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ORPHEUM THEATRE NEAR-ING COMPLETION.

High Class Attraction Pro-cured for Opening Night, September Fifth.

Messrs J. P. Harris and E. G. Crews, managers and owners of the Orpheum Theatre, the neat little play house on Hillsboro street, will open Friday evening, September 5th, with a high class attraction entitled "The Little Millionaire."

Workmen have been pounding and fussing on the little play house for some time, but when the finishing touches have been added and the big electric sign, which adorns the front of the building, flashes out the word "Orpheum," the people of Oxford will have cause to be proud of the little gem.

Owing to the fact that moving pictures will be operated afternoons and nights when the house is not otherwise engaged, the management adopted green as the color scheme. The house has a seating capacity of five hundred, each seat being spacious and comfortable with a hat rack beneath it. The two broad aisles leading to the foyer and the broad space between the rows of seats does away with unnecessary crowding and is in itself suggestive of comfort. The exits are wide and numerous and every precaution for safety has been closely observed. Mr. Couch, local manager of the Carolina Power and Light Company, is giving his personal attention to the lighting system, the wires being embedded in iron pipes, and the lights on the stage and in the auditorium are so socketed as to be productive of the most brilliant and powerful effects yet reached in this electrical age.

The orchestra floor of the theatre is practically on a level with the street, insuring easy entrance and ready exit. There are four private boxes easy of access, and the steps leading to the neat little balcony are so arranged as to avoid noise. Definite announcement as to the policy and the bill for the initial week of entertainment will be forthcoming from the management in a few days.

When You Don't Care.

Indifference is an enemy, it is not natural. Indifference is responsible for many of the evils that exist in government. What kind of a business is it that has indifferent workers? How can a political party succeed when its members are apathetic. Cheerfulness should dwell within you. Take care. Have enthusiasm, without which little good has ever been accomplished in this world. Neither you nor your fellows can advance if you are all indifferent.

Small Daily Paper.

We have received a copy of what is supposed to be the smallest daily newspaper published in the United States. It is published at Wheeler station in Ontario county, N. Y., by Halsey Raines and Whitney Raines, of New York city. The boys are grandsons of a brother of the late Senator John Raines, and are spending the summer with friends of Wheeler station. Halsey Raines, editor-in-chief, who is ten years of age, does most of the work on the paper, the printing of which is done on a typewriter. The paper has a "paid up" circulation of seven.

A Gully Washer.

During the electric storm Wednesday evening a flash of lightning killed a 200-pound hog and nine chickens belonging to Rufus Boyd near the Cotton Mill. The same flash entered the prize house of W. Z. Mitchell, all the doors and windows being closed, and shattered the large freight elevator. The same vivid flash played around the water tank and entered the machine shop of John Gooch, causing the workmen to flee for their lives. The storm raged for an hour and the rain filtered through the air in great sheets. We learn that the farmers in the northwestern part of the county sustained slight damages to crop.

The lightning also ran down a chimney of a cottage on Cherry Hill and demolished a stove and smoothed out a joint of the stove pipe to its original shape.

TURNIP SEED of all kinds but only one grade. The best. J. G. HALL.

O. W. Eakes, of Greenville, is on a visit to his father, J. S. Eakes, of Northern Granville.

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

In commencing the busy season don't forget the County Fair.

Every man must make mistakes if he tries to accomplish anything worth while.

Of course you are going to take in the big circus in Oxford on Saturday, Sept. 6th.

Hello, are you going to bring a load of tobacco to the opening sale in Oxford Monday?

"The virtue of the postage stamp my son, is that it sticks to the one thing until it gets there."

The farmer's slogan now is: meet me in Oxford Monday at the opening sale of the tobacco market.

The people are anxious to see the grading and macadamizing of Spring and Gilliam streets finished.

All the farmers are cordially invited to bring a load of tobacco to the opening sale in Oxford Monday.

Do you want your township to win the big Public Ledger prize? If you do help your favorite candidate.

Mrs. W. H. Upchurch has about recovered from her attack of sickness to the delight of neighbors and friends.

Joe Hunt, of Tar River, will be behind the counters of the clothing store room of Landis & Easton after September 1.

Our merchants are beginning to receive their fall goods so watch out for their advertisements in the Public Ledger.

The Reidsville Review says: The Oxford Public Ledger issued a most creditable illustrated Tobacco Edition last week.

It has been tried thousands of times, but you can't down free speech in this great country of ours, as every man has a right to his opinion.

We had the pleasure of meeting on our streets a few days ago our old friend C. J. Hulin, who has been in the monument business in Durham 31 years.

A sobering truth which everybody must face is that he is certain to misjudge other people. That is as inevitable as that he will be misunderstood himself.

The ladies with tight skirts will have a hard time crossing from one sidewalk to the other at the junction of Spring and Gilliam streets unless steps are supplied.

Because a man does not agree with you on public questions or the best way to work a road or a street that is no sign he is wrong. You might be mistaken yourself.

Wednesday afternoon the severest rain and electric storm of the season passed over Oxford and was a gully washer and a trash mover. It also gave the streets a good cleaning.

The two movements now agitating the minds of our people—one for lower freight rates and the other for better roads—spells a brighter day for North Carolina commercially and industrially.

The votes in the Farmers Contest have commenced to come in, so you had better get to work and help your township candidates win the excellent 2-horse wagon and double set of harness.

Morris Green has located at Towana, Va., between Richmond and Newport News, and we wish him great success in his new home. His family will remain in Oxford for a month or two before joining him.

The long patience of God, the immense stretches of his plans, the persistence of his designs through centuries and millenniums, is a lofty argument for perseverance on the part of all who would be sharers in His work.

If you wish to keep up with the tobacco market and news of the county now is the time to subscribe to the Twice-a-week Public Ledger at the low price of \$1 a year. Subscribe now and help your township win a prize.

This is the 28th year we have advocated the Oxford Tobacco market and the interest of the farmers, education of the children, good government and the uplift of the people and the upbuilding of our fine old town and county.

It is better to attempt something and fail than to be a failure without making any attempt.

Will Tyer, a very excellent young man, will be one of the book-keepers at the Owen warehouse.

Mott Pinnix has accepted a position with Carolina Power & Light Company and we wish him every success.

We are requested to announce that there will be a call meeting of Stem Local Union August 30th in the afternoon.

A daughter was born unto Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stark on Thursday, and pleased to learn that the mother and child are doing well.

It is stated that owing to the increased taxes imposed by the town and other increased expenses the Oxford Water Co. will increase its charge for making service connections.

Be sure and read the advertisement of Hamilton Drug Co. on the last page as it deals with school supplies and stationery as well as prescriptions accurately compounded by Eugene Crews.

The popular Miss Annie Crews most delightfully entertained her friends Thursday afternoon at the pleasant home of Mrs. D. G. Brummitt on College street. Fine refreshments were served.

We are glad to learn that our friend C. H. Parham arrived at Leamington, Canada, all right, and is much pleased with that country. He is looking after some tobacco being grown in that section.

Regular communication of Oxford Lodge, No. 396, A. F. & A. M., will be held Monday night, Sept. 1st. Work in Third Degree. All members are requested to be present, and visiting brethren are cordially welcome. T. S. Waller, Sec.

Will You Try It.

Now is the time for merchants and people who have things to sell to let it be known through widely circulated Twice-a-week Public Ledger. In case you should be one who don't believe advertising pays we will give you one free of charge and prove to you that it does pay.

New Grocery Firm.

Messrs. Will Tom Cannady and Willie Alston, two of Oxford's reliable young business men, will open a cash grocery store on Main street Wednesday and will have a neat and attractive place. Everything will be sold at the very lowest cash price and the house-keepers will save money by buying their groceries from Cannady & Alston. Read the advertisement on the last page and be sure and attend their opening sale when everything will be sold at a special cut price.

Agricultural Lime.

For the benefit of the farmers we publish the following: The Railroads have recently reduced the freight rate on agricultural lime. Now the farmers can afford to buy lime and use it. Have recently had quotations on ground lime stone in bags delivered at Oxford for \$3.50 and \$3.65 per ton. The former from G. C. Buquo Lime Co., Hot Springs, N. C. The latter price from The Blue Ridge Lime Co., Fletcher, N. C. This lime should be applied at the rate of 1000 pounds to 2000 pounds per acre.

See That They Attend.

Next Monday morning the Graded School will open and we wish we could impress on every parent the importance of every child being present at the very beginning. You want your child to take a stand with the best and you want it to hold that position all through the year. Then you should do all in your power to help them in this, and you can do nothing which will be of more importance than to see that the child is present on the very first day during the session if possible. The people of the town are proud of the graded school and they should be, and while everything does not go just like you and some others might wish, and there being none better in the State, we have not heard any suggestions as to how things could be bettered, so let us all pull off our hats to those in charge and wish them God speed in their educational efforts.

Here's to the best years work Prof. Pitts and his associates have ever had.

BARGAIN—High grade White Orpington—sale. Trio \$2.50. J. G. HALL JR., Oxford, N. C.

Farmer's Convention.

In the North Carolina Farmers' Union Convention, in session at Raleigh this week, A. C. Nelson, of Minnesota, told of a most complete plan of co-operation inaugurated in his country.

Dr. H. Q. Alexander is presiding over the session of the union. The State Convention of Farmers Wives has quite a large attendance, and Mrs. Charles McKimmon is in charge. There are many talks and demonstrations by experts in various phases of farm home life and the convention is proving quite successful. All three farmer conventions are well attended.

There are about 450 farmers present. Six delegates to the National Convention at Salina Kansas, will be elected.

The Convention Wednesday offered nine resolutions that committed the body to the State's educational laws of last winter, put accent upon agriculture and denounced the ancient policy of having the colleges and universities dictate the courses in the high schools.

The Union Wednesday did big things. Its championship of the progressive measures of the Democratic party last spring, will make the party feel good in coming campaigns. They were measures that had to be fought hard. The following is the report:

1. The State Farmers' Union having won its campaign for a six months school term and compulsory attendance, we believe the next great forward work in education is that of making our country schools train for farm life and work. To this end earnestly urge every farmer in North Carolina to see to it that his boys study the text book on agriculture, and we believe that every farm girl should also study it.

2. We urge that every school wherever possible introduce a domestic science course for girls.

3. We demand that the text books adopted for use in country schools shall be adapted to farm life and work instead of being saturated from cover to cover with the spirit of the city. We especially urge that never again shall our children be forced to study arithmetic packed with problems on banking, insurance, English, money, and latitude and longitude, but with no adequate training in farm life problems, such as mixing fertilizers, calculating fertilizer values, compounding feeding rations, etc.

4. We ask that each county superintendent publish each year the number of pupils studying agriculture in each county school. We also ask that each county superintendent publish annually a comparative statement showing how the county stands as compared with two, five, or ten years before in local taxation, length of term, value of school property, enrollment, attendance, number of school libraries, etc.

5. We insist that our State Normal and Industrial College and other schools for training teachers shall give more attention to agriculture and domestic science, and that every pupil receiving free tuition as a prospective teacher shall be required to take these courses.

6. Our high schools should aim to be primarily at training for life rather than training for college. We denounce the ancient policy of having the colleges and universities dictate the courses in our high schools so that these are made to fit and serve the 5 per cent who go to college instead of 95 per cent who do not.

7. We congratulate the A. and M. College upon establishing a department of agricultural economics and marketing, and the University upon establishing a Department of Rural Education, subjects which we believe have heretofore been seriously neglected.

8. We earnestly urge that our farmers shall work to bring about keener interest in industrial education on the part of our religious denominations. Many of them are doing much for industrial education among negroes, but virtually nothing for helping our white boys and girls in this respect. Many of these denominations established colleges when classical education was the only sort known, and have since made absolutely no progress in educational ideals.

9. Finally, we insist, that the Legislature shall see to it that some permanent plan for insuring a six months school term is adopted as well as merely written in the Constitution, and we urge our farmers to assist in the enforcement of the compulsory attendance law.

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends In General.

J. E. Jackson was in Greensboro Wednesday.

J. T. Daniel, of Route 1, was in town Thursday.

John Mayes, of Stem, was on our streets Thursday.

E. F. Cole, of Route 7, was in town Thursday.

A. L. Breedlove, of Wilton, was in town Thursday.

J. S. Watkins, of Cornwall, was in town Thursday.

Dr. Meadows, of Culbreth, was in town Wednesday.

Herbert Crews, of Watkins, was in Oxford Thursday.

W. R. Nelson, of Route 4, was in town Wednesday.

W. S. Suit, of Wilton, was a town visitor Thursday.

Miss Julia Currin, of Route 4, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary C. Cannady returned Thursday from Durham.

Roy Morris, of Route 4, was in town Thursday afternoon.

Walter Averett, of Providence, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Robt. Burnett, of Route 1, was in town Thursday morning.

Mrs. Arch Blalock, of Route 1, was on our streets Thursday.

A. A. Hicks spent Wednesday in Northern Granville on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Knott, of Enon, were in Oxford Wednesday.

Mrs. Lonnie Perkinson and little son visited relatives in Stovall Tuesday.

Miss Catherine Crews and sister, of Route 5, were on our streets Tuesday.

Miss Hallie Wood is spending the week with Miss Hannah Howard on Route 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Landis, of Henderson, were in Oxford Thursday visiting relatives.

George Dorsey and Miss Rachel Parham, of Route 3, were on our streets Thursday.

Messrs. Clarence Breedlove and Zeb Patterson, of Route 5, were on our streets Wednesday.

Josh King returned on Thursday from New York where he bought goods for the Long Co.

Mrs. Tom Blackwell and daughter, Miss Ethel, of Route 3, were in Oxford Wednesday.

Marsh Daniel, one of the fine looking bachelors of Route 1, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. C. F. Smith and Mrs. J. E. Jackson and children are visiting relatives in Halifax county.

Thomas R. Fleming, one of the progressive young farmers of Lyon, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. W. T. Lee and two bright daughters, have returned from a visit to relatives in Clarksville.

Miss Nola Johnson, who has been visiting Miss Pearl Bowling, returned to Durham Thursday.

Mrs. Junius Hunt and daughter, Miss Lillian, returned Tuesday from a trip to relatives at Grangeville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Rollins, of Durham, spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Steed on Rectory street.

L. M. Carroll, of Washington City, enroute from his old home in Clinton, spent Thursday with his sister, Mrs. John Gooch.

Miss Willie Ogburn, the popular telephone operator of Lacroix, is relieving the operators at the Central for a few days.

Arthur Landis, who is attending Uncle Sam's Naval Academy, is on visit to his mother, Mrs. Anna Landis, and his Oxford friends are glad to see him.

Misses Myde and Celene Bradshaw, of Route 6, and Miss Lila Eakes, of Route 2, are attending a house party at Miss Lucile Ellington's on High street.

MORE OYSTERS AND BETTER OYSTERS.

I will begin my oyster season Saturday, August 30. Any one wishing a nice stew or fry I will be glad to serve them at any time. The well known GREELY HARRIS, 1t. pd. 25 Main street.

TWO INFLUENTIAL MEN OF OXFORD.

They Ride Into Richmond on a Special Made Up For Their Own Comfort.

The question arises as to what two men in Oxford are the most popular with the high officials of the Southern Railway Company. Recent developments lead to the belief that Lonnie Smith, the genial proprietor of the Exchange Hotel, and Hal Holeman, of the Acme Hardware Company, enjoy that distinction. We hardly know as to how much influence they exert, but a recent trip to Richmond confirms the belief that it is nothing short of tremendous. They purchased tickets last Saturday for Richmond and took seats on the three o'clock train the same as the ordinary run of men, but on reaching Keyesville, they side-stepped, and after holding a little caucus they decided to make the rest of the trip in a special car fitted up and provided for their own comfort. It may be interesting to know how they did it.

Glancing at the time-board they noticed that the train from Danville to Richmond was marked up ten minutes late, which allowed them fifteen minutes to walk a couple of squares and get a glass of coco-cola. While enjoying themselves at the fountain the train came and departed on schedule time. On returning to the station they called the attention of the agent to the time-board, but they found the agent obdurate until Mr. Smith whispered to Mr. Holeman something about a deal involving several thousand dollars. The agent heard the whispered conversation and asked them their names, but the only information forthcoming was to the effect that if he intended to hold his position with the Company he had better get busy, which he did by calling up the division superintendent and explaining matters. The best that official could do was to give them a permit to ride into Richmond on a freight train which would soon arrive from the South. This did not meet with Messrs. Smith and Holman's views at all, and they began to talk about the consumption of the big deal and the agent rushed off to the telegraph instrument and brought them the cheering news that a special train was being made up for them, which would have precedence over all other trains and that they would reach Richmond ahead of schedule time.

While waiting for the special at Keyesville the whole population turned out to see the two big men strutting about the platform, heads erect, smoking fragrant Habana cigars. The special made only one stop between Keyesville and Richmond, presumably at Burkeville, where the agent saw the two lone passengers on the rear platform and asked the conductor the names of the two "big guyes." The conductor replied, "I'll be darned if I know, but there is a big deal on in Richmond and they must be there on time." On reaching Richmond the two jovial passengers gave the conductor a cigar and told him to side-track his train as they might decide to return at any moment.

Sanger's Great Shows.

Out of the ordinary are many of the things to be seen with Sanger's Greater European Shows, which will exhibit at Oxford, Saturday, September 6th. To mention a few, there is "White Cloud" the famous \$25,000 Arabian stallion, known as the best educated horse in the world.

Major Littlefinger and wife, smallest pair of human adults living, will hold daily receptions under the big tents.

The Aztec Marimba Band, from the wilds of Central America; the "jinx," a strange and as yet unclassified animal from Natal, are real novelties.

Sanger's great herd of gigantic performing elephants are truly wonderful.

The famous Orton family of bare-back riders are notable for this is the third generation of this remarkable family that have held the world's championship of equestrianism. In every department of the great show you will see striking evidence that the whole world has been gladdened for real features.

Two exhibitions will be given at Oxford, Saturday, September 6th, afternoon and night.

FARMS—For rent or sale. Also one good young horse. Apply to M. F. Adcock, Oxford, Route 5.