

OUR SLOGAN—"OXFORD OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES."

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SEMI-WEEKLY. COUNTY CONVENTION.

Democratic County Convention Met and Ratified the Acts of Primaries.

The Granville County Democratic Convention was called to order at 12 o'clock last Saturday by Hon. D. G. Brummitt, chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Horsfield invoking the divine blessing. The Convention was well attended by a representative of people, for which Granville county is noted, and snatched of Democratic victory at the November election.

Local Wavelets.

Events of Interest Gathered Here and There.

Come on in, Democracy's fine. Get exhibits ready for the Fair. Mr. C. A. Carroll is north buying a stock of goods for his 10 cent store.

We were glad to see Miss Fable Debnam out driving Monday, and hope she will continue to regain her health.

We regret to learn that our young friend Charley Fort, of the Southern Railway office force is quite sick at his home on Raleigh street.

All the divorce lawyers in the American Bar Association should get together and make up a purse for the man who has married 4,000 elopers.

It takes a small calibre politician to chew the rag and fling mud, but it is the statesman who discusses public questions so the people can become enlightened.

Read the advertisement of the Spartaeburg School of Telegraphy on another page of this paper. This school affords an opportunity to acquire a most pleasant and fascinating technical education.

The Brown Vulcanizing Plant is now equipped to do all kind of tube and casing repair work, and also has automobiles for hire by day or night at reasonable rates. See advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

When the ants are in pickles, And the flies are in the pie, When the daddy-longleg tickles And a gnat gets in your eye; When the fuzzy caterpillars Tumble in the lamenade, Then you know you're at a picnic, And it's ninety in the shade!

Many Thanks.

The Edwards Hose and Ladder Co. wish to thank the citizens of Oxford, Town and County Commissioners for their liberal donation to the Fire Company in behalf of their trip to Atlantic City. The Company assures them that they appreciate their generosity.

Mr. F. S. Beasley Hurt. Mr. F. S. Beasley, who resides near Hester Church, was busily engaged in making cider last Saturday, and on completing his labors for the day he secured a beam of the press with a large stone which he proposed to remove Monday morning, but it occurred to him bright and early Sunday morning that the beam was dangerous in the event his children should tamper with it, and as a preventative he attempted to remove the stone, and in doing so a chain broke and the beam flew up and struck him full in the face, cutting the forehead and bruising the cheek and nose.

Small Blaze Monday Night. About 8.30 Monday evening the fire alarm broke the stillness of the hour, and the Edward's Hook and Ladder Company and the Colored Fire Company responded with their accustomed promptness. The scene of the fire was the factory of the Southern Wheel Company, and every thing was promising for a large conflagration, but the fire fighters were equal to the task and nipped the budding flame. The blaze was confined to the roof of the building and the only damage sustained was the burnt and charred portion of the roof around the smoke-stack.

There will be no trouble with getting the assistance of the local officers in enforcing the law if they will be backed by the better people of the community.

The Furniture Factory went to work Monday under its new management, and sincerely trust it will prove more successful than the past ones have been.

When you grease the wheels of your business with printers ink in the shape of an advertisement in the Public Ledger you may expect easy running for the fall trade.

There are never too many angels, And none of us keep so clean That there isn't some flaw in our conduct, And many an error between.

Mrs. Shortly was discussing the latest fashions with a young lady caller. "Did you say your husband was fond of those clinging gowns, Mae?" "Yes; he likes one to cling to me for about three years."

An officeseeker who refuses to have a sore toe but smiles at those who are against him today is likely to make a winning race in the future. The fellow who sulks and goes in his hole may as well pull the hole in after him, take your medicine and look pleasant.

People should stop talking and hoping for others to do something for Oxford. They should get together themselves and prove to the world that they have a money making town. No outsider will want to fish in our pond until we prove that they can catch fish.

introduced by Mr. D. G. Brummitt: Whereas, It is the sense of the Democracy of Granville county in this convention assembled that every public officeholder should receive a just compensation for the services rendered by him to the public, no more, no less, and

Resolved, first, that this convention does hereby instruct Hon. William A. Devin, our nominee for the House of Representatives, to secure the passage of a bill through the next General Assembly placing our principal county offices, to-wit: Clerk of the Superior Court, Register of Deeds, Sheriff and Treasurer upon salary.

Resolved, second, that in drawing said bill and fixing salaries to be paid to those several officers our Representative shall confer with the Board of County Commissioners and the Democratic Executive Committee of the county.

Resolved, third, that said act shall go into effect in December, 1914. After some discussion it was adopted by the convention.

The Philethea Building.

Ground was broken last Monday for the splendid Philethea building, the gift of Mr. Z. W. Lyon, which will adorn the lot on Penn Avenue adjoining the Methodist church. The new building will conform to the handsome outlines of the church edifice. It is stated that the original \$4,000 gift of Mr. Lyon has been increased by him to \$5,000, which insures a very modern and handsome building, complete in all its details. This is a most commendable gift on the part of one of Oxford's public spirited citizens, and will be the means of accomplishing much good in this community.

North Carolina Leads.

The quarterly report of the Hookworm Commission gives North Carolina first place in the work accomplished in the eradication of the disease. Up to June 30, 73,658 people had been treated in the State, 18,734 of them being in the quarter ending June 30. Dispensary appropriations have been made in forty-nine counties, forty-two of them being prior to June 30. Inspection surveys have been completed in thirty-eight counties, and sanitary surveys in fifty-four counties. On last Monday the counties of Buncombe, Cleveland, McDowell, Scotland and Yancey each made the provisions for having the State and county dispensary campaigns for the free examination and free treatment of hookworm disease. These five counties rendered available \$1300 of their funds for co-operating in the campaigns.

Col. Ballou Heard From.

Our correspondent at Panacea Springs advises us that a couple of Oxford gentlemen are establishing records at that resort. Of Col. Ballou he says that he sits by the water-bottle all day and is without doubt the champion eater of that resort, with Messrs. C. W. Bryan and Joe Beard are close seconds. These gentlemen seem to be in safe company, for on last Sunday Mrs. A. A. Hicks, one of Oxford's good ladies, tried to organize the three gentlemen into a Sunday School class, but with one accord they all made excuses, and if it was not the water bottle it was something else. A good time is reported and there seems to be some hope of the famous three returning home with laurels.

Later advises say that 26 Oxford people spent Sunday at the springs, and that Mr. J. G. Hall stands a fair chance of developing a large capacity for water-drinking along with the other Oxford gentlemen.

Sunday Services.

Only two pulpits of the Oxford churches were occupied at the morning hour Sunday. At the Methodist church Dr. A. P. Tyler stated that he enjoyed the distinction of being pastor of three Oxford churches during the absence of two of the other ministers and proffered his ministerial services while they are away. Dr. Tyler preached a strong sermon, the singing was interesting and the services well attended.

Rev. Lewis Taylor, son of Mr. T. G. Taylor, who resides near Oxford, assisted Dr. Horsfield at St. Stephen's Episcopal church. Rev. Taylor is at home from a New York Theological Seminary. His prospects for the future are very promising.

The union services were held at the Baptist church Sunday evening by Dr. Tyler, and were well attended. It was announced from the pulpit that the union service will be held at the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening by Dr. Horsfield.

A Practical Demonstration.

An illustration of Senator Simmons' faithful services were brought to light in Oxford a day or two ago. A couple of gentlemen were discussing Senator Simmons' desire to get an increase of 10 per cent for the Rural mail carriers before the present Congress adjourned. A mail carrier in passing evidently heard the drift of the conversation, advanced with a polite bow, reached down in his pocket for a letter and said: "Gentlemen, here is tangible evidence that something has already been done," and with that he unfolded the letter and placed it in the hands of the two gentlemen. What they saw would convince the most skeptical—it was enough to balk G. Kitchin, if such a thing is possible—there it was, a big, bold type-written letter from Washington informing the mail carrier that his salary had been increased from \$1,000 to \$1,100. What is true of this one carrier is true of every carrier of the national domain, all will receive the 10 per cent increase. There are some twenty six or twenty-eight carriers in Granville county affected by the increase. They are a good, deserving lot of public servants and Senator Simmons' heart dilates with pleasure when he can do anything for this most faithful class, but he will never be satisfied until he is instrumental in securing for the mail carriers a uniform salary of \$1,200 per year, for which he strives so long. It is hardly worth while to mention the fact that Senator Simmons has never deserted his post of duty. His long and faithful record shines above the din and strife of the senatorial campaign.

Personal Notes.

Coming and Going of friends and Strangers.

Miss Lila Currin is visiting relatives in Durham. Miss Fannie Gregory has gone to Elberbee Springs. Mr. Roy Crews, of Salem, was in Oxford Saturday. Miss Nett Gregory is on a visit to Buffalo Springs.

Gen. and Mrs. B. S. Royster are at Buffalo Springs.

Mr. R. T. Blackwell, of Cornwall, was in town Saturday.

Dr. Salls, of Route 4, was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Mr. G. W. Fuller, of Wilton, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. John Dickerson, of Wilton, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. Herbert Crews, of Watkins, was on our streets Saturday.

Miss Mary Cheatham is visiting relatives near Henderson.

Sheriff Wheeler returned Saturday from Panacea Springs.

Mayor Bullock, of Stem, was on our streets Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Hamlin Cheatham, of Route 3, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Horner returned from Buffalo Springs Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mitchell returned Monday from Buffalo Springs.

Miss Annie Crews returned to Oxford Sunday from Buffalo Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hobgood, of Vance County, were in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. J. B. Powell returned Sunday from a short stay at Buffalo Springs.

Mrs. J. J. Renn returned Monday from a visit to relatives in Norfolk.

Mr. Ernest Meadows, of New York, is visiting relatives on Broad street.

Mr. Monroe Thomason, of Skipwith, Va., was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Will Minor, of Durham, is visiting Mrs. Julia Minor on College street.

Mr. Harry Williams returned Saturday from a week's sojourn at Buffalo Springs.

Miss Pauline Howard returned a few days ago from the Greenville Training School.

Mr. Hugh Davis, of Louisburg, was in Oxford the first of the week visiting friends.

Miss Alva Lee Currin is visiting at the hospitable home of Mr. Fred Currin near Enon.

Mrs. Skinner and child, of Greenville, are the guests of Mrs. Julia Minor on College street.

Mrs. W. T. Lee and two daughters, Effie and Annie, are visiting relatives in Clarksville, Va.

Miss Hattie Harris, a bright and attractive young lady of Route 3, was on our streets Saturday.

Misses Pearl and Oza Taylor are at home from a delightful visit to relatives in Franklin county.

Miss Martha Ferebee returned a few days ago from a visit to relatives in Norfolk and Tarboro.

Messrs. Baldy Williams and Lennie Smith and Mr. Carden were in Clarksville Monday afternoon.

Mr. Tillery, one of Wilmington's excellent young men, was an Oxford visitor the first of the week.

Messrs. Wordy Moss, W. A. Hester, G. W. Land, and Walter Bragg, of Tar River, were in Oxford Saturday.

Mrs. T. F. Jones and Miss Louisa Williams, of Wake Forest, are visiting Mrs. John Paris on College street.

Mr. Ed Moore, of Person county, who is repairing the Gooch Mill, was in town Saturday and called on the Public Ledger.

Messrs. E. C. Harris and J. W. Renn, of Fishing Creek Township, were Oxford visitors Saturday and called on the Public Ledger.

Miss Maud Kingsbury, who has been the pleasant guest of Mrs. J. A. Taylor on Raleigh street, returned to her home in Wilmington Saturday.

Messrs. Obie Winston, Robt. Bullock, Robt. Whitfield, I. W. Bullock, Cliff Pittard, Joe Bullock, and R. J. Jeffreys, of Creedmoor, were in Oxford Saturday.

The following persons are visiting at Woodlawn Hall, a few miles from Oxford: Rev. and Mrs. J. Lanier and son, of Warrenton; Miss Ruth Lanier, of Washington City; Major and Mrs. A. S. Lanier, of Richmond.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

By a Commission Form of Government We Can Pave the Streets of Oxford.

In every age of the world and in every line of work there are men who resolutely turn away from the light of the new day to cling to old ideas and old practices, to have no vision and no hope of better things. This is just as true in matters of business as in other lines of human endeavor, and this applies to men who cling to outworn ideas of government and political economy. The pessimistic idea that "all things shall be as they have been" is one of the greatest hindrances to Oxford's progress.

There are good strong men in our community who see the necessity of bringing about a new era of things in Oxford, and who are giving their best thought and energy to the accomplishment of this end; yet there are those who will not believe there are better ways of doing things than the ways to which they have been accustomed. Nothing is more disheartening than to hear this class of men declare that it is utterly impossible to put the streets of Oxford in first-class condition. We admit that such is the case under the present arrangement, nevertheless the encouraging fact remains that there is a way to pave the sidewalks and streets of Oxford without working a hardship on the property owners. It is a regrettable fact that the property owners of Oxford will not dispose of a part of their large landed properties to others for either love or money, which would admit of a dense population within the corporate limits subject to taxation, a system by which Oxford would grow, the streets made perfect and the town beautified. It can not be denied that our streets are far short of what they should be. Considered from a commercial standpoint, it is high time that something of a permanent nature should be done, and the most feasible way, in absence of all others, is the Commission form of Government. The time is ripe for applying business methods instead of political methods, in conducting the affairs of our town. It has been demonstrated that one man of earnest purpose and thoughtful energy can bring about results where a number of good men sitting in judgment fail.

The issue before the people is better streets, and it is thought that \$25,000 spent along right lines would be nearly if not quite enough to bring about the desired results. Naturally the question arises how to secure the money for the purpose. The logical conclusion is that the Commission form of Government, which permits of combining and placing all the offices under one head, would afford a saving sufficient to meet the loan and carry the work along.

The Commission form of Government has done great things for a number of cities and towns, and there is no reason why it would not work wonders here. In every instance where the system has had a fair and impartial trial it has had a decided tendency to increase property values. One of the most valuable features of the Commission form of Government is that it affords the public an opportunity to instantly place lack methods and negligence at the right door. The Commission form of Government among other things has demonstrated that fifty people of one city can carry on the work successfully that required the attention and energy of over three hundred under the old style government, and many of them were worked so hard that they had to go to the seaside resorts every summer to recuperate. Any method of government that will redound to the up-building of Oxford and give us good solid, clean streets would be an innovation worth while.

A Dog With a Tender Heart. A bright little fox terrier which has been in the family of Dr. Sam Booth for a number of years is possessed with rare qualities. A few days ago this little dog spied a cat charming a bird, and as soon as the cat sprang on the bird the little dog jumped on the cat and took it from him, and with a toss of the head he threw the little bird into the air, where it gained its equilibrium, and he took out after the cat and chased it from the yard. There were several persons present and they vouch for the truthfulness of the story.

WILL BE HERE TUESDAY. Dr. S. Rapport will be at Dr. Henderson's dental office Tuesday, August 20th. If your eyesight is defective have it rectified with suitable glasses as your health and comfort demand it. Consultation free.

FOR SALE. 26 Berkshire Pigs, from 40 to 100 pounds each; 4 Berkshire Brood Sows, 1 Berkshire Boar 10 months old. a7-6J Brookside Farm, Route 7, Box 7.

MULES FOR SALE—I have 5 good young mules for sale at reasonable prices. Call on or address J. G. Royster, Bullock, N. C. [aug.14 2t pd]

SEE DR. RAPPORT at Dr. Henderson's dental office Tuesday, Aug. 20th, if you wish to have your eyes examined and glasses adjusted. If you do not see as you once did your eyes should have immediate attention.

W. A. Devin, House of Representatives. J. B. Powell, Register of Deeds. A. E. Babbitt, Treasurer. S. C. Hobgood, Sheriff. W. D. Bryan, Coroner. Z. T. Allen, B. I. Breedlove, J. P. Stedman, Henry Floyd, J. N. Tilley constitute the Board of County Commissioners. It was a foregone conclusion from the very first of the campaign to the hour the sun went down on election day that a fine set of men would again adorn the offices of Granville county. Each one of the aspirants was entirely worthy of hearty support, and this includes the victorious and the vanquished. We extend our hand to the victorious and our sympathy to those who went down in glorious defeat. Granville county is to be congratulated upon its excellent corps of officers, who came to their own through a fair and square campaign and the purity of the ballot. Sam Wheeler, who made the county a most excellent Sheriff for four years, and W. T. Lyon, who served as Treasurer for ten years so faithful and so well, were defeated, as was W. P. Wilkinson, one of the best Commissioners the county has had in many years. Mr. Wilkinson received a majority of the popular vote, but lost out on the electoral vote. While their defeat was disappointing to many friends it is pleasing to note that the utmost harmony and goodwill prevails. Senator A. A. Hicks moved that each township name delegates to the Senatorial Convention to be held at Berea sometime during the present month, and spoke of the importance of faithful attendance at this convention. The list of delegates follow: Dutchville—E. S. Veazey, S. C. Lyon, H. T. Roycroft. Brassfield—J. W. Whitfield, E. P. Davis, J. A. Morris, C. N. Floyd, W. H. Jenkins. Fishing Creek—D. E. Brummitt, W. W. Brummitt, L. T. Buchanan. Salem—E. A. Hunt, N. G. Crews. Oak Hill—A. J. Yancey, J. S. Watkins, R. S. Hart. Sasafiras Fork—H. D. Faucett, D. A. Burwell, J. D. Newton. Oxford—North Oxford Precinct—T. Lanier, W. A. McFarland, J. P. Floyd, D. G. Krummitt. South Oxford Precinct—V. T. Cheatham, B. K. Lassiter, F. P. Hobgood, J. A. Niles. Tally Ho—Geneva Precinct—E. N. Clement, R. H. Gooch, L. E. Clement, Dr. Meadows; one vote each. Stem Precinct—J. H. Stem, W. H. Washington. Walnut Grove—C. M. Knott, J. P. Adecock, J. M. Phipps. Judge Graham brought up the question of a county auditor and asked the convention go on record as to the desirability of the creation of such an office. With this end in view he offered a resolution that it be the sense of this convention that the office of treasurer after the next two years be abolished and that the Justice of Peace of the county be instructed to abolish such office, and that our Representative be instructed to pass a law establishing an office of Auditor. This proposition was later withdrawn by Judge Graham. Mr. Herbert Faucett introduced a resolution asking the Legislature to pass a law putting the county offices on salary basis. After considerable discussion the following resolution was