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### BUYING SPRING GOODS

**OUR MERCHANTS IN THE WHOLESALE MARTS**

**A Thought of Millinery is Suggestive of Spring Time**

Every train going north from this part of the State these days are loaded with merchants on their way to the wholesale marts to purchase spring and summer goods. Major Will Landis, of the firm of Landis & Easton, left for New York Saturday, and Messrs. Josh King and Frank Blalock, of the Long Company, and Oscar Breedlove, of the Perkinson-Green Company, are on the northern markets. Mr. Charlie Cohn, of Cohn & Son, has returned from the mills in the New England district, and he expects to be on the northern markets again in a few weeks.

The past year was one of the very best years in the history of the mercantile business of Oxford, and our merchants were kept busy replenishing their stock of goods. In laying in stocks the merchants must necessarily anticipate the weather conditions bearing upon the crops. Another thing that will engage their attention this year is the new tariff laws that are now effective on many lines of goods, but the consumer will not feel the benefits to any great extent until after July first next. The new tariff is a kind of a sliding scale and its full benefit will not be felt until January, 1915.

Mrs. Aubrey Moore, nee Miss Katherine Kreider, the expert milliner at the Long Company, left for New York Monday to investigate the merits and latest styles of millinery. The many friends of Mrs. Moore and Miss Lucy Patton will learn with pleasure that they will be found at the Long Company's store again this season.

Miss Moyer, the head milliner at Landis & Easton, is on the northern markets. She also has an eye for the beautiful, and the ladies of Granville can rest assured that the Oxford millinery establishments will be fully abreast of the times this year. Miss Coble, who conducted the millinery department at Perkinson-Green's last season on the northern markets and will return to this well known house this season. Cohn & Son are well represented in the marts of millinery, and none but a lady of the very best knowledge of the latest styles of millinery will be engaged to preside over this establishment. Another item of news to the lovers of millinery art is that Miss Lizzie Gooch has been on the northern markets for several weeks sketching and studying the millinery art. It is not definitely known at this time where Miss Gooch will reside this season. It is understood, however, that she will reside for the season in one of the Southern cities.

#### True Turkey Story.

Our old friend, J. R. Renn, of Route 6, was in town Saturday, and was walking without his stick having recovered from an attack of rheumatism. He related to us a true story about the laying qualities of one of his white turkey hens. He says up to the day of the first snow she had laid 30 eggs in nest some distance from the house and each day she laid the egg was taken out of the nest.

He thought she had a notion to go to setting, and was caught on the nest the night it snowed. Mr. Renn said he missed the hen, and went close to the nest and did not see anything of her. As she did not turn up at the end of the third day of the snow, which had melted some, he went again to the nest and found her turkeyship partly covered with snow and her tail and wings frozen to edge of nest. He pulled her loose and was surprised to find three eggs under her which she had laid during the three days she was a prisoner under the snow. Mr. Renn is very proud of his turkey hen and has a right to be.

### SHORT LOCAL PICK-UPS

**GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY**

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

Why should a woman who can speak but one language talk enough for two?

We ask the ladies to read the advertisement of Mrs. John Gooch in another column.

B. S. Royster, Commissioner, advertises some land for sale in another column. Read it.

Don't forget to take in at "The End of the Rainbow" this Tuesday night at Orpheum Theatre.

We ask all who are suffering with dyspepsia to be sure and read the big Rexall advertisement on another page.

You are asked to read the change in the advertisement of Howard Nursery Co., a home enterprise, on another page.

Read sale of land advertised in another column by E. M. and B. H. Perry, Commissioners, with B. S. Royster as attorney.

If you can't boost your own town boost the other fellow's. Then you will not be doing any harm knocking your own town.

A blow at the root of the high cost of living; the raising of more pork and cattle and of more corn and stuff for feed.

We call the special attention to the most excellent article of L. B. McFarland on another page as it is full of food for thought.

Bear in mind that Farmers Institutes will be held at Stovall on Friday, February 27th, and at town of Creedmoor on Saturday, the 28th.

Our streets and roads during the past week were tough on the natives, and made them long for macadamized streets and sand-clay roads.

We were glad to meet in town Saturday our esteemed friend W. J. Downey, of Mountain Creek section, after several weeks sickness with the grip.

There ain't no irritation  
Like this here one to plague;  
Feeding a hen all winter  
When she never lays an egg.  
Try Taylor Bros. chicken food?

Well, it is all over now. Hammer has at last been hammered in as District Attorney by the combined efforts of Senators Overman and Simmons, who get what they go after.

Our thousands of readers are requested to cast their eyes on the several advertisements of Samuel Davis, the great hardware bargain giver of Clarksville, Va., and who pays the freight.

There were small breaks of tobacco on the market Monday and Tuesday in spite of snowy weather prices range about the same. It will not be long now before all the crop will be marketed.

Hardly a day passes now but what the Twice-a-week Public Ledger receives new subscribers and receive congratulations upon the paper we are now furnishing the people, all which is highly appreciated.

We deeply regret to learn of the illness of our aged old friend Jack Ury, of Wilton section, who is 80 odd years old, and trust he will be restored to health and reach the century mark in the great battle of life.

Charley and Sam Cohn, of the live firm of Cohn & Son, have returned from the northern markets where they bought a handsome stock of Spring goods for their increasing trade. Watch out for their early spring announcement in the Public Ledger.

**WARNING NOT TO HIRE**—This is to warn all persons from hiring Dick Gordon who has left my employ without cause under the penalty of the law. H. E. Crews. 2tp

### HINGES ON CONNECTION

**WOOD-WORKING FACTORY FOR OXFORD**

**Can Be Secured by a Physical Connection of the Two Railroads**

Ways and means of landing another manufacturing plant and swelling the commercial importance of Oxford is being discussed by our wide-awake business men. The plant in question is a wood-working factory, and its location here would be the means of giving employment to several men, thereby stimulating business along all lines.

It appears that the only obstacle in the way at the present time hinges on a physical connection of the two railroads so as to be in a position to handle more readily the raw and finished products of the factory. It is stated upon the best of authority that there is now available for the factory \$50,000 if this concession from the two railroads can be secured. Those in a position to know what they are talking about, figure that the physical connection can be made for \$4,000, this amount being equally divided between the two roads.

Parties contemplating locating the factory here state positively that they are governed entirely by the ability of the citizens of Oxford to effect this connection with the railroads.

This is a splendid opportunity for the business men of Oxford to get together and show railroad companies that it is to their interest as well as ours to make the physical connection at once. Oxford's freight and passenger business should appeal to the railroads without much argument.

#### Buy, Sell or Rent

The Granville Real Estate and Trust Company comes as near filling a long felt want as anything we know when it comes to buy, sell or rent real estate, or when you need tornado, fire or any other kind of insurance. All they ask is an opportunity to serve you. See adv. elsewhere in this paper.

#### Oxford College Musical.

The public is most cordially invited to attend a recital in piano given by Miss Fannie Buchanan in the Oxford College auditorium on Friday night, the 27th, at 8 o'clock. Miss Fannie is a junior in the course in piano. In this recital she will have the assistance of the College chorus.

#### Train Load

Car load lots sounds very good for Oxford but when our business men talk about train load of goods that sounds a little more like business. The train load which the Lyon-Winston Company speaks of elsewhere in this paper embraces a great many things, and all these goods are the right kind and the prices are also right. They are reasonable goods, just such as the farmers need at this time.

#### Stop and Listen

Landis & Easton comes forward with an interesting announcement elsewhere in this paper. They are in receipt of one of the prettiest and most up to date line of ladies ready made coat suits that has been shown here this season, and the prices are lower than they have ever been. They are showing some pretty and stylish suits extra coats in the new and popular shades.

#### HOG WIRE.

Field fence, garden wire, barb wire, roofing of all kinds, handled by the car load and sold at wholesale prices and delivered to your station by Samuel Davis, the hardware man, Clarksville, Va. Davis pays the freight.

**FOR SALE**—Fine Pedigree Berkshire sow for sale, or will trade for Registered Berkshire boar.  
D. A. Burwell,  
Stovall, N. C.

The coal dealer is now having his innings.

### OUR GLORIOUS SCENERY

**A VISIT TO THE "LAND OF THE SKY"**

**The Educational Features of the "Movies" at the Orpheum Theatre**

One of those glorious Western North Carolina scenes was thrown on the curtains again Saturday night at the Orpheum Theatre. The applause was liberal but if the audience had been aware that they were being taken on a trip along the French Broad River, instead of the Rocky Mountains, their hearts would have swelled with pride. The romantic scene in which a lady appeared astride a horse was none other than Sandy Shoals, the home of the late humorous writer "Bill Nye." A full house enjoyed these scenes, but only a few were aware that they were viewing the glorious scenery of our own State. Harris & Crews are conducting the Orpheum on a high plane, and almost every night scenes are thrown upon the curtains that could never be reached by the great mass of people, either through the school, the book stores or libraries. The management is now figuring to produce The George Kleine film, "Quo Vadis," which is the acme of the movies at the present day.

#### How to Own a Home

There is something in the fundamental principles of a building and loan association that appeals to the average man. The home that he hopes some day to call his own grows in his mind's eye in proportion to his accumulations and loaning capacity of the association of which he is a member. The Oxford Building and Loan Association is fast becoming a recognized factor in the upbuilding of the town. The young and the old are availing themselves of the opportunities it affords of securing a home on the most liberal terms yet devised by man. It is the one place in which you can place your money and retain your voting power. The Oxford Building and Loan Association is a power for good in more ways than one. In the first year of its existence it paid taxes to the amount of more than one hundred dollars; the taxes the second year ran up to two hundred and fifty dollars, and it is thought that the taxes this year will reach \$450. Elsewhere in this paper is a financial exhibit showing the activities of the Building and Loan Association.

#### Income Tax

Mr. F. W. Hancock, chief of the income tax division of the Eastern District of North Carolina, was in Oxford on Sunday and Monday visiting his family. In conversation with him we asked him who were expected to file returns in his department and what was the last day in which the returns could be filed. He stated that under the provisions of the Income Tax Law every person whose net income for the period of March 1st to December, 1913, both dates inclusive, whose net income equals or exceeds \$2,500 were required to file returns before March 1st. If their net income did not equal or exceed this amount it would not be necessary for them to file such a return. What is meant by net income is the Gross Income less the general deductions allowed under the law. Some of the general deductions are necessary expenses in carrying on business, but not including personal expenses or family living Taxes, interest paid on indebtedness, a reasonable deduction for wear and tear or depreciation. A specific exemption is allowed a married man if living with wife of \$3,333.33; if single \$2,500. The gross income, general deductions and specific exemption from the year 1913 is based upon five-sixths of the year.

**DAVIS PAYS**  
the freight and Davis saves you money; write him, Clarksville, Va., and he will show you.

### MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

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

**Personal Items About Folks and their Friends in General**

J. M. Phipps, of Route 1, was in town Monday.

D. Haskins, of Hester, was in town Saturday.

J. L. Parham, of Route 3, was in town Saturday.

Will O'Brien, of Route 5, was in town Saturday.

Dr. Salls, of Route 4, was on our streets Saturday.

M. A. McGhee, of Route 7, was in town Saturday.

J. D. Halthcock, of Hester, was in town Saturday.

Elijah Pittard, of Route 2, was in town Saturday.

Norman Hobgood, of Route 1, was in town Saturday.

R. C. Smith, of Route 7, was on our streets Saturday.

James Perkinson, of Route 5, was in town Saturday.

C. H. Cheatham, of Route 3, was a town visitor Saturday.

Charles Gregory, of Richmond, spent Sunday in Oxford.

W. E. Loyd, of Grissom section, was in Oxford Monday.

J. T. Morton, of Route 4, was a town visitor on Monday.

Cam Burnett, of Route 5, was a town visitor on Saturday.

"P." Cheatham, of Route 5, was a town visitor Saturday.

Roy Crews and Ed Hunt, Route 5, were in Oxford Saturday.

D. M. Melton, of Creedmoor section, was in Oxford Saturday.

D. Y. Hunt and A. J. Dickerson, of Route 3, were in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. P. Mize, of Route 1, were town visitors Saturday.

Charles Powell, of Raleigh, was in Oxford Sunday visiting home folks.

Miss Elvyn Howell returned a few days ago from a visit to sunny Florida.

We have been a hog-in on weather since the ground hog saw his shadow.

Edward and John Hayes, of the Wilton section, were in Oxford on Monday.

L. G. Breedlove and Clarence Breedlove, of Route 5, were in Oxford Saturday.

O. C. Hester and J. W. Wrenn, of Watkins, were on our streets on Saturday afternoon.

Judge Devin spent the week-end at home, and is holding Rockingham Court this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Steed spent the week end in Durham with Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Rollins.

Mrs. Strum and 4 daughters, Misses Sarah, Mamie and Mary, of Route 4, were in town Monday.

Robt. Bullock, of Hester, was a town visitor Saturday and bought a nice mule from Lyon-Winston Co.

We had the pleasure of meeting in Oxford Saturday our old friend D. Lyon, of Creedmoor, who does not come this way often.

#### Fine Entertainment.

The Boston Musical Club at the Orpheum Theatre Monday night was good from start to finished, and proved one of the finest entertainments that has been in Oxford in years, and greatly enjoyed by a good audience. Among the good jokes gotten off by one of the ladies was as follows: She said Oxford was one of the towns that it was not necessary to vaccinate the policemen. The manager asked her why? She replied, because they couldn't catch anything, which was greeted with a storm of applause.

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

**BY COMMON CONSENT OXFORD BECOMES A CITY**

**Manufacturing Plants Will Come as Natural as Day Follows the Night**

Some of the near things that are scheduled to take place in Oxford will shove the old town forward at a rapid rate. The greatest good will come in the laying of more than five miles of granolithic sidewalks during the spring and summer. The new street running south from Front street, named "Hancock street" in honor of that splendid family by that name, will open up not less than one hundred elegant building lots. By the middle of the summer the new postoffice will be utilized, and before the closing of the year doubtless Oxford will have a hospital. To be sure the list of improvements noted is sufficient to swell every man's heart with pride, and when they have been accomplished Oxford by common consent becomes a city. Other improvements will follow as natural as the day follows the night. There are certain signs hovering about that speak louder than words. Certainly the crust has been broken and business men are now ready to grasp the opportunities. By these unmistakable signs of a glorious future our interests become the interest of others; men of means will knock at our door and their credentials will bear the imprint of manufacturing plants. Let no man despise, the manufacturing plants will come as a result of the light that radiates from the improvements now in hand.

#### Knotty Problems

One of the most convincing proofs that the advertisements in the Public Ledger are read and thoroughly digested is ascertained in the interest manifested in the advertisement of the National Bank of Granville last week. The scheme was conceived in the mind of Col. Cooper, who requested Prof. J. A. Pitts, Dr. Morris and Prof. W. S. Howell to compile two dozen knotty mathematical problems, for which Col. Cooper obligated to pay one dollar each for the first ten correct answers of the list of problems handed to Dr. Morris. In less than three hours after the Public Ledger was placed in the Oxford post office we saw a dozen men working on the examples, and the advertisement was received with the same spirit in nearly every home of the county. No doubt the question has been asked a thousand times why Col. Cooper inserted the advertisement, and the answer is that the educational feature it contained is valuable and of absorbing interest to the general public. Whether they captured one or more dollars, all who have tried to work out the problems have been benefitted.

#### Settled With Legatees

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Day, of Atlanta, Ga., were in Oxford the past week and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parker on Front street. Mr. Day was a warm friend of the late William Herndon and appointed his executor, and his visit to Oxford was to close up the affairs of the estate and to distribute a goodly sum among the heirs of the estate.

#### Charter Granted

The Secretary of State has issued a charter to the Allen-Averett Co., of Providence, to do a general mercantile business. The incorporators are: W. G. Averett, Carl H. Piper, E. K. Daniel, J. D. Allen, of Providence, and James W. Horner and C. W. Bryan, of Oxford.

#### Beware!

Fake seed peddlers are said to be operating among the farmers, offering to sell them seed at fancy prices for spring and fall planting on the representation of miraculous yield. They have no license to carry on this business, and let our farmers beware of them.