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OUR STALWART POLICE.

Much of the Criticism is Undoubtedly Due to Ignorance.

TO THE PUBLIC LEDGER: In reading the many complimentary things in the Public Ledger of late about our town government a little thought or two occurred to me that may be of some interest here. I will state at the outset if I intended to cast slurs or abuse any one I would ask you to publish my name, but such is not the case, and as I desire to "throw a bouquet" or two at one of our most faithful servants I will ask you to withhold my name. There are a great many people in Oxford who do not know that we have a real live policeman; yet this faithful minion of the law can be found at any hour of the day, between 8 a. m. and 530 p. m., in and around the Court House, and he is often seen at the Opera House at night. The evil doers, as well as the good people of Oxford, know where our chief of police can be found at any time, day or night. I beg leave to differ with your correspondent when he intimates that it is possible to find any man in Oxford that can do more than our chief—he is a natural born policeman and has the true instincts of a policeman, and if the old Board is to be retained I for one hope he will also be retained, for it is doubtful if anyone could be found that would suit them so well. I take exception to a question one of the correspondents of the Public Ledger recently asked himself, "If the town's money has been spent wisely?" I am sure if he had cared to make a critical examination of the books he would find how, where and when every cent was spent. Now that the question has been asked, this thought occurred to me, viz: Why don't the Board make out an annual statement, similar to the one the County Commissioners make up, and publish it instead of tacking it up in the corridor of the Court House where it is seldom noticed. Most of the criticism of the Commissioners is caused by ignorance of the town's affairs, and it seems to me if I was a member of the Board I would insist on publishing an annual statement. I should like to see such a clause in the revised charter, making it obligatory on the Board to publish an itemized statement of the income and disbursement at the end of each fiscal year. Such a law would have a salutary effect on that class of people who are forever criticizing the Commissioners about things they are ignorant of. Even well informed men will sometimes make slight mistakes when they have no data at hand, as was the case at the Citizens' Meeting at the Court House in January when one of the speakers declared in an off hand way that the taxes this year would be a little over \$23,000, if I am not mistaken. While I do not positively know, I think he over-estimated the town's revenue at least \$3,000. Whether I am right or wrong, it is quite important that there should be some way provided for the public to acquaint themselves with the income and expenses of the town, so that the people can talk about the affairs of the town in a business-like way, and all this wild and extravagant criticism of the Commissioners that I sometimes hear would cease. I am not as well informed about town affairs as I should be, but I took it upon myself last week to talk with a half dozen or more intelligent men about the financial affairs of the town and not one of them, I dare say, came within \$5,000 of the annual income; they all over-estimated what it costs to maintain the fire department; neither one of them had any idea as to what it costs to police Oxford; one of them said that he had heard that \$4,000 were spent for street improvements during 1912, and closing up his ledger and lighting his pipe he remarked that if \$4,000 had been spent on the streets during the past year he could not see, for the life of him, how a bond issue of \$5,000 would help matters very much. Now these are the very "wise guys" that have been criticizing the Commissioners, all because there is no tabulated statement at hand, pasted in a scrap-book for ready reference. I am mighty afraid that the people of Oxford will be disappointed for a long time to come if they expect to get good streets and side-walks with the \$5,000 bond issue. That amount is hardly enough to keep the ditches open and the old macadam in repair. I share in the general opinion that the \$5,000 ought to be expended on the side-walks and devote the other \$2,000 to the streets. The incoming Board, whoever they happen to be, will be expected to make a good showing, and I believe the best way to do that is to use the bulk of the money for side-walks. Some members of the present Board, I understand, are in favor of such a scheme, but it is doubtful if they could be induced to stand for election this Spring. Some of the old Board are desirous of serving another term, but unless they show a spirit for better streets and side-walks they may be re-nudiated, as there is decided agitation going on, and the sentiment is in favor of wide awake men. CITIZEN.

SHORT LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

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

The voice of the plowman is heard in the land. A coquette is a girl who syndicates her affections. Since the snow every farmer is in favor of good roads. The tobacco men are getting ready for their summer rest. Read the change in Carolina Power and Light Co. ad on another page. How about asking the Legislature to change the name of Oxford to Mudville? Dr. L. V. Henderson is on a business trip to Richmond and will return tomorrow. Horner Bros. Co. have fixed up a neat harness room in their large store on Hillsboro street. Paint has made a decided improvement in the interior and front of Long Co. store on Main street. We are sorry to learn of the serious illness of the son of Mr. Thomas Poythress on Raleigh street. We understand that Sheriff S. M. Wheeler will have charge of the moving of the Easton residence. The many friends of Mr. W. A. Adams will regret to learn that he is confined to his home on account sickness. The corridor of the Court House has been greatly improved by taking the wood out and storing it in the basement. The 19 milch cows at the Oxford Orphanage produced during the month of January 406 pounds of butter. The special attention of our farmer readers is called to important change in the advertisement of Horner Bros. Co. on another page. The wave of mud on College street near Dr. T. L. Booth's gets deeper and deeper, while a part of Asylum street is almost bottomless. We are sorry to learn that Mr. R. I. Daniel, the excellent farmer at the Oxford Orphanage, has been real sick and hope he will soon be well. Mr. James B. Powell, our careful Register of Deeds who was numbered with the sick the past week, has recovered and is at his post of duty. We call the attention of those who wish to buy a good farm to the advertisement of B. S. Royster, Commissioner, in another part of this paper. The blue sky smiles the care away. The heart forgets its trouble. The whole soul seems as blithe and gay As a sunbeam in a bubble. Miss Kate Horner, who has been visiting relatives in Wilmington, left on Tuesday last for Houston, Texas, to visit her cousin, Mrs. Emmet P. Crow. Don't get swell headed, boys, just dig and wait for fame to call; The man who thinks he's mighty big You'll find is mighty small. We call special attention of our many lady readers to the change in the advertisement of Boylan-Pearce Co., Raleigh, as it will prove of much interest to them. As today (Saturday) is Washington's birthday and is a legal holiday all the banks and the postoffice will be closed, and also the mail carriers will take a rest. This is a great world. One set wants to compel everybody to get on the waterwagon and the other set prefers to walk and take chance on what's coming to them. Some men are working while others are asleep. The sleepy heads arise in the morning with that tired feeling while the others get up bright and early with money in their pockets. So far 1913 has been lucky for the fellow who has been industrious, honest, upright, economical, saving and steady in his habits, and who won't give up his seat on the waterwagon, even if it is a little slow. Grin and bear it—time will show Manhood's at the top, you know, Grin and bear it—hold your heart Clean amid the staidful mart; Brave and constant, right and true— That's all life can ask for you? Don't get it into your head that your town can't do what other towns can do. Study your town's adaptabilities for certain kinds of industries and enterprises and convince yourself that it is the ideal place for such undertakings. We are indeed sorry to learn that the angel of death entered the home of our good friend, John Cawthon, at Wilton Sunday and took from him his dear wife, and may God of Love be with and sustain him in the hour of grief. We hope some one will send us an account of the death of this good woman.

60-miles-an-hour men are equipped with self-starters.

The average married woman has a lifelong job without wages. The improvements to the basement room under the Long Co. store are nearly completed. The Paint Brush has commenced work in Oxford and we hope it will be kept busy until late in the coming fall. Yes, Cordelia, there were knockers and growlers in Oxford back in the old days when Crabtree bossed the town. Men in public office are apt to be criticized, and the man who can not stand criticism has no business holding an office. The Odd Fellows are having the hall and the rooms along with the law offices of Gen B S Royster and Mr B K Lassiter repainted, which is adding much to the looks of the second floor. The many old friends of Bill Smith, an old brave war veteran, will deeply regret to learn answered the last roll call at the Soldiers Home in Raleigh last Thursday. We trust it is well with him. We think it such a pity that young men occupying public positions should come to the conclusion that they are the "whole cheese" and forget that they should accord their patrons at least common politeness. The Legislature will make 4 more judicial circuits in the State, making 20 all told. Well, that will give eight more lawyers a job—four judges and four solicitors—and there will be plenty of them after those jobs. The Secretary of State has chartered the Oxford Plaining Mill Co. with a capital of \$3,000, \$1,000 being paid in by Messrs. N. N. Cupp, T. Lanier and W. R. Carden. The company is now installing machinery and will soon be ready for business. Uncle Sam seems to be doing a pretty good banking business without much publicity, since he now has 3,000 postal banks \$35,000,000 on deposit. Postmaster General Hitchcock estimates that deposits will reach \$50,000,000 during this fiscal year. "I have been over the road, my boy. That you will have to go; And I tell you of all the things in life, It is the best to know. If you can swallow from day to day The bitterness and the blight, Perhaps you'll come to end of the way That leads to the endless light." High School Debate. Don't forget the debate to be held on the night of Feb 21st in the Graded School building. The negative team cordially invites as many as can to go with them to Louisburg to the debate to be held at that place on the same night at 8 p. m. Admission free. Tom Pace is to represent the Oxford High School in the Declamation Contest to be held at Elon March 24th. The Legislature. The Assembly has enacted about one hundred and thirty laws and adopted some dozen or two joint resolutions. Those which are of more or less general interest are as follows: Providing that the office of one \$900 clerk in the Governor's office be abolished, and that the salary of the executive clerk be raised from \$1,200 to \$2,000 per annum. This affects a saving of \$100 per annum in the clerical assistance. Permitting jurors to be drawn, in certain cases, from counties other than the one in which the trial is held. Making more stringent the law to prevent forest fires. Modifying the law in regard to horse stealing. Allowing married women to sue alone for personal injuries. Culbreth Cullings. Mr. John Cannady has been on the sick list for some time. The little son of Mr. Carl Piper is very sick with pneumonia. Most of the children in this section have recovered from measles. Mr. Rucks Cannady is at home with his parent after an absence of many years. Miss Bessie Howard was called to Durham Saturday on account of the illness of her aunt. Misses Ione Yancey and Clara Rogers, of Oxford, were the guest of Mrs. Elijah Daniel last Sunday. Mr Tom Clement was quite sick last week from a dose of liniment, which he mistook for another medicine. Misses Ella Hall and Helen White, our school teachers, left for their homes this week, having closed the school. PURE BRED White Wyandotte eggs for sale, 75c. per dozen. W. L. PEACE in Union Bank. SEED OATS—I have the Appler, Burt, Black and White spring. L. Thomas. WATER GROUND Country Meal, the best that can be made, always on hand. Also all kinds of garden seeds. L. Thomas.

Remember Your Loved Ones.

When you are in the market for monuments and head stones it is well to write to T. O. Sharp, Durham, and get prices before closing the deal. Or better still, he will pay your expenses to Durham and return if you care to inspect the best collection of monuments in the State. See the advertisement of this reliable marble works elsewhere in this paper. Pitcher Meadows to Durham. When the Carolina League opens this season our young friend Lee Meadows, from the Piedmont League, will be found holding down a position with Durham, a new town in the League. Meadows made good last season on the Concord team, where he did fine work, and his position with the Durham team is a recognition of his superior abilities as a pitcher. Lee is an Oxford boy and we expect to see him win additional laurels this season. Coming of Spring. New Spring goods are daily arriving at The Long Company's Stores, and the styles are beautiful. The very newest things in silks, coat suits, colored linens, gingham of all kinds, percales, white goods, embroidery, laces, flouncings, table linens, towels, napkins, slippers, oxfords and pumps. They are showing in the men's department the new weaves and patterns in the men and boys' clothing of the latest designs. See the advertisement of The Long Co. on the fourth page of this paper. Women Get Charter. The North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs was chartered last week with \$50,000 capital authorized. The incorporators are: Mrs. Sallie S. Cotton, Bruce; Mrs. Mary J. Cooper, Henderson; Mrs. Gertrude Weil, Goldsboro; Mrs. Beattie B. Reid, Lenoir; Mrs. Clara S. Lingle, Davidson; Mrs. Georgia M. Stover, Wilmington; Mrs. Lutie Ogden Tingley, Charlotte. Mrs. A. H. Powell, Oxford; Mrs. Lutie H. Wooten, Greenville; Mrs. Ida M. Hook, Charlotte; Mrs. Flora Cooper, Henderson. All these ladies are officers of the State Federation. At the Presbyterian Church. There will be the usual schedule of services at the Presbyterian church during the present week. The pastor, Rev. S. K. Phillips, has left for Edenton where he and Mr. Pardo will hold an evangelistic meeting for ten days, in which the other churches of the city will take part. The pulpit of the Presbyterian church will be occupied next Sunday morning and evening however, and at the evening service the congregation will have the pleasure of hearing the new pastor of the Stovall-Geneva-Oak Hill churches, Rev. J. S. Kennison, of Greenbrier Presbyterian, West Virginia. Mr. Powell Declines. EDITORS PUBLIC LEDGER: While deeply appreciative of the generous expressions of the Public Ledger and other citizens of Oxford, I feel it my duty to say to the voters of Oxford that I am not in any sense a candidate for Mayor, and even though my nomination was assured unanimously it would be impossible for me to accept this high honor. I thank those of my fellow citizens who have spoken favorably of me in this connection and assure them that in the capacity of a private citizen it will always be my purpose to exert my best efforts for the betterment of the community. Very respectfully, A. H. POWELL. Oxford, Feb. 17, 1913. Sweet Voices in Harmony. Mrs. Talmage DeWitt Stafford, a recent bride who has come to Oxford, sometimes favors the congregation of the Baptist church with a solo. She possesses a melodious voice of rare sweetness, and on Sunday morning last she and Miss Elizabeth Hancock, one of Oxford's accomplished and pretty young ladies, sang a most beautiful duet at the morning service, accompanied by the deft fingers of Miss Mary Webb on the ponderous sweet-toned organ. It was one of those soul-inspiring duets that accomplishes so much good in the world, and Miss Webb is to be congratulated in bringing together two voices of such rare paths. Entertainment by Glee Club. The entertainment at the Lyon Memorial Monday evening last was largely attended, the proceeds being \$101. The Trinity College Glee Club furnished the music, which was of a high order and was greatly enjoyed. The Lyon Memorial building, with its refining influences, has proven to be an ideal place to bring the young people together for the cultivation of love and Christian races. The Boy Scouts are to be congratulated for their invaluable service. The Philatheas will not soon forget their earnest effort to make the entertainment the great success it was. Those who took part were: Scouts Hays Willford, Bennett Mitchell, Austin Spencer, Henry Shaw, William Medford, Richard Turner, Robert Parham, Thad Parham, Lewis Turner. ONE SETTING Rose Comb White Orpington eggs (15) for sale at \$1. Ap. ply at this office.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends, In General. J. T. Cozart, of Route 3, was in town Saturday. Mr. L. Hunter spent the past week in Raleigh. Mr. Ed. Pruitt, of Route 4, was in town Saturday. Mr. C. L. Floyd, of Route 3, was in town Monday. Mr. W. S. Gooch, of Stem, was in Oxford Monday. Mr. Oscar Yancey, of Route 1, was in town Monday. Mr. James Osborn is on a business trip to Goldsboro. Mr. R. H. Wilkerson, of Route 1, was in town Saturday. Mr. Sam Currin, of Henderson, was in town Saturday. Mr. W. W. Grissom, of Route 3, visited Oxford Saturday. Mr. Henry Osborn was in Richmond the first of the week. Mr. J. W. Wrenn, of Watkins, was on our streets Saturday. Mr. J. T. Grissom, of Wilton section, was in Oxford Monday. Mr. A. J. Dickerson, of Dickerson was in town Saturday. Mr. J. W. Wilson, of Wilton section, was in Oxford Saturday. Mr. Herbert Gregory, of Stovall section, was in town Monday. Mr. Crawford Knott, of Route 1, was a town visitor Saturday. Mr. D. T. Winston, of Adoniram, was in town Tuesday morning. Mr. J. M. Morris, of Snow Hill, was an Oxford visitor Monday. Mr. Walter Howell, of Fishing Creek township, was in town Monday. Mr. Bob Hackey, of Durham, spent Sunday in Oxford with his family. Gen. B. S. Royster was in Winston-Salem Monday and Tuesday on business. Mr. Shanks and daughter, of Vance county, were among the Oxford visitors Monday. Mr. and Mrs. John Brummitt, of Fishing Creek township, were on our streets Monday. Miss Josephine Brown returned on Monday from a month's visit to friends in Winston-Salem. Mrs. George Parker, of Rocky Mount, visited her daughter at Oxford College Saturday and Sunday. Dr. B. K. Hays is attending the Tri-State Medical Society at Norfolk and will be in his office Friday. Mr. and Mrs. George Tillery, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor on Raleigh street. Our handsome and manly young friend, John Stedman, of the State University, spent the week-end at home with "dear old dad." Sergeant Thomas Spencer, of the United States Army and stationed at Fort Hamilton, N. Y., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Len Pitchford a few days the past week and his Oxford friends were glad to see him. Death of Little Child. On February 9th, God sent his angels to bear away the gentle spirit of the ten-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. John Hicks, of Route 5. He had been sick several days with pneumonia, and all that kind hearts and willing hands could do was of no avail. We know that loving hearts are crushed, but God in his tender mercy knoweth best. May the Lord give them faith to say, "Thy will be done." A large crowd was present to see the remains laid to rest in the burying ground at home. He is sleeping, calmly sleeping. In a new made grave to day; We are weeping, sadly weeping. For the darling has gone away. FRIEND. MR. AUTOMOBILE OWNER! This is the time of year just before the good automobile weather opens up to get your tires and tubes in good shape to enjoy the good weather when it comes. We wish also to say that we are better equipped to take care of our customers than ever before. Send in your work now or ask us to call for it and be ready to enjoy yourself when the good weather sets in. We also make a specialty of bicycle tires and tube repair work as well as all kinds of automobile tire repairing. Compare our work with any you have seen or had done and you will find it first class in every respect and remember we guarantee all our work. All mail orders given our careful and special attention. Give us a trial and be convinced. Yours to serve BROWN VULCANIZING PLANT. Bux 181 Phone 134A. Oxford, N. C.

SERENADING HIS BEST GIRL

On a Clear Morning Our Cotton Mill Whistle is Heard at Virgilia. The Public Ledger has been requested to say something about the Cotton Mill whistle which blows every work-a-day morning about four o'clock. This is the whistle that everybody within a radius of five miles set their timepieces by, and many farmers in the Providence and Enon sections are stirred to action by it. Just why the management of the mill selected such a loud whistle no one knows. All of the operatives live close by the mill, and it does seem that a lesser volume of steam would arouse them. If there were only two whistles in the world the citizens of Oxford would be glad to swap this whistle for the one they never heard. It is stated that the fireman in charge ties the whistle-cord down and goes off to his breakfast, and if the mill people don't hear the whistle it is no fault of his. There are people in Oxford who close the windows on the west side of their homes, both in winter and summer, to deaden the sound, but there are others who would be glad to hear it, but of course all of this class is entirely deaf. It is suggested that possibly the discharge of a 20-inch cannon would awaken the mill village, but the pleasure of the fellow with the whistle-cord must be taken into account; a loud-sounding bell is sufficient to arouse a farmer, but it is said that a bell only lulls a factory hand to sleep. We hardly know what would become of this section of the State if the management of the mill decided to drive the machinery with electric power instead of steam. After all, it may be possible that the fellow with the whistle-cord is only serenading his sweetheart up in Cornwall, and if that is the case we hope he will marry her and have a dozen kids to amuse him at all hours of the night, thus doing away with whistle business, and should the whistle for any cause be discarded we hope Gabriel will not find it and use it on resurrection morn, less some of us loose our chance of going to heaven at the very last moment. Free Delivery for Oxford. The free delivery system for Oxford was inaugurated bright and early Monday morning. It looked somewhat odd, but none the less reassuring, to see Uncle Sam's boys, in their neat gray uniforms, darting in and out with mail pouches. The carriers are: Messrs. Hiram Murry, District No. 1, which constitutes the business centre of town; John Baker, District No. 2, northern portion of Oxford; Phil H. Kenney, District No. 2, the southern portion of Oxford. The mail is delivered three times a day in the business district, and twice daily in the outlying districts. In going from the old to the new too much must not be expected all at once, or even for a week, but in just a little while the system will move with clock-like precision. Those who live in the postal zone, and have no lock box at the post-office, must wait patiently for the mail carrier—there is no use to call at the general delivery window unless you are a transient. Of course the hours of delivery will depend upon the arrival of the trains, and when the trains change their schedules the carriers are governed accordingly. At present the bulk of the mail arrives after nightfall, which enables the carriers to make an early start the following morning, and the mail which arrives in the afternoon will necessitate an evening delivery. After the drop-mail boxes arrive and are put in position the carriers will take up all such mail matter on their rounds of distribution, and it is important that all mail matter be properly stamped. The service comes to Oxford for the express purpose of filling a long-felt want, and the citizens in general are urged to expedite matters as much as possible so as not to detain the carriers. Red Hill Roarings. We saw in the Public Ledger of recent date the gist of the new road law pending in the General Assembly of North Carolina, requiring every male person between the age of 21 and 45 years to give four days of labor on the public road each year. As we country people now pay a special road tax, and give free labor, we would like to know why they discriminate between the incorporated towns and the country people? I want it understood that I am in favor of good roads, but don't see how we are to get them with only four days of free labor to the year. I had two men from New Jersey to stop with me for a week, and they related to me the plans they have for working their roads, and it seems to work nicely. They send men around to the good roads meetings so as to learn the best methods of road building, and when they decide to build a road, say ten miles long, they let it to the lowest bidder, and only those having abutting property on said road are expensed for the work, and they have good roads and very little "kicking." C. F. T. TWO NEW 4-Room Cottages near the Furniture Factory for Rent. Apply to Mrs. W. H. Britt.