OUR SLOGAN-"OXFORD OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES."

SEMI-WEEKLY.

OXFORD, N. C., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1912.

The Parcels Post, the Low Rates and Our Mail Carriers.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY FIRST.

On January 1, the parcels post, in connection with the postoffice service, goes into effect. After January 1, any package up to 11 pounds may be sent through the mail at a cost that is on the average, perhaps about one-half of the old express rate Arrangements are now being perfected for the mail carriers, and especially the rural route carriers, to handle all sorts of packages up to 11 pounds. This system has been long in effect in Europe, and in a German town, for example, the postman, with his wagonload of packages of all kinds, looks more or less like Santa Claus making his rounds

The Oxford postoffice will resemble an express office after the parcels post gets under full sway, and it will be a novel sight to see the rural carriers and try "double cussedness." plodding along the highways, delivering a miscellaneous cargo. The accommodations furnished by the new bill is bound to be popular. The first effect will be a very much better packing of goods than at present. Nothing must be shipped that would be liable to injure the balance of the matter, or if the article to be shipped might injure dist Philathea Class. the mail matter, it must be so packed as to prevent this. Not only the must also be limited. The length of them. must not be over six feet and the measurement all round must not be over six feet. Of course a six-foot package must be some light dry goods that weighs less than 11 pounds and measures less than six feet long and six feet around, and such package would have to be neatly crated. It is of January with great success.

The popular features of the parcels post is that it reaches all parts of the son, who resides in New York City, 11 pounds of fresh butter for 48 cents; a dressed turkey, neatly packed and not weighing more than 11 pounds can be sent from a Granville county farm to either Norfolk, Richmond or Washington City for 24 cents, and a Baltimore grocery house can post 11 pounds of groceries to be delivered on Oxford Rural Routes for 24 cents. It is stated that the express charges on two quarts of liquor from Clarksville to Oxford is 30 cents. The parcels post can beat that by over half. Aquart of whiskey after January 1st can be the rural carriers and railway mail agents will handle the business, but

Pearson-Hines.

The following invitations have been

Mrs. Sallie Burwell Hamlin invite you to be present at the marriage of her niece Miss Elizabeth Armistead Pearson

Mr. Leonidas Taylor Hines on Wednesday morning the eighteenth of December at nine o'clock "Stoneland"

Soudan, Mecklenburg County Virginia. Miss Pearson, the bride-elect, has

resided in Oxford for a number of years, and is very popular with our people. Mr. Hines, the groom-to-be, is a son of Mr. R. B. Hines, tax collector of Oxford. He holds a traveling positon with the National Biscuit Company,

and is universally popular.

AUCTION SALE.

Thursday, Dec. 12th, 1912, beginning at 12 o'clock in, at my home near Stobarrels good corn, three large shocks oats, big lot fodder, tops and corn stover, also shucks, straw, potatoes, etc. D. M. STOVALL.

MR JOHN SHERMAN a well-to-do farmer, of the Center Grove section, of Person county, was in town Monday to attend a land sale. While here he bought a handsome new Taylor-Can-

nady buggy from Horner Bros. Co. CABBAGE PLANTS FOR SALE. Nice large plants now ready for resetting for early spring cabbage.

S A. FLEMING, Hester, N. C. Mr. E E KNOTT, of northern Granhome in a fine new rubber tire Taylor- can get it by coming to Oxford. Cannady buggy bought of Horner Bros. Co. He selected a 16 inch body but it is not supposed that he will ride by himself all the time.

HORSES AND FARM IMPLEMENTS

FOR SALE.

, Dec. 7th, at 10 o'clock.

Local Wavelets.

Events of Interest Gathered Here and There.

A man believes in principal so as to argue about them.

Read the sale of land advertised in another column by T. G. Stem, Trustee. It is said by many a bewhiskered man

has been known to tell barefaced lies. It is said no bed could ever be built big enough to keep cold feet out of

Mr. John Williams was confined at home Sunday and Monday on account of sickness.

A number of our young people are prepairing to quit single blessedness

We are pleased to learn that Miss Mamie Royster, who was brought home some days ago from Henderson quite sick, is some better.

ticles in Perkinson-Green Co.'s wi low goes out to her in this sad hour. Saturday, December 7th by the Meth-

A rise in the price of corsets shows weight of the packages must be limit- that the Corset Trust continues to ed to 11 pounds or less, but the size take advantage of its opportunity to of package which may be shipped queeze women for what it can get out

> well borer, is sinking one each for the you to a chance as well as a load of following gentlemen near Tar River: tobacco. See the adv of Johnson Messrs. Albert Crews, Robt Crews and Warehouse elsewhere in this paper David Crews.

Say, girls, do you know that the time expected that this parcels post system You only have four more Sunday A reduction on millinery for the next asquan, N. J, was married at noon tofor prosposing is drawing to a close? leap year privileges

Help out a worthy cause. The Bapcounty, its convenience, and the low tist Philathea Class will serve oysters, cost of handling packages weighing turkey, chicken salad, cranberries, ice are complete and elegant. Their rugs Benedict was maid of honor and Miss not more than 11 pounds. A lady cream and cake in Armory Hall Friliving on Oxford Route 1 can send her day, December 6th, from 4 to 10 o'clock.

> to make preparation for the improve- shoes, underwears, linens, towels, ciating. Mr. Arthur Birdsall was ment of the streets as we want to napkins and novelties are only a few make Oxford as attractive as possible of the many nice things in stock See by the time the Methodist host meets their adv. on last page of this paper. in Oxford next year.

The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association held a meeting in Court House Monday and reports of the excellent officers showed the Association to be in a healthy condition, and we wish it continued success.

posted at Petersburg, Norfolk, Rich- a repair business in Oxford for a long and faithful. The new officers, too, mond or Clarkaville, the same to be while, has decided to retire from the are men well calculated to adorn the delivered at the front door of Mr. Tom buggy business and locate in Rich- high positions to which they have been in the freight department at Asbury Smythe, Oxford Route 1, for the small mond. He is an excellent painter and called to filled. sum of 8 cents. We hardly see how we wish him success in his new home.

It won't be long now before we hear Uncle Sam says it must be done, even of smallpox here and there. One date for re-election. Mr. Ralph Currin, if it requires the services of several thing is certain, however, and that is of the old Board, whose tenure of office thousand more men to carry it through. that it will not get any vaccinated folks. A great many of the unvaccinated ones would escape it, too, if they did not huddle up into close, unventilated

> Improved agriculture will furnish the material basis upon which will be built an improved highway system, a better school system, better sanitary surroundings, happier and richer homelife in the country, a more contented population and healthier social condi-

questions "relating to farm life" were cess for Mr. Stedman. the most interesting to him and would Mr. J. B. Powel, who succeeds himdamental importance as to merit pri | clerk of the Board mary consideration at the hands of the next Legislature.

any time as far as the method of get- was placed at \$150 per annum. The ting business by the merchants is con- salary of the chairman of the Board cerned. The man who will derive the was also fixed at \$250 per annum. most business from the holiday trade are the ones who reach out for it The best way to reach out for more busivall, I will sell at public auction 50 ness is by advertising in the Public Ledger.

> Mr. W. R. Harris, one of the excellent managers at the Oxford Orphanage, and Mrs. Katie T. Harris of Richmond, were quietly married in Washington City, November 27th by Rev. James S. Montgomery. Mr. and Mrs. Harris will make their home on Asylum street. The Public Ledger extends congratulations.

There never was a time in the his- and well. tory of Oxford that we enjoyed better under the Superintendency of Prof J A janitor of the Court House. Pitts. If parents of the surrounding country want their children to have ville, was in town Monday and rode the benefit of a good education they

The brilliant and popular comedy, "The Elopement of Ellen," which was successfully rendered in Henderson by fine home talent, will be produced at Christmas. the Opera House in Oxford Thursday night for the benefit of the mission NUTS, English Walnuts, Nigger Toes, sell at my home near Creed- work of the Episcopal Church. Turn Almonds and Pecans. We have a big horses, farm implements, etc., out everybody and give our Henderson lot of nuts, candies and fruits. We can ville, was in town Monday and rode man for a general store. Good salary the 25th day of November, 1912. friends large house and help a worthy supply your Christmas wants. S. D. BRAGG. cause.

Sorry that we are forced to leave out two death and marriage notices.

triends.

held in Armory Hall on the 12th and 13th, and don't forget to attend.

by Mrs. William Landis in honor of comfort of the Baptist host. The Bap-Misses Maud Parham and Lizzie Pear- tist ministers of Oxford and Granville been postponed on account of a death in attendance. in the family of Mrs. Landis.

It is said that three-fourths of the tobacco crop has been marketed, and that the highest prices on all grades is still the watchword on the Oxford market. There were large breaks at the warehouses Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

Greensboro and the State lost one of its noblest women on Sunday last in the death of Miss Stella Grimsley, of typhoid pneumonia. She was an educator in truest sense of the word. The deceased was a sister of Mrs. T. L. Booth, of Oxford, who attended the tuneral at Greensboro Monday, and There will be a sale of Christmas ar- the sympathy of our entire community

Good Place to Sell.

We are glad to be able to say that tobacco is selling high on the old and reliable market; and especially so at the Johnson Warehouse, Mangum & Watkins, proprietors. They are still giving away \$10 in gold each day, Mr. J. G. Royster, the up-to-date and a load of scrap will entitle

The Long Company.

The Long Company is now offering and druggets are beautiful, and like a Ida Birdsall played the wedding march. hundred other things in the large es-Let our Town Authorities begin now Christmas present. Suits and cloaks, Methodist Church of Manasquan, offi-

New County Officers.

the fading year, when we "ring out the charming young lady, and is wellold and ring in the new." The old Mr. H. H. Callis, who has conducted county officers were true, competent

Chairman of the Board of Commis- ents. sioners for six year, was not a candiexpired Monday, was not a candidate for re-election. Messrs. H. C. Floyd and B. I. Breedlove, of the old Board, were re-elected and took their seats with the new Board. The new members of the Board are Messrs. J. N

and the oath administered by J. G. Shotwell, Clerk of the Court.

Mr. J. P. Stedman was elected chair-In an interview recently in Ashe- for six consecutive years with signal ville Gov-elect Craig declared that ability and we predict the same suc-

be urged by him as being of such fun- self as Regi ter of Deeds, is ex-officio

Gen B S. Royster, who has served as County Attorney faithfully and well for a number of years was succeeded Christmas time is no different from by Hon Mr. A. A Hicks, whose salary of Oxford had for Governor Jarvis and

> Sheriff S. M. Wheeler, who has served faithfully for four years, capturing and destroying no less than 40 has been forty-three years since the stills during his incumbency, was Methodist Conference met in Oxford, man and George Sherman, of Berea succeeded by Sheriff S. C. Hobgood, a won the day for Granville's capital section, were on our streets Monday. competent and fearless officer. Ex- Every preacher and delegate who goes Sheriff Wheeler, as is customary, will

collect the tax for the year 1912 Treasurer, served for twelve years, nor's Jarvis' invitation. In this conand no county never had a more concientious and fiathful Treasurer. Mr Lyon was succeeded by Mr. A. E. Bobbitt, a gentleman of integrity who odism in Eastern North Carolina. An bids fair to serve the county faithfully

James Mangam, the faithful colored school privileges than we do now. The janitor and a life-long Democrat, is re-Graded School is doing splendid work tained in the service of the county as

> LOST:-On Saturday afternoon between the Oxford College and Breedlove & McFarland's a black ribbon feb. with a gold charm in shape of watch key. Finder will be liberally rewarded by returning same to this office.

A KODAK will please your girl conference then. Now it still has red J. G HALL mud, but it has it under better con-

Baptist Meet at Goldsboro.

The Baptist State Convention met After six weeks sickness Mr. Luther in Goldsboro this (Tuesday) morning. Davis is able to walk about the house, The annual sermon will be preached which will be pleasant news to his this evening by Rev. Q. C. Davis, of Windsor, or Rev.J. C Turner, of Greens-The annual Bazaar given by the la- boro. The convention will be held in the dies of the Episcopal Church will be newly-erected and commodious meethouse of the Baptists, and the good people of Goldsboro, regardless of denomination, has left nothing undone The at-home that was to be given that would add to the pleasure and son, two attractive brides-elect, has county, accompanied by laymen, are

Bad Little Boys.

We saw a gang of little boys the other day, under a big oak tree, filling their pockets with acorns, and on inquiry it was learned that they were gathering them for the purpose of "pelting the people" at the Opera House. Sure enough, as soon as the boys got their supper they lined up at the Opera House ready for the fun. The crowd began to gather and the acorns and hickory-nuts began to fly about the room. If you think it funny, just ask the old bald-headed man who sat in the front, his shining pate furnishing a target for the the boys, what he thinks about it, and if he does not object we fail to see how any one else could, unless it was the parent of the extraordinary marksman, whose aim was very true. There are some very good little boys in Oxford, but a host of them are not so good, a few still worse, and the remainder will bear watching. It would be well for parents to explain to these little fellows that the Opera House is not a shooting gallery.

Stark-Burdsall Marriage.

The Asbury Park Press of Novem- was in town Saturday. ber 27th contains the following:

Miss Mazie Birdrsall, daughter of fifteen days will hold the attention of day to Mr. W. Edward Stark, ot Oxthe ladies. This is a great opportunity ford, N. C. The wedding took place at to buy up-to-date goods at a bargain. the home of the bride, only immediate Their line of goods in all departments relatives being present. Miss Lillian on our streets Saturday. The ring ceremony was used, Rev. R tablishment, would make a handsome B. Stephenson, pastor of the First groomsman. The bride was charmingly attired in white chiffon over white satin, with pearl trimmings, and carried albouquet of bride roses. Immediately after the ceremony a delightful lunch-Last Monday, December 2d, was a eon was served, after which Mr. and regular "March 4th" inauguration day Mrs. Stark left for Washington and so far as the county officers were con- points South. They will live in Ox- 5, were on streets Saturday afternoon. cerned, and it also reminded one of ford N. C. The bride is a lovely and known and popular.

"Mr Stark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stark, of Oxford, N. C, and is well know here, having been cashier Park for several years. They were Mr. R. W. Lassiter, who served as the recipients of many lovely pres-

Conference Coming to Oxford The special correspondence of the

News and Observer in speaking of the Methodist Conference which was held at Fayetteville last week, says :

"Talking about laymen and talking, ing the Baptist State Convention at the two best short speeches heard here Goldsboro this week. this week were made in the contest Tilley, Z W. Alien and J. P. Stedman. for the honor of entertaining the next After the meeting of the old Board session of the conference. Wilmingthe new board was inducted into office ton, Greenville and Oxford extended invitations and several ministers made good talks, but the best were made by Governor Jarvis and Mr W. B. Ballou, man of the new Board, succeeds Mr. of Oxford. The governor was delight-R. W. Lassiter, who served the county ful in his reminiscences and happy praise of Oxford and Wilmington, and eloquent in advocacy of holding the a two months' visit to relatives in conference in his own town. And if the yote had been taken when he finished, Greenville would have won as a compliment to the ex-Governor. But

Mr Ballou, a business man, not accustomed to speaking, won the day by begged the Conference to go to Oxford so that his town might be blessed by guest. That compliment, plus Ox- among the Oxford visitors Monday. ford's attractions and the fact that it next year will be thankful that Oxford won out, and they have already made in Oxford with his family and was join- Christmas shopping an easy task They nection I recall a speech made twentyfive years ago by the late Dr. William Closs, the big brained leader of Methinvitation was extended the Conference to go to Oxford Dr. Closs had put another town in nomination, and opposed Oxford I am opposed to week-end at their homes in Oxford. going to Oxford,' said the venerable man in his emphatic way 'until they boots to make me guilty of the larceny lege street. of real estate.' The picture of Oxford's red mud being toted away by the preachers, killed its chances for the

Mr. J F. Sherman, of northern Gran-J. G. HALL. buggy, bought of Horner Bros. Co. 1t. Public Ledger, Oxford, N C.

Personal Notes.

Coming and Going of friends and Strangers.

Mr. J. H. Oakes, of Route 7, was in Oxford Monday

Mr. J S. Bailey, of Route 4, was in Oxford Monday.

Mrs. Bonitz has returned from

visit to Lynchburg. Mr. R. P. Blackwell, of Cornwall, was in town Monday.

Mr. A. M. Cash, of Route 5, was in town Saturday.

Dr. Bullock, of Hester, was on our streets Monday. Mrs. W. H. White is visiting relatives

in Fayetteville. Mr. B. F. Hester, of Route 1, was in Oxford Saturday.

Mr. "Rat" Cannady, of Route 1, was in town Saturday. Mr. J. T. Bobbitt, of Route 2, was in town Saturday.

Mr. R. A. Adcock, of Cornwall, was in town Saturday.

Mr. J. G. Royster, of Bullock, was on our streets Monday. Mr. J T. Hart, of Cornwall, was on

our streets Monday. Mr. J. S. Watkins, of Cornwall, was a town visitor Monday.

Mr. N. G. Crews, of Dabney, was on our streets Monday. Mr. E. C. Frazier, of Route 1, was a

town visitor Monday.

Mr. Nick Fullerton, of Route 3, was

Mr. S. M. Green and son, of Route 5 were town visitors Monday. Mr. Arch Blalock, of Atlanta, Ga

was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Trogden returne Saturday from their bridal trip. Messrs. Erby Adcock and Geo. Duke

of Route 2, were in Oxford Monday. Mr. and Mrs Cary Parham, of Route

Mr. J. A. Satterwhite, of Providence section, was on tobacco breaks Tues-

Messrs. Glaude Allen and Ed. Parrott, of Wilton, were Oxford visitors

Mrs, Wyatt Cannady returned Mon day morning from a visit to relatives in Durham.

Messrs. Outlaw Hunt and Jas. Tavlor, of the University, spent the week end in Oxford. Rev. J. B. Weatherspoon is attend-

attractive school teachers of Cornwall,

graced our streets Saturday. Messrs. W. S. Howell and Walter Howell, of Fishing Creek township,

were Oxford visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Lynch has returned from Washington City and Baltimore.

Messrs. Meredith Crews, Wes. Brummitt and Tilden Barnett, of Shady Grove, were in town Saturday.

Miss Margarite Cannady, who is teaching school at Wilton, spent the week-end at her home in Oxford.

Messrs W. R. Garner, Sim Meadows having the ex-Governor once again its and I. E. Harris, of Creedmoor, were Messrs. W. A. Sherman, J. H. Sher-

Mr. W. T. Lyon, the retiring County up their minds then to accept Gover- ed by his son Shepard, of University. have a number of pretty things for the Mrs. Kate Hays Fleming and Miss Isabel Fleming, of Kinston, enjoyed

the week-end at their old home in Ox-

Mitchell, two popular teachers of the than a nice piece of furniture See Hillsboro Graded School, spent the their adv. elsewhere in this paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stark arrived get rid of their red mud. The last time in Oxford Saturday afternoon from I was in Oxford it rained and it rained their bridal tour and are at the home I brought enough red mud off on my of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stark on Col-

gas in Oxford in about 90 days

home in a stylish new Taylor-Cannady for a hustler Write "Merchant" care Dec.4. Nov. 27.3t.pd. Father of P. H. Bivins,

THE SHOPPING DISTRICT.

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The Monument in the Public Square Is the Accepted Centre of Gravity.

One can well imagine the important part a large manufacturing plant, employing a thousand skilled workmen, would play in the future growth and prosperity of Oxford. The mere formality of signing a deed often secures a plant of like dimentions, but a number of diversified plants, employing a thousand skilled men is preferable, and it is not at all unlikely that we could secure even more than this number if we had the determination to work with that end in view. Our climate and the lay of the land make a good impression upon those who are seeking investments. The soil in the outskirts of Oxford, a mile to the north and the west, is of the same texture as the land in New Jersey where five thousand glass-blowers receive \$5 00 a day each; we can manufacture as good terra cotta here as they can at Pomona; and there is a great quantity of other raw materials at our door, and taken as a whole there is no better place in the South for diversified manufacturing plants, and if our natural advantages and resources were exploited as they should be we would get our share of them.

A thousand workmen, taking five as a basis for each family, would more than double the population of Oxford. Averaging each man's pay at \$300 a day, \$18,000 per week would find its way to the channels of trade. The taxation of Oxford, all told, amounts to a fraction over \$22,000; one thousand workmen would run this amount up to \$50,-Mr. W. H. Tillotson, Sr., of Route 2, 000 annually, leaving \$35,000 instead of \$15,000 for municipal purposes. With this revenue in hand our streets and sidewalks could be covered with stone and cement, and new avenues opened up and beautified

The shopping district of Oxford will very likely remain where it is to-day. It can neither expand on Main or College streets to any great extent, but Hillsboro street, the only avenue in Oxford, affords an outlet in each direction from the public square, and the one thing that would aid materially in staying the present boundry of the shopping district would be to erect a skyscraper on the north-east corner of Hillsboro and College streets, around which business would cluster and cling for a generation to come. A few similar improvements on Main street would have a tendency to permanently anchor business in the vicinity of the public square.

There are several ways to attract capital, but civic pride is the most infallible way. We should meet the demands of the the town by a bond issue.

Death of An Estimable Lady.

Mrs Mary Jane Howard, sister of Capt. T. D. Clement, died at the home of Mr. E. N. Clement on the evening of November 30th. The deceased was in the 80th year of her age, and was a follower of the Lord and Master all the days of her life. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. K. Phillips, assisted by Rev. Hudson, and the interment was at the Clement burying ground on Sunday, December 1st. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. O. A. Daniel, C. G. Daniel, J. H. King, Sam Webb, Miss Castello and Miss Joyner. two J. B. Bowling, R. H. Gooch, A. W. Cannady, Nat Jones and J. W. Davis.

The First National Bank.

The man who does not protect his family does not deserve a family. The first duty of any self-respecting man is to bank some money against death or sickness, or any unlooked for calamity that may befall him. If you have not realized this before, think it over now. By a few slight sacrifices on your part, you can start a bank account that will come in handy to you and your family some day. You can start an account with the First National Bank of Oxford and draw 4 per cent on time deposits. This bank appreciates small accounts and they have money to loan. They invite the farmers to do business with them. See the advertisement of the First National Bank elsewhere in this paper.

Christmas Presents.

A visit to the large furniture store Mr. John Booth spent the week-end of Upchurch & Currin will make home and the office. See their sectional bookcases, mahogany tables, ladies' desk, brass beds, rocking chairs, oak and mahogany, fine rugs and druggets, felt mattresses. Nothing is Misses Norma Burwell and Loie more beautiful or useful for a present

Application for Pardon of P. H. Bivins.

Application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of P. H. Bivins, convicted at May term Mr. Charles E. Pugh, of Philadelphia, 1910, of the Superior Court of Granville and who is interested in the Hender- County, for the crime of manslaughter son Gas Works, was an visitor Monday and sentenced to the State's prison and informed us that we would have for a term of five years. All persons who oppose the granting of said pardon are invited to forward their protests WANTED:-An experienced sales- to the Governor without delay. This