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**GOOD NEWS FARMERS!**

**TOBACCO ADVANCES FROM \$3 TO \$7.**

**On the Eve of the Greatest Tobacco Year in the History of the Market.**

It is gratifying to state that the prices for all grades of tobacco on the Oxford market has advanced from \$3 to \$7 per hundred in the last week. When the market opened September first the prices were high and the farmers were happy, but the steady advance noted from day to day on the floors of our four warehouses brings them to a full realization that the stability of the Oxford market is above question. We earn from the buyers, warehousemen and tobacco men in general that prices for the better grades of the light type will rule high on the Oxford market throughout the entire tobacco year. It is understood that the bumper crop this year does not in the least effect the prices on the Oxford market. Large orders are waiting to be filled and the four commodious warehouses are qualified to handle the crop with dispatch.

The quantity of tobacco coming to the Oxford market increases from day to day and the indications point unerringly to the fact that we are on the eve of the most prosperous tobacco year in the history of the Oxford market, and the good news has gone forth that Oxford is the ideal tobacco market for high averages. And it is also known far and near that our buyers and warehousemen are the liveliest set of tobacco men in the State and take a special delight in maintaining the reputation our market bears for stability and high averages throughout the tobacco year. It would be a physical impossibility for the farmers to find a better market elsewhere for the simple reason that none exist.

Our warehousemen bid them a most cordial welcome to Oxford, and it would seem that they fully realize the importance of the invitation and will accept the kind hospitality shown them and the high prices that await them for their product.

**Encouraging Outlook.**

The Public Ledger is gratified to see several nice residences going up around town. The prudent man wants a home of his own and he is right. At the same time we should like to see a few more manufacturing enterprises established. If there is any loose money around it might pay to look into the matter. The slow steady growth of Oxford for the past decade is a reassuring, but the extraordinary qualities of the people and the climatic conditions would warrant a much faster growth. There is much room for expansion along industrial lines and it is just a question of time when we will wake up to our great possibilities. A few small diversified manufacturing plants is all that is needed to set the ball in motion, and guarantee to us a handsome weekly pay roll to be distributed in the channel of trade.

**Former Pastor Visits Oxford.**

Rev. Joseph Rennie, a former pastor of the Oxford Presbyterian church, now of Greenwood, Miss., spent Sunday in Oxford, preaching at the Baptist church in the morning and at the Presbyterian church in the evening. Mr. Rennie has been away from Oxford a number of years, and looking out over the large congregation that greeted him he saw many new faces and only a limited number of his former acquaintances. He is an excellent preacher and received many hearty congratulations while in Oxford.

**Compulsory Law.**

Lookout parents! By order of the Board of Education the period of compulsory school attendance will begin the first Monday in October, so get the children ready as they will need all the education they can get in the battle of life.

**SHORT LOCAL PICK-UPS**

**GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY**

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

Knowledge of lost opportunities comes with old age. Have you visited the nice new cash grocery store yet? If you are looking for a light job apply at the gas office.

Why are automobilists so much more careless on Sundays? Sometimes a liar is known by the positiveness of his denials.

A girl without a beau is as lonesome as a flea without a dog.

Col. Roger Gregory's residence is in the hands of carpenters and painters.

The cold September wave is calling for the straw hats to go into their holes.

Down in the bottom of every man's heart he sometimes feels like doing right.

The we bit of a bright-eyed girl has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cam Hunt.

Young man have you cast your orbs on that beautiful display of ties at The Long Co?

A soul stood before the "Pearly Gate." "What did you do on the earth?" said the Angel.

There wouldn't be a Thaw case if there hadn't been more Thaw money than was good for Harry.

Do you want 10,000 people in this and adjoining counties to read your advertisement, if so put in the Public Ledger.

Prices on all grades of tobacco shot up among the rafters on Friday, and farmers went home with smiling faces.

Note the change in the advertisement of the Oxford Ice Co. as now is the time to lay in your winter's supply of coal.

Farm products are materially higher on the farm than they were at this time last year, according to figures of the Agricultural Department.

We have good news to tell the farmers—tobacco jumped from \$3 to \$7 per hundred Friday as the Oxford market is now in full swing for the season.

Now we are having some of them called "the forward looking woman." Nevertheless, the good looking woman will continue to have it all her own way.

Our friend L. Y. Gordon, of Tar River section, was on our high average market Monday, and was pleased to receive for a load of tobacco \$12.50, 26.25, 28, 22.50 and 13.75.

Landis & Easton, the popular dry goods and clothing merchants, will issue their fall proclamation to the people in Saturday's issue of the Public Ledger. Lookout for it and read it.

It is a pleasure to us to note that Miss Norma Burwell, one of Oxford's pretty and intelligent young ladies, has become a member of the faculty of the Training School at Greenville.

Willie Lee Currin, of Route 1, rolled into Oxford Monday morning with a load of tobacco and sold at the New Banner warehouse, and pocketed \$17, 24, 28 and 42, the load netting him \$300.

The Orpheum Theater is proving a very popular resort with our people and is enjoying a good patronage. The Southern Beauties are holding the boards there this week, and are pleasing their audiences.

If we don't seize our opportunities they are sure to be seized by others. Since we are here where we can see them in order to keep pace with neighboring town we are sadly in need of better streets and sidewalks.

**OXFORD AS A CENTER.**

**THE STORES WERE NEVER PRETTIER THAN NOW**

**In Purchasing Large Stocks Your Wants Were Anticipated.**

The stores in Oxford were never prettier than they are at this time, and the goods are indeed tempting. To satisfy our own curiosity as to how prices in Oxford compare with other nearby towns and cities we selected twelve articles, embracing hats, shoes and gents' furnishings, and we requested a lady to select a like number of ladies' furnishings and household articles, and the prices of all these, as compared with the prices for the same articles revealed the fact that the Oxford prices are a fraction over ten per cent lower than elsewhere. This saving to the customer can be accounted for by the fact that our merchants are very careful buyers and meet their obligations promptly. Another source of pleasure in visiting the stores of Oxford is the uniform courtesy of the proprietors and clerks; and whether your purchases are large or small or nothing at all, you are sure to receive a hearty welcome to the store. We rather admire this feature of the commercial life of Oxford—that of examining the goods and inquiring as to their prices without offending the clerks.

It is not generally known that our merchants anticipated the wants of their prospective customers long before they go north to lay in their stock. Upon examination it would seem that they know the wants of every man, woman and child within a radius of fifty miles of Oxford. It makes no difference whether it is dry goods, hardware, furniture, medicine or what not, it is here.

One of the features of the merchantile life of Oxford which we pride ourselves on is the elegant line of millinery handled by our merchants. In every instance these departments are presided over by ladies of exceptional ability, and that they are prepared to make the hat conform to any price from \$50 down. The ladies are bedecking themselves with the latest creations, but the formal opening day has not as yet been announced.

**Live Rag Dolls**

Come to see the queerly made up rag dolls, who acts like real people. They dance, sing and talk, also wear appropriate costumes. Be sure to visit the candy booth also. At Lyon Memorial Building, Friday evening 19th, at 7:30 o'clock. No admission fee is charged, so bring silver offerings. Under auspices of the Methodist Junior Philathea class.

**Migration of Birds.**

For the past few evenings large flocks of birds from the cold North have been seen passing over Oxford on their way to spend the winter in the balmy Southland. There are more than a hundred in each flock and they fly en masse about five hundred yards above the earth. It is passingly strange that each succeeding flock, with a day intervening, follows the identical track of a former flock, passing immediately over Oxford College about one hour before the setting of the sun. We would like to take one of these little tourists in our hands and by carrying him learn from whence they come, where they are going, where they sleep and what they eat in transit. An old lady friend advises us that the migration of large flocks of birds is an indication of a long cold winter.

**NEW FALL MILLINERY.**

Mrs. T. Lanier invites the ladies to call and examine her new stock of Fall and Winter Millinery. Miss Lucy Gilmer, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Murray, two milliners of experience and taste, will again be with Mrs. Lanier. Prompt and careful attention will be given to all orders.

FOR SALE—One hundred acres of land at Stovall, two hundred acres at Gela and two hundred in a mile of Lewis. Terms easy. R. O. GREGORY. sep 15-17.

**NEW SCHEME TO ROB.**

**COLORING PEOPLE EASY VICTIMS**

**Led to Believe They Are Endowed With Supernatural Power**

It is stated that a gang of thieves followed the circus which visited Oxford recently and that a number of colored people fell victims to their clever schemes. They would wager a dollar against ten cents that if the intended victim would extend both arms in a horizontal position, palms up for one minute, he could not drop them to his side until the "hoo doo" was removed. It was explained to the intended victim that if he had the will power to drop his arms to his sides he was a natural born leader of his race, and the sooner he knew it the better it would be for him. After the money had been deposited the victim was admitted to a small inclosure and requested to stand against a tall table, and while the thieves were adjusting him on the "sacred rock" they would pick his pockets, hand a dollar over to him and pass him out the back way with the request that he leave the circus grounds immediately and not return for three hours under penalty of losing his power.

**Eureka Pressing Club.**

The Eureka Pressing Club is prepared to do pressing while you wait. Mr. Brame has installed a modern pressing machine, which is the most sanitary method known in pressing clothes. See ad of Eureka Pressing Club on last page of this paper.

**Group of Fine Young Women**

The student body of Oxford College, composed largely of young ladies from Granville and adjoining counties, is a very fine group of young women. We are thinking that these young ladies will place the standard of the famous old school one notch higher this session.

**Monster Mass Meeting**

It is suggested by The Raleigh News and Observer that besides letters to the respective legislators from every business man in North Carolina citing particular instances of rate discrimination a "monster mass meeting" of North Carolina business men be held in Raleigh on the opening day of the extra session, September 24th. That would look like business, sure enough. We approve of the idea.

**Come on Farmers!**

The old reliable Will Mitchell throws his banner to the breeze in this issue of the Public Ledger and proclaims to the farmers that tobacco has advanced from \$3 to \$7 per hundred on the Oxford market, and to load and come right along to the new Banner warehouse where high averages await them on all grades. The remodeled Banner is one of the most up-to-date warehouses in the State, with fine light, comfortable rooms for farmers and splendid new stables for the care of their teams. Read the Banner advertisement on the last page as Mr. Mitchell talks right out to you.

**The Harvest Moon**

The full moon nearest the 21st of September is called the "harvest moon," and as the moon was full last Monday it will be noticed that it will rise several nights this week apparently about the same hour. The peculiarity of this moon is that it rises nearly the same time for three nights, only 10 minutes late each night instead of 50 minutes, which is the usual difference in the rising of the moon. This peculiarity is caused by the small angle made by the ecliptic and the moon's orbit with the horizon at this season of the year. It is called the harvest moon because it occurs at the time of year when the farmers are pressed for time and the light of the moon enables them to work later than they otherwise could work.

**MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.**

**SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW**

**Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends in General.**

Luther Crews, of Route 5, was in town.

Coley Gill, of Stovall, was in Oxford Saturday.

John Dean, of Route 2, was in town Saturday.

Alf. Frazier, of Route 2, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. B. K. Hays is on a visit to New York City.

Miss Kate Horner returned to Raleigh Monday.

J. W. Chisholm, of Route 6, was in Oxford Saturday.

Zack Allen, of Providence, was a town visitor Saturday.

J. T. Cozart, of Route 3, was a town visitor Saturday.

W. J. Royster, of Providence, was in town Saturday.

Durel Brummitt, of Route 3, was a town visitor Saturday.

Marsh Daniel, of Route 1, was a town visitor Saturday.

Lucius and Elam Currin, Route 1, were in town Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Salls, of Route 4, were town visitors Saturday.

C. H. Ragland has gone to Fuquay Springs to teach school.

J. C. Tippet, of Route 3, was in town Monday selling tobacco.

Mr. and Mrs. Long, of Route 5, were on our streets Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burnett, of Route 5, were in town Saturday.

Miss Willie Lee Smith has gone to South Carolina to teach school.

Miss Florence Brem and Edward Hicks have returned to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Critcher, of Route 1, were in Oxford Saturday.

Miss Hixie White left a few days ago for Greensboro Woman's College.

Mrs. James Crews and daughter, of Route 6, were on our streets Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Peace and children, of Henderson, visited Mrs. E. C. Peace Sunday.

J. E. Pittard, a promising young man of Hester, was among the Oxford visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Elmore, of Henderson, visited Capt. and Mrs. Charley Elmore Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hayes, of Tar River section, were among the Oxford visitors Saturday.

Otis Jenkins, a popular young farmer of Wilton section, was an Oxford visitor Saturday.

Rev. S. K. Phillips is in attendance upon the meeting of the Presbytery in Edgecombe county.

Mr. and Mrs. Street, of Person county, spent the week end with their son, Mr. Kendal Street.

Mrs. John Daniel and daughter, of Rocky Mount, spent the past week with Mrs. T. L. Cannady.

Mrs. Bernard and daughter, Miss Imogene, were the guests of Mrs. W. A. Devin on High street the past week.

The attractive Miss VanDeventer after spending some time with Mrs. Irvin Mangum on College street, returned to her home in Richmond a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Britt, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fuller, Miss Peed, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. White, Luther White and Miss Clara Rogers visited Buffalo Springs Sunday.

WHEN in Oxford drop in at Landis & Easton to see their new fall millinery.

DAINTY neckwear of the latest and best styles shown at Landis & Easton.

**BRIGHT BOYS AND GIRLS**

**LARGE ATTENDANCE AT ALL THE SCHOOLS**

**Old Granville Furnishes Her Quota to Institutions of Learning**

All the schools and colleges are opening with about the largest attendance ever. It is really no joke. The rapidly increasing educational spirit is sending more young folks to the schools and colleges every year. Among the large number of young men and women of Oxford who will attend school elsewhere this session are:

Misses Frances Abbott, Gladys Rawlings, Sophronia and Julia Cooper, Janie Hunt, Estelle Bullock, Esther Mitchell, Mary Shaw; Messrs. Bev. Royster, Frank Hancock, Lee Gooch, Shepard Booth, John Stedman, Harry Renn, Outlaw Hunt, to University; Roy Royster, Randolph Macon; John Graham Webb, Warren-ton.

Here's to the boys and girls going away to school: May your school year be a busy and profitable one. Don't waste your time and your daddy's money, for you have no time to spare, and probably poor old daddy had to borrow the money to send you to school with and he will have to work many a weary hour to pay it back; but be that as it may do not waste his money. Don't give up if your task seems hard. Buckle down to business and don't be a quitter.

**Fine Stock With the Circus.**

The large circuses offer the people of the south some rare bargains in the way of horseflesh, it is found more profitable to dispose of horses in the south than pay freight and the heavy expense of wintering in the north, the "Young Buffalo Show" which exhibits in Oxford on Saturday, September 20th is said to have the finest lot of horses of any show in the south this winter, doing justice to that famous painting, The County Fair, possibly no such opportunity has ever been offered the citizens of Oxford before, it will well be worth a visit to the show during the day, even if but to see how possible it is to keep the stock in such fine condition, showing that hard work and the constant traveling does no injury, when properly fed and groomed. Horses of the above kind are always more desirable to buy than others, for the reason that they are acclimated to all kinds of water, feed and the weather, as well as toughened to hard work.

**Automobile Wrecked**

While returning from a visit to friends near Buffalo Springs Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. F. White had the misfortune to be thrown from their automobile near Grassy Creek Bridge by the collapse of one of the wheel of the car. The car was overturned, but fortunately there was no great damage done, Mrs. White and her daughter only receiving slight bruises. Mr. White sent to Clarksville for a car, which brought them to Oxford.

**Captures Big Contract.**

The News and Observer says that of the many contractors who have visited Raleigh and placed bids before the City Council for the paving of many blocks with the concrete-asphalt material have returned home. The city awarded the work to Mr. R. G. Lassiter, of Oxford, who won out on the lowest responsible bid submitted.

The Public Ledger congratulates Mr. Lassiter on being able to handle large contracts successfully.

**Help Us Out.**

We wish to thank those who, from time to time, have handed in bits of news for the paper, it is our desire to publish all the news from all parts of the county as nearly as possible and every item of news handed in or phoned to this office is greatly appreciated, not only by the Editors, but by every reader of this paper.