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JOHN A. NILES DEAD.

AN HONORED CITIZEN FALLS ON SLEEP.

Interment in Elmwood Cemetery Last Monday Afternoon

A feeling of sadness pervaded the town Sunday morning when the announcement reached here that John A. Niles had "breathed his last" in St. Christopher's Hospital, Norfolk, Va., Sunday morning at half past two o'clock, where he went suffering with severe ear trouble about a week ago, accompanied by his devoted wife.

It was found necessary to perform an operation for mastoiditis, to which he submitted with courage and patience. But the tenderest care of skillful physicians and the best of attention failed to save his life.

His mother, sister and two brothers from Boston, were called to his bedside. His faithful friend, A. H. Powell, left Oxford Wednesday morning and remained with him to the last.

A special coach bore the grief-stricken family and the casket containing all that was mortal of the loved one to Oxford. A special train left at one o'clock to meet body at Henderson and return with them to Oxford. The special escort on this train were: H. G. Cooper, J. A. Taylor, B. K. Lassiter, James B. Powell, Dr. B. K. Hays, Judge A. W. Graham, W. H. Hunt, J. Robert Wood took charge of the casket at Henderson.

It was a sad and solemn hour in Oxford, as the train returned at three o'clock and the casket containing the remains of the noble man were slowly borne to his beautiful home where friends kept a loving vigil through the night.

His death occurred at the age of thirty-two years, in the prime of manhood, in the midst of active devotion to every call of duty and usefulness. He came to Oxford about twelve years ago and in June, 1902, he was married to Miss Dorothea Coggeshall, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Coggeshall. His home life was ideal and was surrounded by all that could be desired to make his life comfortable and attractive.

He leaves behind to mourn his death a dear wife and two sweet little children, Elizabeth aged 9, and John aged 6, a devoted mother, Mrs. Mary A. Niles, of Boston, Mr. Casper G. Niles, a brother, of New York, Mrs. J. T. Moulton, a sister, and Miss Sadie Niles, of Boston, and Mrs. Faulke, of Washington City, a near relative. Mrs. Casper Niles and Mr. J. T. Moulton also attended the obsequies.

We do not know a man in the whole community who had more friends than John Niles. He was a familiar and a welcome figure in the business interests of the town. Being secretary and treasurer of Granville Real Estate and Trust Company he had opportunities to meet an unusually large number of people and he never failed to make friends with all he met. He was a man of ostentatious manner and made his way to the hearts of the people by his gentle bearing, his pleasing disposition and his uncompromising stand on the side of truth and honor. There was a kindly feeling for him in the hearts of all who met him, for he was a man who possessed personal magnetism strengthened by his pure and unselfish life.

He was a public spirited man and in the interests of the community he was always enthusiastic in every movement for progress and improvement.

His attractive summer home near Oxford stands as a record of his progressive nature and has proven an inspiration of progress and comfort, while the environments of the "Niles Bungalow" manifest the highest standard of up-to-date farming in which he took special interest.

He was the friend to humanity, in the bottom of whose heart was rooted every tender and sympathetic

SHORT LOCAL PICK-UPS

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

The contractor has commenced work on the Jonah Veazey residence on Gilliam street.

The many friends of Mrs. Sam Booth will regret to learn that she continues quite feeble.

The Shepherd of the Hills appeared at the Orpheum Monday night to a pleased audience.

R. W. Adcock, of Route 5, sold a load of tobacco Friday at Owen warehouse for 70, 55 and 35.

Mrs. J. C. Davis is now at home after some weeks in a Richmond hospital and is restored to health.

Rev. Walter N. Thompson, of Wake Forest, filled the pulpit at the Oxford Baptist Church last Sunday morning.

K. C. Adcock, of Tar River, sold two barns of tobacco weighing 1-164 pounds Monday at the Johnson for \$450. That's selling some.

We are pleased to learn that J. Robt. Wood has been appointed a member of the organization committee of the National Funeral Directors Association.

Quite a number of our hunters were out Saturday, and we are informed that Roy Wright bagged 40 birds and R. P. Taylor 30. Both gentlemen are fine shots.

Judge Devin is presiding over Durham Superior Court this week, and will preside over Granville Superior Court next week unless he should exchange Courts with some other Judge.

Messrs. Robt. G. Lassiter, Will Long, J. F. Veasey, H. J. Council, E. G. Crews and James Horner are having a granolithic sidewalk put down in front of their homes on Gilliam street.

The time of year is now at hand when the June bride will put on winter clothes and get suspicious of the coolness of the June bridegroom because he slips off without bringing in the wood.

The Twice-a-week Public Ledger is making rapid strides towards the 4,000 mark, as we received in October 149 new subscribers and 53 renewal, which we greatly appreciate and will continue to get out a first-class home paper. Now is the time to subscribe.

His was the generous heart that never turned the poor, empty-handed away. His was the charitable heart that overlooked the weakness of human nature.

His was the manly heart that "Ever gave to woman, a woman's heart,

And to a child, a child's." The funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. F. L. T. Horsefield, rector of the Episcopal church, in which the deceased was reared and very largely attended. The burial was in Elmwood cemetery. The floral tributes were very beautiful.

While the remains were being consigned to the tomb the choir sweetly sang: "For all the Saints," and "A Savior Blessed Savior." Mrs. D. Y. Cooper, Mrs. Stergis, Mrs. W. W. Phelps, Mrs. Phil Thomas, J. B. Owen and Ed Landis, of Henderson, attended the funeral. Active pallbearers: J. B. Powell, W. H. Hunt, B. K. Lassiter, W. Lanids, J. B. Owen, Ashburn Capehart, Ed Landis, J. A. Taylor, A. H. Powell.

Honorary pallbearers: Dr. N. M. Ferebee, H. G. Cooper, R. W. Lassiter, A. W. Graham, W. G. Pace, Dr. B. K. Hays, A. D. Capehart, J. Robt. Wood, Mr. Caldwell, B. S. Royster, Dr. E. T. White, Dr. T. L. Booth, R. G. Lassiter, Dr. N. C. Daniel, R. H. Lewis, G. W. Folk, of Raleigh.

The Public Ledger joins the community in extending deep sympathy to the bereaved family in the hour of deep sorrow.

A WORD OF ADVICE.

SHOP EARLY AND AVOID THE RUSH

First Christmas Under the Workings of the Parcel Post

It seems a little premature to speak of Christmas shopping, but if we take time to consult the calendar we will see that there is no time to spare. The merchants are now comfortably busy, but trade will steadily increase up to the holidays. It is well enough to make up a list of the things you wish to purchase for Christmas and watch your opportunity to buy before the rush sets in. Good clerks always prefer ample time to set forth to their customers the true value of every article they sell, and they will thank you to take time by the forelock and afford them the coveted pleasure of serving you well.

In speaking of early shopping there is another important factor worthy of consideration. This is the first Christmas under the workings of the parcel post, and "it seems that somebody will not receive their Christmas presents promptly on that morning unless they make their purchases a little earlier this year than usual. The parcel post is a very popular institution at this time and it will be more so when the holidays set in. Uncle Sam recognizes this fact and he has set aside a large amount of funds to expedite the distribution of Christmas presents this year. The amount ranges from \$10,000 for first class offices down to \$100 for third-class offices. Oxford gets its share of this money, but there is sure to be a glut throughout the country unless the people take it upon themselves to shop early.

We learn through the post office authorities that a package or bundle can be held at the office of its destination several days if the shipper will mark on the wrapper the day on which he wishes it delivered. In studying the comforts of the merchants and the clerks, and the post office force in particular, it is well to study the zone rates, weight and dimensions of parcel post bundles.

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Big Sale at Cohn & Son

A walk through the large stores of Cohn & Son during their reduction sale is a sight worth seeing. On every hand are great piles of the most dependable merchandise, and it is being bought and carried to all parts of the county by happy customers; great cases of goods, fresh from the factories, are being rolled in, unpacked and placed upon the shelves. We call your special attention to their advertisement on the back page of this paper but, of course only comparatively small number of bargains are quoted there, while the low prices touch every article in stock.

A Shower of Gifts

J. A. Pitts, Superintendent of Oxford graded school, was the recipient of a shower of house-keeping gifts presented by the members of the high school grades in anticipation of Mr. and Mrs. Pitts commencing house keeping in their new residence just completed on Broad street. Mr. Pitts is the most efficient and popular superintendent and the scholars chose this mode of expressing their good will and appreciation of his kind attention to the interests of the school.

Visiting His Old Home

Rev. Cheatham, a native of Granville, accompanied by his wife is visiting his relatives in Oxford and Granville. He is now rector of an Episcopal church in Washington State and has been filling the pulpit of the church of The Good Shepherd in Raleigh during the vacation of the rector. Rev. Cheatham will preach in St. Stephen's church in Oxford before returning to his home in the west.

WANTED—A good milk cow, must give 3 or more gallons per day. Wm. L. Taylor, Stovall, N.C.

COMMISSIONERS MEET

USUAL BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

Various Matters Engage the Attention of the County Solons

The honorable Board of County Commissioners met on Monday with J. P. Stedman, Chairman; B. I. Breedlove, Z. W. Allen, J. N. Tilley and H. C. Floyd present. The minutes of last meeting read by Clerk Powell and approved.

On motion it was ordered that the county pay for the land of J. D. Thompson taken for public road and said land to be assessed by a jury. The road as granted will be known as the Lawrence bridge and Creedmoor road. Chairman Stedman voted against it. The county is to pay for the building of the bridge across the creek.

Louvania Brodie was put on outside pauper list at \$1 per month. On motion it was ordered that Howard Garner and Dr. G. T. Sikes be appointed a committee to make contract with the Franklin county road force to build about three miles of road from Dr. Sikes to Franklin line the cost not to exceed \$150 per mile, with no cost for road bed or damages. Chairman Stedman voted against it.

On motion it was ordered that the county crush the rock in the road near Southern Railway in front of de Lacroix land so that the same may be replaced on the road by the Orphan Home force. Supt. R. L. Brown made the request assuring the Board that the road would be a sample road of the county.

On motion it was ordered that the county donate \$20 to hire plows etc on Bowling mountain road for the two Good Roads Days.

The above is Monday's proceedings.

Presbyterian Aid Society

The ladies of Oxford will serve a rare treat of turkey, oysters in various ways, chicken salad and a course of choice sweet things including ice cream and elegant cakes. The purpose is for completing the repairs on the Presbyterian church and the public are invited to assist in the laudable work by enjoying the dinner to be served in the Armory at 12 o'clock next Friday and the supper at 6 o'clock. An attractive assortment of fancy work will be displayed which will contain many articles suitable for Christmas presents.

A GREAT PIANIST IN RECITAL AT OXFORD COLLEGE NOV. 6.

The great Pianist, Madam Birdice Blye, of Chicago, will give a Recital in the Chapel of Oxford College on the evening of November 6th. This is the second visit of this Pianist to the College. She came last year and had a rainy night so that very few of our people were able to hear her; now they again have a rare opportunity of hearing one of the most distinguished Pianists of the world.

A few of the press comments will show in what estimation she is held.

Two of the great newspapers of Berlin, Germany, Vossische Zeitung and Anzeiger, give her the highest praise. The former says, "She is an artist in the best and truest sense of the word." The second says, "Her uncommonly great facility, her delicate but powerful touch, all combined to insure her the most undivided applause." The "London Times" says, "Miss Blye captured London by storm with her wonderful talent." The "London Standard" says, "We regard Miss Blye as one of the world's greatest pianists."

The great "Rubinstein" says, "Miss Blye is the coming great American pianist."

The music loving people of Oxford have thus a rare opportunity, and no doubt they will use this opportunity. The admission fee is 50 cents.

WANTED at once, two cords of good split pine, and two cords of good oak wood. See D. N. HUNT.

MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

SONE YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Personal Items About Oxford Folks and Their Friends in General!

Mrs. C. A. Hearst is on a visit to Asheville.

Bob Clark, of Berea, was in Oxford Monday.

S. H. Mize, of Hester, was in town Monday.

Charley Cohn is on business trip to Baltimore.

H. S. Williams, of Route, was in town Monday.

W. F. Lyon, of Northside, was in town Monday.

S. M. Aiken, of Stem section, was in town Monday.

Rufus Jeffreys, of Creedmoor, was in town Monday.

Capt. T. D. Clement, of Route 1, was in town Monday.

J. S. O'Brien, of Berea, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

T. G. Dean, of Wendell, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Ex-Sheriff Sam Fleming, of Hester, was in town Saturday.

Sim Meadows, of Creedmoor, was on our tobacco break Monday.

"Plunk" Meadows, of Henderson, was on our streets Monday.

L. Meadows, of Tally Ho township, was a town visitor Monday.

Mrs. Sterling Boddie, of Rocky Mount, is visiting relatives in Oxford.

H. G. Averett, of Route 1, and Cam Averett, of Route 2, were town visitors Monday.

G. T. Callahan and Willie Callahan, of Grassy Creek section, were in Oxford Monday.

Dr. John Bullock and I. W. Bullock, of Creedmoor, were among the Oxford visitors Monday.

Philo White, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Blackley and child of Wilton, were in Oxford Monday.

Dr. G. T. Sikes, Matt Wheelous, Howard Garner, and G. L. Allen, of Grissom, were in town Monday.

Hilman Cannady and B. F. Taylor will leave today for Charlotte to attend the State Vehicle Convention.

An Object Lesson

Let what be an object lesson? Why the piece of road that Mr. R. L. Brown proposes to work that leads out by the de Lacroix Farm. If the commissioners will have the rock crushed for him there will be hundreds of boys there that will soon be men and they will be scattered over North Carolina and other states where they will be able to impart the knowledge to others in different sections of the county where they chance to be as long as they live. WORKER.

RAFTER PRICER TOBACCO.

The following fine sales were made at the Farmers Warehouse on Monday:

Joe Parham 102 lbs. \$29, 76 lbs. 40, 90 lbs. 64, 155 lbs. 33, 80 lbs. 27.50.

E. O. Dickerson 95 lbs. 26, 150 lbs. 30, 145 lbs. 67, 114 lbs. 30.00. C. C. Oakley 130 lbs. \$50, 100 lbs. 67.50, 24 lbs. 75, 88 lbs. 37.50, 62 lbs. at 32.50.

Parham Bros. 46 lbs. 29, 100 lbs. 27, 64 lbs. 49, 44 lbs. 62, 105 lbs. 30.50, 35 lbs. 29.

S. T. Daniel 160 lbs. 29, 192 lbs. 40, 295 lbs. 62.50, 300 lbs. 31.50, 178 lbs. 28.

Sold two loads for E. C. Clayton for \$1.150.

Two loads for W. H. Tillotson for \$550.

One load for R. S. Stroud for \$550.

One load for J. T. Parham for \$525.

Sales amounting to nearly \$12,000 averaging for all on or floor a little less than 30 cents. If this is not selling tobacco, what is?

A GOOD SOLID FORCE.

TWO HUNDRED STRONG MEN IN LINE

Heed the Ringing of the Court House Bell This Wednesday Morning

The meeting held at the Court House last Friday evening with a view of systematizing the work on Good Roads Day, this Wednesday and Thursday was most interesting. Prof. T. F. Hickerson, of the Geological survey, was present. He made the trip from Stem Friday evening in an automobile with Prof. J. F. Webb and was therefore in a position to draw some conclusions as to the general conditions of the roads of the county and the material at hand for building good roads. He is a firm believer in sand-clay roads and after explaining how they are built he suggested ways and means of raising funds for the prosecution of the great work, the low cost of construction, maintenance, etc.

As regards the road work in hand for this Wednesday and Thursday Prof. Webb reported that many crews in various parts of the county had been formed and would work the roads in their respective localities. Mr. Caldwell, of Carolina Lodge, was present and told of the enthusiasm in the Gela section for Good Roads Day.

It was the sense of the meeting that the volunteers should be divided into squads and dispatched to various points on the roads leading into Oxford. One of the points settled upon was the working of the road in the vicinity of the Experiment Station.

The volunteers and substitutes are requested to meet at the Court House at the ringing of the bell at seven o'clock Wednesday morning. They will be taken to the roads in automobiles.

Oxford will furnish her quota. On Saturday Judge Graham in a very few hours by personal solicitation secured more than eighty pledges to work on either or both days. The young men are falling in line and there is a good deal of enthusiasm.

While there is here and there a man who rather laughs at the whole proceedings and suggest that business men hire substitutes instead of working themselves, the general run of public spirited citizens are looking at the matter in a far more serious light, and there will be a large number of men of the town found in overalls wielding a pick or a shovel on the highways Wednesday and Thursday.

One well known citizen said to us, "I am perfectly aware of the fact that I can for one dollar hire a man who can do more actual work than I could do, but as I see the matter this is only one phase of it. No great movement was perfected in a single day or years, and while we all say we are in favor of good roads we are as a people far away from the personal interests in the matter I would like to see. If we do our best to get out a crowd this year it will be easier next year, and you may take my word for it that no number of speeches and no amount of talk will make a man take the same interest in the movement as seeing with his own eyes and working with his own hands."

Hicks-Brummitt

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brummitt announce the engagement of their daughter, Nora Cree, to Mr. Albert R. Hicks, the marriage to take place Wednesday morning, November 26, at 10:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, near Cannady's Mill. Friends and relatives of the bride and groom invited to be present.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR SALE.

I will sell all the household and kitchen furniture, etc. at public auction at the Elijah Winston place, Brassfield Township on Tuesday, November 11th, 1913 at 11 o'clock a. m. J. N. HAYES. 1t pd.

Teachers of Oxford College at home Wednesday from 4:30 to 6 o'clock.