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THE MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN.

The Election of Mayor and Commissioners is Four Months Ahead.

The announcement in to-day's Public Ledger of the meeting scheduled for Friday evening, January 3, for the expressed purpose of considering certain things pertaining to the future growth and prosperity of Oxford, should enlist the attention of every citizen of the town. An earnest, systematic effort to build up Oxford is the purport of the meeting, which is the outgrowth of a long-standing agitation as to the best methods to employ in mending and maintaining the streets of Oxford.

From time to time the Public Ledger has suggested a number of tried and tested methods to raise funds for the sole purpose of beautifying and maintaining the streets of Oxford. In discussing the improvements incident to the needs of our town, we have not at any time felt it incumbent upon us to reflect upon the integrity and wisdom of the Town Commissioners. They are men above reproach, in whom we all have a pride; but the occasion itself, with a depleted town treasury, is enough to inspire serious consideration. It is well in these days of the initiative, referendum and recall, to speak plainly on all matters that pertain to the growth, prosperity and stability of Oxford. When God in the long ago endowed this community with superior health, and gave us men of wisdom and strength, it is humiliating in the extreme to note that we have not, in a commercial sense, kept abreast of the times. Other towns, less favored by nature, have sprung up, surpassed us and are sapping our life's blood; but blessed be the tie that binds, we have a sturdy manhood in Oxford who are ready to step out and smite their breasts and defy the ravages of time. The dawn of a progressive administration in Oxford would break asunder the bonds that have bound us so long; the long and glittering paved streets would be an inspiration; men of wealth would knock at our doors for admittance; property values would double, and a more cultured and healthier city could not be found on the face of the earth.

As an indication that our municipal affairs are being widely discussed we herewith present a ticket which was handed to the Public Ledger with the request that we publish it and give our opinion of the fitness of the men to serve the best interests of Oxford. The ticket, as handed in, is as follows:

Mayor, A. H. Powell; Commissioners, W. H. Fleming, M. P. Chambliss, Charles Elmore, W. H. Britt, W. Z. Mitchell, A. A. Chapman and W. A. Parham.

We have not discussed the proposition with these gentlemen, and can only speak of their fitness in a general way. We know that Mr. Powell, who is mentioned for Mayor, is a safe and sound business man who believes in doing things; he is well qualified to handle the affairs of the office and would lend dignity to the high calling. Those mentioned on the ticket for Commissioners are good men and would doubtless serve the best interest of the town. We observe that the selection is made with a view to give all parts of the town equal representation, and the ticket, taken as a whole, has a progressive ring about it.

Barricading the Thieves.

Few people know in a general way of the great precaution that is necessary to protect the funds of a banking institution against the invasion of burglars. The Union State Bank, which will open its doors for business in Oxford at an early date, is now placing a vault in the Mitchell Block that will defy the most skilled burglars. Digging deep down into the ground for a solid foundation the contractors of this vault laid a foundation of cement, stone and brick which makes it absolutely certain that no burglar will ever tap the treasure-house through an under ground tunnel. Beginning at the earth's surface, and on and up through the floor the walls of the vault, built of pressed brick laid in Egyptian cement, is three feet thick and this surrounds a steel cage that makes the vault absolutely burglar-proof, unless large quantities of high explosives are used for the purpose. A solid steel door, a foot thick, will be closed immediately after banking hours, to swing open only by means of a time clock at 9 o'clock the following morning, and we be unto him who is accidentally caught in this ponderous money-cage; if so he is at the mercy of the time-clock, which no man without or within can control after the bolt of the door has been shot into its iron socket and clinched with time.

He Has Lost The Way.

I don't know the way to Christmas land For I'm old and worn and gray, But I know how the touch of a little Hand will lead me all the way. Don't know the bells and bugles there. For it's been such a long time Since I came down the hills with my bag of care From the sweet of childhood clime. But I don't mind that, my faith is sure In the spell and the charm and grace Of a little heart that is white and pure To lead me to that place!

Local Wavelets.

Events of Interest Gathered Here and There.

Many a girl's ideal is shattered when he goes broke.

Kisses during the past week spoke louder than words.

Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christmas love.

"Why do they move so often?" "Oh, the husband is so shiftless."

Attention is called to the notice of summons by J. G. Shotwell, C. S. C.

Forgive your enemies; if you have no enemies, forgive some of your friends

Help out a most humane cause by a putting red cross stamp on your Christmas present.

Tramp, tramp, tramp, the girls and boys are marching with happy hearts and smiling faces.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Will Morton, of Route 4, who has been sick for some time, is better.

All who are willing to pay increased street improvement taxes to keep from wading through the mud, stand up!

We call attention to the sale of house and lot as announced by B. S. Royster on the fourth page of this paper.

Osborn & Mason, the skilled plumbers, warn you in an advertisement on the fourth page of this paper to guard your water pipes.

The Granville Real Estate and Trust Company extends to every one a happy New Year. Read their advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

The winter girl has many charms Her summer sister lacked, Although we miss the chubby arms That now are pushed sacked.

The time is drawing near when we shall have a good many lame ducks in the State. Gov. Kitchin goes out of office early next month.

We will all go down to Turkeytown To enjoy Christmas Day. The time we'll have will be glad, Delightful will be our stay.

We see that other towns in the State are moving to take action to secure the commission form of municipal government and why not Oxford.

We are at home for Christmas, Ready for joyous times, Where the old home in the blossoms Of loved memory sits and smiles!

No cold wave that ever started from the north would stand up against the warm smile and the genial hospitality of Granville and Oxford homes.

North Carolina leads every other State in the manufacture of chewing and smoking tobacco, according to the annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Home's not merely roof and room— It needs something to endear it. Home is where the heart can bloom, Where there's some kind lip to cheer it.

Mr. J. P. Powell, the popular Register of Deeds, over the pretty little Christmas present which the stork left at his home Sunday morning. It is a Progressive Democrat, and mother and son are doing well.

The people of Oxford and the county have certainly been good and kind to us and we wish them a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, along with all the joys that life can bring to the very best and most hospitable people in the world.

The Colored Reform School of the State, located in Charlotte, is doing a good work. The institution is in need of funds. All money for this cause will be properly accounted for if sent to Mr. W. L. Jenkins, Southern Saving Bank, Charlotte.

A country school teacher was cashing her school voucher at the bank the other day. J. P. apologized for the filthy condition of some of the bills, saying, "I hope you're not afraid of microbes?" "Not a bit of it," the lady replied. "I'm sure no microbe could live on my salary."

It is said that a Kansas man received several letters threatening his life in case he was seen on the streets at night. As a consequence he didn't venture out after sundown. Postoffice inspectors discovered that the letters had been written by the man's own wife. It was a way she devised of keeping him nights

The postal savings bank is running at a loss of \$300,000 annually. This is a Republican administration scheme and if everybody would patronage the excellent home banks the postal bank would have to go out of business. Money put in local banks is kept at home, and people putting money in local banks get twice as much interest as in the postal banks.

Mr. Walter Crews, of the Long-Winston Co., is in Richmond in a hospital for a treatment of the ear.

We are requested to announce that the splendid program of music at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday will be repeated next Sunday.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ray, Mrs. Lewellyn, on Monday evening last, entertained in honor of her attractive friend, Miss Rowena Taylor, of Macon, Ga.

Sale of Red Cross Seals.

Mrs. A. H. Powell, President of the Civic Club, is gratified at the sale of Red Cross seals in Oxford. Between four and five thousand have been sold and a week yet remains in which the beautiful seals may be purchased.

Mrs. Powell naturally feels grateful to those who have aided in eradicating tuberculosis, but deep down in her heart she hoped that a greater sympathy for the unfortunates would manifest itself during this glad season of the year; but we have another week in which to help a most worthy cause. We notice that other towns in the State the size of Oxford, have purchased the seals to the number of twelve or fifteen thousand.

Death of Ethel May Newton.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Newton on November 19th, 1912, and took from them their sweet little daughter, Ethel May, who had been spared to live with them only two years and six months. We loved her more than words can tell. It was so hard to give her up, but Jesus loved her best. May her departure prove an inspiration to all who know her, and we must live so as to meet her on the other shore where there will be no more parting.

Dear Ethel we loved you, and we realize that your death has caused a vacancy that never can be filled. She passed away with a cheerful smile and a wave of the hand. She has wandered into an unknown land and left sorrowing hearts behind.

A FRIEND.

Royal Arcanum Entertains.

The Royal Arcanum at a meeting held in their lodge room Friday night elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Regent—D. G. Brummitt
Vice-Regent—J. M. Fagan.
Collector—B. S. Royster.
Treasurer—J. J. Renn.
Secretary—F. W. Hancock
Orator—S. H. Hobgood.
Guide—W. A. McFarland.
Chaplain—L. V. Henderson.
Warden—J. H. Critcher.
Sentry—G. E. Cheatham.
Trustees—J. T. Britt, D. C. Hunt and S. W. Parker.

After the adjournment of the lodge the members present retired to the restaurant of Greely Harrison, where Secretary F. W. Hancock had arranged a sumptuous oyster supper, which was nicely served in various styles and greatly enjoyed.

Senator Overman Sick.

The Associated Press dispatches states that Senator Overman was operated upon for appendicitis in Washington last Friday. The Senator had already purchased his ticket and his baggage checked to Salisbury when he was seized with pain. Physicians were summoned and the Senator was rushed to a hospital, where the operation was performed. The Senator was on the operating table two hours and stood the ordeal remarkably well, and the doctors pronounce him out of danger. The Senator had just returned from an interview with President-elect Wilson at Princeton, where he had gone to press the qualifications of Mr. Joseph Daniels for the appointment of Postmaster General. The dispatch conveying the news said that Governor Wilson "listened attentively." One thing is sure, Mr. Daniels would make a splendid cabinet official.

A Pleasant Occasion.

As has been his custom for several years Mr. Lonnie Smith, the popular proprietor of the Exchange Hotel, invited a number of his friends to dine with him Monday evening last. The hotel enjoys a reputation second to none in this section of the State and commercial travelers delight to come to this home-like abode and dine and linger about its pleasant precincts as long as business will permit.

A table had been set apart for the guests and the host invited his friends to "eat, drink and be merry." The pleasant aroma of Java coffee and a "whet" of sparkling locust beer kindled their appetites for the elegant and sumptuous repast, and when the "cracking bread" was passed it was observed that no one present "went back on his raising." The other good things closely associated to hog-killing time, Christmas and cold weather, including fresh sausage with just enough sage and pepper, carried one back to the old days of genuine hospitality. Seated at the table were: Col. H. G. Cooper, Dr. E. T. White, Col. W. B. Ballou, Messrs. J. T. Britt, John Haskins, Thomas Jefferies, Thomas Jones, Charles B. Ryan and D. A. Cible.

The guests were seated at the table one hour, after which they were invited to the parlor where the guests helped themselves to fragrant cigars, conversing for an hour and bidding the host a happy Christmas.

To the Citizens of Oxford.

By direction of the Board of Town Commissioners I hereby call a Meeting of the Citizens of the town for FRIDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 3, 1913, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of considering amendments to the town charter. The meeting will be held in the Court House and it is desired that it be held promptly at the hour named. This is a most important matter in which every citizen of the town is vitally interested, and I hope that every one who can POSSIBLY DO SO WILL ATTEND.

D. G. BRUMMITT, Mayor.

Mr. Joe Haskins Dead.

Mr. Joe Haskins, a highly respected citizen of Granville and one of the best tobacco growers of the county, fell upon sleep at his home near Hester early Monday morning last, age about 55 years. Mr. Haskins was a member Tally Ho Baptist Church, and his influence for good will be missed in that section. Among the surviving children is Mrs. Lennie Smith, of Oxford. The Public Ledger extends sympathy to the bereaved family, and may they feel that God in his infinite wisdom knoweth best.

A Couple of Wedding.

Mr. M. J. Dacey and Miss Mary L. Apt, of Mecklenburg county, Virginia, came over on train Sunday morning and were married in the parlors of the Exchange Hotel, Squire D. N. Hunt officiating.

Mr. Sam Wilmouth and Miss Mattie Brice, both of Charlotte county Virginia, arrived in Oxford Monday morning, stopping at the Exchange Hotel, where they were happily united in the holy bond of matrimony in the parlors of the famous hotel at 2 p. m. by Rev. S. K. Phillips, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Norman Burwell Returns

Mrs. Norman Burwell, who sailed for Paris early in the summer for the purpose of augmenting her knowledge of art, has returned to her home in Oxford, and we are pleased to note that she stood the long voyage well. Mrs. Burwell has few equals as an artist, and none in the State excel her. She returns from Paris, the world's art center, with an increased knowledge of the details incident to art, and her talent in her chosen profession will leave it refining influence upon our State. The Public Ledger extends to the distinguished lady the high honor that is due her.

The Time of Feasting.

The time of feasting is here. During the holidays there will be spread upon many boards throughout the land and abundance—aye, a superabundance—of the richest food, and to those tables many favored ones will be invited. He in whose honor these holidays are kept said: "When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee." That is not in accordance with the ideas of the ones who engage in the social whirl in this day, but it was not spoken to please them.

Stamps For Parcels Post.

The postoffice authorities at Washington are sending out to all the post-offices of the country the new parcels post stamps. Under the law, which becomes effective on the first of the year, mail matter of the fourth class must bear distinctive postage stamps. These stamps are being issued in twelve denominations, and stamps in five denominations.

The regular stamps measure 1 by 1 1/2 inches, and the color selected is red for all denominations. In a curved panel across the top, supported by a perpendicular column at each end, appears the words, "U. S. Parcel Post."

The subjects or designs for the several denominations are:

1 cent—Postoffice Clerk.
2 cents—City Carrier.
3 cents—Railway Postal clerk.
4 cents—Rural carrier.
5 cents—Mail train.
10 cents—Steamship and mail tender.

15 cents—Automobile service.
20 cents—Aeroplane carrying mail.
25 cents—Manufacturing.
50 cents—Dairying.
75 cents—Harvesting.
\$1—Fruit growing.

The parcels post postage-due stamps are green for all denominations, and of the same size as the postage stamps. They bear the same panel in a similar panel at the bottom appears "Postage Due."

The public is warned that after the first of the year ordinary postage stamps will not be valid for payment of postage on fourth-class matter. The regular postage due stamps will not be valid as a demand for payment upon short-paid matter of the fourth class. On the other hand, first, second and third class mail matter bearing parcels post stamps will be treated as "Held for Postage." The same thing will happen where fourth-class matter is sent with ordinary postage stamps.

FOUND:—A bunch of keys on the street Monday afternoon in front of Osborn & Mason plumbing shop. Owner can get same by applying at this office and paying for this notice.

Personal Notes.

Coming and Going of friends and Strangers.

Miss Fagan is at home from teaching school.

Mrs. Olivia Rogers is visiting friends in Cascade, Va.

Mr. P. Q. Bryan is spending holidays at Scotland Neck.

Miss Hixie White is at home for the joyous season.

Mr. Will Jones, of the road, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. Sim Meadows, of Creedmoor, was in town Saturday.

Mr. W. T. Puckett, of Oak Hill, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Lee Harris, of Wilton, was in town Saturday.

Mr. R. A. Longmire, of Stem section, was in town Monday.

Mr. C. H. Piper, of Route 6, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. Littlejohn Taylor, of the road, is at home for the holidays.

Mr. J. D. Halthcock, of Hester section, was in Oxford Monday.

Lee Gooch, of Wake Forest College, is at home for the holidays.

Mr. Lucius Currin, of Wilton, was in Oxford Monday in his new automobile.

Miss Eva Minor, of Durham Graded School, is spending the Christmas at home.

Mr. Morehead Emmitt returned to Oxford from Richmond to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Mangum and son are spending Christmas with relatives in Richmond.

Mr. Jack Bullock, who is studying medicine in Richmond, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Evelyn Howell, who is teaching school at Branchville, S. C., is under the parental roof.

Messrs. Frank Hancock, Beverly and Roy Royster are at home from Chapel Hill for the holidays.

The irrepressible and bright Cortez Wright, of Washington City, is in Oxford for the festive season.

Misses Janie Hunt, Sophronia and Julia Cooper, of St. Mary's School, are at home for the happy season.

Miss Willie Lee Thomas, a popular teacher, has returned to dear old Oxford to spend the joyous season.

Miss Myrtle Renn, of the excellent faculty of the Creedmoor High School, is at her home in Oxford for the holidays.

Miss Pauline Howard, who is teaching school in South Granville, is at her home on Broad street for the Christmas holidays.

Misses Burdett Joyner, of the Maxton school, and Miss Elnora Joyner, of Pine Level school, have returned home for the Christmas season.

Mr. Frank Hays, the talented and versatile editor of the Druggist Circular, of New York City, is spending the holidays with his brother, Dr. B. K. Hays.

Miss Julia Minor, who is teaching school in old Virginia, is at home for the festive season. Also Miss Allene Minor, of State Normal School, is enjoying Christmas at home.

We are glad to see in Oxford Mr. E. W. Harper, of Southport, and the former excellent superintendent of the Orphan Asylum Printing office. His many friends are extending him the glad hand.

A Sane Christmas.

The foremost of all birthdays is an occasion for rejoicing, for greetings and good will. The observance becomes dearer and dearer every year. But withal Christmas is also a day for thoughtful consideration of the greatest of all human blessings—the greatest gift to man—the gift of the Only Son—the birth of Jesus Christ. Of all the dates in history, there is no other day like his natal anniversary. It stands alone in the chronology of the world. We celebrate the birthday of "The Father of his Country" in this nation, but the birthday of the Saviour of mankind is celebrated in all lands, in all climates, in all nationalities, in all tongues and in all Christmas homes.

Let us have a "sane" Christmas as well as a "sane" fourth of July.

Christmas Services.

Impressive services will be held in St. Stephens' Episcopal Church as follows:

First service—Celebration of Holy Communion at mid-night Christmas Eve—Tuesday night.

Second service—Christmas Day, Holy Communion with sermon, 11 a. m.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

A WORD TO THE BOYS.

Cow Bells, Tin Horn and Fire Cracker Heard In the Land.

Boys, the chief executive of Oxford has lined up with you this Christmas, in promulgating an order whereby you may blow horns, ring cow bells and shoot fire-crackers between sunset Christmas Eve to 12 o'clock Christmas night. Asked about this amusement, Mayor Brummitt, who was once a boy himself, declared that the law is very plain and explicit as to the shooting of fire-crackers in the corporate limits, but he is disposed to put the boys on their honor during said hours. No boy with any honor will abuse the privilege prior to or after the hours designated; if so he may suffer the misfortune of arrest.

That little warning clause in Mayor Brummitt's message, to the effect that there must be no disorderly conduct, has a deeper meaning to it than some young people are willing to grant. He doubtless means that the firing of Roman candles, fire-crackers and other explosives in which powder is used is not only very painful to the ears but also positively dangerous not only to property but also to life and limb. If we interpret the Mayor's message correctly, he simply means that he wants the boys to have a good time, but they must be careful, considerate and within the bounds of the law and reason. It is a very painful thing to read on the morning after Christmas the long list of deaths and fires, the result of carelessness.

Musical Oxford.

The musical program as rendered by the church choirs last Sunday, speaks well for the musical talent of Oxford, and confirms the opinion that this talent should be incorporated into a Musical Association and a Grand Musical Festival held twice a year, in May and December. The association would fill a long-felt want in Oxford; a small fee, say \$2.00 for the series, would make it self-supporting; it would have a decided tendency to drive out the "rag time" music which catches the penny, and its ennobling influence would be felt in every walk of life. The public owes a debt of gratitude to these singers, and those whom God has endowed with sweet voices and nimble fingers should be induced to meet in concert at least twice a year for the public good.

Happy Boys and Girls.

Quite a number of our boys and girls who went off to the various seats of learning in the Fall, have returned home for the holidays. They are a nice looking set of young people, and the ennobling influences of college life has already made an indelible impress upon their minds and character, and in every instance, let us hope that the influence has been for good, as their happy faces indicate. And it is a beautiful sight at this season of the year to see the fond embrace of parent and child and the quieting influence the parental roof has upon the quivering hearts of these young people. We wish them much happiness and renewed energies to fight for honors on campus and in college hall. The future of the State and the Nation depends largely upon the present day student body of the county, and we, the people of Oxford, are "banking" on our sons and daughters.

National Corn Exposition.

From three thousand miles across the continent there will be brought to the National Corn Exposition at Columbia, South Carolina, on January 27th, much that is of great interest. Among other things, will be featured the modern methods in growing, handling, packing and marketing of fruit, including a demonstration of the penetration system of spraying; the plant breeding work at the station in wheat, oats and barley; and some of the work on moisture requirements of crops. The Exposition deals with all phases of agriculture, demonstrating geographically results of experimental and research work of various State agricultural institutions, the Federal department of agriculture and other agencies in rural improvement work. Quite a number of the Boys' Corn Club of Granville county will attend.

Sometimes a young lawyer makes good because he has a wife who lays down the law to him.

A KODAK will please your girl Christmas.

J. G. HALL.

6946 ACRES LAND FOR SALE.

At reasonable prices and easy terms and divided into many farms of different sizes. Among them some of the best bright tobacco farms in the county, producing from \$3,000 to \$5,000 worth of tobacco yearly, others about equally divided between tobacco, grass and grain lands and suitable for stock raising. All of them either located on or convenient to good roads, schools and churches, and some of them highly improved. I own this land outright and can give easy terms. If you want good homes with good improvements, good lands, and good neighbors, write me for full descriptions and particulars.

T. E. ROBERTS.

Chase City, Va.

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