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### Political Notes.

Let's see where does Duncan come in on this deal? Seems to a man up a tree that he is on top.

It was mete and proper that North Carolina should re-elect Josephus Daniels a member of the national committee.

The Charlotte News predicts that Senator Simmons' majority will be a record breaker. It says truly that he is one Southern Senator who has made a national reputation and the Old North State needs him more than he needs the job.

It is now certain that Judge Clark is going to carry Rockingham county. And why should he not? A man who can't carry Old Rockingham with the Madison Herald for him and the Reidsville Review "agin" him ought to get out of politics and stay out.—Ex.

Only two of the North Carolina delegation voted on the nomination for president at Chicago. Collector Wheeler Martin voted for Taft, while Col. Loge Harris recorded his vote for Roosevelt. The remaining 22, all being Roosevelt men, declined to vote.

Senator Simmons, who spent last week on his farm in Jones county, being asked about his prospects for election, said they were fine and that he believed he would be nominated in the primary by an overwhelming majority. The only thing that could keep him down, he said, would be over-confidence on the part of his friends.

It is 20 years since there has been a real fight for the Republican nomination. The present scrap beats anything since 1880 and millions of voters are born and grew to manhood since that hard-fought battle between Grant and Blaine, when both went down before the dark horse, Garfield. Behold the same years which marked the last five nominations.

Two huge and illuminating examples of Mutt and Jeff precinct meetings and soap-box primaries are furnished us by the Chicago and Baltimore conventions. Professional, adroit and unprincipled politicians care nothing for our soap-box method of selecting delegates. They wait till the conventions meet, and then they bait their traps or fire up the steam roller to catch the "uninstructed" and to flatten out the imposters.—Wilmington Star.

In the Republican fight many see a repetition of the event of 1860, when the Democratic party was wrecked by a split, one faction bolting and holding another convention at Charleston. For fifty years the Republican party had sailed along and while it has had its troubles, they have seldom amounted to much in a Presidential year. This is, in fact, the first real trouble the old ship has encountered. However, the thing for the Democratic party to do is to fight as if the enemy was in the best kind of shape. Never depend on the weakness of your opponents; swat him and be careful you swat him when it will count.

The original Roosevelt man, so far as Populists are concerned, is the bewhiskered rugged whose advent into the United States Senate created almost as much consternation as the entrance of a pugilist before royalty. His name was Peffer. He hailed from freaky Kansas and blew into the Senate on a Populist breeze that swept over the troubled West. Peffer fought for radical ideas, including the Direct Primary, Initiative and Referendum, direct vote for U. S. Senators, prohibition of railroad rates, and a number of other things. These have all practically been adopted by Theodoris Africanus, the man whose fiery ambition is to rule anew the destinies of this nation.—Ex.

### The Indifferent Voter.

Only a small proportion of the voters usually attend party primaries. The others stay away and then kick about the result. Tens of thousands of qualified voters absent themselves from the polls at every election and other thousands have to be begged, enticed and hired to vote. And yet if these indifferent ones were threatened with a loss of suffrage the howl they would raise would shake the continent; they would be ready—most of them—to shed blood for the rights secured for them by the fathers. The man who can evolve a regulation that will prevent any corruption of the electorate and will at the same time compel all qualified electors to vote will be a statesman for future generations to honor. The Landmark inclines to the opinion that, if qualified electors who, through indifference, fail to exercise the right of suffrage were disfranchised for a season, it would bring most of them up standing. If only the ignorant and vicious and corrupt failed to vote, it would be better for the country; but that class usually votes early and sometimes often. It is the so-called good citizen in most cases who is disposed to neglect this duty.—Statesville Landmark.

### NOTICE TO TEACHERS

The Teachers Institute will be held in Oxford from the 19th to the 31st of August.

J. F. WEBB.

LOST—On June 22nd, a tan rain coat in Oxford. Finder will please return to this office and be rewarded.

### Local Wavelets.

#### Events of Interest Gathered Here and There.

Blackberry time is here. No use to cry hard times.

Keep cool and watch the Simmons' sentiment grow.

Dr. I. H. Davis is having the fence around his lot repaired.

Mr. John G. Hall has added to the appearance of his lot by the erection of a new fence.

We call attention to the sale of land advertised by T. Lanier, commissioner, on the 4th page.

The Civic Club will meet Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Commercial Club Rooms.

We believe our good friend, W. W. Devin, is recognized as the champion garden worker of Oxford.

Mr. Elbert Crews has greatly improved the looks of his cottage in Ridley Park by a coat of paint.

The Presbyterian Church is being repaired and repainted, which will improve the looks of the edifice.

The First National Bank of Creedmoor comes to the front with a good summer statement on the 4th page.

Sweet little Miss Eloise Horner very handsomely entertained a large number of her friends Wednesday afternoon.

If you need a good shaking up ride over Holey street, regularly known as College street. It is a regular hummer on holes.

Several of our big eaters went out to Soudan Wednesday and eat a choice fish dinner with Mr. Morris Green and happy party.

I'd hate to be a fat girl now.

When all the days are warm; The fashionable garb looks like It's shrunk onto the form.

Little Miss Louise Currin entertained about 20 of her little friends Monday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock in honor of cousins, Misses Annie and Grace Currin.

Sheriff Wheeler, who has made the county a faithful and most efficient officer, announces his candidacy for re-nomination in this issue of Public Ledger.

Mr. Jackson G. Harris, of Stovall, and Miss Nellie Bly Henry, daughter of Mr. Marshal Henry, of Wendell, were married in Oxford Wednesday by Dr. R. H. Marsh.

We are pleased to learn that our hustling warehousemen and buyers are rapidly disposing of their stocks of tobacco, and will be in fine shape for handling the coming crop.

Ex-Judge Crawford Biggs, of Durham, has formed a copartnership with Ex-Judge Robt. W. Winston, and will make Raleigh his home. The Public Ledger wishes him continued success.

College and Gilliam streets are in a terrible condition and getting worse every day. Wonder if the Town Dads cannot be persuaded to strain a point and have them remacadamized as the same rock can be used?

Publicity and enthusiasm go hand in hand. If we are to make progress we must everlastingly seek publicity, for publicity is the keynote of success in all forms of organized effort to build up and push the town forward.

"My son, be not wise in thine own conceit. Envy not the man who hath a full purse and standeth high in the market place. Seek him out and inquire of him how he hath found prosperity, and he will point thee to Granville county."

It is a decidedly hopeful sign when voters return faithful and capable representatives to office rather than turn the office over to some hungry politician as a "reward" for past services to the party or by dividing up the spoils among the faithful.

Ye automobile owners how about joining hands and filling up holes and working bad places in the roads around town? It will not cost much and will save the owners of automobiles many dollars. Let some owner who has plenty of time on his hands take up the collection and have the work done.

Gilliam and College streets would be sure to capture the premium in a bad street contest. Wonder if Messrs R. S. Usry and Sam Parker won't pool their interest and put them in such a condition as to be awarded the first prize at a good street convention? Think it over gentlemen as it's a rocky question?

Eat moderately, exercise within your limits, remembering that after forty years, there are limits; interest yourself in something worth while; avoid alcohol and keep your nervous system in smooth working order, and there are few places in this country where the fluctuations of the thermometer can really harm you.

Chief Williford was afflicted with too much lip Friday morning on account of an abscess on one of his front teeth.

Oxford was visited Thursday night by a gully washer, trash moving and toad strangling rain, flooding the streets and ditches.

Mr. J. A. Taylor's residence on Raleigh street has received a nice coat of white paint, and with the addition of a large new porch present quite an attractive appearance.

The pretty Miss Mattie Ferebee royally entertained a number of her girl friends Tuesday morning at her home on High street. After a unique and most enjoyable game tempting refreshments were served.

We take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the East Carolina Training School at Greenville, which now ranks among the best schools of the kind in South for the training of young ladies.

At 12 o'clock noon Thursday in the parlors of Exchange Hotel Mr. Howard M. Phillips and Miss Mattie Walker, both of Lunenburg county, Va., were united in marriage by the Rev. S. K. Phillips. A number of friends were present and the wedding march was played by Mrs. W. D. Rives, of Oxford.

### Help the Boys Out.

The Edwards Hose & Ladder Co. is making preparation to take an annual summer outing, which they justly deserve as they nobly protect our property without the hope of reward. We have just had an excellent example of their bold, fearless and aggressive work in the Harris fire. If you want to see these brave boys have a good time you have the opportunity of contributing to their enjoyment by subscribing to the fund.

### Dignity in Politics.

It would be well for every one to be as tolerant as possible in discussing politics. An unjust criticism of a candidate, if made in the presence of his adherent, is sure to arouse bad feeling. The election is several months removed and there is abundant time for quiet meditation, and it becomes men to be tolerant, especially in the same household of faith. We admire the man who stands up and works for his favorite candidate, providing he maintains his poise and dignity. When a campaign is conducted on this high and exalted plain it is indeed a thing of great beauty.

### Tar River Topics.

Mr. J. S. Currin and family were visiting in the Corinth neighborhood Sunday.

The little village of Tar River was much surprised Saturday morning when a couple of young people drove to the residence of Mr. L. C. Adcock and requested him to pronounce the words that would make them man and wife. Miss Bessie Arrington, the bride, is a blushing lassie of Tar River, and the groom, Mr. Ben Tingin, is one of the most progressive young farmers of the Tar River section. Much success to the happy couple. W. L. F.

### Mrs. J. A. Niles Entertains.

The pleasant and attractive home of Mrs. John A. Niles was the scene of a delightful euchre party Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The guests were met at the steps by little Misses Mary Owen and Elizabeth Niles and Master John Niles, who presented each one with a bunch of sweet peas with score cards attached. The ladies were graciously received by Mrs. Niles and Mrs. Coggshall. Punch was served by Misses Mary Prude Jones and Annie Taylor. The game of euchre proved a very interesting one, and which a two course collation was served. About 48 enjoyed Mrs. Niles hospitality and voted her a most charming hostess.

### Death of Mrs. J. P. Breedlove.

This good woman died at the Watts Hospital, Durham, June 19th. The funeral service took place at her home on Watts St. Durham, on the morning of June 21st, conducted by Bishop Kilgo and assisted by Rev. G. F. Smith pastor of Memorial church. The delay of burial was for relatives to arrive from other states. Many relatives from Oxford and Granville attended the funeral and burial, the burial taking place at Maplewood Cemetery, Durham. Those in attendance from Oxford were Mrs. J. H. Breedlove, Miss Ethel Breedlove, Mr. Laurie Breedlove, Junius P. Hunt, Joseph P. Hunt, Calvin Breedlove and others.

The deceased was Miss Bessie Basset, a refined christian woman, all who knew her loved her, she was once a teacher at the Oxford Orphanage. She leaves a husband and a little girl babe about two weeks old, besides many relatives and friends to mourn her death.

Mr. Breedlove with his mother and the dear babe arrived at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. H. Breedlove, June 26th. The babe is tiny and delicate but we trust it can be raised.

Mr. Breedlove and family have the sympathy of all the good people. May the Lord bless and sustain him in this great bereavement.

Mr. Breedlove is Librarian at Trinity College. D. N. HUNT.

### Ponder It Well.

The recent actions of Governor Kitchin in denouncing the record of Senator Simmons and his endorsement by the Democratic State convention seems to have had a boomerang effect. He is putting himself out of harmony with the party. If the record of Simmons is good enough for endorsement by the Democratic party, why, then is it not good enough for Kitchin? If Locke Craig, in Kitchin's opinion four years ago was a unfit man for Governor why is he now nominated by acclamation by the Democrats of the State? From the Wadesboro Ansonian is the following excellent article on this subject:

"Four years ago Mr. Kitchin was going up and down the state declaring by the strongest insinuation that Locke Craig was not a suitable man for governor of the state of North Carolina. He warned the people against voting for Craig. But a few weeks ago, without a dissenting voice, even that of Mr. Kitchin, Mr. Craig was chosen by acclamation as the candidate of the democratic party for governor. He is one of the few candidates to receive the nomination by acclamation and it is safe to say that no other man was ever more gladly chosen by all the people. What is the matter? Has Mr. Craig changed so much that Mr. Kitchin did not warn the people this time that they were following a dangerous man? Mr. Kitchin is apparently pleased with the action of the democratic party in the state in nominating Mr. Craig and those who know Mr. Craig, know that he is the same man that he was four years ago.

"Since the Senatorial campaign opened, some months ago, Mr. Kitchin has been telling the people that Senator Simmons, who holds a seat that Mr. Kitchin wants, is a dangerous man. What the people would like to know is, whether or not Mr. Kitchin is in earnest or is he using the same tactics he used when he sought the office that Mr. Craig wanted. If Mr. Kitchin would only take us into his confidence and confide his real purpose, we would understand him so much better. His whole political course seems to indicate that the man who stands in the way of his ambition for office looks like a mighty bad man to Mr. Kitchin."

### The Democratic Convention.

It is impossible to figure with any degree of accuracy this (Friday) morning at the hour of going to press as to the final outcome of the convention. It would seem, however, that Wilson will be the nominee of the convention. William Jennings Bryan is there in all his glory. He carried a point unheard of before in any convention. A resolution introduced by him was passed by a two-thirds majority, declared the convention opposed to the nomination of any candidate for president under any obligation to J. Pierpont Morgan, Thomas F. Ryan, August Belmont or any "privilege seeking class." The resolution as passed by the convention is a declaration of progressiveness unheard of in political history. The convention was thrown into a flurry by the proposition which was originally introduced, called for the withdrawal of Ryan and Belmont, delegates from Virginia and New York, respectively. This part of the resolution was resented as invading the rights of sovereign States and when its full import became known, boos and cat calls, jeers and hisses, were mingled with hand-clapping, cheers, and stamping of feet in the galleries and on the floor. There are many sensational features manifested on the floor of the convention but no doubt a choice of the convention will be named to-day.

### Philathea-Baraca Meeting.

Miss Henrietta Heron, of Elgin, Ill., of world-wide reputation as a speaker and worker for young people, will speak to all the town and county Philathea and Baraca Societies at 5 p. m. Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church. She will also speak at the Methodist church at the evening service Sunday and the public is cordially invited to attend all of these meetings. Miss Heron is an international figure in these matters, being one of a committee of five recently appointed to study for five years the boy and girl problem of the world, and all parents and friends of the children and young people ought to take advantage of this opportunity to hear her.

The afternoon session is for class discussions and help.

Miss Heron will be the guest of Miss Hettie Lyon Saturday and Sunday and will be glad to receive callers from both classes.

### School Teachers.

Announcement is made from the State Department of Education that the examinations of public school teachers for the issuance of 3 and 5 year certificates as teachers in the elementary and high schools of the State will be held at each county seat under the supervision of the county superintendents July 11. The examination papers are forwarded to the State Department of Education and passed upon by the State Board of Examiners headed by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joyner.

PEAS! PEAS!! PEAS!!!  
150 Bushels of Clay and Black Peas for sale by Long-Winston Co.

A FRESH car each of first-class lime and cement just received.  
C. D. RAY.

### Personal Notes.

#### Coming and Going of friends and Strangers.

Miss Net Gregory is visiting friends in Danville.

Mr. A. C. Parham, of Route 3, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Roy Badgett, of Route 1, was in town Thursday.

Mr. J. N. Faucette, of Hester, was in town Thursday.

Mr. L. F. Hamme, of Route 3, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. W. L. Clark, of Adoniram, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. Jack Howard, of Route 1, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Coley Gill, of Stovall, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. J. C. Currin, of Route 6, was in town Friday morning.

Mr. B. F. Lane, of Wilton section, was in town Thursday.

Mr. E. C. Harris, of Route 3, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Knott, of Route 1, were in town Thursday.

Mr. B. I. Breedlove, of Salem section, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. Elijah Currin, of Tar River section, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Bill Hart, of Oak Hill township, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Mr. Henry Williford, of Culbreth section, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. C. H. Landis returned Thursday from a camping party at Soudan.

Mrs. C. S. Garman and children are visiting relatives in Seitzland, Pa.

Miss Fannie Webb has returned from a very pleasant visit to Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Cooper has returned from a pleasant visit to Spartansburg, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Slaughter, of Berea, were Oxford visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Wood and children are visiting relatives in Richmond.

Messrs. Bud Currin and J. T. Daniel, of Route 1, were in town Friday morning.

Mr. R. T. Blackwell, of Cornwall, was among the Oxford visitors Thursday.

Mrs. S. K. Phillips has returned from a protracted visit to her old home in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dean and little daughter, of Route 1, were in Oxford Thursday shopping.

Miss Hettie Lyon will return today from attending the National Baraca Convention at Norfolk.

Miss Myrtle Shamburger left for her home in Hertford Thursday accompanied by Miss Irene Hines.

Mr. T. C. Harris attended the meeting of the Bankers' Association at Morehead City this week.

Dr. B. K. Hays came over from Buffalo Springs and witnessed the marriage of niece, Miss Kate Hays Fleming.

Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Cannady will return tomorrow from their delightful trip to Canada and the doctor will resume his practice.

Misses Margaret and Isabel and Marvin Hester, of Richmond, and children of the late Dr. B. O. Hester, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. D. N. Hunt, on Smith Hill. They will also visit their grandfather, Rev. W. S. Hester, of Salem township.

Death of Mrs. J. T. Worsham.

Mrs. Worsham, the beloved wife of Mr. J. T. Worsham, died at her home in Henderson Sunday evening, June 22. She was formerly of this county where her family now reside. Mrs. Worsham was a noble christian mother and wife. All that loving friends and medical attention could do failed to stay her life, and her Lord and Master in His infinite wisdom and mercy took her to her eternal resting place. The death of this good woman is indeed sad, leaving behind a tiny infant girl and a son five years old. The deceased joined the Oxford Baptist church when a small girl, and never moved her membership. She leaves to mourn her death a beloved husband, two children, a dear mother, three sisters and two brothers. May God's richest blessings rest on the dear ones now housed in grief, for we know their loss is her eternal gain.

### ETHAN C. ALLEN FOR TREASURER

I have known him during the past thirty years (will not say how much longer) and I can say that he is one of our best democrats and a sober man, a quiet unassuming gentleman. He is capable, worthy and well qualified to fill the duties of the office to which he aspires. No disparagement to other candidates is intended. June 26th, 1912.

THOS. D. CLEMENT.

### The Test Farm.

A committee composed of several gentlemen having in view the location of a tobacco farm arrived here Wednesday and were met by committees from the Merchants' Association and the Granville County Commercial Club, who accompanied the visitors on a trip of inspection. The gentlemen composing the party were: Hon. W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture; Dr. B. W. Kilgore, Director of Test Farms; Messrs. R. W. Scott, A. T. McAllum, William Bledsoe and I. H. Kearney, members of the State Board of Agriculture, accompanied by Mr. J. L. Burgess, Director of Field Crops, Mr. W. E. Herne, United States Soil Surveyor, and Mr. E. G. Moss, who has charge of the Granville County Test Farm.

It will be some days before the committee makes known its findings. They have under considerations lands in other counties and they are painstaking to a degree as to soil, climate and other important factors which must necessarily engage their attention. While the committee is non-committal it is reassuring that they were in excellent hands while in Oxford, and that the Merchant's Association working in harmony with the Granville County Commercial Club left no stone unturned, and that the committee was well pleased in many particulars. It appears on the face of things that soil, climate and the lay of the land has considerable weight with the scientific men on the committee. It is a well known fact that when the Government hands out a certificate of health, as it did in the case of this entire community, placing Oxford and Granville County second from the top in point of health, it not only guarantees a healthy condition as regards man and beast, but it also applies to plant life. The conditions are such that the farmers of Granville county find no difficulty in raising anything that thrives on the North American Continent, and in it Granville excels all the world in the velvet golden leaf tobacco that is enjoyed by connoisseurs everywhere. What a blessing it would be if these gentlemen should locate the test farm on Granville soil and nurse the tender, luxuriant golden leaf to greater fragrance and greater beauty! We do not see wherein we may not secure the coveted prize, but it is essentially necessary for every one to work with a view of securing the test farm even if we are called upon to meet any slight contingency that possibly might confront us.

There is much importance attached to the location of a test farm, especially to one touching the great tobacco crop, and if located in Granville county it would be in perfect keeping with the commercial importance of the golden leaf section and at the same time give us such prestige throughout the entire world.

### Base Ball is Warming Up.

When the Oxford and Henderson base ball teams were launched it was understood that a series of fourteen games would be played. The Oxford team has won five games of the series, and the Henderson team has won two games. Counting the tie game that was played early in the series we find that eight of the regular scheduled games have been played, and that the ninth of the series will be played on Horner Athletic Field this (Friday) afternoon. Those who witnessed the game at Henderson last Tuesday say that it was the best of the series so far, although the game stood 3 to 2 in favor of Oxford. Those who have watched the two teams closely say that it is surprising how evenly matched they are when figured out and reduced to a science. Both teams are steadily improving as the season advances and one really sees much to interest him as the game progresses—the quick wit, snap and accuracy of ball is all there to a remarkable degree. No one at this stage of the game could possibly figure with any degree of accuracy as to how the teams will stand at the close of the series. Both teams are fortifying themselves with the best material obtainable and the real fun is yet to come. The boys on each team are cognizant of their short-comings, as well as the prowess of their opponents, and they are profiting by this knowledge, and the spectators may confidently expect to see fast and furious ball from now to the end of the series.

Dusenberry, of Concord, the most recent acquisition, will play his initial game with the Oxford team this (Friday) afternoon. He is a son of our old friend Mr. Gowan Dusenberry, at one time agent of the Southern Railway in Oxford.

### AGAIN CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for renomination to the office of Sheriff of Granville County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary and if nominated and re-elected I will continue to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability. I warmly thank the people for their support in the past and again earnestly ask their support in the primary on July 20th.

Yours to continue to serve,  
S. M. WHEELER

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Berkshire pigs. Apply to W. J. Brummitt, Oxford, R. 3. (J.29th 3t.pd.)