



### A GIRL CAUSES TROUBLE.

#### There Are a Few Things In Oxford Worse Than the "Rector Girl."

The suppression of the farce comedy, the "Girl From Rector's," which was billed to appear at the Opera House last week, is being discussed pro and con by the people of Oxford. There are those who wanted to see the play, and said so; on the other hand, there were a large number who wanted to see it, and were ashamed to say so. There were those who had seen the "Rector Girl" in the days of her indiscretion, and were of the opinion that she had reformed; others maintained that it was impossible for an actress to reform sufficiently to enter the kingdom of heaven. There are those who maintain that the company had the right to present the performance; others claim that they had not. There are those who claim that the suppression of the show will damage the town; others believe that it will be the means of saving the souls of many young men. We interviewed a bald-headed citizen, whose wife was out of town, and he said he had calculated to occupy a front seat, but had since learned that there were so many sap-headed youths in Oxford that he reckoned that it was best the "Rector Girl" did not make her appearance; others took a gloomy view of the situation, and claims that "Oxford will never amount to much unless we have a few first-class funerals." A farmer, who had been to town, and heard the reputation of the "Rector Girl" discussed, on returning home told his neighbors that some of the most respected families of Oxford were involved in a scandal; that all he could learn was that some one had made a slight remark about the dress Miss Rector, the daughter of a New York millionaire, wore to a fashionable entertainment, causing a great deal of hard-feeling, one way or another, and that some of the leading citizens wanted to defend her honor at the point of a pistol.

In place of discussing the reputation of the "Girl From Rector's" the Public Ledger prefers to speak of things nearer at home. Going into a store the other evening we noticed a group of men sitting around the stove in animated discussion, and drawing near, we heard the reputation of one of the best men in town dissected, and not being satisfied with that they turned upon his wife and literally tore her character to pieces. There are worse things than the "Girl From Rector's," and he who would speak evil of any woman in this community, whether she be high or low, is certainly a depraved mortal. If she be a fallen creature, wash your foul mouth and hands and help her up! A gentleman is he whose conduct proceeds from good-will and an acute sense of propriety, and whose self-control is equal to any emergencies; he who speaks with frankness, but always with sincerity and sympathy; he who thinks of rights and feelings of others rather than his own—a man in whom honor is sacred and virtue is safe. We cannot say as to what extent the evil tongues have gone in this community, and must ask the ministers of Oxford to read the Law and the Gospel to all who would take the name of his neighbor in vain.

### The Public School System.

Do you not sometimes find in North Carolina a county superintendent of education so conservative that he clings to the past and dreads the future? That fellow is in a rut. Few counties can be found where the educational system is more progressive than its head—the superintendent of education. The county superintendent is the most important factor in our whole educational system. When the people realize that many county educational systems in the South are in a rut by reason of non-progressive county superintendents, all of the political pulls will count for naught in this day and time when the people can be relied upon to do the right thing at the right time when they come to a full realization of the fact that their educational interest are being wasted rather than conserved. What is needed in the State is more county superintendents of dynamic force, ready and willing to devote his entire time and energy to the great task. The school system lays very close to the heart of the Public Ledger, who has stood by it when it was not so popular in Granville county as it is today. We will always be found on the right side of the school question, and are anxious to obtain and publish all items bearing upon the school work of the county.

### Time to Look Around.

In a few months the people of Oxford will be called upon to select a new Mayor and a Board of Commissioners. It is time to begin to look around for good, wide-awake, progressive men who have the real interest of the town at heart with which to fill these positions. It is equally important to have good Commissioners as it is to fill the Mayor's office with a competent man. The taxpayers of Oxford should look upon the town's business as their own business and not vote for only the best men for the places.

DAVIS pays the freight.

### SHORT LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

#### About People and Things That Are of Interest to Our Readers.

The best defense against disease is the simple life.

Colds are not caught from fresh air, but stuffy air.

The Town Commissioners have postponed their meeting until Friday night next.

The fellow that carries two faces under one hat brim has again appeared upon the scene.

"Liza, what fo' yo' buy dat under box of shoe blackening?" "Go on, dat ain't shoe blackin', dat's ma massage cream!"

When the improvements to the basement under the Long Co. store are completed it will be occupied as a barber shop.

Owing to an error made in the doctors' fee bill in the Farmers' Union Resolution we republish it with the correction made.

The minister who feels sad when he reflects on the sorrows of humanity is apt to feel sadder still when he reflects on the amusements.

If any real progress is made this year in Oxford the different factions will have to flop together and work for the upbuilding of our town.

If you have an item of news or a personal we will greatly appreciate it if you will tell us about it, as we wish to keep up with the local news. Now, won't you help us do it?

If you wish to enjoy choice bargains in hardware and all kinds of farming implements you read all the advertisements of Samuel Davis, the big hardware man of Clarksville, Va.

The Chief of Police, of Oxford, is throwing money away by putting loose rock in holes on the streets as every time a buggy or a wagon runs over them the wheels dish out the rock.

What a town wants and ought to have in order to prosper is a sane business administration just as any other corporate body should have, with no axes to grind, as they are a menace to the progress of any community.

"Father," said an inquiring youth, "when a hen sits on an egg for three weeks and it don't hatch, is the egg spoiled?" "As an article of diet, my son, it is henceforth a failure; but for political purposes it has its uses."

According to statistics gathered by the Agricultural Department from the warehouses of the State a total of 18,987,454 pounds of tobacco was sold during the month of December, Oxford sold 1,018,518 pounds and Creedmoor sold 158,370 pounds.

The Senior Philathea Class of the Methodist Sunday School will give a china, glass and linen shower in the Lyon Memorial building Friday evening January 17, at 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to come and bring a piece for stocking their future serving capacity.

We bend but do not break.  
Like saplings in the storm,  
We spring back after every blow  
Unto our ancient form.  
We bow but do not yield to you  
For when your blast blows by,  
Forward with lifted head again  
And clear vision in the eye!

When a duck lays an egg, she waddles out to a pond of water, not appearing to care if the world knows anything about the industry in which she is engaged. But when a hen lays an egg there is a tremendous amount of cackling. THE HEN ADVERTISES. Hence the demand for hens' eggs is several thousand times greater than the demand for duck eggs.

The County Fathers have ordered that the basement under the back end of the Court House be dug deeper for the purpose of storing wood in, and will put in a door at the end of the hall for the convenience of getting coal and wood. We congratulate the Commissioners upon their foresight, which will be a decided improvement over the old plan of storing wood in the corridor of the Court House.

The Grand Lodge of Masons is now in session in Raleigh and a number of Granville Masons are in attendance. The report of Grand Secretary Drewry is of much interest and shows the Grand Lodge to be in splendid condition. The report this year shows there is a membership of about 22,000, while 17 years ago it only had a membership of 4,000. The Grand Lodge owns nearly \$500,000 worth of property. The receipts the past year was \$21,000.

There are four things that fill a real thoughtful mind with ever increasing awe: The ceaseless flow of time; the irresistible march of human events; the boundlessness of space; and man's onward and unbroken journey towards dissolution and death. No human hand can stay time; no human voice can call a halt to the bosom of eternity; no human power can call off man from his journey to the inevitable tomb; no human mind can set a limit to space.

Hornor Bros. Co. have purchased a substantial new dray.

Read sale of land advertised in another column by F. H. Gregory, Trustee.

Mr. Henry Hunt has put the finishing touches to the roof of his handsome residence.

Master Willie Hicks announces that he will give a picture show in his playhouse on College street.

The Methodist Sunday School hopes to be able to occupy their new Sunday School room Sunday morning.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. W. W. Devin, who was seriously ill for several days, is getting better.

There was a good break of tobacco on the Oxford market Tuesday and sold high, greatly pleasing the farmers.

We are pleased to learn that Messrs Osborn & Mason were awarded the contract for overhauling and putting in additional heat in the Opera House in Henderson.

Mrs. J. F. Morris, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Mason, on Rectory street, was called to Norfolk Sunday on account of the serious illness of her son who was operated upon for appendicitis.

Mr. Haubold, the aged father of Mr. B. M. Haubold, quietly fell on sleep in Oxford Monday about 12 o'clock. He had been in feeble health for sometime and his death was not unexpected. He was a good man, and seldom seen on the streets. We trust it is well with him and may he rest in peace.

When our mind goes back to those bygone days and nights, the lines of the Irish bard spring unbidden to our heart:

The walks we have roamed without tiring,  
The songs that together we've sung;  
The jests to whose merry inspiring,  
Our mingling of laughter hath rung;  
Oh, trifles like these become precious,  
Embalmed in the memory of years,  
And the smiles of the past so remembered  
How often they waken our tears!

### A Brass Band For Oxford.

Who in Oxford does not realize the need of a brass band to make music on our numerous public occasions? Do we not spend hundreds of dollars yearly in getting brass bands from other places? Namely our Hornor Commencements, our St. John's Day, our County Fair, Confederate Reunion, Political Speeches, etc? Do we believe in patronizing home industries? Are there ten public spirited citizens who will contribute \$10 each for purchase of band instruments to be repaid out of earnings of band? Will the Commercial Club take the matter up?

W. L. PEACE.

### Meeting Called on Road Law.

Messrs. Editors:—  
On the first Monday in January last I conferred with the Board of County Commissioners relative to changes in the Road Law for the county. At this conference a tentative bill was agreed to, and it was decided that this should be submitted to a mass meeting of the citizens of Granville to be held in the court house in Oxford on Tuesday of February court (February 4th, I would thank you to give as much publicity to this meeting as possible, so that every one in the county interested in this matter may have an opportunity to be present and express his views.

W. A. DEVIN.

### Babies by the Pound.

Little Eleanor listened while her parents discussed the high cost of living. The subject was frequently talked about during the meals, and the high price of meats was particularly referred to. Eleanor, "playing house" with the other children, also talked of "high prices" as she heard her father and mother talk.

One day her mother presented the family with a bouncing baby boy and Eleanor was delighted. A neighbor was asking her about the new baby and Eleanor said:

"The doctor brought him to us, He's awful big too. Don't you think my mamma was good to buy such a big, fat baby when meat is so high?"

### Meeting of Board of Health.

The Board of Health of Granville county met in Oxford Monday with all the members present. After discussing many things concerning the health of the county went into the election of Health Officer, which we are pleased to say resulted in the re-election of the venerable and greatly esteemed Dr. Sam Booth for another term.

The Board of County Commissioners met afterwards and fixed his salary at \$1,000 per annum instead of \$1,200, formerly paid.

The Commissioners discussed the Farm Demonstration Work in Granville and agreed to donate \$300 a year for two years, provided the citizens of the county raise \$1,000 for the same purpose.

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### A Very Busy Man.

The people of Granville county are justly proud of their Representative in the General Assembly, Capt. W. A. Devin, who is serving on important committees and has made several impressive talks on "men and measures" thus early in the session. On all State-wide measures Capt. Devin's counsel is earnestly sought by his colleagues, and if he is not busy talking on a point of law he is conferring with some of the members. He is a busy man, yet Capt. Devin finds time to come home Sunday and superintend one of the largest and best Sunday Schools in the State, a work that lays very close to his heart. There is nothing too good in the gift of the people for this good, eloquent and faithful servant.

### Services in Oxford Churches.

Rev. R. A. McFarland, of Portsmouth, Va., filled the pulpit at the Baptist Church Sunday morning and night. He is a very able minister and fluent speaker, his sermons abounding in forceful illustrations, engaging the closest attention of his hearers.

Dr. A. P. Tye preached an able sermon at the Methodist church Sunday morning, taking for his theme "Death Unto Life." In prefacing his remarks Dr. Tye voiced the sentiments of all good people in condemning and suppressing all low, vulgar and immoral shows.

It was announced at the Baptist Church Sunday that Dr. Weatherspoon and his good wife would arrive at home by the middle of the week and that the Doctor would occupy his pulpit next Sunday.

### Receptacles for Mail.

The citizens of Oxford are doubtless aware that a young man selling mail receptacles to patrons of the town delivery service, which will become effective on the 16th instance, is a means by which the Government has of obtaining the feelings expressed by the people of the community towards the free delivery system. A letter sent out from the Post Office Department, dated Washington, January 10, addressed to Postmaster Brown, says:

"You are requested to advise this office immediately of the percentage of patrons who have erected receptacles, and you are advised that unless at least 85 per cent provide receptacles or cut slots in doors prior to January 16, the order establishing free delivery service may be withdrawn. You are directed to furnish this information not later than January 13, 1912."

Unless a large number comply before the sun sets to-day (Tuesday) it is more than likely that the Government will withdraw the service.

### Night Policeman Laid Off.

On account of not having sufficient funds the Town Commissioners deemed it necessary to remove Policeman Poythress from the night force. Mr. Poythress was placed on the force six months ago, and when the epidemic of robbery broke out in the fall he was placed on the night force, and as we hear nothing of robbers now we conclude that he scared them away. Though unsuccessful in apprehending and bringing the burglars to trial, Mr. Poythress was a diligent official, and it was he who discovered the fire in the dead hours of night which consumed Judge Graham's barn, and we are informed that it was he who gave the alarm and rushed to the home of the Judge and aroused his family. It is to be regretted that the funds in the town treasury is too low to preclude the services of a night watchman. It is only when some calamity befalls a community, such as a raging fire in which some one is consumed, that we feel the need of a night watchman, and the entire community rejoices that it was the barn and not the residence of Judge Graham, in which he and his family were asleep, that was burned.

### Land Comes Rather High.

At a recent meeting of the Granville County Agricultural Association a motion was carried authorizing the directors to buy five more acres of land adjoining the Fair Grounds for the purpose of putting in a race track and having more room for trying purposes, for which the directors are authorized to pay \$5,000. The Public Ledger loves our County Fair too well to let the incident pass without a word of advice. We take it that our Fair is a growing institution, and it would be well to provide for larger things. Five additional acres of ground is not enough for a race course. It takes not an inch less than twenty-five acres of land to make a decent race track, and it must be an oblong plot if the regulation track is to be had. The land adjoining the Fair Grounds, at \$1,000 an acre, is too much money to invest in a race course; yet if the Fair is to become the popular institution it is hoped it will be, it is necessary to have the regulation speedway of twenty-five acres on which to time Granville thoroughbreds. If the five acres are added, the best that can be expected for some time is a race course resembling a circus ring, and from time to time the cry will be "more land"—as the cry goes up the land goes up. To avoid being cramped for room it is the part of wisdom for the Fair Association to sell the grounds at the rate the adjoining land is offered to them and purchase a place large enough on which to speed a Granville county thoroughbred.

### MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE

#### Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

Mr. J. H. King, of Culbreth, was on streets Monday.

Mr. J. T. Bobbitt, of Route 2, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. Sam Currin, of Henderson, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. Len Gooch, of Route 1, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. J. F. Puckett, of Route 4, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. G. W. Elliott, of Route 3, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. Abner Newton, of Wilton, was a visitor to Oxford Monday.

Miss Irvin Stark is visiting friends in Warrenton and Louisburg.

Mr. Robt. Bullock, of Creedmoor, was a visitor to Oxford Monday.

Mrs. Walter Stark has returned from a visit to relatives in Louisburg.

Mr. R. P. Hackney, of Durham, spent Sunday with his family in Oxford.

Mrs. Mullichampe has returned from a visit to relatives in Winston-Salem.

Mr. W. T. Blackwell, of Route 3, was among the visitors to Oxford Saturday.

Dr. John Bullock, of Bullock, was among the visitors to Oxford Monday.

Mrs. E. C. Hunt and daughter, of Burlington, are visiting relatives in Oxford.

Mr. Marsh Daniel, a popular young bachelor of Route 1, was on our streets Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Horner, of Henderson, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Horner Monday.

Messrs. Doc Frazier, of Route 1, and Alfred Frazier, of Route 2, were on our streets Monday.

Messrs. J. W. Jones, of Mt. Energy, and C. A. Daniel, of Tar River, were in Oxford Monday.

Mrs. Hershey has joined the "old gentleman" in Oxford and have commenced housekeeping in the Montgomery residence on College street.

Superintendent R. L. Brown, Gen. B. S. Royster, Messrs. J. H. Griffith, W. A. McFarland, Pete Bullock, and many others from town and county are attending the Grand Lodge of Masons in Raleigh and will take in the inauguration of Gov. Craig.

### Taxing Dogs.

There are very few sheep in North Carolina. Sheep-raising has dwindled away owing to North Carolina's great dog industry. Owing to the allegation that progressivism has invaded the Democracy of North Carolina, we are curious to see whether the Legislature, which is now in session, will pass a dog law in the interest of sheep husbandry. A State which permits sheep-killing dogs to run at large has no claim to be "progressive."

### The Laundry Suspends.

The people of Oxford had for a long time wanted a laundry, and in order to gratify their wishes Mr. Eakes came to Oxford in August last and put in a splendid plant, and there has been no complaint about the class of work the laundry turned out. To say the least, the institution was a great convenience to the citizens of the town, yet a large number persisted in sending their laundry out of town, to such an extent that the management of the new enterprise has closed up business and removed his machinery to a "near-by town," where they patronize home industries. Our citizens should be more considerate of home enterprises.

### Rounds Out Twenty-fifth Year

The solid old National Bank of Granville has rounded out its twenty-fifth year of existence as a banking institution, and the year 1913 bids fair to be the best in its history. Every conceivable safeguard is strictly observed for the protection of depositors. The progressive methods of the bank stands for every movement that goes to build up and bring trade to our midst. The bank is fully equipped and is alert to extend help to all enterprises and individuals consistent with prudence. Its long record of service in this community is a record which assures a bright future. The bank is here to stay. See the picture of the handsome bank building on the last page of this paper.

LOST—One male black and tan hound, medium size, name, "Taylor." Information leading to his recovery will be liberally rewarded if reported to Luther Blackwell, Oxford, N. C. 15th.

YOUR NEIGHBORS will bear testimony that Davis is the place to buy hardware and agricultural implements. For not a day goes by that there is not a machine of some sort going from Davis' to some Granville county farmer. Samuel Davis, the hardware man.

### IN FAVOR OF BOND ISSUE.

#### Bill to Extend the Corporate and School Limits and for Issuing Bonds.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the representative citizens of Oxford, held in the Court House Monday night, a committee composed of Mayor Brummitt and Judge Graham was appointed to draw up a bill, stipulating the enlargement of the school limits of Oxford one mile from the Court House in every direction; the enlargement of the corporate limits of Oxford two hundred and fifty yards in every direction, a bond issue for streets improvements of \$5,000 a year for two years. This bill will be handed to Capt. W. A. Devin, Representative to the General Assembly, praying that it be enacted by the present session.

The motion to enlarge the school boundary was offered by Mayor Brummitt, who made a hearty appeal in behalf of the measure. Messrs. John P. Stedman and S. W. Parker strenuously opposed the enlargement of the boundary line. Judge Graham spoke in behalf of the measure, bringing to bear much interesting data, after which the motion was put and carried. Judge Graham's motion to enlarge the corporate limits precipitated considerable debate. The Judge quoted the law bearing upon the extension of water mains, sewers and lights to new territory, which states that it is arbitrary with the Board of Commissioners.

The motion of Mr. Hillman Cannady to issue bonds to the extent of \$30,000 was amended by Dr. J. H. Davis, who advocated a tax levy of 25 cents on the \$100 valuation. Hon. A. A. Hicks, chairman of the meeting, yielded the chair long enough to speak upon the measure. The key-note of Mr. Hicks' remarks were of a conservative nature. He did not see that so heavy a tax levy or bonded debt was necessary, and with a comparison of our resources with other towns and cities, he advocated a bond issue of \$5,000 a year covering a period of two years. Mr. John P. Stedman advocated the necessity of good sidewalks in all parts of the town. Dr. Ferebee made a talk along progressive lines, in which he stated that in the event an expenditure was made upon the streets, the best policy was to build from the center of town toward the rim, and not from the rim inward. After the various phases of the motion was discussed Prof. J. C. Horner advocated and moved that bonds to the amount \$5,000 year for two years be issued. Carried.

There were about 200 voters present at the meeting, and one could plainly see that a sentiment prevailed in favor of bonds, but the battle came over the amount. The highest amount mentioned in the debates was \$50,000, by Prof. Horner, who argued that it was the best policy to build with a degree of permanency, and the most insignificant remark heard on the floor for or against the streets was by Mr. S. W. Parker, who stated in open meeting, as a parting blow, that "We, the present Board of Commissioners, have just a little more crushed stone on hand." Mr. Hillman Cannady's motion of \$30,000 bonds was a happy medium of the public pulse, and if Mr. Cannady had fought for his motion it is believed it would have passed. Mr. John P. Stedman's remarks favoring solid side-walks in all parts of town, which in his opinion were needed more than good streets, was favorably received, but the masterful argument of Mr. Hicks and the motion of Prof. Horner made a clean sweep of the whole business, which ended the meeting with applause, and everybody departing in good humor, feeling that something had been accomplished in favor of better streets.

The amount granted for street improvement is rather conservative, but it is believed that the amount wisely and judiciously spent will give us a taste of better things, and that it is the outcroppings of a progressive administration.

Judge Graham's motion to extend the corporate limits, which was carried, threw the fat in the fire and precipitated a campaign, which will be hot and furious from now on. The Judge made it plain in his remarks that any improvements contemplated in the acquired territory was discretionary with the Commissioners. Owing to the fact that there is no funds for inside improvements the people are not disposed to make anything along that line arbitrary until sufficient funds accumulate sufficiently to give the assurance that the new territory will have equal improvements along with the old.

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