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TYPE SETTING MACHINE.

The Public Ledger Has Installed the Simplex Patron.

The type of the Public Ledger is now set by means of an electric propelled Simplex typesetting machine. The key-board of the machine resembles that of the typewriter, the Simplex keyboard being larger and more durable. A light touch of the keys releases the desired letter and a long line of visible type is thus marshalled into line in front of the operator. The Simplex machine is the acme of success. In casting about for the most modern and simple machine we chose the Simplex for its accuracy, simplicity and speed. The speed of the machine is practically unknown, but with less than a month's practice we are able to fill a column of the Public Ledger with type every hour in the day. The errors that occur in the paper are the fault of the operator and not the machine. An accurate speller, nimble fingers and a song in the heat is all that is needed to produce results, and many young ladies in the large cities are making a handsome salary operating the Simplex type setting machine.

A Young Genius.

Seldom has an Oxford audience made such an ovation over any one as that accorded Mr. John Powell on the evening of Friday, April 11, when he appeared at the auditorium of the handsome new graded school building, to render a select program of piano compositions. Mr. Powell needed no introduction to his music loving audience, for the splendid talent, and wonderful technique of this gifted young artist. Music circles of the town for as many days as his coming had been an ascertained fact.

Coming to Oxford under the auspices of the three organized Woman's Clubs and also at the direct invitation of personal friends, whose guest he remained while in the town, the way had been well paved for him to receive a welcome and the cordiality of his reception was a foregone conclusion. In the selection of his program Mr. Powell had conceded due regard to the musical taste and temperament of his audience, executing with rare skill and wondrous beauty some of the most difficult compositions of the old masters.

In the rendition of his first selection Mr. Powell, with all confidence in his own appreciation, seemed to be "taking the pulse" of his audience—he had sounded his keynote, would they catch the tone! His theme would satisfy his own soul, would his hearers attune their souls to it! Applause assured him they were pleased—but was there not some reserve yet? What will he do next? Ah! the soul of the artist is warming up. Thought waves are reaching forth. They are filling the atmosphere! The magnetism of the man is being felt, the great soul of the artist is assuming vast proportions and the sympathy of the audience is keeping pace! Is it from his finger tips or from his soul the music emanates? They are one and the same! His audience has now caught the spirit, and is in accord with the great mastermind and he feels the sympathy in every fibre of his being!

When did Oxford ever hear such music! Completing the first numbers which he had chosen to entertain the grand old master of paths and passion and then a series from the brilliant French master of the style and technique, and reproducing generously after each selection to continued rounds of applause of his enthusiastic admirers. Mr. Powell now began a suite of his own composition, which well nigh brought his audience to their feet.

So wonderful was it in its execution, and yet so easy of interpretation, so complicated and yet so simple! The notes fairly showered from his fingers, so brilliant in effect that sparks centillated in the imagination at the thrill of sound. The ear would have ceased to take it in as human had there not been a message to the soul! His complete absorption, and perfect abandonment to the themes of his own conception—his brain-children—put the pianist in the very frenzy of feeling. The effect was startling, soul stirring, awe inspiring!

Truly American, and truly Southern is he. A type of all that is characteristic in American music, wit humor, pathos, sympathy. In him does the ambitious dreamer of

SHORT LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

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

Gardens have greatly improved since the fine rain. This section certainly enjoyed a fine rain Saturday.

Everybody is enjoying the glorious spring weather.

The Oxford Ice Company have had their wagons painted red.

Rain falls on the just and unjust alike and sometimes it is very just that it does rain.

A son has been born unto Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Reves and mother and child are doing well.

Father and everything else that goes to make up the farm force, is now working to beat the band.

The odor of fertilizer is again abroad in the land as the farmers are busy hauling it to their homes.

An anti-suffragist in speaking against equal franchise says that there are two many fools voting already.

Don't try to compliment a girl by telling her that she doesn't eat enough to keep a sparrow alive. A sparrow is the biggest hog on earth.

Once upon a time a married man went home and complimented his wife upon her good looks. It took four doctors several hours to save her life.

The Public Ledger is gratified to know that our highly esteemed young friend Gordon Hunt has recently graduated with honor at Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

The new paper currency soon to be issued by Uncle Sam will be 6 inches in length and 2 1-2 inches in width. The Public Ledger is ready to receive either the old or new currency on subscription.

She sat in a corner and knitted and darned the livelong day. Waste of time, a weary, wearing task, the modern folks will truly say: So it was for grandma, settled and grave and gay, in the days of old.

That preacher who has made arrangements for parents to check their babies when they come to church, just like overcoats and umbrellas are checked at a theatre, is determined that the babies shall not be used as an excuse for not coming to church.

"Do you dance the turkey trot?" "No," replied the social leader of Shade Rag. "That went out of style here several months ago. Since then we have had the cow glide, the mule mazurka and we are now practicing the pig polka, and the fertilizer two-step."

That city clerk at Raleigh says he left a big sum of money in his desk overnight and it was stolen. A deputy sheriff at Wilmington who had been out collecting taxes, says he left \$500 on a stone fence where he counted it and forgot to go back and get it; when he did go back it was gone.

The reception given by Mrs. R. L. Brown Friday afternoon in honor of her guests, Mrs. Seldon Taylor and daughter, Miss Floyd, of Richmond, proved a recherche affair and greatly enjoyed by all who had the pleasure of attending, as Mrs. Brown is noted for her cordial hospitality.

A reactionary is a fellow who is afraid to go ahead into new pastures for fear somebody will get his goat. One class of self-styled progressives consists of individuals who think they own all the new pastures and make a specialty of getting everybody's goat when it butts into their opportunities, says the Wilmington Star.

The Durham Sun of Saturday says: Sixty gallons of corn liquor, in bottles, brown jugs, barrels, kegs and every other imaginable vessel was taken today at noon by Constable Raymond Hall at John Copley's on outskirts of the city. Several days ago a raid was made on the Ruben Barbee house in East Durham and 25 quarts were seized.

dreams see not only a distinct and unmistakable beginning of an American school of music, but the onward impetus and inspiration that shall serve to guide others and give to their soul-longings a "local habitation and a name."

"Enough that he heard it once--we shall hear it by and by." L. H. F.

Mr. James Horner is in Baltimore having a rush order filled for Ober's celebrated guano.

A nice new shingle roof now ornament the home of Mr. D. N. Hunt on Asylum street.

Mrs. Susan Williams, who has been sick for some days, we are glad to know convalescent.

The Presbyterians were greatly pleased with the sermons preached in Oxford Sunday by Rev. White, the able pastor of the Henderson Church.

Owing to the fact Dr. Tyer was called Saturday to the bedside of a sick relative in a distant town there was no preaching at the Methodist church Sunday.

We call the special attention of our readers to the different Bank statements in this issue and are asked to carefully read each one of them as they make a good showing.

On next Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock a Silver Tea will be given at the home of Mrs. J. T. Britt for the benefit of the Parish House building fund.

Whiskey Creek flows in New Hanover county, and we wonder if it is with corn juice? If so those who go fishing in that stream do not have to supply themselves with "snake bite."

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Crews, who were recently married in Lynchburg, returned Saturday evening from their bridal tour and are receiving the congratulation of their many friends. Mr. Crews will soon commence the erection of a residence on his lot on Gilliam street and as soon as completed will go to house-keeping.

A few days ago one of the convicts told Mr. C. O. Jones, the superintendent, that he wanted to have a private talk with him, which was granted. We learn he asked Mr. Jones how much money it would take to let him get away? Mr. Jones replied: "You have not got money enough and you've got to serve your term out," and proceeded to lock him up. He struck the wrong man to bribe.

The Caswell Sentinel pays its respects to the tribe of newspaper dead beats in this meter: "We cannot refrain a smile when we get a postoffice notice that some 'honest' man has 'gotten even with us' by refusing to take his copy of the paper just as soon as he receives a notice that he is twelve months in arrears. It's the 'easy way', if not the honorable way, and no doubt it brings a deal of satisfaction to such a one."

Two Deaths at Wilton. Two deaths at Wilton Monday caused much sadness in that community. They were Mrs. J. C. Usry, 77 years old, who was buried at Pope's Chapel, Franklin county, Tuesday, and Mrs. Tom Usry, 83 years old, the burial taking place in the family plot at Wilton. They passed away within an hour of each other.

Still Captured. One morning last week our good friend Rufus Blackley smelt malt in the air as he soared above the trees in his aeroplane, and it did not take him but a short time to trail to the "herringane." When he landed at the spot he found a still and 1000 gallons of malt, and soon had it flowing down the branch. Nobody was there and he brought the still to Oxford and turued it over to our good Sheriff Hobgood.

Good Store News. The summer sale at Cohn & Son started Friday, April 18th, and lasts for fifteen days. They will be big days and full of interest to shoppers in every walk of life. They want to stir up trade, and you know Cohn & Son's sale is bound to do it. Adhering to their well known policy of using temperate statements only, they announce this sale as the most unusual opportunity to purchase desirable merchandise economically. Do not fail to obtain an abundant of summer supplies. It means dollars upon dollars saved to careful buyers. Read their adv. on the last page of this paper, which contains only a sample of what is to be found there during the big sale.

SIX ROOM house on Spring street for rent. 2t J. W. HORNER.

LOST—Pair of gold rimmed spectacles Sunday morning, between the Presbyterian church and the home of Mr. J. M. Baird. The finder will please return them to Mr. Baird. 1t.

Coming Soon.

That big, jolly, laughing minstrel "Joe" Coburn and his merry company will be with us again on Friday night, April 18th, at the Opera House. Everything bright and new, Coburns Great Minstrels, last year, the year before, and the year before that they have been coming, every season getting bigger and better. Every season entire new company, new acts, new music, new people. For fifteen years they have been coming steadily, growing in popularity, never disappointing, the cleanest, most progressive, modern and old time minstrels on the road. We expect them, we want them, they are a household word. Read the list of attractions and remember the street parade at noon.

County Farm Demonstrator.

It is singular to what extent people will go in criticizing our public servants. It is not infrequently that our County Commissioners are unjustly criticised for extravagance and are charged with appropriating \$2,000 per year to carry on farm demonstration work in the county. Nothing could be further from the truth. The county only pays \$300 of a sum of \$2,000 raised by public spirited citizens at home and in the west. The demonstration work as carried on by Dr. Morris speaks for itself, and as soon as the people become accustomed to the new order of things we will hear of no criticisms. The well informed people of the county are responsible for the movement and they are not slow to see that it is the only way to place the farming interest on a higher plane.

One of Vance's Gems.

The greatest speech Zebulon B. Vance ever delivered was "The Scattered Nation." The first sentence of that speech is, "There is a river in the ocean." Then follows a beautiful description of the Gulf Stream. Then said the great Commoner, "There is a lonely river in the ocean of mankind. The mightiest floods of human temptation have never caused it to overflow, and the fiercest fires of human cruelty, though seven times heated in the furnace of religious bigotry, have never caused it to dry up, although its waves for two thousand years have rolled crimson with the blood of its martyrs. Its fountain is in the gray dawn of the world's history, and its mouth is somewhere in the shadows of eternity. It, too, refuses to mingle with the surrounding waves, and the line which divides its restless billows from the crimson waters of humanity is also plainly visible to the eye. It is the Jewish race."

John Powell in Oxford.

Mr. John Powell whose boyhood home was in Richmond was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell while in Oxford. It was through the influence of an early friendship dating from the time Mrs. Powell was a school girl in Richmond, at the Powell school and "John," was a little shaver that the now celebrated and brilliant young artist came to Oxford, his engagements as a rule, being made with large towns only. Mr. Powell is still a Virginian, and is loyal to the friends of his youth, being totally unspoiled by the flattering attention, universal admiration and the enormous success that have attended his career from the beginning—both at home and abroad. Notwithstanding the fact that he is a real celebrity he is affable and agreeable, making new friends with as much enthusiasm and apparent sincerity as if his reputation were still at stake. He expressed himself as being heartily pleased at being remembered in Oxford, and deeply appreciative of the enthusiastic reception and applause accorded him by the women of the Oxford clubs, under whose auspices he came. The club women realizing the possible financial risk they were assuming, were still willing to take the responsibility, feeling that if there were no profit resulting from their treasury that the benefit to the town, from an educational standpoint and the genuine pleasure that the music loving people would receive from hearing Mr. Powell play was well worth the responsibility they assumed. The result proved satisfactory and but for the very inclement weather on the night of the concert, there would have been a much larger audience and many more dollars to their credit.

Our Mr. J. W. Horner is in Baltimore this week. Wire from him today saying: "Hornor Bros. Co., Oxford, N. C., Good shipments of Ober's Guano for Oxford and outside points go forward each day this week and next; assure customers can get delivery last of the week.—Jas. W. Horner."

Can fill all orders for Ober's by first of the week. HORNER BROS. CO.

THE EARLIEST and best Tomato Plants for sale by J. P. Stedman. 2

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

Ira Lyon, of Lyon, was in town Monday.

Frank Owen, of Route 4, was in town Monday.

John Currin, of Route 7, was in town Saturday.

H. L. Dement, of Route 5, was in town Monday.

Woodson Cash, of Tally Ho, was in town Monday.

Felix Bumpass, of Oak Hill, was on our streets Monday.

Charles Piper, of Providence, was in Oxford Monday.

Wesley Knott, of Enon, was a town visitor Monday.

Goodman Critcher, of Route 6, was in town Monday.

E. A. Freeman, of Route 6, was in Oxford Monday.

G. R. Barnes, of Route 6, was a town visitor Monday.

Charley Morris, of Wilton, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. John Burnett, of Route 5, was in town Monday.

R. L. Brummitt, of Route 2, was in Oxford Saturday.

W. C. Daniel, of Mount Energy, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knott, Route 2, were in Oxford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Breedlove, of Salem, were in town Monday.

R. A. Longmire and daughter, of Stem, were in Oxford Monday.

Our friend J. W. Davis, of Stem section, was in town Monday.

Macon Hobgood, of Route 1, was on our streets Monday afternoon.

Capt. W. A. Devin attended the State Baraca Meeting in Charlotte.

Thurman Knott, of Trinity College, was among the Oxford visitors Monday.

Mr. S. V. Morton, of Route 4, was in town Monday looking out for a land deal.

Mrs. F. B. Daniel and daughter, Miss Annie, of Berea, were on our streets Monday.

Miss Claude Currin, near Hester, is the guest of Misses Mamie and Hazel Hobgood, near Henderson.

D. M. Caldwell and son have returned to Carolina Lodge after spending the winter in Florida.

Dr. J. A. Morris, the energetic county demonstrator and member of school board, was in town Monday.

Mayor Baummitt and Dr. Frank Hansock are attending the meeting of Royal Arcanum in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker, of Burlington, are visiting at home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Usry on College street.

Dr. Nick Cannady, a Surgeon at the National Military Home, Hampton, Va., is on a visit to his home in Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Pruitt and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pruitt, of Wendell, spent the week-end with relative in Granville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Seldon Taylor, of Richmond, Va., are visiting their brother, Mr. R. L. Brown at the Oxford Orphanage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Van Derin and daughter and grand daughter, who have spent several months at the home of Mr. Stephen Jones, Route 1, have returned to their home in New Jersey.

Revival Services.

A revival service of much interest was begun Sunday morning last at the Baptist Church and will continue every evening throughout the week and possibly longer. Those heart-to-heart talks of Dr. Weatherpoon is having its effect on the large congregation that throngs every service. The hour of service is 7.45 and the public is cordially invited to attend.

GUANO SHIPMENT.

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MAIL CARRIER'S CONTEST

Patrons of the Rural Routes Standing Solidly for Their Carriers.

The patrons of the Rural Routes throughout the county are becoming more and more enthused in the Public Ledger's Mail Carries Contest. As the contest warms up it is a pleasure to note the pride each patron has in his faithful carrier and a number of them have said that later on they propose to take the field and work for the interests of their carrier. Every mail brings names to be added to the list and a request for a bundle of Public Ledgers for distribution and canvassing purposes. A letter containing a check comes from far off Texas with the request that we credit his friend in South Granville with the proper number of votes.

The twice-a-week Public Ledger for \$1.00 a year, or 75 cents for six months strikes a popular cord and it is a comparatively easy matter to secure among the good people of the county quite a number of new subscribers, and for all such yearly subscribers the carrier named receives 800 votes, while a renewal entitles the carrier to 200 votes.

Preliminary arrangements are being worked out whereby the prizes will be placed on exhibition as soon as possible, and then the real work of the campaign will be on in dead earnest. It has been suggested by some that they propose to collect subscriptions and hold them back and later on spring a surprise, we must add that while we appreciate the nature in so doing we can see no advantage to be gained by it. It is an open contest and we prefer to credit the carriers with the proper number of votes as soon as the subscriptions are taken, otherwise the patrons will not understand why they are not receiving the paper.

APPLICATION FOR PARDON OF RUFFIN FULLER.

Application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of Ruffin Fuller convicted at the April 1907 term of the Superior Court of Granville County of a capital offense and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. All persons who oppose the granting of the said pardon are invited to forward their protests to the Governor without delay. This the 12th day of April, 1913. RUFFIN FULLER, By B. S. Royster and Hicks & Stem, Attorneys.

DR. C. D. H. FORT, Dentist, can be found in his office over the Post Office from 8 to 6 o'clock every day. 1t. pd.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

At Oxford, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, April 4th, 1913.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$336,949.69
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	718.33
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	43,000.00
Other Bonds to secure postal savings	6,000.00
Premiums on United States bonds	875.99
Bonds, Securities, etc.	4,349.18
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	21,946.37
Due from National Banks (not reserve assets)	32,271.54
Due from State and Private banks and bankers, trust companies and Savings banks	2,000.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	37,399.04
Checks and other Cash Items	4,702.87
Notes of other National Banks	4,000.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	667.85
Specific	26,741.50
Legal-tender notes	4,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	2,250.00
Total	\$728,953.87

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	22,073.28
National Bank Notes Outstanding	45,000.00
Due to State, Private Bank and Bankers	14,727.29
Dividends unpaid	60.00
Individual deposits subject to check	286,274.60
Time certificate of deposit	233,262.29
Cashiers Checks Outstanding	362.46
Postal Savings Deposits	2.94
Reserved for Interest	6,182.00
Total	\$728,953.87

State of North Carolina, County of Granville, SS: I, W. H. Hunt, Cashier of the above-named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. H. HUNT, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 1913.

B. K. LANISTER, Notary Public.

Correct Attest: Z. W. LYON, W. G. PACE, R. W. LANISTER, Directors.

SALE OF LAND.

Pursuant to authority contained in a no order made by J. G. Showell, Clerk of Superior court of Granville county, and approved by his honor, Judge H. A. Foustlee, in a special proceedings entitled In re Richard Thoro, shall on

MONDAY, MAY 12, 1913, expose to public sale at Court House door in town of Oxford to the highest bidder for cash a certain tract of land situate in said county, in Oak Hill township, adjoining the lands of Felix Bumpass, Huff and others and lying on the waters of Grassy creek and containing by recent survey 327 acres, more or less, and known as the Thoro home place. This land has on it a large dwelling house and all necessary outbuildings. Time of sale 12 o'clock m.

T. LANIER, Guardian.