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BILL TO REDUCE CHARGES

WAREHOUSEMEN SAY THEY CAN NOT OPERATE FOR LESS

Bill Introduced in the Legislature to Force Warehousemen to Reduce Charges for Selling Tobacco.

The Southern Tobacco Journal, published at Winston-Salem, has this to say in defense of the warehousemen:

"Just as we expected, a bill has been introduced in the North Carolina Legislature to force tobacco warehouses to reduce charges for selling tobacco. Not having seen the bill or a copy of it we are not posted as to its nature nor the extent of the proposed cut in charges. It makes no difference, as warehouses cannot operate and come out with whole bones with anything less than they are now receiving. We can discuss this matter with some degree of intelligence, having been connected with warehouses for 40 years, both as proprietor and employee. We know what it requires, so far as expense is concerned, to conduct a warehouse business, and we also know that the man outside of the business has no idea of what it costs to run a warehouse. A good warehouseman is a good asset to his customers. He stands between them and the buyer and protects them to the fullest extent of his ability, and we do not hesitate to say that the average warehousemen gets less out of his work than the average man in any other legitimate business.

"Now and then we may see a warehouse making some money, but they are few and far between. We say we see a warehouse now and then making some money, but we do not remember of ever knowing one who got rich at the business.

"We have seen men who were so carried away with the idea that warehouse people were getting rich, that they could not rest until they got into the business with as many of their friends as they could induce to go in with them and we have seen these same fellows make a dismal failure at the business.

"It is always a matter of regret that there are those who can be induced to attempt to legislate against the tobacco business of North Carolina."

We have consulted a number of tobacco growers and in every instance they disclaimed any desire to deprive the warehousemen of the honest penny they strive so hard to earn. These same men with whom we have approached say that while the tobacco is low this season they attach no blame to the warehousemen. The only thing that we can see in the bill, if passed, is that it might have a tendency to lessen the number of warehouses, and if that be the case it might work a hardship on the farmer after all.

GEESSE GO NORTH

Indication That the Backbone of Winter is About to Be Fractured.

Quite a number of residents of Granville reported of having seen flocks of wild geese flying northward during the past week. The flocks contained a considerable larger number of the geese than is usually seen at the time birds migrate from one section to another.

Two farmers living east of town stated that the geese in both instances flew practically in the same course from southwest to northwest, and the attention of the farmers was attracted by the noise made by the geese as they passed over.

The last week in January is said to be quite early for the wild geese to appear in this climate. They usually come up from the far South late in February and they have been known to have delayed their northward flight until March.

The fact that two large flocks have already been seen headed for the colder climate is believed by a great many people as a sure and certain indication that the backbone of winter is about to be fractured, and that the next thing in order will be the whistling of blue birds.

Gooch and Meadows

Two Oxford boys will play ball this season in the big leagues. Lee Gooch returns to the Minneapolis team of the American Association at an advanced salary. He will leave Oxford about the middle of the month and go into training at St. Joseph, Mo. Lee is working up toward the top of the ladder on an enviable batting record.

The St. Louis team of the National League purchased Lee Meadows from the Durham team at the close of last season. He will go into training down in Texas sometime during the present month. Lee has an individual style of pitching that keeps the best of them guessing. Model young men they are, and we have no doubt that further advances await them.

ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

Happenings That are of Interest to the Many Readers of the Public Ledger.

Early Piety

Glancing over an Oxford congregation recently we noticed cleared space on top of a dozen men's heads.

Tobacco Market

The Oxford tobacco market will close sometime between March 1st and the 15th. Warehousemen say that quick sales are advisable.

Out Again

The friends of Mrs. Ben K. Hays will be pleased to learn that she has recovered from her sickness and is able to again enjoy her rides.

Week-end at Home

Messrs. Bev. Royster, John Stedman, Harry Renn, Outlaw Hunt, and Basil Horsfield, of the State University, spent the week end at home.

How Can They.

Can anyone in Oxford at the present writing oppose a measure that will keep us from wading and riding through mud.

Yes, We Are!

Listen! we are just aching to thank you for that dollar you owe us for subscription to the Twice-a-Week Public Ledger.

Call off the Dogs

Stop talking hard times and turn loose your money and let it back into circulation by paying debts and commencing the improvements you had planned to make.

Two Dollars a Bushel

The more a man gets the more he wants. Wheat grower's goal used to be one dollar a bushel, now many of them are holding for two dollars and it looks like they will get it.

Engagement Announced

Mr. R. Broughton, announces the engagement of his daughter, Sula Mabon, to Mr. William Murray Dunford. The marriage to take place at home April 7th, 1915, Oxford, N. C.

Flow of Oratory

When the woman's suffrage debate gets well under way our own Senator Curdin is going to depart from figures and facts long enough to get off a flow of oratory that will cause the ladies to sit up and take notice.

Cursing and Swearing

There is a law against cursing and swearing on the streets of Oxford, but when a mule and his colored driver have a misunderstanding on Littlejohn street there is always something doing.

The Oxford Bar

We want to say that Oxford has some good looking, if not deally handsome lawyers and they are all good fighters in court. Some of these would make the old bar sit up and take notice in their palmist days.

The Gas Office

Superintendent McGee, of the Gas office, is feeling better and more comfortable since his office has been repaired and repainted. It begins to look like we will not be behind on gas for some time as the "new boiler" has at last been put in.

Time Changes

If a man advocated local option at a dispensary at a time when Oxford was overrun with bar rooms, he was regarded as a fanatic. If a man advocates either one of the measures in this vicinity now he is regarded as a simpleton.

Veal Calves

Representative Brummitt and Senator Curdin are preparing a bill in reference to the slaughter of veal calves. They will be glad to have an expression from as many people of Granville on the question as will inform them of the views they hold in regard to the measure.

The Head and the Hat

A northern agile suffragette dropped the remark that every time she sees a policeman standing on the corner she feels like kicking the hat off his head. Should she come to Oxford and try that game on our policemen there are plenty of men here mean enough to stand around and see her kick.

Patronize Home Industry

Mr. Wade H. Britt having a new Job Press and type is equipped to handle your orders for high grade Job Printing. Orders carefully and satisfactorily executed. He makes the best grade of letter heads, envelopes, posters, programs, wedding invitations, cards for all purposes and circulars. Send him your next order.

Debating Society

The Carteret Literary Society met Friday, Jan. 29, 1915. The query was: Resolved, That the government should own the railroads. The debaters were: Affirmative—Earle Hunt, Ernest Hunt, Henry Shaw. Negative—Edward Rawlins, Julian Abbott, Gus Landis.

The judges were George Hunt, Oscar Lloyd and Compton Bobbitt. They decided in favor of the affirmative.

GERMANS EXECUTE THREAT

ANOTHER DARING RAID ON BRITISH COMMERCE

England Now Believes Germany Has Decided to Make Good the Threats of von Tirpitz.

(Condensed War News)

Another daring raid on British commerce has been carried out successfully by a German warship. This time the exploit was accomplished by a submarine, which sank at least two steamers off the west coast of England, not far from Liverpool. The crews of both were saved.

England Alarmed

England now believes that Germany has decided to make good the threat of Admiral von Tirpitz, that submarines might be used to sink merchant vessels flying the British flag. The attack by the submarine far from its base and only a short distance off the coast has caused a sensation in shipping circles, because of the fact that steamers already have been sunk off the French and Belgian coasts.

Seven Months of War

The war now has lasted half a year, without a decisive advantage having been gained on any field. As the seventh month of the struggle begins, new armies are being organized and new campaigns mapped out. That is true particularly in the east, where Russia has delved again into her tremendous reservoir of men preparatory to an effort to defeat decisively the Austro-German allies.

Russians Victorious

Official reports from Petrograd are optimistic, and recount victories of more or less importance for the Russian armies in various fields.

Western Frontier

Engagements of only local importance are recorded in official accounts of operations on the western frontier. Paris claims that the Germans left "a great number of dead" on the field to the north of Lombaertzyde, and also before the English lines near La Bassee. A "slight" withdrawal of the French troops in the Argonne was admitted. An official British statement declares a German attack near Guinchy was easily repulsed.

The Emperor in Berlin

Emperor William has returned to Berlin, after spending his birthday at the western front, where he witnessed the operation of his troops.

A SERIOUS PROBLEM

The Losses to Our People Has Been Very Heavy This Year on Account of Bad Roads

Granville county has a serious problem on its hands in the present conditions of the public roads. For weeks at a time this winter the roads have been almost impassable and the losses to our people due to interrupted traffic have been heavy.

No question is raised about the money being honestly spent but view the matter as you may it is a self-evident proposition that the present system of road maintenance is a failure. We rather look with favor upon the pending bill of Representative Benehan Cameron for a State good roads commission to be composed of expert, experienced and practical men and it embodies provisions for engineering service, expert advice and co-operation with such counties as may enter upon good roads construction.

Such a commission is a real need in North Carolina and its establishment under such an excellent bill as that of Representative Cameron would do constructive credit to the General Assembly. It would save the State hundreds of thousands of dollars year by year, or rather save those counties which propose to put their good money in good roads.

Spring Styles

Our up-to-date merchants are already displaying some very pretty spring styles in their show windows. We notice that the waist line for men will remain the same this year, but the women are as uncertain as a vapor cloud. It is stated on good authority that women this year will use two feet instead of one for walking. We are told that skirts will be large and extravagant, and the transformation from the old to the new style is to be so sudden we will scarcely know our sweethearts when we meet them on the street. Those husbands who are discussing whether to struggle on financially another year or give up the fight and buy a moving picture theatre will be relieved to know that plainness will also be fashionable this spring and summer.

Supervisors to Meet

The supervisors of Brassfield Township will meet at Wilton next Saturday at 12 o'clock for the purpose of appointing overseers and regulating hands.

TREASURER OF GRANVILLE

REPRESENTATIVE BRUMMITT INTRODUCES BILL

The Bill Makes it Discretionary With Board of County Commissioners to Abolish the Office of Treasurer.

We give below the full text of Representative Brummitt's bill, making it discretionary with the Board of County Commissioners to abolish the office of County Treasurer. We were under the impression that the commissioners were already clothed with that power in a modified form, but the Brummitt bill goes further and specifies the manner in which the funds shall be handled.

THE BILL

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF BANKS OR TRUST COMPANIES AS FINANCIAL AGENTS FOR GRANVILLE COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Sec. 1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Granville County is hereby authorized and directed to meet not later than the first Monday in February, 1916, for the purpose of considering the advisability of abolishing the office of treasurer of said county. At such meeting it shall be the duty of said Board of County Commissioners to consider the advisability of abolishing the office of treasurer of said county, and if by a majority vote decide that it will be advantageous and more economical to said county to take such action, said board shall thereupon abolish the office of treasurer of said county.

Sec. 2. That if said Board of County Commissioners shall decide to abolish the office of county treasurer as provided for in section one hereof, the said board shall then select one or more solvent banks or trust companies located in its county as financial agent or agents for said county, which said banks or trust companies shall perform the duties now performed by the treasurer of said county.

Sec. 3. That said banks or trust companies shall not charge or receive any compensation for its or their services other than such advantage and benefit as may accrue to it or them from the deposit of the county funds in the regular course of banking: Provided that said County Commissioners may out of the county funds pay the premiums on the bonds hereinafter required of said banks or trust companies.

Sec. 4. That said bank or trust company appointed and acting as the financial agent of the county shall be appointed for a term of two years, and shall be required to execute the same bond for the safe-keeping and proper accounting of such funds as may come into the possession of said bank or trust company, and belonging to said county.

Sec. 5. That this act shall not affect the term of office of the present treasurer of said county.

Sec. 6. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

FINE SCHOOL RECORD

Granville Has Attracted State-Wide Attention and is Worthy of Emulation

The remarkable record in educational work made by Granville county in recent years has attracted State-wide attention and is worthy of emulation by most of the other counties of North Carolina. Very few other counties, if any at all, except perhaps those in which cities are located, such as New Hanover, Wake, Durham and some others, have made such progress as has been seen in Granville.

The value of school property in Granville has been more than multiplied by 16 in the last dozen years. All this indicates notable progress in interest, equipment and facilities. What of the results? One fact is sufficient as an illustration. Illiteracy among the children between the ages of eight and twelve years, if we have figured it correctly, has been reduced from 13 1/2 per cent in 1902 to 3 per cent in 1914.

The people of Granville and their superintendent of schools are to be congratulated.

Mrs. Alice Gooch Retires

Mrs. Alice Gooch, who has long conducted a first-class boarding house on the new postoffice site and later on Littlejohn street, will retire on the 15th of the present month. Her advanced age and failing health forbids her longer engage in keeping boarders, and in fact her children were opposed to her longer continuing the business. After a brief visit among her children she will make her home with Mrs. John Gooch. Miss Lizzie will return to the millinery position she has so admirably filled for the past three years.

Shooting at Sign Boards

Is it not strange that a boy will go along the road and shoot to pieces every sign that a merchant has put up, every land poster notice that a farmer has put up, and every other kind of sign, and at the same time he will not dare to shoot a little tin mail box that didn't cost half as much as a sign board? They will not shoot at a mail box because they are afraid that the United States will find out who did it and punish them, but they know that the owners of other property will not prosecute them.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Taylor, of Stovall, were in Oxford Monday.

PERSONALLY - MENTIONED

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW

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

Dr. Drewry, of Virgilina, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. Richard Loyd, of Oak Hill township, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. John Watkins, of Cornwall, was in town Monday.

Mr. C. G. Mangum, of Route 5, was among the Oxford visitors Monday.

Mr. H. Gregory, of Stovall section, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. R. T. Gregory, of Stovall, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. F. M. Woody, of Route 5, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. R. T. Critcher, of Route 1, was among the farmers in town Monday.

Mr. Will Grissom, of Route 3, was a town visitor Monday.

Mr. Norman Hobgood, of Route 4, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. Ben Hunt, of Route 3, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. John Morris, of Wilton, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. Sam Allen, of Henderson, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. J. A. Cottrell, of Route 5, was among the farmers in town Monday.

Mr. Graham Smith, of Tar River, was in Oxford Monday.

Mrs. Titus Curdin spent the week end with Senator Curdin in Raleigh.

Mr. Jeff Averett, of Route 1, was in town Monday.

Mr. Len Gooch, of Route 1, was in Oxford Wednesday.

Mr. Thurman Knott, of Enon section, was a town visitor Monday.

Mr. Ethan Allen, of Route 6, was in Oxford Monday.

Mr. W. W. Adcock, of Route 4, was a town visitor Monday.

Mr. Sam Mize, of a Tr River section, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. C. R. Gordan, of Route 2, was in town Monday.

Mr. Rex Cannady, of Route 1, was in town Monday.

Mr. P. L. Parham, of Providence, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

Mr. William Smith, postmaster at Wilton, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith.

Kings' Daughters Meet

The Kings' Daughters will meet with Mrs. C. G. Elliott, Thursday morning, Feb. 4th, at 11 o'clock.

DR. MCDANIELS HERE

Revival Meeting at Baptist Church Now in Progress

Despite the inclement weather a large congregation was present at the Baptist church Monday night to hear Dr. McDaniel in a forceful revival sermon. The noted divine will fill the pulpit every night this week and the meetings will grow in interest.

Will Inspect Granville Grays

Capt. E. E. Fuller will hold the annual inspection of the Granville Grays at the Armory on Thursday.

Old Stepping Stones

Local item in the Granville Free Lance of December 3d, 1880: "Oh, for some good crossings on our streets." These crossings were laid—stepping stones of heavy granite—but later were removed. All of us can now join in the Free Lance's thirty-five year old plea.

Mr. R. L. Brame to Leave

Mr. R. L. Brame, whose tailor shop was burned out recently on Main street, will go to Chase City this week and establish a tailoring and gent's furnishing business. Mr. Brame states that he would like to remain in Oxford if he could have found a suitable location to carry on his business.

Notice of Summons

We call attention to the special proceedings for the partition of land in Dutchville township announced by the Clerk of the Court elsewhere in this paper.

Woman's Civic Club

The Woman's Civic Club will meet Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the rooms of the Granville Commercial Club.

WAR A BLESSING?

(Houston Post) If we can believe the financial reports from Berlin, London and Paris, Germany, England and France are much richer now than before the war began, and we suppose in each country business is much better and the population is increasing rapidly.

Local Union

Stem Local Union will meet Saturday evening, Feb. 6th. All members interested in buying fertilizers through the Farmers' Union will please attend.

H. P. WEBB, Sec.

HIDES BEHIND INCOGNITO

NEAT LETTER PENNED BY A FEMININE HAND

She Criticizes the Woman's Civic Club For Not Finding Sweet Roses Where They Found Rubbish.

The Public Ledger has received a letter on the subject of the recent inspection made by the Woman's Civic Club. It is a communication of some length, carefully penned in a feminine hand—the author has spent some time on it. We have the remotest idea who wrote the letter. We can appreciate the feelings which may have dominated her wish not to be publicly known in a controversy of this kind, but we assure her that those feelings, if such be the reason for her incognito, would be scrupulously respected, but we prefer not to publish the communication if intrusted with the author's name.

We regard the report of the Woman's Civic Club as one of the most sincere papers we have read in a long time. We must remember that a refined woman has a refined home and that wherever she goes she exerts an influence for purity. While we do not care to have any controversy, we beg leave to disagree with our correspondent when she affirms that the Woman's Civic Club is "rather officious." The earnestness with which the Woman's Civic Club spoke in the present crisis is enough to convince any doubting Thomas that the women, so far as Oxford is concerned, are giving deep thought to the study of the problems which confront civilization today and that the woman's clubs stand for more than simply keeping alive a little frivolous social circle, and we honor them the more for it.

There should be nothing in Oxford with the semblance of pulling apart. We do not see any reason why we should be divided, with one crowd pulling some other way. We have the very best town and the very best people in the State, and we say this in order to assert that all the interests in Oxford should avoid the very appearance of friction.

Oxford ought to be governed by a spirit tending to purify and unify public sentiment instead of dividing it. If the ladies had found roses instead of rubbish they would have failed in their mission.

Tranquility is mostly needed in Oxford most all the time, and pouring oil on the troubled waters ought to be the job of all of us who hate to see fire-works every way we turn.

Five Cent Leaves

We notice that the price of bread has advanced in the northern and western cities. The good old honest bakers preferred to let the leaves remain the same in weight and size, and they tacked up their little sign notifying the public that 5 cent leaves are now 6 cents and that 10 cent leaves are 12 cents. Unlike the big tobacco corporations, when they want to realize more on a certain brand of tobacco they say nothing about the price, but proceed to reduce the size of the package and the public is none the wiser.

The War Map

At the breaking out of the war over the seas, Mr. J. G. Hall placed a large map of Europe at a convenient place in the drug store for ready reference and to settle any question that might arise among the large number of his customers. For several weeks the map held the attention of a large number of citizens especially so when the German army was marching on to Paris. The map still hangs at the same place near the front door, but you seldom see any one measuring it off mile by mile as they did when the "Flying Dutchmen" were bearing down on Paris, nor will it ever again be as popular until the Russians get a little closer to Berlin. Moral—the people have quit talking about the war and turned their attention to other things.

CONCRETE BRICK WALKS BUILT.

One dollar per sq. yard. Curbing, 20 cents per foot. Sample may be seen at residence of Mr. H. M. Shaw. Oxford Brick & Tile Works. tf

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR TAXES.

Your State and County Taxes were due October 5, 1914. 1915 is here and your unpaid taxes is a liability on me. Besides I am called upon daily for money to satisfy the State school, County and Road Funds, with nothing in hand to pay over. It is a business proposition now. They have the law to force me. After this you will be called upon personally unless you call at office and settle. Be ready. The law forces me to collect and the expense too great to make more than one trip. If you haven't paid your taxes this notice is for you.

S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.