

ALL RIGHT. COME ON EVERYBODY, GET READY FOR THE COUNTY FAIR OCTOBER 23RD-24TH. SEMI-WEEKLY. OXFORD, N. C., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1912. VOLUME 25, NO. 87

OXFORD MARKET LEADS.

Tobacco Sells as High as \$1 Per Pound and Good Prices Maintained.

It is pleasing to note the smile of satisfaction that play over the faces of the farmers when they place their tobacco on the Oxford market and receive a good substantial price for it, which is when the golden leaves reach their dollar per pound, as it did last Tuesday morning at the Farmer's Warehouse, it is then that they realize that Oxford leads all other markets in the State for high averages. Certainly it is that we have the very best tobacco to be found anywhere, and the buyers from all the large companies are on the Oxford market and pay the farmer most courteous they give the prices elsewhere will declare that the prices elsewhere will not compare favorably with our market, and when it comes to maintaining the high averages Oxford stands at the head of the list. Oxford is undoubtedly the centre of high prices, largely due to the good fellowship and satisfaction.

The following is a partial list of recent sales on the Oxford market:

FARMER'S WAREHOUSE.

A. L. Clayton—\$23, 32.50, 34, 25, 100 per pound for 16 pounds—his load bringing him the nice little sum of \$360
R. L. Crews—\$15, 14.50, 32.50, 30, 17.25
A. A. Crews—\$11.25, 19.50, 22, 31, 22.25, 16
Wm. Rodgers, col.—\$8, 15.75, 24.50, 28.50, 34
Eddie Richardson, col.—\$16, 22.50, 34, 30, 22.50, 14.50.

OWEN WAREHOUSE.

W. G. Beck—\$15.50, 28, 39, 55, 43, 30, 19, 13.50
J. D. Brogden—\$18.25, 28, 36.50, 33.50, 37
W. D. Allen—\$10.75, 21, 27.50, 29.50, 24.50
Joe Winston—\$14.50, 19.75, 25, 33, 31, 20
Albert Crews and Moss—\$1.05, 15.25, 25, 32.50, 36, 22, 18
E. M. Wary—\$12.50, 21.50, 29.50, 17.50
Sam Clayton—\$11.34, 18.50, 30, 42.50, 27.50, 18.50, 10.75.

BANNER WAREHOUSE.

J. H. Bowling—\$13.50, 22, 25, 38, 20, 15.50
H. M. Bragg—\$18.75, 30, 30, 19
M. G. Brooks—\$16, 27, 35, 47.50, 25.50, 18
R. T. Averett—\$19.50, 30, 35, 22.50
H. R. Wilson—\$8.75, 16.75, 29, 30, 25.50, 14.50
E. P. Roberts—\$10.25, 16.25, 20, 35, 22.50, 17, 14

It will be noticed in the above report that Albert Crews and Moss received \$1.05 per pound for one lot, and that A. L. Clayton received \$1.00, while the average is exceptionally good. It is noticeable that bright cutters have advanced \$7.00 since the opening day, and all grades are on a steady increase. The farmers will not only receive the top-notch price on the Oxford market, but they will receive some substantial prizes by patronizing the best market in the State.

Civil Service Examination.

An examination for clerk and carriers will be held at the Oxford post-office on October 16, 1912. Age limit 18 to 45 years on date of examination. Married women will not be admitted to the examination. This, however, does not apply to women who are divorced or those who are separated from their husbands and support themselves, but they are eligible for appointment only as clerk. Applicants must be physically sound, and male applicants must be not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height without boots or shoes, and weigh not less 125 pounds without overcoat or hat. For application blank, etc., see Mr. N. M. Ferber, Jr., secretary, Board of Civil Service Examiners, Oxford post-office.

PRIZES GIVEN AWAY.

The farmers are taking advantage of the opportunity to sell their tobacco at the highest price at the Owen Warehouse and at the same time receive a coupon for each and every load sold. The coupon he receives is good for a chance for one handsome suit of furniture, now on exhibition at Upchurch & Curran's, will be given away October 15th. Each coupon given until this date will also be good for a chance at what is known as the grand prize. From October 16th to Nov. 15th each and every coupon between these dates will be good for a chance for a one horse wagon to be given away Nov. 15. Then every coupon given from the start to the close of the season will be good for the grand prize which is one Taylor-Cannady top buggy sold by Horner Bros. Co., value \$75.00; one top buggy made by Oxford Buggy Co., and sold by Long-Winston Co., value \$75. These coupons will be placed in First National Bank of Oxford until time for drawing. For each and every coupon given from September 13th to March 31st, entitles holder to a chance for the grand prize Buggies on exhibition at Owen Warehouse, where Mr. Fleming, the proprietor, and his valuable assistants will take pleasure in showing them and explain the coupon plan.

Local Wavelets.

Events of Interest Gathered Here and There.

You can plant your turnip seed and clover seed now.

We predict that wading will be good in Oxford this winter.

Not less than 10,000 people read the Public Ledger each week.

Wednesday night the dust of Oxford was turned into mud by two rains.

Mrs. Ella Peace had the misfortune a few days ago to lose a good milch cow.

Everybody who thinks he knows it all these days is the victim of his own ignorance.

Col. W. B. Ballou and family are now occupying a part of their new home on Gilliam street.

Contractor Campbell has commenced work on the new cottage at the Oxford Orphanage.

Mr. C. D. Ray is building two more cottages for rent on his lot near the Furniture Factory.

Mr. Frank Hancock is making some improvements to his residence at the head of Main street.

The down pour of rain on Thursday helped to clean up the streets and back lots of Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor, who live near town, had twin boys born unto them Wednesday morning.

Mr. Charley Fort has recovered from his attack of sickness and resumed his duties at the Southern depot.

We hope when the Seaboard Railroad Co. commence to improve their lines they will give Oxford a new depot.

Charity suffereth long and is kind, but to a narrow-minded boycotter such a thought is but weakness and absurdity.

The increase in the Rural Carriers' pay will commence October 1st instead of September 1st as stated in our last issue.

Get on the Simmons' band wagon, as the political water is hot and still a-heating since he entered the campaign.

Mr. E. S. Smith, of the road, has accepted a clerkship with The Long Co. and his old friends welcome him back to Oxford.

We are pleased to note that the brick masons are making good progress on the Hettie Lyon Philathea building.

We learn that Mr. Irvyn Mangum has purchased from Mrs. J. S. Brown the nice residence he occupies on College street.

Charity covers a multitude of sins, but political sins are covered with mud often thrown by a fellow who monopolizes a mire.

Messrs. Mangum & Watkins, of the Johnson Warehouse, have fitted up a neat business office with entrance in the passageway.

Farm production is not equal to the demand because a great many men, instead of going back to the farm, "go back on" the farm.

The Special Term of Granville Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases will convene next Monday with Judge Whedbee presiding.

Mr. Walter Stark, who has been at home several days on account of sickness, has not yet returned to Snow Hill where he is running a warehouse.

The Excelsior Seat Company has received its new 125-horse power engine and will commence making buggy seats and bodies about the 15th of October.

The innocent bystander who becomes the umpire for a bunch of men arguing the senatorial question is no wiser than an individual who butts into and irrepressible family disturbance.

The Public Ledger continues to expand in circulation as we have booked 11 new subscribers the past week. This don't look like a few narrow-minded people are going to stop our press from running.

Mr. Richard Gooch, of Route 1, has accepted a position with Mr. Will H. Fleming, of the Owen Warehouse. He is one of the county's cleverest young men and we wish him much success.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. C. D. Ray royally entertained in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ray, and her beautiful home on College street was the scene of joy and grace. Elegant refreshments were served.

Every merchant will derive benefit from the Fair, for the visitors will spend money while in town and when selling tobacco on the high average Oxford market. The merchant who wants business is the one who invites it. The best way to invite business is to plant an advertisement in the widely read Twice-a-Week Public Ledger.

See change in advertisement of National Bank of Granville.

The man who wants to run for an office has to have the money or pull somebody's leg.

Mr. Ed Massenburt is still with the Granville Tobacco Co. and will return to Oxford in about 10 days.

Mr. Ernest Sizemore, who accidentally slipped on the stairs and bruised himself right badly, is able to be out again.

If you want to be strictly in the swim on high prices Mr. Farmer sell your tobacco on the high average Oxford market.

Be sure and read the announcement made by Mangum & Watkins in another column as there is big money in it for the farmer.

All Democrats should simmer down on the Senatorial campaign, for red hot arguments won't cut any ice till November 5th.

In spite of the rain Thursday morning a good crowd greeted Spark's show which proved quite a good one-ring circus, with a number of excellent features.

As we go to press this Friday morning the town is full of tobacco and still selling high, so come on with your tobacco and our very liberal buyers will make you happy.

Messrs. "Bill" Hart, of Route 4, and of course Mr. Virginius Cheatham, were in town Thursday and had their wise political heads together, and no doubt these Granville statesmen will be heard from later.

All in need of hardware, crockery, stoves, etc., should be certain to read the advertisement of the Sale of the Landis stock of Goods at Cost on the last page. Get a move on you if you want hardware at cost.

We are please to note that the Oxford College and Horner Military School have a large number of attractive young ladies and manly young men in attendance, and the Public Ledger extends them and the new faculties a cordial welcome to Oxford.

The bride is a young woman who has just been or is about to be married, being a bride is a very joyful and popular experience, and is written about profusely, but getting over being a bride is not embalmed in literature very much except in letters to mother.

It seems to be dawning on some of the politicians that are reading Democrats out of the party that Judge Clark is going to cut a considerable figure in the Senatorial primary. At first the general opinion was that he would not make much of a mark. Now men are to be found who believe he will hold the balance of power and that there will be no nomination in the first primary.

Farmers who are selling tobacco on the Oxford market are greatly pleased with the prices, and the interest shown by the warehousemen, buyers and business men. The large break Friday averaged 15 cent, putting many fat wads in the farmers pockets. The crop will hardly average 70 per cent. of the average, and it is well for our excellent farmers that prices are better than they have been.

There is nothing to wonder at the fact that Senator Simmons in his speeches preaches nothing but pure democracy, while Gov. Kitchin devotes his time to attacking the Senator; each man is speaking for himself only. Simmons knows that his own interests and those of the Democratic party are identical, while Kitchin recognizes that his interests and those of the party are diametrically opposed.

Commercial Clubs to Unite.

Mr. L. E. Tuft, acting for the commercial organizations of the State, has called a meeting of the organizations to be held in Greensboro Wednesday, September 25, and he has assurance that a large number of clubs will be represented. Mr. A. H. Powell, president of the Granville Commercial Club, has appointed the following to attend the meeting: Messrs. W. H. Hunt, J. W. Horner, N. H. Cannady, B. K. Lassiter, C. D. Ray, and it is hoped that Mr. Powell, president of the club, will see his way clear to attend.

The commercial bodies of cities working singly cannot achieve anything like the good results that a united organization of all these individual clubs can. Many States have similar clubs as the one proposed at the Greensboro meeting. The local clubs will retain their own individuality, but the best results are obtained through the State organization, as it is readily seen that an inquiry from an individual, firm or corporation elsewhere would have state-wide attention, whereas, if left to the individual club the prospective enterprise might locate elsewhere.

WILL CLOSE our stores on Saturday morning, Sept. 21st, on account of holiday and will open at 6 o'clock Saturday evening. COHN & SON.

FOR SALE—1 pair 2500 draft horses cheap to quick purchaser. [20-4t] N. E. FAUCETT, Wilton, N. C.

Notes About the Fair.

This does not seem to be a very good corn year. However, we ought to get the farmers to make a good exhibit as we are going to give some specially attractive premiums on corn. For the best bushel on ears we will give \$10; best ten ears \$8; best single ear \$7. Out of this exhibit we would like to get some ears good enough to send to the National Corn Show, to be held in Columbia, S. C., in January.

We want to put a little extra stimulus on poultry this year. We will just about double the premiums in this department.

In selecting corn, potatoes, etc., it is important to have the selection as uniform as possible. Do not group large and small specimens together, and it is well to remember that all exhibits must be owned by the one who offers them, and all field crops, fruits, etc., must have been raised by the exhibitor. Of course animals may have been purchased but not simply borrowed for the purpose.

J. F. WEBB, Secretary.

Religious Census.

Oxford is again to be reckoned in the class of progressive cities. Like Richmond, Memphis, St. Louis and other cities, we are to take a religious census. The work has been thoroughly organized, so much so that the plan contemplates covering our entire town in one hour. It will be done by workers from all the Oxford churches, and the co-operation of the public is earnestly desired.

On next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 all the church bells will be rung, and immediately from previously designated points a band of census takers will visit every home and secure the following information: Name, street or location, age (up to eighteen), church member (yes or no), attend Sunday School (yes or no), church preference. This will include every white resident of Oxford "from the cradle to the grave." The one mile limit will be observed, thus taking in more territory than is included by the present town limits.

It is expected that as far as possible every one will remain at home from 3:30 to 5 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon and promptly and sweetly furnish the canvassers with the above information. The results will be compiled and published later.

Death of Mr. Charley Landis.

Mr. Charley Landis died Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Old Soldiers Home, Raleigh, age 67 years. His body was brought to Oxford and the funeral service took place Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. A. P. Tyer, the interment being in Elmwood cemetery.

Mr. Landis entered the home July 12th, 1892, and was the oldest resident member of the home, having been there longer than anyone now living there. He was a member of Company "F," Seventeenth North Carolina Regiment, and served throughout the War between the States.

He was born in Granville county and was well known in all sections of the county. He had many friends and acquaintances in Raleigh and there was always a cheery word of greeting whenever he made a trip to the business section of that city.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Barnett and Miss Maria Landis and one brother, Mr. James Landis, of Henderson. He has many friends in Oxford and Granville county who will regret to learn of his death.

The following were the active pall bearers: A. W. Graham, B. P. Thorp, H. M. Lanier, of Baltimore, S. W. Parker, J. M. Baird and L. Hunter.

Kronheimers Big Store.

By reference to the editorial page of this paper you will see a picture of the big Kronheimer store, situated on Main street, Durham. This is one of the largest dry goods stores in North Carolina, having 24,000 feet of floor space, electric elevator and all modern equipment. Ladies' rest room on the third floor for out-of-town customers, furnished with easy chairs, crib, toilet, couch and writing desk. A trip to Durham is a failure unless you visit this store—the Kronheimers will certainly make your trip worth while. The dry goods department contains a handsome line of dress goods, silks, trimmings, ribbons, notions, fancy work, hosiery, gloves, underwear, corsets, cloaks, coat suits, dresses, clothing for children, millinery, trunks and bags, curtains, blankets, comforts, rugs and druggets, window shades, baskets, etc. The Kronheimer Store is all that the most fastidious should want. The name "Kronheimer" is a household word throughout Granville county, as they used to carry on a mercantile business in Oxford, and speaking from a commercial and social standpoint they stood high. They later moved to Durham and we congratulate them on the large volume of business that makes their store the crowning glory of this section.

SEE DR. RAPPORT at Dr. Henderson's dental office Tuesday, September 24th. The Doctor takes a personal interest in each pair of glasses he fits, and if long experience in one line of practice is a factor, he can certainly please you.

Personal Notes.

Coming and Going of friends and Strangers.

Mr. Elvis Mangum, of Tar River, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Edgar Crews, of Hester, was in Oxford Thursday.

Miss Fannie Gregory has returned from Elerba Springs.

Mr. A. S. Green, of Route 5, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. E. N. Clement, of Route 1, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. J. W. Wright, of Cornwall, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. W. T. Harris, of Stem, was a visitor to Oxford Thursday.

Mr. J. S. Eakes, of Route 7, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. Clarence Crews, of Tar River, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. S. R. Howard, of Route 4, was among the visitors in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. O. W. Thomas, mail carrier of Moriah route, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. G. T. Walters, of Route 6, was among the large crowd in town Thursday.

Mr. W. A. Sherman and daughter, of Berea section, were on our streets Tuesday.

Mr. Ethan Allen, of Route 6, was among the throng of visitors in Oxford Thursday.

Misses Janie Hunt and Catherine Lassiter have returned to St. Mary's School, Raleigh.

Dr. B. K. Hays came over from Buffalo Springs and spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Oxford.

Mr. G. L. Coble, of the Southern Railway, stopped off to see his uncle, Mr. D. A. Coble, Thursday.

Mrs. Wm. Lynch and daughter, of Orlando, Fla., are visiting Mrs. S. D. Booth on College street.

Mr. J. R. Mathews and son, Eugene, of Stovall, were in Oxford Wednesday and called on the Public Ledger.

Mr. John Buchanan, of Durham, is spending a few days at his old home near town and his many friends are glad to see him.

Results of Good Farming.

A Creedmoor correspondent of the Durham Sun says: "A visit to the elegant home of W. H. Daniel, who lives about three miles from Creedmoor, will give one a better idea of how farming pays than any description or array of statistics. It is known as the old Doc Lyon place. As one goes up the avenue from the public road the residence, renovated and enlarged, meets the view. On the left is an orchard which yields an abundant supply of beautiful and luscious apples. From the top to the ridge on which the house stands the ground sloped on the left hand side to a small stream which is supplied by numerous springs. To the right there are fruit trees and grape vines. Mr. Daniel bought the place ten years ago, agreeing to pay \$1,500 for it. In two years he and his young wife had worked out and paid off the debt. Since then he has spent \$3,000 in buildings and other improvements and bought two valuable lots in Durham. His crop is estimated as follows: Tobacco, 9,000 pounds; corn, 45 to 60 barrels; meat, enough for home use. There is a good school in the neighborhood and across the road from the school house is the church, Concord, now 115 years old. Mr. Daniel is out of debt and has money ahead."

"That farming pays, finds many shining examples among the citizens of this community. One of the most striking is that of Dorsey Mangum, president of the Citizen's Bank. He lives about three miles from town in a beautiful and comfortable home. Last year he let to a tenant a three horse crop, the tenant to pay for labor and fertilizers and give one-fourth of the corn and tobacco. He paid out for labor \$250, and same for fertilizers. The tobacco crop yielded \$4,085 and he made more corn than he needed for home use. Mr. Mangum received for his part of the tobacco crop, \$1,035. The rest of the farm was also rented and yielded \$4,000. It is the custom among our best farmers to make their supplies at home as far as possible and have tobacco as the money crop."

WILL BE HERE TUESDAY.

Dr. S. Rapport will be at Dr. Henderson's dental office Tuesday, September 25th. If you want the highest grade of Optical work the best lenses and a perfect and scientific examination then come to see me.

WANTED:—A good renter or share farmer to take my home place near Hester. Well improved, fine lands, sell teams or furnish teams to work. 21-2t] C. F. BURNETT, Hester, N. C.

See administrator's notice of O. W. Thomas on the last page.

WE NEED BETTER STREETS.

The Only Solution of the Problem is Lodged in a Bond Issue.

The question of better streets is constantly bobbing up in Oxford, and so urgent is the need that all kinds of propositions are urged, but the only solution of the all-important matter is a bond issue. It is argued on the part of a few that the Town Commissioners should borrow \$2,000 and fill up the holes, but this temporary work does not meet the needs by any means, and it is a waste of time and money.

Our revenue from all sources is in the neighborhood of \$22,000, and out of this amount we have only about \$1,800 annually for street work, and so long as we are hampered by the lack of necessary funds to macadamize our streets they will remain in the same deplorable condition as they were last winter. It actually makes one's heart ache to see the towns in this section of the State forging ahead of Oxford in the matter of permanent street improvements. Something must be done if we expect to expand and grow, and the town that fails to provide good streets must continue to play second fiddle to the progressive towns that attach a commercial value to good streets.

If the dispensary had remained in Oxford we would be enjoying good streets to-day, but we have lost the revenue from that source, and it is to be regretted that prohibition does not prohibit, and "sow-paw" still continues to flow and the people can get all the whiskey and beer they want. The one important fact remains that the people of Oxford should get together and devise ways and means to pave our streets.

It is argued that it is the part of wisdom to meet the demands by a bond issue of \$25,000 and pay the interest on said bonds with the money that is annually thrown away in filling mud holes. Only by an act of the legislature, ratified by the people, are we permitted to issue bonds. And these bonds could be scheduled to run thirty years, and would find ready sale bearing 5 per cent interest. We are now burdened with a railroad, sewer system and school house bonded debt, and our tax rate now is \$1.20 over all. It is argued by quite a number that a small reserve fund should be on hand to keep the streets in repair after they are fixed. Such should be the case, and it can be done by using the money now spent upon the streets without materially increasing the rate of taxation. The only opposition to this plan that we have heard is that a few prefer a re-assessment of property and a higher rate of taxation, but the majority prefer the bond issue. It is realized that something must be done.

The citizens should get together on this all-important subject and devise ways and means to macadamize our streets. Good streets are indispensable to the growth of a town. Anyone knows that \$25,000 judiciously spent on the streets of Oxford at this time would increase the value of property many times above the expenditure.

In the mean time it would be well for the street force to scrape the streets and remove the great piles of accumulated dirt before the winter rains turn it to mud.

Perkinson-Green Company.

The Perkinson-Green Company stores will interest prospective buyers these days. Their stock is replete with the latest designs and the best the market affords in fall and winter wear. They still handle the Wool Craft line of ladies suits. Misses Lease and Morris are in charge of the millinery department and they are delighted to have the ladies call and see the new fall creations. Their beautiful line of silks is very attractive and should be seen to be appreciated. The gent's furnishing department is very complete and they are prepared to meet the wants of large and small men, and in this department one will find real bargains in suits, hats and shoes. The big stock of bedding, wool and cotton blankets and genuine South Down wool comforts must necessarily appeal to the house-wife. There is much distinctive merchandise always on display in the Perkinson-Green Company's stores, and they serve every customer with as much care as if the success of the business depended on that particular sale. The well-known firm invites out of town people to come and make their store "home" while in Oxford. See their big advertisement elsewhere in this paper and call and examine their fine display.

Mr. H. M. Lanier Visits Oxford

Mr. H. M. Lanier, who spent the early part of his life in Oxford, the son of the late Mark Lanier, of legal fame, spent Thursday in town and called to pay his respect to the Public Ledger. Mr. Lanier represents one of the large Baltimore wholesale houses and travels the Carolinas, Virginia and Georgia. He has been on the road 42 years and is as spry as a cricket. He is a very busy man and seldom has time to stop off and enjoy the scenes of his boyhood days. We do not remember just how long it has been since Mr. Lanier visited Oxford, but he stated that he noted substantial improvement.