



## REINFORCEMENTS ON THE WAY

### GERMANS SEND EVERY AVAILABLE MAN TO THE FIRING LINE ALONG THE NORTH SEA COAST

**Railways Working Well While Fresh Troops are Transported Over Them One Way, Wounded Soldiers the Other.**

#### CONDENSED WAR NEWS

(London Cable, Oct. 22.) Fighting of the most desperate character is in progress in west Flanders and northwestern France. The Belgian army, supported by the allies, is holding stubbornly to the line of the river Yser, and thus far halted determined efforts of the Germans to advance along the coast.

This is announced in the French official communication issued this afternoon and is admitted in the report of German general headquarters, which says fighting has been going on since Sunday in the vicinity of Neuport, which stands at the crossing of the river near the sea.

Further to the South the allies are attempting to advance toward Lille for the relief of that city, which has been in German hands for sometime. They also are pushing on to the North and south of Arras. Their efforts yesterday to advance on Lille, where the Germans hold strong positions, were repulsed, according to the German report.

To the south, at the bend of the line, the Germans continue furious but futile attempts to break the French line. Along the Meuse in the east, according to the French account the Germans have failed to repulse the French who debouched along the territory in which is situated the Camp Des Romaines, now in the hands of the Germans, in an attempt to cut out that portion of the German army which is thrust towards St. Mihiel.

Generally speaking, the French claim to have made progress at various points along the front. Paris reports that the allies have destroyed 15 German machine guns, two of which were armored, near Labasse, and a battery of German heavy artillery in the environs of St. Mihiel.

Both sides are bringing reinforcements to the western front, where a supreme struggle is on. The Germans are not bringing new troops from the east but are throwing every available man in Belgium into the firing line. They seem to have the railroads working well, although they must have been seriously damaged during the battles of August and September. Troops are being transported over them and Dutch sources report that train after train of wounded is being taken back to Germany.

In the fighting in this open country, where the men have not the protection of elaborate entrenchments the losses must be heavy, everywhere endeavors are made to carry positions by assault.

German and Russian reports agree that the situation in the east has not changed, although the armies are in close touch along the east Prussian frontier and across Poland and Galicia. In Galicia, however, the Austrians claim to have repulsed Russian attacks and to be making progress in their campaign to drive out the invaders.

#### ROYSTER-HOWERTON

Handsome engraved invitations have been issued reading as follows: Gen. and Mrs. Beverly S. Royster invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Mamie

to Mr. Richard T. Howerton, Jr. on Tuesday evening the tenth of November at half after eight o'clock Baptist Church Oxford North Carolina

At Home after the twenty-fifth of November Shelby, North Carolina No cards issued in town.

Miss Royster, the bride-elect, is a young lady of rare attainments. She comes from a long line of intellectual ancestors, being the eldest daughter of Gen. and Mrs. Beverly Royster and the granddaughter of President Hobgood, of Oxford College. She is a social favorite throughout the State.

Prof. Howerton, the groom-to-be is a young man of sterling worth and is numbered among the learned educators of the State.

#### HEARTY INVITATION

The Perkinson-Green Co. extend a hearty invitation to all good people of Granville county to come to the Fair and make their store headquarters. Everything you may want for the fall and winter is there in great variety. See their adv. elsewhere in the Public Ledger.

#### THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Photos to be Exhibited in Local Store Windows at Early Date

Capt. D. H. Winslow, United States Superintendent of Road Construction, called on the Public Ledger Wednesday and exhibited the pictures of scenes along the National Highway in Granville county. These pictures will be mounted and exhibited in local show windows at an early date.

Capt. Winslow says that the manufacturers Record and Western road enthusiasts are anxious to secure a copy of the pictures. The picture of four miles of road out on the Providence road is attracting wide spread attention and favorable comment.

Capt. Winslow handed us a copy of the rules of the National Highway governing the patrolmen. They are of interest to the general public and are as follows:

Inspect your road, its entire section during a rainy day and locate all pond holes.

Use the road drag immediately after a rain.

Fill all depressions with good material.

On no account use worn out material, sod or sand from ditches.

Remove all glass, tin cans, nails, old iron, etc., from the road bed.

Renew all defective plank at culverts when necessary.

Should your road surface be very rough, a spike toothed barrow used while the road is wet will improve an earth, sand-clay, top-soil or gravel surface.

Cut the weeds both sides of the road. Use a mowing machine for this purpose if practical.

Cut all brush at inside of the curves and at railway crossings and culverts.

Remove the ridge between the wheel cut and the gutter by using the one-horse cultivator and then use the drag to push the material toward the ditch.

See that all culverts are clear, with outlets and inlets in good order.

Paint all guard rails at culverts and bridges, etc.

Renew all signboards, mile-posts, etc., when necessary and give the traveling public all the advice in regard to the routes within your power.

See that all labor and teams in your employ render full and satisfactory service.

Receive all information and criticism from the general public in a courteous manner.

#### PLEASURE AND PROFIT

When you come to the Fair next week you will want to see all that is going on. There is no better place in Oxford than at the Long Company's stores which is situated on the corner immediately in front of the Court House. This well known firm extends to you elsewhere in the Public Ledger an invitation to make their store headquarters and it is a pleasure for them to display goods whether you buy or no.

#### PIERIAN LITERARY SOCIETY

The Pierian Literary Society of the Oxford High School held its weekly meeting in the auditorium of the Oxford Graded School on Friday, October 16.

The President read a chapter from the Bible followed by the Lord's prayer in concert. Roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting read. The subject for the evening was Columbus, and the papers were read as follows:

Discovery of America—Miss Georgia Winston. Letter from a School Boy to His Teacher on Columbus Day—Miss Mary Day. Anecdote of Columbus—Miss Annie Pendleton. Original Letter of Columbus—Miss Helen Royster. Composition—Miss Muzette Daniel. Columbus The Gem of the Ocean—By the Society. It was an hour which all enjoyed. The Society adjourned to meet Friday, October 23.

#### COLORED GRADED SCHOOL

The large and convenient Graded School building for the colored children has been completed by Mr. Lakel, the contractor, and the school will open next Monday and the children will at once get ready to attend school in more comfortable and suitable rooms, supplied with modern conveniences. Prof. M. D. Coley, a well equipped colored man of Mt. Olive who stands high as a school teacher, will be the principal and will be assisted by a corps of good teachers.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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

### GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

**Closed In**—The large new home of Mr. A. S. Hall has been closed in and the porches are being built.

**Repairs Completed**—The needed repairs to the Owen Warehouse have been completed by Ex-Sheriff Wheeler & Co.

**Show Windows**—A number of our merchants now have attractive show windows, displaying in a tasteful manner what they have on sale.

**Thumb Cut**—Mr. Dudley Fuller while sharpening a grass blade Tuesday morning got the tip end of one of his thumbs clipped off.

**Try Electric Man**—The Electric shoe men on Hillsboro street does good work, and you are asked to give them a trial.

**New Curbing**—Mr. Henry Hunt and Mr. W. H. Walters have had a granite curbing and gutter put down in front of their respective homes.

**Bad Street**—It is given up now that College street is much worse than any road leading into Oxford, and unless it receives some attention will be in bad shape this winter.

**Go to Annapolis**—Master Henry Cooper, the Third, went to Richmond Wednesday morning accompanied by Miss Belle Cooper to join his parents who go to Annapolis to make their home for two years.

**The Raleigh Fair**—A goodly number of Oxford and Granville people attended the State Fair in Raleigh this week and found it one of the best held in several years as there were more and better exhibits.

**Automobile Trouble**—If you get into trouble with your automobile, why Sam Booth is just the man to get you out as he is a fine machinist and knows how to do good work. See his card in another column.

**Doing Well**—We are much pleased to learn that Mrs. T. L. Cannon, who was operated upon at Rocky Mount for appendicitis, is doing well, which will be good news to her many friends.

**Box Party**—The public is cordially invited to attend a box party which will be given at the Mountain School on the night of the 27th of October, beginning at 8:00 o'clock promptly. Proceeds will go to the school.

**Young Couple Wed**—Married in Mecklenburg County, Va., near Soudan, by Dr. R. H. Marsh, October 21, Mr. James A. Woltz, of Granville County, and Miss Ollie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Della Jones.

**Don't Forget Friends**—Look at the label on your paper and if you are behind on your subscription you are asked to renew between now and the 15th of November at the low price of \$1 for the Twice-a-Week Public Ledger. Send on the dollar and don't put it off.

**Busy Week**—The warehousemen, buyers, bookkeepers, and everybody connected with Tobacco business in Oxford has had a strenuous week as about a million pounds of tobacco was sold on this market. There were farmers here from Person, Vance and Mecklenburg county, Va., selling tobacco.

**Quo Vadis Coming**—The people of Oxford will have an opportunity to see Quo Vadis, a triumph in photography, at the Orpheum next Monday night. It is one of the great dramas in which the pictures excel the personal actors in the cast. See details of adv. on last page of this paper.

#### KILLED ON RABBIT HUNT

William Lee Klutz, 15 years old, the stepson of Rev. Paul Barringer, of Mt. Pleasant, a well known Reformed minister, died in Salisbury Friday afternoon from the effects of a gunshot wound accidentally inflicted by a boy friend while on a rabbit hunt in Rowan county. The load of shot entered the boy's back and penetrated the lungs.

#### DANGER OF BURNING LEAVES.

The season for burning leaves and child fatalities therefrom is on us. It is as natural for a child to wish to play with fire as it is dangerous for it to do so. A season never goes by that we are not reminded of the danger by reading of the death of serious injury from this cause. The child finds matches that should have been placed out of its reach. The pile of leaves is the next step, then comes the fire—and often the fatal consequence. The practice of older people burning leaves is pernicious and should be stopped. The child is quick to learn and does not realize that it may not be so careful as its elders. There is really little excuse for the practice of burning leaves.

## COMING AND GOING

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

### SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

Mr. Robt. Faucette of Route 1, was on the big break Wednesday.

Mr. John R. Daniel, of Berea, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Chas. Floyd, of Wilton, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. E. P. Wheeler, of Stem, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. J. N. Watkins, of Cornwall, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Will Dixon, of Wilton, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Thos. Bobbitt, of Route 3, was Mr. S. T. Puckett, of Route 4, was in Oxford Wednesday selling tobacco.

Mr. Thos. Longmire, of Dickerson, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. H. F. Moore, of Stem section, was on our streets Tuesday.

Mr. J. D. Kinton, of Route 4, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. W. J. Downey, of Route 7, was a town visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Graham Royster, of Buchanan, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. R. L. Watkins, of Route 1, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. B. T. Hicks, of Bullock, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. B. M. Pugh, of DeWitt, Va., was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Lee Green, of Stem, was in Oxford Wednesday selling tobacco.

Dr. John Bullock, of Creedmoor, was an Oxford visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Tuck, of Selma, is visiting her brother, Mr. Thos. W. Winston.

Mr. S. T. Coley, of Dutchville township, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. R. L. Wortham, of Route 3, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. I. E. Harris, of Creedmoor, was on our streets Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. E. C. Harris, of Route 3, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. Blackwell, of Stem, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

Mr. William Hedgepeth, of Stem section, was an Oxford visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Badgett, of Route 1, were on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood, and children, of Creedmoor, were Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Mr. J. E. Frazier, of Route 7, was among the large number of farmers in town Wednesday.

Mr. H. M. Bragg, of Stem, was on our large break of tobacco Wednesday.

Mr. M. L. Coley, of Green's was numbered among the Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Mr. Sharpe Newton, of Lyon, was on the big break of tobacco in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. Ruben Parrott, of Lyon section, was in Oxford Wednesday selling tobacco.

Mr. J. S. Watkins, of Cornwall, was on the tobacco market Wednesday.

Mr. W. A. Sherman, of Berea section, was on our tobacco market this week.

Mr. Martin Daniel, of Berea section, was in Oxford this week selling tobacco.

Mr. Geo. Elliott, of Creedmoor section, was in Oxford Wednesday selling tobacco.

Mr. Cliff Pittard, of Hester, was numbered among the Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hobgood, of Berea, were on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. Herbert Faucette, of Bullock, was among the many visitors in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. J. D. Newton, of Route 7, was among the large crowd of farmers in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. C. C. Chandler, of Knap of Reeds, was on the tobacco market Wednesday.

Mr. Sam Veasey, of Knap of Reeds, was in Oxford Wednesday selling tobacco.

## THE IMPERIAL TOBACCO PLANT

### MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE EMPLOYED AT THE LARGE WORKS—TWO SHIFTS, WORKING NIGHT AND DAY

#### CARD FROM SUPT. PITTS

Keynote of An Oxford Graded School Boy Reveals Valuable Secret to all Parents

One of our former students having gone to another town to school, writes back to one of his teachers at Oxford Graded School that the reason he can study there is that they have a two hours study every night under a teacher in a study hall.

"In the mornings," said he, "we have a 40 minute study period in one room. In this period we do not have to study, but I usually get up the lesson that I did not have time to get in the study hall. I can learn a lot in two hours. It is not like being at home where you can go off at night and don't have to study. You don't mind it so much when you know you have to do it. On one of our examinations in literature I made one of the best grades in the class."

It strikes me that this boy gives us the key note to the situation in Oxford. Read it carefully and see if you and the school are both not falling down with your boy on this line. Is that boy of yours out at night when he should be studying?

J. A. PITTS.

#### SWINGING ROUND CIRCLE ON BICYCLES

Two bright wide-awake enterprising young men, Messrs. Ed. Barnard and John Cullum, of Marinette, Wis., passed through Oxford the past week after spending several days in the vicinity. They are both students of the Wisconsin State University at Madison, but are taking a year off to see their country, thinking such a trip as valuable from the education standpoint. They went east as far as Portland, Maine, crossing the Great Lakes on a steamer. They left their home on August 12th and reached Oxford October 14th, having wheeled 2,256 miles and traveled 1000 miles by boat. They are visiting all the large cities and State Universities and acquiring all the information possible about each section of country. They plan continuing their trip through Atlanta, Mobile and New Orleans, whence they will take steamer for San Diego, Cal., via Panama Canal. From San Diego they will wheel to Oregon and thence return to their home in Wisconsin which they expect to reach some time in June, 1915.

#### ANOTHER BLIND TIGER

There was a little stir in municipal affairs Wednesday morning when Chief Williford arrested one Wash Kinton, colored, in rear of Upchurch & Curran's with twenty-four pints of the ardent. Kinton explained to the Chief that he received the liquor through the express office, but there being the usual mist about such things the Chief brought Kinton before His Honor Mayor Stem. In the progress of the hearing two white men came forward and said that a gallon a piece of the whiskey belonged to them. There was also a colored witness present who testified that this same Wash Kinton tried to sell him some whiskey the night before. Mayor Stem, with his usual lecture to those who handle the vile stuff, bound Kinton over to the Granville County Superior Court in the sum of \$100, and failing to give bond Kinton was locked up in the county jail.

#### A PLEASURE TO FIT FEET

The shoe department of the Green-Hunt Company is replete in styles. It is now possible, so varied are their lasts, to get a shoe that will fit snugly without cramping your foot. It is a pleasure to this firm to fit feet. See their adv. elsewhere in the Public Ledger.

#### LARGEST BREAK RECORDED

Those in a position to know say that the sales of leaf tobacco at the Johnson warehouse last Tuesday was the largest in the history of Oxford. This is the warehouse run by Mangum & Watkins, and they sold 88,000 pounds. The other four warehouses reached the handsome totals of 75,000 and 80,000. The large break had a salutary effect on business, we are glad to say.

#### BEST MAKE OF MOTORCYCLE IN

first class condition, for sale at a bargain price. Don't put this off for you will miss the opportunity you'll never have again. Address JOHN A. BAKER, Oxford. 4tpd

#### Help it Out

It is to be hoped that all the people of Oxford will aid in giving the barbecue for the entertainment of the great political gathering in Oxford on the 31st.

#### DON'T TRIFLE WITH YOUR EYES.

When your eyes need attention you cannot afford to wait until you go about one-fourth blind. The best and safest way for your eyes is to see an Eye Specialist of reputation. Dr. N. Rosenstein, of Durham, will be at Oxford, Tuesday, October 27, stopping at the Exchange Hotel, and at Creedmoor, Wednesday, October 28th, stopping at the Central Hotel, for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. Dr. Rosenstein's work needs no introduction. He has been giving the people of this State the best Optical service for the past eleven years.

#### The Courteous Manager, His Valuable Assistants and Mr. Wilbur Smith, the Wizard of the Immense Plant.

The mammoth plant of the Imperial Tobacco Company, which is worth a mint of money and is of inestimable value to the growth and prosperity of Oxford, is now in full blast day and night.

A visit to this hive of industry at an hour when its thousands of incandescent lights are aglow is a most interesting sight. We were there Monday night at the invitation of Col. Ballou, on whose broad shoulders the responsibility of the great plant rests, and what we saw was enough to fill the entire front page of a large city daily.

We found Col. Ballou seated at a desk in his handsome private office looking through a batch of letters that bore the postmarks and stamps of the war zone, but he was none too busy to greet us with that pleasant smile for which he is noted, and in a moment a door rolled back and brought into view the great receiving room of the plant where we saw more than a million pounds of leaf tobacco and from that point we followed the process of preparation step by step through the stemery, the drying plant, the testing room, the weighing and packing department to the farther end of the great works where the hogheads were loaded into a long string of cars on the sidetracks of the Southern Railway, ready for the journey to Norfolk and across the sea.

In our rounds we came across an isolated room, and on peeping through the glass door we saw the wizard of the plant surrounded by innumerable delicate testing instruments.

Mr. Wilbur Smith, a recent graduate of the University of Virginia, presides over this department. Samples of tobacco of various grades are conveyed to him on a drying belt, which he exposes to certain temperature, and when it receives his O. K. it is a guarantee that it will stand the salt sea air of the trans-Atlantic voyage and the clammy atmosphere of the British Isles and the Continent.

The word "beautiful" describes the machinery of the Imperial plant. It is moved by a ponderous dynamo and the huge elevators and all else runs as smooth as a sleeping top, and the only noise you hear is pleasant music to the ear.

Each department is fire-proof, and should the blaze attempt to lick its way through the door to the adjoining department it would melt a pewter bolt, release ponderous weights and hermetically seal the doors between the two departments.

On suggesting that the people should have an opportunity to see the plant in operation, Col. Ballou said that he would be pleased to extend an invitation to all good people as soon as the painters, scrub women and some other minor details are out of the way. It must be acknowledged that Col. Ballou is a very busy man with the responsibility of such a large plant on his shoulders, but happily he is surrounded by an excellent office force, namely, Messrs. Lee Taylor, W. B. Tyer and C. A. Carroll.

In walking through the plant we saw more than five hundred people busily engaged in the various departments. Col. Ballou explained that much of the tobacco we saw come from towns near Oxford, shipped here to be prepared and packed for foreign ports. He said that when the current was turned on the plant early Monday morning it was expected that it would not be turned off until Saturday night, and he thought this would be the case week after week for some time to come.