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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to The Good People of Granville

DARK PICTURE OVER THE SEA

WITH THE SNOW AND SLUSH TWO FEET DEEP, THE ALLIED ARMIES PRESS FORWARD UNDER SHOT AND SHELL

Heavy Fighting in Both Eastern and Western Arenas Without any Material Change in Position of the Armies.

CONDENSED WAR NEWS

(London Special, Dec. 23)

Heavy fighting is taking place on both eastern and western fronts but without producing any material change in the positions of the opposing armies.

In France and Belgium the allies' offensive is being passed and, while some ground has been gained at widely separated points, other attacks have been repulsed by the Germans from this strongly entrenched positions. In the northern area the artillery and warships yesterday took up the battle, giving the infantry a rest, but lower down the line and from the Oise to the Meuse fierce fighting took place in many districts.

While the progress of the allies is extremely slow, military experts here and in France believe the gains which the general staff has reported are disturbing the German system of fortifications at vital points and will, if successfully continued, compel a retirement by the Germans from their present lines.

In the east, most of the Germans north of the Vistula have retired across the East Prussian frontier before the onrush of the Russian forces, but south of that river, between the Bzura and the Pilica, the Germans continue their advance and announce tonight that in a fierce battle they have crossed branches of the Bzura and Rawka rivers at many places. This should bring the main armies close together and a few days will tell whether the German advance is to be definitely checked or whether the Germans again are to threaten Warsaw.

Fighting also continues in Galicia but here, as along the East Prussian frontier, the Russians seem to have held back the Austro-German forces. The Germans, who are extremely strong along the whole eastern frontier, already are reported to be moving troops to the west to meet the allies' offensive but it is not considered likely this movement will reach large proportions until some decisive result has been attained in the contest against the Russians.

MRS. MATT NELSON DEAD
After an illness covering several months Mrs. Matt Nelson quietly fell "asleep in Jesus" on Thursday morning at her home on High street. The death of this good lady was not unexpected to her family and close friends who were prepared to receive the announcement at any time. She was a devoted christian and for many years was a member of Mountain Creek Baptist church and only recently moved her membership to the Oxford Baptist church. Mrs. Nelson leaves a devoted husband and daughter, Mrs. Morris Pruitt, of Route 1, and other relatives to sorrow over her passing. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon and the interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

The Public Ledger joins the friends of the family in extending condolence to the bereaved ones.

Master J. T. Cozart, Jr., and sister, Miss Helen, of Route 3, are at home from Elon College to enjoy the Christmas holidays.

Misses Minnie Hopkins, principal of Rosemary school and Marie Medford, director of music at Lucama High school are at home for the holidays.

YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER
Get out of bed in the morning with nothing but good will in your heart toward all people.

Divorce yourself entirely from all business cares for the day.

Give a cheerful greeting to every one you meet, and especially to your own family.

Remember the dumb brute, and give it a little Christmas cheer.

Go to Church! Don't apply what the minister says to your neighbor. Take it to yourself, and profit from it if it makes you wince.

Make up your mind that you will spend one year in an earnest effort to be a little better than you ever were before.

Eat your portion of the turkey only and let the rest of the family have at least a smell.

Do this and you will not be annoyed with indigestion after your Christmas dinner.

THIRTEEN MISTAKES IN LIFE
To attempt to set up your own standard of right and wrong.
To try to measure the enjoyment of others by your own.
To expect uniformity of opinions in this world.
To fail to make allowance for inexperience.
To endeavor to mold all dispositions alike.
To yield in unimportant trifles.
To look for perfection in our own actions.
To worry ourselves and others about what cannot be remedied.
To try to help everybody, wherever, however and whenever we can.
To consider anything impossible that we cannot ourselves perform.
To believe only what our finite minds can grasp.
To make allowance for the weakness of others.
To estimate by some outside quality when it is that within which makes the man.—Exchange.

GOOD PORKERS KILLED
The following farmers have made good records this season in raising pork:
Erick Floyd, of Fishing Creek township, killed two porkers that weighed 390 and 370. Ben Brasswell three that weighed 333, 340, and 322. A. W. Howell three that weighed 430, 387 and 320. J. A. Tunstall one that weighed 520 lbs. J. M. Howell one that weighed 413. Frank Howell two 13 months old that tipped the beam at 400 and 425.

SANTA CLAUS SAYS:
A face wreathed in smiles is better than a mansion wreathed in holly.
Better broken toys than broken hearts.
Never look a gift object in the price tag.
Santa Claus by any other name would cost as much—and be worth it.
Do not be satisfied with wishing people a "Merry Christmas," help make it one.
Lots of men put on long white whiskers and think they look like men when they look more like a goat—and perhaps they are.
If Willie wants to see what is inside the drum, for goodness sake let him.
You are living in God's own country. What more do you want for Christmas.
It is a wise Santa who keeps his whiskers away from the candles.
Keep up the "Good will to man" part of it right through until next Christmas.
It is more blessed to give than to receive, except in the matter of offense.
Fortunately for most of us, we won't get what we deserve on Christmas.
When Christmas giving becomes a necessity it ceases to be a virtue.
There is more joy in heaven over a ton of coal given to the poor than a ton of diamonds given to the rich.

THE FAIR ASSOCIATION
Met in the Court House Monday and Elected Officers For Ensuring Year

The Board of Directors of the Granville County Fair Association met in the Court House Monday afternoon, with Gen. B. S. Royster in the chair, and E. T. Crews acting secretary of the meeting. Judge Graham, J. F. Webb and B. K. Lassiter were appointed a committee to audit the finances of the Association and report.

After transaction the usual routine business the Association proceeded to elect the following Board of Directors for the ensuing year:

B. S. Royster, A. W. Graham, Dr. Morris, L. T. Williford, Dr. G. T. Sykes, Dr. Jno. Bullock, E. A. Hunt, A. H. Powell, J. F. Webb, E. G. Moss, E. P. Roberts, W. S. Gooch, S. M. Wheeler, W. Landis, J. Robt. Wood, C. H. Cheatham, C. G. Daniel, B. F. Dean, J. W. Horner, F. P. Hobgood, Dr. E. T. White, E. C. Harris, P. W. Knott.

Upon motion of Mr. A. H. Powell Mr. B. M. Caldwell was unanimously elected president; Dr. E. T. White, first vice president; E. C. Harris, second vice president; W. T. Yancey, treasurer. The question of electing an all time Secretary was left to the Executive Committee.

Judge Graham offered the following resolution which was adopted: Resolved, That the Granville County Agricultural Association heartily endorse the actions of the Board of County Commissioners in making an appropriation for improvement of the National Highway and the Quebec to Miami Highway which runs through Granville county and request them to continue the appropriation for the maintenance of the same.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. A. H. Powell, which was adopted:

Resolved First, That this Association heartily appreciates and endorses the Farm Demonstration Work as now being carried on in this county under the efficient supervision of Dr. J. A. Morris and hereby pledges its continued support of the same.

Resolved second, That we heartily thank Mr. C. R. Hudson for his interest in the work in this county and the assistance he has rendered the agricultural development of the county thereby;

Resolved Third, That this association endorse and approve the action of the Board of County Commissioners in making its appropriation for the continuation of said Farm Demonstration work in his county;

Resolved Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Hudson and be published in the local papers.

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY
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Your First Thought—You can't afford to desert the community in which you live, from which you get your living. The welfare of your home community should be your first thought, because you rise or fall with it. Don't be a traitor—when you buy, buy from your local merchant.

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PERSONAL ITEMS ABOUT FOLKS AND THEIR FRIENDS WHO TRAVEL HERE AND THERE
Miss Lizzie Gooch, of Albemarle, is at home for the joyous holidays.
Mr. J. T. Smith, of Route 6, was in town Wednesday.
Mr. Joe Gooch, of Huntsville, Ala., has returned home for the holidays.
Mr. H. E. Crews and son, of Watkins, were on our streets Wednesday.
Miss Edna Tyer, of Littleton school, is at home for the holidays.
Mrs. Bryan, of Norfolk, is visiting relatives in Oxford.
Mr. Sam Hobgood, of Henderson, was in Oxford Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Blackwell, of Route 7, were in Oxford Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Phipps, of Route 1, were in town Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Crews, of Tar River, were in Oxford Wednesday.
Mr. John Booth and son, Shephard, were at home for Christmas tide.
Mr. L. T. Williford, of West Granville, was in town Wednesday.
Mrs. H. Dorsey, of Route 3, was on our streets Wednesday.
Miss Mary Shaw is at home from school to spend the Christmas holidays.
Mr. Lee Caviness, of Hester, was in Oxford Wednesday for the first time in two years.
Mr. Lock Erwin, of Concord, was in Oxford Wednesday and his old friends were glad to see him.
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Marrow, of Soudap, Va., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hines on Raleigh street.
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dean and daughter, of Route 4, were among the busy crowd in Oxford Wednesday.
Miss Hixie White returned from school at Greensboro to participate in the Christmas festivities at home.
Miss Londa Shamburger, of Hertford, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Kerr Taylor, on Front street.
Mrs. J. P. Bradsher and daughter, of Route 6, were among the throng in Oxford Wednesday.
Mr. Basil Horsfield is at home from the University for Christmas holidays.
Mr. Ed Osborn, of Greenville, visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Osborn during the Christmas holidays.
Mr. R. H. Armstrong, of Elm City, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. H. J. Cuncel, on Gilliam street.
Miss Allene Whitaker, of Norfolk, is the guest of Mrs. W. B. Ballou, on Gilliam street.
Mrs. E. C. Peace is enjoying the Christmas holidays with her son, Mr. Alex Peace, at Fayetteville.
Mrs. I. H. Davis and sweet little daughter, Miss Margaret, are spending Christmas in Richmond.
Mr. Eugene Crews is spending the Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Garland Mitchell, in Greensboro.
Miss Ethel Breedlove, one of the fine teachers of the county, graced our streets Wednesday.
Mr. Ed Adkinson is spending the Christmas with relatives at South Boston, Va.
The attractive Miss Blake, of Texas, is the guest of Miss Julia Minor on College street.
Miss Bradsher is spending the joyous season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bradsher in North Oxford.
Mr. J. S. Bradsher, Jr., has returned home from school to spend the holidays.
Mr. Harry Renn and Mr. Lynwood Bryan are at home from the State University to enjoy Christmas.
Mr. Will Ed Massenber, was in Oxford Wednesday shaking hands with his old friends.
Mrs. Willie Burwell and two daughters, of Route 4, were Oxford shoppers Wednesday.
Misses Minnie May and Margaret Cannady are at home for the festive season.
Mr. Henry Osborn, of Lawrenceville, Va., is spending the Christmas at home.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knott and daughter, of Route 2, were Oxford visitors Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams, of Oak Hill township, were numbered with the throng of shoppers in Oxford Wednesday.
Messrs. S. N. and W. N. Carroll, of Washington City, who have been visiting their sister, Mrs. John Gooch, have returned to Washington.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holeman, of Lee county, are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Oxford and the county.
Mrs. Ella Tippet, one of the good women of Wilton section, was numbered with the Oxford visitors Wednesday.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS
COMING AND GOING
PUBLIC LEDGER IS GRATEFUL

WE HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL GAINS DURING YEAR DESPITE SHORT CROPS AND THE UNSETTLED CONDITIONS ABROAD

THE TOBACCO MARKET

The indications are that the market will be strong during the month of January.

The Oxford Tobacco market closed down last Friday to be reopened Monday, January 4, 1915. While there will be no sales during the period of time in question, the warehousemen will, as usual, keep their houses open and should any tobacco come in it will be properly stored and looked after until the reopening.

December was a good month and warehousemen and buyers are sanguine that the market will open up strong in January. It is estimated that there is something like 3,000,000 pounds of tobacco in the county yet to be sold.

So far this season we all have reasons to feel good over the Oxford market, and the farmers who have come from far and near insist that they are coming again.

A PLEASANT HOUR

The management of the Orpheum Theatre has arranged an elaborate entertainment for their patrons during the holidays. Starting in next Monday and all through the entire week, afternoon and night, six reels will be thrown upon the curtain, three each of the General and Universal Film Companies. Counting on a liberal patronage during the week from town and county, the management has established an admission fee of ten cents during the entire week.

HELPING THE PASTOR

A writer well says: Every true church member who loves his church and cares for the good of his community should ask himself the question, "How may I best help my pastor?" In this way he really helps his own home, his wife, his children and his community, because the pastor can render to them better service.

If there is any one thing that grieves the heart of the preacher more than other things, it is the indifference and unconcern of the church to the work that is so dear to his heart. The first thing in helping him is by giving him your love. He may have his faults—I haven't yet found the man free from any fault—and he may not be as attractive in many ways as the former pastor, but try to love him. If you love him, it will hide many of these faults, and in return a man that you love can help more. A preacher craves and longs for the love of his people. If he does not, if it makes no difference with him what people say or think, and he cares not for their love, he is unworthy of being their pastor.

Then if you love him, you will pray for him and for his work. The statement might be reversed; if you pray for him you will finally get to loving him. He needs your prayers as much as you need his. As God uses him he can help your boy. It is hard to keep from loving a person that we pray for daily.

Then sympathize with him in his work. How often a preacher goes to his people with a burden on his heart, a message from God, and when he brings these plans no one cares. God gives to the preacher a vision of greater and better things for his people. How often he plans for their good when they do not know and when they are indifferent. Sometimes he is more concerned for a young man than a young man's parents are.

Then lastly, give him your financial support. I am not referring to his salary alone, but the many enterprises that he represents that belong to the Kingdom of God. If we put this on the lowest basis, the material, it is a good investment financially to have a real live church in the community.

ONLY JOKING

A negro bricklayer in Macon was lying down during the noon hour, sleeping in the hot sun, says the Kansas City Star. The clock struck 1, the time to pick of his hod again. He rose, stretched and grumbled: "I wish I wuz daid. 'Tain' nothin' but wuk, wuk from maw'nin' till night."

Another man, a story above, hearing the complaint, dropped a brick on the grumbler's head.

Dazed, he looked up and said: "De Lawd can't stan' no jokes, He jes, takes ev'ything in yearnist."

S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.

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THE PUBLIC LEDGER FORCE WILL TAKE A BRIEF REST AND RETURN WITH RE-NEWED VIGOR FOR THE COMING YEAR.

In order that the Public Ledger force may have a few days recreation, we issue this number of the paper in advance of the date of publication, and the next number will bear date of January 6, 1915. So that we may close down for the holidays at noon on Christmas Eve the paper comes out in short form. Some one will be in the office at all hours during the holidays to wait on customers and transact business.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Public Ledger wishes to extend greetings to its thousand of readers. We have made substantial gains during the year, for which we are profoundly grateful. We have labored with an eye single to placing the Public Ledger in the homes of everybody in Granville county and we feel greatly encouraged in the progress we have made along this line, and we are moved to say that our efforts during the coming year will be redoubled.

ABIDING FAITH

We have an abiding faith in the good people of Granville county and feel that nothing is too good for them, and we shall not be satisfied until the Public Ledger is second to none of the semi-weeklies in the State. This we feel is possible by the hearty approval manifested during the year drawing to a close.

AN EVENTFUL YEAR

It has been a most eventful year in business, and at times our heart went out in sympathy to the farmers and to the allied and manifold industries that are dependent upon their ultimate success. In the early summer their hearts bled for rain, and later their hearts were depressed by the cruel war over the seas. In the many perplexities that beset us all during the year, behind it rested a sense of security in the fundamental principles in our State and National governments and the great God who holds the world in the hollow of his hand. The earnest prayers that have ascended on high during the troubled days will hasten peace and plenty. The world was in gloom when the Star of Bethlehem pierced the darkness, and likewise Light again will shine out of darkness. Like the prophets of old, we need pray, exercise patience and fear not, for all is well.

GREETINGS
"May the richest of blessings Attend you this Christmas Day And the coming year be the Happiest of Your Life."

DEATH OF MR. WILL HUNT
The friends of Mr. Will Hunt in the county will be pained to learn that he passed away at his home in Fishing Creek township, on Tuesday night after a brief illness of peritonitis which cast a gloom over his community.

He was a prosperous young farmer and the son of Mr. D. Y. Hunt. He leaves behind a dear wife and one child, and several brothers and sisters to mourn his taking away. He was a member of Peace Chapel Baptist church and most highly thought of by all who knew him. He was a good man and citizen and will be missed in his community. The funeral will take place this Thursday afternoon at the home and the burial will be at Knott's Grove, the services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. E. G. Usry. To the bereaved loved ones we extend our deep sympathy in the sad hour of bereavement.

DYNAMITE AND POWDER

Horns may be tooted and bells may be rung during Christmas, but the shooting of fireworks is not regarded as good taste. The element of danger is not only confined to property destruction, but to other possible results of injury to the persons of innocent people or those who may be resting behind fractious horses or to those whose nerves will not stand for the explosion of a vast quantity of powder at their feet. The youthful citizen can find abundant sport in the tooting of horns and ringing of bells without the noise of powder and dynamite.

It matters not whether you are a large or a small tax payer, you are expected to make settlement won or collections will be forced. I am forced to collect the taxes.

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