



### SOME IMPORTANT THINGS

#### THREE THINGS UPON WHICH ALL MUST AGREE

Enlarged facilities for handling school children. The Court House and the Oxford-Roxboro Railroad.

In a community of 5,000 souls there are just 5,000 possible points of difference—5,000 possibilities of infinite trouble, if every man thinks of his own particular problems and only his own. Manifestly the first essential of community progress is to find the things upon which all can agree.

What are the things that everybody in Oxford agrees should be done in the near future? The Public Ledger knows of at least three that it believes every citizen will support when they have been presented to them in the right light. They are, first, more school room for children; second, another railroad; third, a better Court House later on. This is only the beginning of a long list of things that we believe Oxford and Granville county should begin to consider.

These are the three things that must be given attention sooner or later. These in a position to know say that the present school facilities for handling all the children in Oxford is inadequate. Quite a number of our best citizens will loan their influence to erecting an additional school building somewhere south of the center of Oxford as soon as it is positively known that a state of congestion obtains at the graded school building. There seems to be no particular hurry to secure enlarged facilities for handling the school children, but we learn that this will present itself sooner or later.

The importance of connecting Oxford with a railroad line to Roxboro and beyond is frequently debated by the business men of Oxford. There is something significant about the proposed Oxford-Roxboro railroad. It is thought that a direct connection with the great Norfolk and Western system at Roxboro would have a decided tendency to attract capitalists in Oxford. President Powell, of the Commercial Club has the railroad question well in hand, and nothing short of a sensation will come from that direction as soon as the big N.W. takes hold with both hands.

The good people of the county must realize sooner or later that the vaults for handling and storing the county records are insufficient. Different opinions exist as to what should be done, but there is a growing tendency to adorn the court square with a new building some of these days.

We make no claim that a school house, railroad and court house are the things most desperately needed by Oxford, for right there we should raise a point of dispute. We merely claim that everybody admits that these are needed, and consequently, that there is more chance of success in going after these things than in anything else.

#### WHAT WILL THE HARVEST BE?

##### A Few More Weeks and the Crop Will Have Been Planted

Only a few more weeks from now and the 1916 crop of Granville will have been planted. Much depends upon what the farmers will do in the few remaining weeks. In that time will be decided whether this county will continue to send out a quarter of a million dollars or more annually for grain, flour and meat, or will they produce these products at home and thereby enrich old Granville to that amount. The matter rests with the farmers and the kind of seed they plant will render the verdict.

#### THE FRUIT CROP

##### It Appears That the Trees Will Have An Early Start.

There has been all sorts of a winter—big rains and mild temperature. It may come to pass that we will have an unusual spring—one that may carry us beyond the danger point without the occurrence of a killing frost, for it is clearly that the fruit trees are going to have an unusually early start, and the danger of a nipping frost is going to be more than ordinarily imminent. We can scarcely hope for a fruit crop so abundant as was that of last year. It was an abnormal crop. Yet it will depend upon the date of the first killing frost. According to Blum's Almanac there will be no frost in March up to the last day of the windy month. No frost at all is booked for April.

PAN BISCUITS at Taylor Brothers.

### ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

#### GATHERED FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTY

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

##### A Good Talker

A little adv. like this talks to 12,000 twice a week in Granville county. Fiddlers Convention and Spelling Bee. We should like to see a grand Old Fiddlers Convention and an Old Time Spelling Bee in Oxford. Granville has the material, and for pure and unadulterated amusement the two features are hard to surpass.

The Creedmoor Times reaches us with renewed vigor after a brief suspension to adjust some financial difficulties. Editor John E. Hart is still at the helm and we wish him much success.

Something to Smoke and Chew. Dr. Harvey Wiley figures it out that 60 per cent of all human energy is directed toward getting something to eat. So far as Granville county is concerned about 80 per cent of the energy is directed toward securing something to smoke and chew.

Lookout For Thieves. A citizen of Oxford was told at Durham a few days ago by a policeman that there had been more thefts there during the past few months than during six or eight years before. Other sections are having to suffer from much stealing now.

#### OLD JOHN BARLEY CORN

##### The State House of Representative Hit the Old Man Between the Eyes

The State House of Representatives hit old man John Barley Corn about the hardest blow that that old arch enemy of mankind has ever had dealt him, when on last Friday it said so emphatically that the shipment of liquors into the confines of the Old North State for beverage purposes must stop. The vote in the House was even more overwhelming than the most sanguine supporter of the cause of temperance had hopes for. One hundred to six is virtually unanimous. The bill was made possible by the existence of the Webb-Kenyon national anti-shipment law and should the Senate now concur in the action of the House it will mean that our old "anti-friends" will have to seek other reasons for their opposition than the time-worn, thread-bare "I'd be for prohibition if prohibition prohibited." For it surely looks like it is going to prohibit in North Carolina after the present Legislature gets through with the question.

#### ELIMINATION CONTEST

##### First of the Series at Enon March 3rd and at Salem, March 4th.

The first in the series of township elimination contests of the county will be held at Enon, Wednesday, March 3rd. All contestants in Tally Ho township will meet promptly at 10:30 o'clock. In addition to the contests, Mr. L. C. Brogden, State Supervisor, will be present and give an educational address.

This same program will be continued at Salem school for Salem Township on March 4th, and on March 5th at Banks school for Brassfield township, with Mr. Brogden speaking at each of the schools.

#### Honor Roll

The following is the honor roll of Salem school: First Grade—Ebbie Dement. Third Grade—Blanche Woody. Fourth Grade—Neeta Woody. Fifth Grade—Sam Critcher, Booth Crews, Mary Adcock. Seventh Grade—David Adcock. Eighth Grade—Casper Critcher. Teachers—Misses Crews and Hester.

#### A CLEAN TOWN GOVERNMENT

##### Well-Known Business Man Endorses Mayor Stem

Editor Public Ledger: You hit the nail squarely on the head in your article Wednesday on "Who Should Be Mayor?" We want Mayor Stem to be re-elected, and we want him to be invested with the power to enforce the serving of search and seizure warrants and other writs, regardless of what somebody else may think about the matter.

If it is true that Mayor Stem has said that he would not accept another term as Mayor on account of the lack of backing he has received in his efforts to give the town a clean and business-like government, let us re-elect him anyhow, and see that he gets the backing.

LAW AND ORDER.

### OUR NEW OFFICE BUILDING

#### PUBLIC LEDGER WILL OCCUPY GROUND FLOOR

New Home of the Public Ledger Will Be Ready April 1st, and a Splendid Equipment Installed

Mr. Charlie Easton has let the contract to ex-sheriff Wheeler for a one-story brick building on Littlejohn street to house the Public Ledger. The material is on the ground and the contractor will put on a large force and rush the building to completion by April 1st.

The change from the second story in the Mitchell Block, where the Public Ledger has been located all these years, is made necessary by the installation of a heavier and faster press. When all the parts of the new plant has been marshalled together and installed in the new office building no semi-weekly in the state will be better equipped for newspaper business. We hope to move from the present quarters to the new home without missing an issue of the paper.

#### Grand Auction Sale

We are carrying a half page advertisement in this paper that is of more than ordinary interest to the farmers of Granville and to all those who would like to purchase nice and convenient lots on which to build their homes. Farming machinery, fixtures, tools, appliances, furniture, live stock is included in the immense sale from the Kimball Farm Saturday, March 6th. Many bargains await those who go after them. Read carefully and attend the sale.

#### SENATOR HOBGOOD

##### The Popular Guilford Senator Complimented by Chief Justice Clark.

Chief Justice Clark in his address before the Equal Suffrage League in Greensboro, passed the following compliment on Senator F. P. Hobgood, Jr.: "One of the leaders down at Raleigh in the fight to confer equal rights upon women, is a distinguished son of your town—Senator Hobgood. He has the courage to stand for the right and will be heard from in the years to come as a leader."

#### A PRECIOUS GIRL PASSES AWAY.

##### Miss Cinderella Evans Dies of Pneumonia

Miss Cinderella Evans, aged 14 years, died at the home of her parents at Satterwhites' Shop last Tuesday afternoon after a brief illness of pneumonia. The deceased was a member of the Methodist church, a consistent christian and possessed a sweet and amiable disposition. The remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground at Satterwhites' Shop Thursday afternoon and as a mark of esteem for the precious child and the family the funeral was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends. The pall bearers were: Miss Lula Stem, Mrs. Meadows Adcock, Mrs. Carrie Hobgood and Mrs. D. C. Howard; the honorary pall bearers being Messrs. Crawford Hobgood, Eugene Puckett, William Howard and Charlie Adcock.

#### Working For a Prize

Mrs. T. C. Harris has taken the local agency for the Southern Woman's Magazine, published at Nashville, Tenn., with a view of joining a number of ladies who will visit the Exposition at San Francisco in June, guests of the Magazine for which she is soliciting. She is meeting with considerable success and it begins to look as if she will win the coveted prize.

#### THE EVELYN THAW PICTURE

##### After Second Thought Harris & Crews Declined to Show It.

We think it due Messrs. Harris & Crews, proprietors of the Orpheum Theatre, to state that rather than take any risk in corrupting the morals of the young people, after second thought they cancelled the contract and declined to throw upon the screen the picture of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, which was scheduled to appear last Monday night. The management was very sure that there was nothing in the picture to offend the most fastidious, but the fact that Evelyn has been in the public eye so long they felt that it would be the part of wisdom to decline to show the picture.

The very best of us can rely upon the management of the Orpheum for good, wholesome clean pictures and their declining to handle the Thaw picture confirms this belief.

PAN BISCUITS at Taylor Brothers.

### THE GOOD OLD HOME TOWN

#### THE MAGIC WELL ON MAIN STREET

The Old Home Town, It Will Always Be a Foundation on Which to Model Your Happiness.

It is told that when a person once quashes his thirst at the well in front of the old Bank building on Main street, it makes no difference to what part of the world he may roam there is ever a persistent desire in his breast to return to Oxford. We are told by those who return to Oxford from the outside world that during their absence the old town appears to them as a kind of dreamland to which their thoughts fit and linger in those brief moments of wiseful reflection.

The old home town—there is nothing like it. Stick up for it, love it and always come back to it. It will always be a foundation on which to build and model your happiness, and it will always be an inspiration from which to draw courage.

All these things are true provided you have a real "old home town." We can see how a person who has left Oxford for a sojourn in the big cities might come to feel a pride in the old home town where the standards of living is high and ennobling.

Pick out a baseball team composed of the young men of Oxford and send it to Richmond, Baltimore and Philadelphia and you will find some one in the grand stand cheering for the old home town team. They may fret and fume and abuse the old town while they live among us, but it is all different when they get a touch of the cold world. When, for some unfortunate cause they are forced to change their residence to some other town, or city, they feel sick. They see only strange faces and strange places. The houses look out at them forbiddingly, and they wonder why the people who live in them are not homesick like themselves.

So always remember the old home town. Honor it, love it, and even should you feel that you are drifting away from all that is good, follow the rule and return to the old town, and if there is any good left in you a visit back home will set you straight with the world.

#### THE COTTON FUTURE ATTORNEY

##### The Appointment of Judge Graham Hailed With Joy Everywhere

Senator Overman is reported as saying that he is highly pleased with the appointment of Judge Graham to the post of cotton future attorney. Papers all over the state think the Oxford Attorney's selection was a wise move. The people of Oxford to a man rejoice in the selection of Judge Graham. We know that the Judge will handle the affairs of the office with economy and skill. Judge Graham writes to Mr. B. K. Lassiter from Washington advising him that he is having a pleasant sojourn in Washington with Mr. Lassiter's father. The Judge states that he will go over to New York Thursday and will reach Oxford Saturday night and that he will be at home all next week excepting Tuesday.

#### PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION

##### Many Will Attend From This Section of the State.

The Panama-Pacific International Exposition threw open its doors Wednesday. The occasion was attended with life and drum. The preparatory arrangements have been carried on amid many obstacles, but the management announces that all is in readiness for the reception of thousands of visitors from all sections of this country and the world, despite the depression that has been occasioned by the European war.

Quite a number of Oxford and Granville county people are making inquiries as to routes and rates. It is pretty well settled that Mr. J. T. Britt our old side partner in the Public Ledger for three years, and his good will will take in the Exposition in May.

#### Cheaper Eggs

The price of eggs has declined rapidly the past week or ten days. Two weeks ago the merchants were paying 25 cents a dozen and selling at from 28 to 30 cents. Some of the merchants yesterday bought the hen fruit as low as 16 and 17 cents and sold them as low as 20 cents. It is said that eggs are the lowest they have been at this season of the year for several years.

HOLSUM BREAD at Taylor Brothers.

### PERSONALLY MENTIONED

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

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

Mrs. Annie Lee Llewellyn spent the week end in Richmond. Mr. W. O. Cheatham, of Route 3, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. Walter Bragg, of Route 2, was in town Thursday.

Rev. Fred Day, of Winston-Salem, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Mr. E. C. Harris and son, of Route 3, were town visitors Thursday.

Mr. Ed Hunt, of Route 5, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. R. W. Pittard, of Bullock, was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. Otho Daniel, of Route 1, was in Oxford Thursday.

Mr. Charles Knight, of Route 3, was in town Thursday.

Mr. J. B. Pruitt, of Route 1, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Abner Newton, of Route 2, was an Oxford visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Babcock and children, of Route 7, were Oxford visitors Thursday.

Mr. N. G. Crews and Mr. Currin, of Dabney, were on our streets Thursday.

Mr. M. W. Hunter spent a few days in Washington and Baltimore this week on business.

Messrs. J. Thomas Barnes and Thomas Hester, of near Henderson, were Oxford visitors Wednesday.

Mr. Mat Hobgood has returned to Oxford to the pleasure of his friends.

Miss Louise Lewis, of Richmond, is the guest of Mrs. Annie Lee Llewellyn.

Major Will Landis, accompanied by Mrs. Landis, will leave Saturday for the Northern markets to buy the Spring stock for Landis & Easton.

Mrs. W. B. Glenn, who has been on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, on High street, returned to her home in Henderson Thursday morning.

#### The Old Reliable Bank

We invite your attention to the National Bank of Granville advertisement on the last page of this paper. It has capital, surplus and profits amounting to over \$135,000.00. Their facilities and equipment as at your disposal.

#### SIGNS OF PROSPERITY

##### Business in This Reserve District Improving

Pre-eminence in the Federal reserve system attained by the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank is gratifying not only as an indication of the manner in which the bank is fulfilling its destiny, but as evidence also that the business of this district is fast getting back into its old position of prosperity and steady growth. The bank's rediscounts for last week amounted to more than \$1,000,000. In this there is ample demonstration of the fact that the money of the member banks is being employed and employed with profit. Enterprise emerges from the cyclone cellar into which it was driven by war's alarms, new industries are planned, old industries are expanded.

Collection will be forced after this notice and you need not blame any one, when you find your property advertised for sale. You have had fair warning for a long time and now it is simply business. I am forced to collect and I am going to collect. No one need ask for further time as all will be treated alike. Positively no discrimination. S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff Granville Co.

#### SOME RATS

##### One Way in Which to Get Rid of the Pests.

The business houses and many homes in Oxford are infested with rats. How to get rid of the pests is a question that puzzles the wisest of us. The *Laurinburg News* is responsible for the following suggestion: "For sometime the prisoners in the county jail have been complaining to Sheriff McLaurin of being disturbed at night by rats running over them while asleep, and to find out whether they were joking or not, Sheriff McLaurin told them that he would give a plug of tobacco for every three rats killed. One prisoner got busy and invented a hand made rat killer in shape of a dead-fall, and the first clip out of the box he landed 37 rats."

#### 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.

### THE SUBMARINE WARFARE

#### RAPID VESSELS CONTINUE TO CROSS DANGEROUS SEAS

The Blockade, However, Has Increased Insurance Rates—Total of Eight Vessels Lost and Three Airmen Missing.

The German submarine blockade of the British Isles has been in effect one week. The result, so far as is known, is that two Norwegian, one French and five British steamers have been sunk or torpedoed by submarines, with the surprisingly small loss of four lives. Two of the steamers reached port.

On the other side of the account two German submarines are reported missing and a third hit was possibly sunk by a French destroyer.

Besides the vessels which fell victims to the submarines, two American and one Norwegian steamer have been sunk by mines near the German coast and the Swedish steamer *Specia* and one or two British steamers are overdue and it is feared they have been lost.

Nearly all the steamers torpedoed by submarines were small and slow vessels and at least three were caught while at anchor or while barely under way. This fact with the failure of a submarine to hit a fast cross channel steamer at which it fired a torpedo, apparently proves to the satisfaction of British naval writers that steamers with moderate speed, which observe obvious precautions, can escape the underwater craft, and such vessels are continuing to cross the seas.

The blockade, however, has increased insurance rates and some neutral owners are keeping their ships in neutral waters.

In addition to the loss of the merchantmen, the British admiralty has given up hope for the armed steamer *Clan MacNaughton*, which has not been heard from since February 3, and which, it is believed, went down as did another armed merchantman, the *Viktor*, in a storm that struck English waters early in the month. The *Clan MacNaughton* carried a crew of 280 men.

#### THE MAN OF DESTINY

##### Mr. Lonnie Smith, Genial Proprietor of the Exchange Hotel, Joins the Suffragettes

It will be remembered that Mr. Lonnie Smith, the genial proprietor of the Exchange hotel, and a party of friends a year ago made a flying trip to Richmond in a private car furnished them free of charge by the great Southern Railway Company. It was a triumph for the Smith party, and many were the congratulations showered upon them by a community which rejoiced in the knowledge that we have in our midst a local talent qualified to cope with a trunk line railway.

For a whole year Mr. Smith was looked upon by his friends as a man of destiny, but the Fates decreed that sooner or later he must return to earth and again become mortal like the rest of us.

Think for a moment what must have been his chagrin last Sunday when he and Dr. Puritan, of Durham, became stuck in the mud on the National Highway nine miles from Durham and had to appeal to four handsome ladies, seated in a touring car, to extricate them from the mud.

Mr. Smith says that he and the Doctor had about made up their minds to retire for the night when the big car containing four handsome ladies and a driver bore down upon them. One of the ladies, of course the best looking one in the party, eyed the floundering men critically and told them to be good and sweet and not to cry and all would be well. The two cars was linked up with a rope. The big car moved forward with comparative ease, but the rope snapped and the little car with the big men settled back into its bed, and the big car with its precious load of feminine beauty proceeded on to Durham. On reaching the bright lights they noticed that the trailer was missing. They returned to the scene of the rescue as gaily as they had left it and succeeded in landing the Doctor and Mr. Smith in Durham high and dry. Instead of being a man of destiny Mr. Smith is now a suffragette.

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