left vain
Somewhere, surely, afar
In the sounding labor house vast
Of being, is practiced that strength
Zealous, beneficent, firm."

I shall be willing to go where he is gone."

Dr. R. H. Marsh then addressed the congregation, taking as the basis of his remarks the life work in the churches and congregations where the deceased had labored--enlarging on the unselfish generosity of the deceased; his self denial and his noble hearted work during the war when he served as Missionary Chaplain in the Confederate army; his pious home life and his quiet love of employment at all times; enlarging upon the life time friendship he had enjoyed in the companionship with him, and closed his remarks with heart rending and touching exclamation: "Upon whom shall the mantle of Joshua A. Stradley fall?"

Then followed a beautiful memorial by the beloved Rev. J. D. Huffman. He prefaced his remarks by very beautiful words in praise of the environments which made Oxford one of the favored spots of the world, and spoke feelingly of the great men who had departed, leaving grand impressions of honor and talents and usefulness among men. He called to remembrance the famous Nelson, of long ago; the gifted and honored Judge Robt. Gilliam, whose memory is still fresh in the hearts of this people; the gifted statesman, Abraham Venable, whose grave is near Oxford, and also the renowned lawyer, Mark Lanier, and a number of others.

The aged and beloved speaker, who has the tact of saying the right words and saying them well, touched beautifully on the strong work the deceased had accomplished; that he had worked always with success in every work he undertook; the weak churches had grown strong under his leadership and some had increased with amazing growth under his influence.

He closed his remarks with tender words which brought tears to all in the congregation. He said most feelingly that he had admired and loved the dispensation of providence which placed three able, devoted ministers in the town of Oxford, Rev. R. I. Devlin, now over 90 years old, and too feeble to attend the funeral services of the deceased; Dr. Marsh, now past his three score and ten, and the deceased brother Joshua A. Stradley, all in sweet and pleasant companionship. Then turning and placing his hand upon the head of Dr. Marsh he said in sweet and beautiful words that "soon they would all follow the deceased and he himself would go with them and thus the four aged members of the Southern Baptist Convention would be no more."

The burial was in Elmwood cemetery. At the grave friends viewed the calm face of the good man and the casket was lowered to final resting place and the floral tributes placed on the newly made mound.

"Blessed are they who die in the Lord."

The active pall bearers were: J. B. Powell, John Webb, G. E. Cheatham, W. A. McFarland, L. Thomas, S. W. Parker.

Honorary pall bearers were: Col R. O. Gregory, J. P. Steadman, Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Gen. B. S. Royster, J. Robt. Hood, Dr. S. H. Cannady, Dr. S. D. Booth, Dr. T. L. Booth, Dr. B. K. Hays, Dr. G. S. Watkins, Dr. G. A. Coggeshall, J. M. Phipps, B. F. Hester, E. A. Howard, Thos. Smith, Carl Piper, F. W. Hancock, A. C. Parham, L. T. Buchanan, W. H. Hunt, W. B. Ballou, Dr. E. T. White and B. F. Taylor.

The interment was under the direction of Upchurch & Curran, undertakers.

Record Trip on Dirt Road.

Dr. S. H. Cannady states that he left his office Tuesday at 11:30 in his automobile and made a professional call 1/2 mile from Berea and was back in his office at 12:30. How is this for a trip on a mid-winter dirt road? This road has recently been dragged and is as good as any road ought to be in mid-summer. Get the drags to work on the other roads of the county.

Can You Work It?

I will pay one dollar for the first correct answer to the following problem received from a public school pupil: "What amount per capita would be necessary for the county to set aside annually as a sinking fund to pay off the \$100,000 bond issue for roads in 50 years at the rate of five per cent. compound interest on the accumulating fund? The population of the county according to the last census is 25,102."

J. F. WEBB.

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In Society

Delightful Bridge Party.

Mrs. E. H. Crenshaw entertained at bridge Wednesday morning in honor of Mrs. Edward Outlaw, of Washington, and Miss Alice Outlaw, of Elizabeth City, visiting guests of Mrs. W. H. Hunt. The home was attractively adorned and the game proved very enjoyable after which a salad course and tempting menu completed the pleasure of the morning parts.

Recreation Club.

The Recreation Club was very attractively entertained at the home of Mrs. B. S. Royster Thursday afternoon when Mrs. F. W. Hancock was hostess of the meeting. The meeting was unusually pleasurable and nothing was left undone to make the occasion enjoyable.

The home of Mrs. Royster was beautifully adorned for the entertainment which closed with refreshments elegant and tempting, served in a very beautiful manner.

Enjoyable Dance.

The pre-Lenten dance given by the young men of Oxford at the Armory Wednesday evening, was a pleasurable occasion and very delightful in every way. The managers put forth extraordinary endeavor to make the dance a success and their efforts were duly awarded by the pleasure of all who participated. The armory was a scene of beauty enhanced by the handsome and bewitching costumes of the fair dancers, the extremely pretty figures of the dance, the fine music played by a skilled orchestra and the additional attraction of an elaborate and elegantly served supper.

Master Henry Hunt Entertains.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hunt was attractively opened Thursday afternoon, when many very young guests were invited to an entertainment in which Master Henry Hunt entertained complimentary to his young cousin, Miss Louise Outlaw, of Washington, N. C., the visiting guest of honor. Nothing was left undone that Mrs. Hunt could devise for the pleasure of the young people, who enjoyed to the utmost the attractive games and merry sport which proved so enjoyable.

The refreshments were choice and elegant. The happy time passed all too soon for their happy hearts, and the youthful host and his fair cousin were extremely cordial.

Valentine Luncheon.

Miss Martha Ferebee entertained in very elaborate and attractive manner Wednesday afternoon by giving a five course luncheon celebrating Cupid's favorite day. The adornment of the table was suggestive of Valentine day and after a delightful game of hearts the guests were invited into the dining room where the table was adorned with hearts and symbols of Valentine day carried out in the refreshments. Souvenirs of tiny candy telephones completed the entertainment which was most pleasurable and enjoyable in every way.

The guests present were: Mrs. M. C. Taylor, Mrs. Mellichampe, Misses Sophy Taylor, Irene Hines, Mary Webb, Janet Gregory, Edna White, Annie Crews, Lizzie Pearson, Bert Rucker, Kate Horner and Lily White.

Mrs. W. H. Hunt Entertains.

"Herndon Place" the beautiful Colonial home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hunt was hospitably opened Thursday afternoon, when an elegant entertainment was given complimentary to their visiting guests, Mrs. Edward Outlaw and Miss Alice Outlaw, of Elizabeth City. The guests were first invited to the guest-rooms on the second floor after which all assembled in the reception room which was attractively lovely in the rich furniture and frescoed walls in tints of old rose. Then invited to the rear hall where champagne punch was served by Mrs. Percy Montgomery. Then ushered into the parlors elegantly equipped in the white and gold furniture and frescoed walls as handsome as decorative skill can suggest.

In these rooms five tables were arranged for six hand euchre, and one table placed in the dining room which was lovely in design of green deftly carried out in every detail.

Mrs. Hunt and her accomplished guests were charmingly cordial and genial in manners. Mrs. Hunt distributed handsome score cards adorned with hand painted representations of colonial dames.

After the enjoyable game refreshments in three courses of choicest menu and beautifully served completed the hospitable entertainment.

IF YOUR clothes can be cleaned and pressed we can do it. Men and boys suits, ladies coat suits and skirts, gloves, hats, etc. Agents for Peoples Laundry, Raleigh, N. C. Satisfaction guaranteed. Give us a trial. Eureka Pressing Club, W. R. Pegram, Proprietor. feb. 3. 12.

Bowling Mountain Breezes.

Mr. Booker Beasley, of Surl, Person county, visited Mr. B. D. Johnson last week.

On account of the bad weather very little has been done in the way of getting plant beds ready.

Mr. Charlie Davis has moved to the capital of Shake Rag, and has opened up a blacksmith shop.

Mr. A. S. Carrington has completed his phone line to Stem, which will be a great convenience to the neighbors.

Good morning dear Public Ledger readers and correspondents, and wish old man Britt great success with the paper.

Messrs. T. H. Clayton, Wm. Nutt and B. D. Johnson took in the Oxford tobacco market last week, and report the weed a little off.

Madam rumor has it that there is to be a marriage in this section soon. That's right girls, make hay while the sun shines and gladden the hearts of the old bachelors.

We regret to chronicle the death of Miss May Belle, daughter of Mr. Chas. Neims, of Moriah, after a short illness of pneumonia. She was laid to rest in the Lunsford burying ground near Surl. Peace to her ashes.

Hello, Misses Betsy and Sallie, we are glad to welcome two such bright girls as contributors to Public Ledger. Let us hear from you again as we like to read of travels and sightseeing. They speak of knowing Mountain Rambler. If they do I must acknowledge they have the advantage of me. Perhaps we will meet some day and get acquainted. I almost envy you girls your occupation these bleak winter days as you set by a cozy fire and make chairs, basket, etc., while I am climbing over the snow capped mountain gathering news for the dear old Public Ledger. Bachelors like Lack Land Beware! You hear what Betsy and Sallie say, but as it is Leap year, and during the next twelve months the spinsters, widows and other unmarried women may change their minds, and we old bachelors who imagine ourselves secure in a state of single blessedness may fall a victim to old cupid's wild pranks. Write again twins your items are fine. MOUNTAIN RAMBLER.

Oxford Route No. 1.

We were real sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Stradley.

Burning plant beds and cuttings are all the go in this community.

Mr. Eugene Hicks has recovered from the gripe we are glad to say.

Hurrah for Mr. B. B. Adcock, come again with your hog raising as that was pretty good.

We are sorry to know that Mr. Nat Baird is on the sick list, hope he will soon be well again.

Mrs. Grissom Hicks is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Shelby Green and her brother, Mr. Roger Murray, of Oxford.

Lookout girls, we have heard that Messrs. Frank and Paul Hicks are going to get them a new buggy as you know it is leap year.

It seems Mr. Tom Jones is a good turkey hunter, as he has killed three and had one for dinner every Wednesday for three weeks. Weights as follows, 19, 17, 16. What do you think about this?

A small crowd gathered in at Mrs. Lucious Fuller's on Friday night and played games and had lots of fun. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hicks, Mr. Frank, Paul and Kenneth Hicks, Frank and Isham Clark, Misses Tazzie Dean, Stella and Ella Duncan and Mr. Lucius Slaughter who rendered some good music which was greatly.

RED BIRD.

BUSINESS BUILDERS.

All together boys and let Callis repair your buggies, he will make them look like new ones.

FOR SALE--One open Buggy and one 1-horse wagon for sale. Apply to R. I. Daniel.

WANTED--Position by experienced stenographer. Best references. Address G. Dabney, N. C. feb. 17. 21. pd

Call at Callis repair shop the first time you are in town and get his prices on repairing and painting your buggy.

FURNITURE FOR SALE--On Saturday, February 24th, I will sell at public auction for cash my household and kitchen furniture, at my house in Stovall, at 12 o'clock m. C. N. Newcomb.

WE ARE NOT going to dissolve partnership or go out of business. The fact is we are better prepared now to take care of your plumbing and electrical wants than ever before. See us for business. Osborn & Mason.

W. A. HLUZEK, the gents tailor carries a perfect assortment of new Spring and Summer samples. Correct styles, fit and workmanship guaranteed. You will find me at old office of Granville Real Estate and Trust Co.