



WHAT WE SAW ON FILE.

A Few of the Things Recorded Several Years Ago are Brought to Light

INTERESTING ANCIENT HISTORY ABOUT TOWN

It is interesting to peruse the files of an old newspaper and note some of the changes that have taken place. The Public Ledger was founded in 1888, by John P. Britt and T. H. Collins, successors of the Oxford News. Mr. Collins sold his interest to Mr. Britt and went to Raleigh January 3, 1890. As sole proprietor Mr. Britt starts off with an industrial edition, the paper being number six. The Public Ledger at that time was a weekly eight page paper and the subscription price was \$1.50 a year.

The issue before us, dated January 1, 1890, devotes three columns to the early history of Oxford. Concerning the Oxford bar the paper remarked that at any time prior to the war a reputable Supreme Court of the United States could have been made up from the local bar. At that time Mr. Edgar, Mr. Eaton, Gov. Graham, Mr. Bragg and Henry W. Miller were regular practitioners of the bar. Here lived a short while the versatile Duan K. McKee, and honest Joe Davis. The subtle Edwin G. Reade and the elder Waddell should not be omitted, while the much beloved Robert B. Gilliam and the many-gifted Abraham W. Venable would claim our space. Of the living members of the bar at that date the Public Ledger makes claim that the late M. V. Lanier was the most learned lawyer of the State. In speaking of him the paper says: "Mr. Lanier is as simple in his taste and manners as he is great and accurate in his mental reach. He is a close student and reads every day the Holy Scriptures in the original. He receives politics." Col. L. C. Edwards, Col. T. B. Venable, John W. Hays, J. S. Amis, N. B. Cannady, A. W. Graham and Robert W. Winston were members of the bar in 1890.

The old paper contains an item of interest, as follows: "Mr. Dennis Wiley sold nineteen tierces of tobacco at Richmond that averaged more than \$1 per pound, the lowest price being \$7 and the highest \$131 per hundred." According to Captain W. L. Bobbitt the tobacco crop in 1889 was 7,900,000 pounds.

A news item of that date was to the effect that scientists abroad had discovered the germ of la grippe and that it was making its way to the United States. To apply kerosene oil to the chest in those days was considered good form to eradicate the disease.

Newspaper advertising seems to have been in vogue in those days. T. L. Howell & Bro. carried a half column; G. Smerdon & Son one-fourth of a column; A. Landis & Son were the leading furniture dealers; Furman & Hays, druggists, were located "Commercial Avenue." Landis & Son carried three advertisements in this issue of the paper, one of which contained a cut of a lady wearing a shirt pressed out to the dimensions of a hoghead of tobacco. The banking house of J. C. Cooper & Co. were advertised; Griffin & Glenn were advertisers; Owen, Barber & Co. were in business; Field & Royce carried a real estate advertisement; Davis & Gregory had a well-written New Year's greeting; D. A. Landis & Son were strong advertisers; S. Hall was in the saddle and harness business; all the lawyers and many of the doctors carried their cards in those days; Hundley Bros. Co., were the only contractors advertising in those days. The Farm-Alliance Warehouse, the Old Granville Warehouse and the Cooper's Granville warehouse were strong advertisers in the early days.

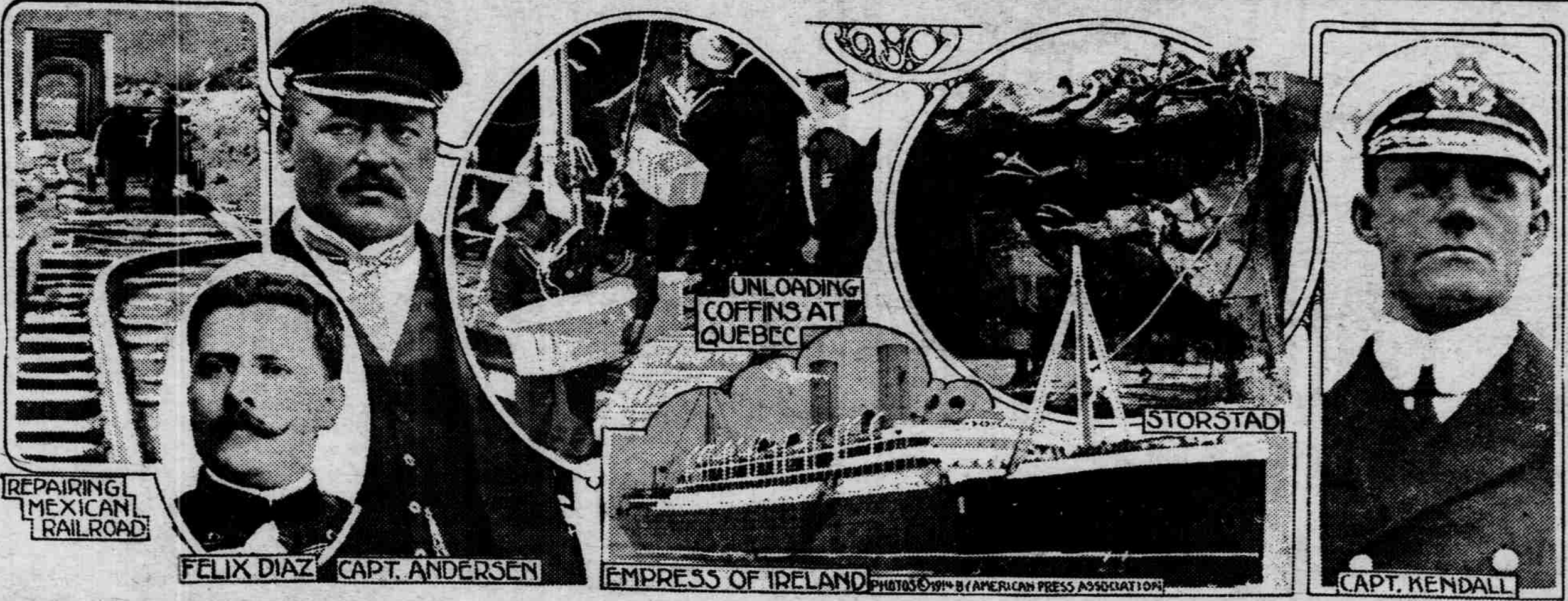
The paper was neatly made up and contained six columns of local news. Some of the items read as follows: "Oxford is still on the list of dealers shipped last week tobacco to Glasgow, London and Chili."

We are indebted to Rev. R. I. Daniel's little book, "History of Granville Creek Church," for much of the early history of Granville county.

Messrs. Joe Baird and Ed. Bowles met with the Granville Medical Society in Oxford last Thursday. Drs. S. Atwater, J. W. Booth, T. L. Smith and R. B. Henderson were present.

"Our most worthy Register of marriages, Jeff Daniel, has issued during the year closed 320 marriage licenses. We are really afraid Mr. Daniel is proof against the bewitching spell of cupid, as he permitted the year to close without issuing his marriage license."

There were three or four marriages announced in the ancient paper, but since people are sceptical about matrimony we refrain from announcing them at this late day.



News Snapshots Of the Week. The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Ireland was struck by the Norwegian collier Storstad in the St. Lawrence river off Father Point and sunk. Over 1,000 lives were lost. About 500 of the passengers and crew were saved. The Canadian and British governments are investigating. Captain Kendall of the Empress of Ireland and Captain Andersen of the Storstad each state that the other is to blame. The bodies of the victims found were taken to Quebec. The situation in Mexico remained unchanged. Funston's troops and the rebels took active steps to repair the railroads outside of Vera Cruz. Felix Diaz, nephew of the ex-president, became talked of as a candidate to succeed Huerta as President of Mexico.

SHORT LEDGER LOCALS. ON THE ANXIOUS SEAT A RESIDENCE BURNED. MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

About People and Things That Are of Interest to The Public Ledger Readers

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

New Porch—Capt. W. H. White is building a new back porch to his residence on Hillsboro street.

Mr. Z. W. Lyon Better—This excellent gentleman who has been quite sick several days, we are glad to learn is improving.

Contractor at Work—The contractor commenced work on the new residence of Mr. Lee Taylor on College street on Wednesday.

Purchased Lot—Mr. John Haskins has purchased the corner lot of the Stradley place on Front street and will erect a nice residence on it.

Good Lady Sick—The friends of Mrs. Z. W. Lyon will regret to learn that she is numbered with the sick suffering with an attack of pleurisy.

Is Very Sick—We are sorry to learn of the illness of Mrs. W. W. Devin, and join her friends in wishing her rapid restoration to health.

Don't Forget to Read It—You are asked not to forget to read the advertisement of the Granville Real Estate and Trust Co. on another page of this paper.

Printers Ink—It pays the business man to use good well printed stationery and Wade Britt is just the man to execute it at low prices. Give him your next order.

Three Cottages—Work on the three cottages being erected by Messrs. James Floyd, J. L. Fuller and J. W. Floyd, is now being pushed by the carpenters to completion.

Children's Day at Salem—The scholars of the Salem Sunday school will celebrate Children's Day on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend.

Important Change—There is an important change in the advertisement of the Carolina Power and Light Co. in another part of this paper as its deals in prices. Read it.

A Fine Horse—The splendid three year Percheon Stallion of Mr. Ed. Gooch, of Wilton, was on our streets Wednesday, and he is a beauty. He took the premium at Granville County Fair.

Attended Commencement—Dr. E. T. White attended the great commencement at Trinity College, and was also present at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of which he is a member.

In the Country—Mr. Claud Allen, who has so faithfully served the Perkinson-Green Co. in Oxford for a number of years, has resigned and has gone to his old home near Providence for the summer.

Of Financial Turn—Our several thousand readers are asked to carefully read the change in the advertisement of the National Bank of Granville on the last page as it deals in the great question of money.

Hughes-Smaw Co.—Ye who are seeking bargains in the furniture line will do well to read the advertisement of the reliable firm of Hughes-Smaw Co. on another page. They are offering a choice line of goods at bargain price.

Oxford Plumbing Co.—This is an institution Oxford cannot do without and is well managed by Mr. E. C. Hunt, who is ready to figure with you on your job of plumbing and wiring, which will be done at lowest possible cost. All work well executed as none but the best labor employed. Read advertisement on last page.

The Candidates Meet in Various Precincts Purely By Accident and Press the Hand of Voter

COLD DRINK SEEMS TO BE THE LIMIT

As the time approaches for the voters to make their final decision in the choice of county officers, the candidates are getting a little higher up on the anxious seat. The campaign is being conducted on a high plane and there are many pleasant phases entering into the contest. By accident Messrs. Cam Hunt and J. G. Shotwell candidates for the Clerk of Court, met in Northside last Tuesday. There was the usual formal greeting of the two men and we may judge that each has a strong following in that section of the county. The cry of "speech, speech" was heard, whereupon Mr. Shotwell suggested that a goods box be secured and he would address the crowd on the issue of the day. To this Mr. Hunt replied good naturedly that he was in the field for votes and not for speech making.

It is the hardest thing in the world to down a candidate. Even little "dickie birds" talk to them in their sleep. By some hook or crook seven of them met at Stovall Monday. The first candidate to arrive thought he had the field all to himself and great was his surprise to see six other candidates coming in one by one. All the candidates wore their sweetest smiles and told their funniest stories and after treating the "dear voter" to cold drinks they left for other fields. The following good and true men with strong following have tossed their hats into ring for county commissioners: J. L. Peed and S. A. Fleming, of Dutchville township, and L. T. Williford, of Tally Ho township.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

During the summer months the Sunday evening services at the Baptist church will be only three quarters of an hour in length. There will be attractive music by the choir assisted by male quartette and male chorus. The pastor will make twenty minute talks on "Men you see every day." Below is a list of the subjects which will be treated:

- 1. The Man Who Couldn't Plow.
2. The Man who is Always Whistling.
3. The Man with a Magnanimous Spirit.
4. The Man on the Fence.
5. The Man who Disappoints his Friends.
6. The Overcoming Man.
7. The Man up a Tree.
8. The Man of To-morrow.

MRS. POWELL HONORED

In Oxford where Mrs. A. H. Powell's work as a Club woman is to well known, honors have come to her easily and unsought. Her host of friends and admirers are so accustomed to looking on her as a leader among Club women and have such confidence in her ability that they expect nothing else nor are they startled at any thing that she brings to pass in her official capacity.

However when the State Convention gives her for the second time, one of its official posts of honor, it is with some degree of pride that her home Club acknowledges the gift. Mrs. Powell was appointed chairman of the Library Extension Department of the State Convention for 1914-1915.

SEWING—THOSE DESIRING PLAIN and fancy sewing will please call at 45 Main street.

The Home of Mr. E. D. Lyon, near Creedmoor Destroyed by Fire Wednesday Night

ONLY A PORTION OF FURNISHINGS SAVED

On Wednesday night shortly before nine o'clock the residence of Mr. E. D. Lyon, who lives one mile north of Creedmoor, was destroyed by fire. About eight o'clock Mr. Lyon, as he thought, blew out the lamp in the hall and went over to Mr. W. C. Daniel's who lives about three hundred yards distant to set until bed time. He had been there three quarters of an hour when some one looked out and discovered his house on fire. They ran to the building as quickly as possible but was too late to extinguish the flames as the hallway and front room were in a blaze of fire. With the assistance of neighbors one bedstead and mattress, clock and one picture was saved from the front room and a good portion of kitchen furniture. The origin of the fire is not definitely known. Two theories are advanced. The first, it is thought probable that Mr. Lyon failed to blow out the lamp and that it exploded or that it was caused by a rat having access to a loose match. Among other things several insurance policies were burned in the building.

SHORT LOCAL MENTIONS

Get Your Pick—A section of the lock boxes at the new postoffice, all properly numbered, is now in the hands of the Postmaster, who will be pleased to exhibit the sheet to the patrons of the office and register the number of box they desire.

Mr. Frank Lyon—After four months of hard study in Raleigh completing a course in pharmacy, Mr. Lyon returned to Oxford Friday to the pleasure of his host of friends. May he live long and continue to prosper and may his shadow never grow less.

A Correction—In mentioning the slight automobile accident, if such can be called an accident, in our last issue we should have said that it occurred on Saturday evening and that the car was in the hands of John Graham Webb and Miss Sallie Webb. We gladly make the correction.

Postmaster Osborn Sick—Indeed we are sorry to announce the serious illness of our popular postmaster, Mr. C. D. Osborn, at his home on Hillsboro street. He is a little better this Friday morning and sincerely hope he will continue to gain strength and soon be out again.

H. G. Cooper Jr.—The Greensboro News of Tuesday tells of the promotion of Mr. H. G. Cooper, Jr., son of our townsman Col. H. G. Cooper, to that of second Lieutenant in the United States Navy. This is an honor well deserved and we rejoice with Col. Cooper in the promotion of his son.

Is One of Us—In reading the advertisement of Mr. Hancock's dwelling for rent we stated in our last issue that his family would be somewhat scattered for the next year. To this Mr. Hancock writes from Raleigh that Oxford is good enough for him and he intends to live and die here.

Indulged in Old Work—Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Brummitt spent the first of the week at the old Brummitt home in Fishing Creek township, and our Representative-to-be indulged in his old time occupation of following the plow and for compensation received a number of hard places in his hands.

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here and There

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Mr. D. Hunt spent Tuesday at his home in Stem.

Mr. W. M. Moss, of Tar River, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. John Cawthorn, of Wilton, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Ben Currin, of Route 1, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Ed Dalby, of Hester, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. J. L. Woody, of Route 5, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mrs. C. H. Cheatham, of Route 3, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. Herbert Cottrell, of Route 5, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. J. R. Daniel, of Berea section, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Charles Currin, of Stovall, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. J. S. Jones, of Route 2, Stem, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. Norfeet Crews, of Salem section was in town Thursday.

Mr. J. L. Peed, of Creedmoor section, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Louis Wilkins, of Lyon section, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. W. A. Currin, of Route 2, was in Oxford Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. J. T. Smith and son, of Route 6, were town visitors Thursday.

The Misses Hester, of Route 1, were in town Thursday morning.

Mr. N. B. Bullock, of Wilton section, was in Oxford Wednesday.

The aged J. A. Peace, of Fairport, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. H. P. Blackley, of Wilton section, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. J. Matt Currin, of Northern Granville, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. W. M. Jenkins, of Brassfield Township, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Halstead Caldwell, of Carolina Lodge, was in town Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Nat Jones and daughter, of Berea section, were in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. J. S. Watkins, of Cornwall section, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence, of Grissom section, were in Oxford Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pruitt, of Route 1, were among the visitors in town this week.

Messrs. Crawford Knott and T. J. Averett, of Route 1, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. E. C. Harris and daughter, of Route 3, were on our streets Wednesday morning.

Mr. D. M. Cash, of Moriah, was in Oxford Thursday shaking hands with his old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Currin and daughter, of Route 7, were on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. Charles J. Knott and Master Yancey, of Enon section, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. Basil Horsefield returned a few days ago from the State University for the vacation.

Messrs. Harry Daniel and J. T. Smith, of Providence section, were town visitors Thursday.

Mrs. Thos. Longmire, son and daughter, of Dickerson, were on our streets Wednesday afternoon.

SHORT TOBACCO CROP.

It Remains to Be Seen What Beneficent Sunshine and Showers Will Do in Granville

THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE NEAT SIXTY DAYS

We are glad to see so many of the good farmers of Granville take an optimistic view of the crop conditions. To speak cheerfully of the crop situation, now is the time for recalling the proverb that a dry June always makes good crops, and there is an abundance of proof to support this claim. Every one remembers the late crops and calamity crying in former years only to be followed by record breaking yields. However, there are farmers in all parts of Granville who claim that it is practically impossible to produce more than 60 per cent of a crop, but in making the assertion they should remember that it is not the spring drought but the late summer drought which works the harm.

Let us take cheer from one of the State's wisest historians when he asserts that one of the great blessings showered upon Granville county by an All-Wise Providence is that the bright golden leaves will grow to maturity in sixty days. The drought is extreme, but it yet remains to be seen what can be accomplished with beneficent showers and sunshine in sixty days.

When a good farmer looks up and scans the clear sky with a view of discovering a cloud it is a prayer in the truest sense of the word, and may he realize that it is not so bad as it seems.

Doubtless the tobacco crop will be short, but prices will be much higher. Many of our good people are in the throws of dispond by a mere passing phase of the crop development which looks bad and which is bad for the moment, but to make the best of the situation they should take into account the possibilities of a late crop instead of an early crop. If it is intended that we shall have a good crop, or a medium crop, we see no reason for complaint. As man is not the arbiter, we believe the results will be satisfactory on the final round up.

YOUNG MAN HONORED

The commissioner of Fisheries at Washington, D. C., appoints every year a number of young men, from different States, to the Laboratory at Beaufort. These appointments are for about three months. It is very gratifying for us to be able to announce that our young friend, Mr. F. W. Hancock, Jr., through the efforts of Senator F. M. Simmons, has received one of these appointments and he has been notified to report to the Laboratory June 20th.

AUTOMOBILE CONTEST

Taylor Brothers, the sanitary grocers, are displaying an automobile in their window which will go to the boy or girl who gets the most votes in a contest that opened June 10 and closes July 10th. It is a wonderful automobile and all boys and girls are invited to enter the contest and judging from the interest the young people and their parents are taking, the contest will be a lively one. See particulars on last page of this paper.

FAMOUS ARTISTS

Oxford people will avail themselves of an opportunity to see some of the world famous artists in Henderson during Chautauqua Week, June 18-24 Among the list of noted persons are: Dr. Paul M. Pearson, Mrs. E. A. Yarnall, Rose Crane, Elsworth Plumstead, Newell Dwight Hillis, Judge Ben Lindsey, Frank Dixon, Signor Victor, and the original Strollers quartet and Alpine Yodlers.

RUST ON THE LOCK

During the fire on College street last week the big iron safe in the Express office was drenched with water and rust accumulated in the lock and the door will not swing open when the combination is applied. Agent Cobb notified the Express Company and a man from the factory is on his way to Oxford to adjust the bolt.

FINE SCHOOL

We desire to call attention to the advertisement of the State Normal and Industrial College which appears in this issue. Every year devoted to the higher education of the women of North Carolina. Including the Training school and the summer session, the College last year had a total enrollment of 1,233 students.

TAKEN UP—I HAVE TAKEN UP A light red heifer with a collar around neck, and owner can get her by paying charges W. S. Dickerson, Route 3, Oxford, N. C. Try our small PICNIC HAMS 20c lb. Phone 116. Taylor Brothers.