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CHICKENS CAUSE ROW

THE SHOT GUN PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART.

The Neighborly Gate that Stood Ajar For All These Years Has Been Closed by Mutual Consent.

Some time ago we looked up the chicken law and published it. That is one of the laws that really has sharp teeth in it, and a man who knowingly lets his chickens scratch up his neighbobrb's garden has committed a serious offense in the face of the moral as well as the statue law.

The Public Ledger is read in nearly every home in Oxford, and early in the spring we cautioned them to be careful with their chickens less there would be trouble. We thought that a word to the wise was sufficient, but it appears that the injunction was ignored, and as a result the friendship between several families in town have been strained to the snapping point.

We are advised of an instance where a man mended his garden fence and put a new latch on the gate. The gate is located between the two neighborly residences and it affords the two families the means of communicating with each other without the necessity of putting on their Sunday clothes and going around to the front gate and making a formal call.

Last year neither one of the neighbobrs cared for chickens, but this year the family on the right hand side "took a pride" in chickens, and right here is where his neighbors found out that he was a crank.

Orders were given to keep the neighborly gate closed all the time. Hostilities were declared, and the children on the left hand side propped the neighborly gate wide open and what the chickens did during the long afternoon while everybody were away was a plenty to vindicate the one and humiliate the other.

When the man returned home late in the evening and found that his garden had been destroyed what did he do? He and his wife held a consultation and it was agreed that they would offer their neighbor a fair price for his chickens, thus ending the trouble. The proposition was made but he was politely informed that there was not enough money in Oxford to buy the chickens under the existing circumstances.

We are telling the whole thing just like it was told to us, without any frills. A day or two elapsed. Catridges were secured and the shot gun placed in commission. On the following day a report of a gun was heard in rear of the house and a strong man in his shirt sleeves was seen to toss a chicken over the neighborly fence.

BEST SHERIFF IN THE STATE.

There is Abundance of Proof in Evidence.

In looking over the State papers it is a common thing to see a whole page taken up with the sale of land for taxes. We have gone to the trouble in counting some of them and find as many as twelve hundred names. There were fewer on the Granville list than any county in the State so far published this year. The list as handed in by Sheriff Hobgood contained less than 150 names by actual count. This would signify that we have the best Sheriff in the State.

OF INTEREST TO PARENTS

Not Best to Indulge Children More Than Two Conditions.

(Correspondence of the Public Ledger)

Parents and students will take notice that no students need ask to be allowed to make up more than two conditions this summer. After fair trial we are convinced that we would be their enemies to indulge them in more than two conditions. Some parents seem to think that we ought to allow their children to make up even three or more conditions. It is rather late to ask favors after a teacher has exhorted and used every effort to get a child interested for nine months and, in spite of all, the child spends much time in the moving picture shows or skating at night. It strikes us that the home should assume some of the bblame for backward and conditional students.

The following plan will be followed this summer. All students who have not more than two conditions will be permitted to attend summer school some four or six weeks at College school building under a teacher selected by the superintendent,and under no other teacher will work be accepted. The pupils making up the conditions to bear the expense of the school. It is ones privilege to take advantage of this school. No one will be forced to attend but attendance will be necessary to get the conditions removed.

After serious consideration we have agreed to adopt this plan. So many pupils have gotten the idea that they can play away the year, get conditioned, study a little in summer, pass off condition, and go up as well as those who have worked hard all the year through. We are going to see to it that the examinations at close of summer school are as rigid, if not more so, than those given in May. The date of opening and closing together with the teacher who will do the teaching will be announced later. Full time attendance necessary to get privilege of taking examinations.

J. A. PITTS.

CONGRESSMAN FAISON DEAD.

Failing Health and Despondency Given as Reason for Rash Act.

Ex-Congressman Faison, ex-congressman from the sixth district,committed suicide at his home in Faison early Wednesday morning.

Dr. Faison, who was a very strong man until his health began to decline while in Congress a year ago, had been out transacting some business with his farm, after which he returned to his home and took his life by placing a shot gun into his mouth and setting off the charge with his foot, it is supposed. His face was not disfigured to any great extent, but the back of his head was blown away.

HIS REST WAS BROKEN

CANNOT STAND THE NOISE OF A CITY.

The Bumping of Freight Care and the Whistle of the Call Boy Responsible.

An old setter tells us that he "turned in" for the night at a hotel in Greensboro and was kept awake all night by the racket of the shifting engine, the bumping of freight cars, the whistle of the call boy, the humming o fthe machinery used by the night force, and the clanking of the hammer and other noise, all of which he declared a nuisance.

He added that when Oxford reaches a point when his rest must be broken by the shifting engine and the continual bumping of cars he would sell out and leave town.

Now, we rather admire the frank statement of the old setter. Should he happen to live in Oxford at a time when the shifting engine darts through the freight yards with a great string of cars, as it does in Greensboro the livelong night,he will have something to sell worthwhile. The Southern Railway purchased last week nine acres of land within one hundred yards of the hotel where our old settler "turned in" for the night, for which they paid $150,000.

If our old settled had walked up the street, outside of the din and smoke zone, he no doubt would have found two or three very nice, quiet hotels. It is the same thing here, should our town grow to such magnificant proportions, our old friend could live at Providence and come in every morning on a trolly car.

Get in the Game—We see it stated in a Richmond paper that a solid train of early truck from points in Eastern North Carolina pass through that city daily. Next week the strawberry crop will be on, which will be the means of adding several million dollars to the eastern counties. Why is it that we can't get in the game some how or other?

MRS. ROCKEFELLER'S WILL

Her Estate Valued at $2,000,000, Goes to Charity.

The will of the late Mrs. John D, Rockefeller, filed in New York Saturday leaves about $500,000 and valuable articles of jewelry to friends and relatives and bequeaths the rest of her estate, which estimated in all at about $2,000,000, to charitable institutions.

The charitable bequests are to be distributed at the discretion of her executors, who are her husband, her son, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and her daughter, Mrs. Edmund Parmalee Prentice. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Mrs. Prentice and Mrs. Harold F. McCormick, another daughter, are given $10,000 each; Miss Lucy M. Spelman, a sister $50,000, and Margaret Strong, a granddaughter and daughter of Bessie Rockefeller Strong, deceased, $100,000 in trust until she shall arrive at the age of 35.

A sum sufficient to produce a net annual income of $1,000 is left to Mrs. Rockefeller's friend, Caroline P. Sked.

Charitable institutions named as beneficiaries of the residuary estate are the Euclid Avenue Baptist church of Cleveland, Ohio; the Baptist Home of Northern Ohio, Women's Baptist Home Missionary Society, Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, Spelman Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., and the Bureau of Social Hygiene.

This will is dated March 1st, 1913.

JESS WILLIARD

No Relation to the Williards in Granville.

And now it so happens that Jess Williard, the pugelist who knocked Jack Johnson out in a 26 round battle in Cuba, comes from the Williard stock in Eastern North Carolina, presumably from Franklin county; but who would want to own up to such a thing as that, even if he did "kill the negro."

Valuable Correspondent—The Public Ledger has long recognized the valuable services of Mr. W. R. Mangum, Stem correspondent of the Public Ledger. He has the happy faculty of writing bright pithy paragraphs about people and things and condensing them to a minimum. Mr. Mangum is a very busy man and he is responsible in a large measure for the rapid strides Stem is making along commercial, educational and moral lines. We shall appreciate the large number of Public Ledger readers in and around Stem to keep him fully advised as to news items for the Public Ledger.

A COMPLEX PROBLAM

National Statute Must Be Supported By Enforcement of Local Regulations.

Realizing that the entire United States is interested in the enforcement of the new Harrison anti-narcotic law, the Public Health Service has had Dr. Martin L. Wilbert, technical assistant, division of pharmacology of the hygienic laboratory of the Public Health Service, prepare a report on the "Efforts to Curb the Misuse of Narcotic Drugs."

"The abuse of narcotic drugs involves economic, social, moral and pubblic health questions that collectively constitute one of the most serious problems before the people of the United States today," declares Doctor Wilbert in his report to Surgeon General Rupert Blue. "Drug addition, in its various forms has reached gigantic proportions in this country and its possibilities for harm constitute a great menace.

"The possibble dangers from the abuse of opium, morphine and other narcotic drugs were early appreciated, but it was not until 1885 that steps were taken to regulate or to restrict the sale and use of them in any way. In that year, at least two States endeavored to regulate by statute the sale and use of opium for smoking purposes and several additional States enacted laws directing the labeling of all packages containing morphium or its salts with scarlet-colored labels, the names of the contents to be in white letters.

THINK OF THE IMPACT

WHAT IT MEANS TO GO FORTY MILES AN HOUR.

Now That the Roads are Firm, It Would Be Well to Keep Your Eye on the Spedometer.

Every time an Oxford man purchases an automobile some one predicts that he is preparing for his own funeral. As a general proposition, the Oxford drivers of autocars are level headed, and it is indeed seldom that you see the dare-devil among them. There have been no fatalities from this source and we hope there will be none.

Now that the roads are firm and the air is balmy, it is well to consult the spedometer.

If a motor car is wrecked when going forty miles an hour its occupant is thrown out against a wall, a post, a fence with the same force that he would strike if he fell to the ground from a height of 53.78 feet. To get an idea of what the force of this impact might be, stand on a wall or a house 53.78 feet high, look down and contemplate the jump. If the car is going sixty miles an hour, the impact is equivalent to a fall of 121 feet. The following table prepared by S. F. Kennedy for the World Magazine gives the force of various speeds:

10 miles	3.36 ft.
15 miles	7.56 ft.
20 miles	13.44 ft.
25 miles	21.01 ft.
30 miles	30.25 ft.
35 miles	41.17 ft.
40 miles	53.78 ft.
45 miles	68.05 ft.
50 miles	86.53 ft.
55 miles	101.67 ft.
60 miles	121.69 ft.
70 miles	164.69 ft.
80 miles	215.10 ft.
90 miles	272.24 ft.
100 miles	336.10 ft.

OXFORD ORPHAN BOY KILLED.

Was a Faithful Rural Letter Carrier in Virginia.

(Correspondence of the Public Ledger)

C. B. Rodgers, Rural Letter Carrier of Route 4, Norfolk, Va., Burkley Station, was brutally shot and murdered at his stable April 9th. He was shot 3 or 4 times and killed instantly. Bloodhounds were obtained at Elizabeth City and a negro was arrested and put in prison. The murderer got $15 from his person. Mr. Rodgers was 51 years old, had been a rural carrier 9 years. He was one among the first orphans at the Oxford Orphanage, he went with Mr. Robards and the supply wagon in the days of Mr. Mills. He was a good and useful man, one of the best in the service. Mr. Rodgers was a personal friend of this writer and planned to visit us and the Oxford Orphanage this year. His wife had been dead only a few months, he leaves one son.

D. N. HUNT.

THE NEW BOARD.

Much is Expected of Them, But there is Very Little Money Upon Which to Make a Creditable Showing

It is generally understood that it requires funds for any Town Board of Commissioners to make a good showing. The new Board will go into office at a time when the funds in the treasury is very low. This fact should be kept in mind, and if they do not accomplish the great things that some people have mapped out for them they should know that the Board is handicapped for funds. There are a few things that should be done, but whether the Board can reach them early or late we are not advised. It seems to us that a few new streets should be opened up and building lines established. By doing this quite a numbebr of handsome building lots would be placed on the market. There is quite a demand for a street from the northern to the southern limits of the town, splitting up the broad territory lying in rear of Oxford College and passing near Parham's Mill.

Until a recent trip about town we were surprised to note that Callahan street is the nice quiet place that it is. Callahan street is the pretty little stretch that passes to the east on the north side of St. Stephen's Episcopal church. The southside of this street is pretty well defined with a sidewalk, but the northside is rugged and uncertain. We understand that the property owners along this street clear through to the east boundry are willing to donate the land and improve the general appearance and usefulness of the street.

There is too much land in Oxford inaccessible. A few new streets would help out mightly, but we should not expect the new Board to accomplish everything in a day.

The Salvation Army—An interesting, pleasant face young woman, wearing the uniform of the Salvation Army, spent Thursday in Oxford,taking a collection and looking over the field. She is a faithful membebr of the Raleigh band of the Army and refers to Oxford as an "outpost."

GRAHAM INAUGURATED

The Governor Presides Over Ceremonies and Chief Justice Clark Administers Oath of Office

Delegates from ninety-eight institutions and learned societies, fifty college president's, thousands of visitors from all over the State and the student body witnessed the simple but impressive inaugural exercises of Edward K. Graham as president of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Wednesday.

The exercises were marked by the address of Dr.Goodnow,the inaugural address by Dr. Alderman, greetings by Dr. Denny and Dr. Martin and the brilliant utterances of Secretary Daniels as toast master at the banquet.

OXFORD PEOPLE PRESENT

Oxford people present were Messrs. J. F. Webb, B. K. Lassiter, J. S. Bradsher, W. T. Millis, Eugene Moss, J. W. Horner, R. H. Lewis, John Graham Webb, Professor Hobgood, John Webb, Miss Sallie Webb, Miss Estelle White and possible others.

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THE POWER OF THIS JU

Our Little Home People Can Do Up Things.

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In this beautiful li and of ours, and we have been accused of not seeing beyond the borders of Granville, we are very sure that our home family of 26,000 people can do a great deal for one another if they will sell, trade and transact business to the best of their ability.

CREEDMOOR HIGH SCHOOL

Interesting Program of Commencement Exercises Under Way

With the Creedmoor Times-News comes the announcement of the Creedmoor High School commencement. The dates are May 2-3-4. As nearly as possible all of the children will participate in the different programs.

Rev. O. C. Davis, pastor of East Durham's Baptist church comes to us highly recommended as a pulpit orator. He will preach the sermon Sunday, May 2, 1915, and it is hoped can and will serve on Sunday night.

Monday evening at 8 o'clock a recitation contest will take place. The girls will give readings. Four of the best in school will be chosen. There are now a number of candidates trying for these places.

On the same evening of May 3rd after the girls there will be a contest for the boys. The training for this work is progressing rapidly. Prof. Pope believes the community may expect an even better class of speaking than last year.

Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock sharp, Judge R. H. Sykes, a jurist of note, will deliver the annual Literary address. A man of fine personality and ready flow of words he is an able speaker.

Tuesday evening, May 4th, a concert and play program will be carried out. This concert will be rendered by members from 6 to the 11th grades.

The little people's concert will take place Friday evening April 30. This program will draw the record brbeaking audience. The concert programs consist largely of cantatas and plays.

THE MOTHER OF GREAT MEN

Orange County Leads With Three Supreme Court Judges.

Chief Justice Walter Clark reminds us that in 1841 Orange county furnished both United States Senators, William A. Graham and Willie P. Mangum, and the chief justice of the State, Judge Thomas Ruffin; and in 1848 all three of the Supreme Court judges, Thomas Ruffin, Frederick Nash, and William H. Battle, and the Governor, Wm. A. Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mangum and two daughters, Misses Elizabeth and Deloris, of Tar River, were Oxford visitors Thursday.

OUR NEW HOME

When you pass along Main Street and reach the corner at the postoffice, turn to the east on Littlejohn Street and land up sharp at the new home of the PUBLIC LEDGER. We shall be glad to see you at any time.

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FARMERS KEEP BOOKS

THE ONLY ACCURATE WAY TO DO BUSINESS.

Limited Number of Granville County Farmers Have Adopted Methods to Show Profits and Loss.

In a conversation with Mr. A. H. Powell, president of the Granville Real Estate and Trust Company, we learn that quite a number of the leading farmers of this section are keeping books. We had supposed that nearly every farmer in the county figured very close as to profit and loss, but it seems that we were mistaken. Following this up, we interviewed one of the leading farmers of the county, who had jotted down every item, and he figures that he came out about 10 per cent short after paying labor.

While many farm account books have been devised and can be had for the asking it is passingly stronge that they are not universally used by the farmers everywhere.

The Banker-Farmer says the United States Department of Agriculture and E. T. Robbins, county agent of Tazewell County, Ill., last year kept acounts on 63 farms. They found that the average of these farms lacked $94 of paying the farmer any wages for his labor, after five per cent interest was paid on the money invested in the farm ground and plant. The nine most profitable farms on which reocrds were taken last year had an average total capacity of $56,206. Their total income was an average of $4,007. That amount paid five per cent interest on the capital and left $1,197 for the labor income. The showing is decidedly significant, indicating that the more livestock that is kept on the farm the greater the profit is, and also that the better the livestock the more profit there is. Believing that the profits of the farmers can be greatly increased by agent and the Department have decareful book-keeping, the county vised a farm account book and 150 farmers have begun to use them.

BUILDING OPERATIONS

New Buildings Completed and Others Going Up.

It appears that building operations in Oxford will reach a normal stage this summer and fall. Quite a number of new buildings are under way at the present writing. We know of three or four parties figuring with the contractors for new dwellings, but the work has not advanced enough to make public.Work will begin at an early date on Mrs. A. C. Parham's residence on Hancock street near Front street. This is to be a neat eight room dwelling with modern conveniences.

Mr. L. Thomas has just completed a modern six room cottage on Callahan street. He is one of the men who has profited and helped others a whole lot during the period of inactivity. His several properties scattered about town have been vastly improved by the hammer and paint brush this Spring.

The nice seven room house of Mr. Graham Royster on Williamsboro street has been completed.

The foundation of the elegant residence of Mr. Cam Easton on Front street, adjoining his present home, is well advanced.

There is quite a feeling of renewed activity in real estate and building operations, and it may be stated as a fact that Oxford will jump into the game as soon as the war clouds roll by.

The only storage feature presenting itself is that the building activity is postponed even for a week or a day, since labor and materials are much lower now than they will be later on.

ARE BOLD FIGHTERS.

Daughters of the Old North State Take Prominent Place in D. A. R. Convention.

The North Carolina Daughters are taking a prominent part in the Convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution now in session in Washington City. They divided on the contest between Mrs. Strong and Mrs. Guernsey for the presidency of the society. A majority voted for Mrs. Guernsey, but no one seems to know just exactly how the Tar Heel vote did go as the Australian ballot was used.

Those attending from North Carolina are:

Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Patterson,Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. B. D. Heath, of Charlotte, accompanied by Mrs. Kingsley, and Mrs. Dinglehoff; Mrs. Nims, of Gastonia, Mrs. Taylor, of Goldsboro, Mrs. Tyree and Mrs. Powe, of Durham, Mrs. Shannon, of Henderson, Mrs. Mercer, of Elm City, Mrs. Stoner, of Wilmington, Miss Ursula Daniel, of Halifax.

The North Carolina pages are Misses Katherine Fenner, of Halifax, Elizabeth D. Horne, of Wadesbobro, and Eunice Taylor, of Goldsboro.

WILL INCREASE MEMBERSHIP.

"Rise Up Sandy, An' Get Yo' Meat," Is a Happy Theme.

The Commercial Club bhas decided to solicit membership among the country people as well as town people. The Club is desirous of extending its influence throughout the county, because the prosperity of one means the prosperity of the other. It is comparatively easy and convenient for farmers to be members, and to attend meetings in these days of easy communication, good roads, automobibles, telephone lines and rural free delivery have bound town and country closely together, and unity of action and a determination to work together for the common good will not only bring about great great prosperity, but likewise a state of mutual good feeling that will be delightful to contemplate.

The Club has invited Bion H. Butler, of Southern Pines, to be present at their monthly meeting in May. He will probably attend and address the meeting on "Rise Up, Sandy, an' Git Yo' Meat," a subject which seemed to be a favorite with him.

PUNISHING CHILDREN

"SPARE THE ROD AND RUIN THE CHILD."

As a General Proposition, Teachers Prefer to Conquor Unruly Children by a Gentle Process.

Occasionally we hear of school children in old Granville being threshed by their schoolmasters. The punishment is generally administered in an orderly way, and we are yet to hear of a savage attack in this well regulated community.

There is little doubt in our mind that the average teacher is too lenient with children. She prefers to conquor by a gentle process, and if she cannot succeed by repeated efforts she gives the child up as a hopeless case.

If parents would view the matter from this angle there would be fewer outbreaks of passion on their part. Some people, you know, are very toucheous about their children, and however much a teacher may be grieved over the carelessness and waywardness of a child they prefer to suffer for a period in silence, hoping and praying that all will be right in the end.

As a result of a number of school children being whipped last Tuesday for disobedience and insubordination in that they left the school grounds over the orders of the principal, the Clayton graded school is today without a principal, Mr. Bradley having tendered his resignation at the request of the school board after a long investigation. While there were some 18 or 20 boys whipped, there were only two or three complaints before the board.

NEW ORGANIZATION FORMING

Our Commercial Interests Should Be Looked After.

An organization of the secretaries of the Chambers of Commerce and Commercial Clubs in general will be formed in Raleigh early in May. Oxford should be represented at this meeting. A tentative program has been mapped out as follows:

"How Can We Link Rural Sections With Cities?" Julian S. Miller, secretary of the Greater Charlotte Club.

"How Can the Manufacturers of North Carolina Increase Their Output?" M. R. Beaman of Goldsboro.

"Our Port and What it Means to North Carolina," H. B. Branch of Wilmington.

"Commercial Organization Advertising," J. C. Forester of Greensboro.

"Fake Advertising," Miss Bessie Hackney of Raleigh.

Legal Notices.

R. C. Watkins, administrator de bonis non of Samuel Pointer.

Sale of personal property, by L. G. Perry, administrator of Z. T. Perry, deceased.

Sale of Douglas Gregory land, T. Lanier, truste.

Certain lands of N. N. Cupp, T. T. Hicks, trustee.

Lost certificate of Joseph A. Peace, deceased, B. K. Lassiter, trustee.

B. K. Lassiter having qualified as administrator of the late J. A. Peace.

A GOOD LAW

But It Seems That It Must Be Repeated.

Is it possible that the Harrison law controlling the sale of narcotics is so drastic it must be repeated. It is claimed that the law is driving "dope" users to suicide and mad houses by the thousands.

It is painful to think of a national law that binds men and women in strait-jackets and fill the asylums with raving maniacs.

The people of old Granville are so far removed from the "dope" zone that it is hard to believe that the Harrison law is all that is claimed for it. After all, is it not the part of wisdom to let the law stand and slay its thousands rather than repeal it and lead countless numbers on to destruction? We, at first, believed that the cry had some political significance, but the medical men through out the country testify to the destructive powers of the bill.

THE STRAW LID.

Ladies Will Sidestep and Give The Men a Chance.

By a sort of fashion decree, perhaps more of a psychological entente, the straw hat, the spring felts and the cap variety of men's heargear went into vogue on Wednesday, but the advert of the season cut no ice with the editor of the Public Ledger for reasons better known to ourselves. By some sort of common consent, April 21 is the date for winter hats to go out of commission. Of course, there are those who have rushed the season and sallied forth with a straw lid, but April 21, be it known, was the psychological date for the derby and other winter styles of men's hats to go into innocuous desuetude.

CAROLINA LEAGUE OPENS

Third Season Opens With Games At Raleigh, Winston and Charlotte.

The third season of the North Carolina league of professional baseball clubs opened Thursday. The schedule calls for 128 games, and the season closes September 15. Governor Craig took part in the ceremonies at Raleigh. A special train was run from Durham to Raleigh carrying a throng of Durham fans. Asheville played at Winston-Salem and Greensboro at Charlotte. All clubs appear to be well balanced.

The opening game of the Virginia Baseball League, played at Newport News Thursday afternon, was attended by the commander and entrie staff of officers of the German auxiliary cruiser Kron Prinz Wilhelm and the United States Senator Thomas S. Martin of Virginia.

Marked copies of the big St. Louis and Minneapolis daily papers reach Oxford showing the headway our two town boys, Gooch and Meadows, are making in the big leagues.

CRY IS FOR MUNITIONS

PLACE OF EVERY MAN FALLEN IN BATTLE FILLED

More Ammunition Used in the Battle of Neuve Chappelle Than in Whole of South African War.

(Lnodon Cable, April 22.)

The British expeditionary force in France, which at the beginning of the war consisted of six divisions, has been increased to more than 36, or, roughly speaking, 750,000 men according to a statement by David Lloyd-George, Chanceller of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons.

The Chancellor added that the place of every man who had fallen in battle had been filled and that the army was adequately equipped. But he reiterated the need for munitions declaring that during the babttle of Nueve Chapelle more ammunition was used than in the whole of the South African war, which lasted nearly three years.

The interesting information also was given that the output of the munition factories had been increased more than nineteenfold since the out-break of the war but the call was still for more, and, as Mr. Llyod-George continues to hold the opinion that consumption of liquor is interfering with the work, he promised legislation to deal with this matter.

The figures made public by the Chancellor as to the size of the British army in France and the expenditure for ammunition has caused great surprise in England where the opinion has been general that about half that numbebr of men had reached the front, especially as there has been no sign of any decrease in the number of khaki-clad men training in this country. It is likely that many of the new men already have been under fire as the Germans are making repeated attempts to re-capture Hill 60 near Ypres which the British took Sunday and have according to Field Marshal French's report, been repulsed with great loss.

SUBJECTS CALLED HOME.

All German and Austrian subjects in Switzerland even those who never did military service, were recalled yesterday by their respective governments.

ITALY WARMING UP

News reached Lugano this morning that the Italian government had stopped the trans-Atlantic service with the United States. Passengers who had purchased tickets have had their money returned to them.

NEW FEATURE AT ORPHEUM

Vaudeville With a Change of Program Each Night.

The management of the Orpheum Theatre has practically closed a contract with a theatrical syndicate to supply high class vaudeville throughout the season.

The shows that will come to Oxford under the terms of the contract carry anywhere from four to a dozen people and each organization will remain in Oxford one week, giving six performances with an entire change of program each night.

This does not signify by any means that the popular picture feature at the Orpheum is to be discontinued. It means that the Orpheum is enlarging its scope to meet the popular demand. Popular prices will prevail throughout the season and the circuit covered by the syndicate includes Richmond, Petersburg, Norfolk,Raleigh,Durham and Greensboro with a pass out of the State through Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta.

GRANVILLE LADY WILL SAIL

Madam Briggs Applies for Pasport to France.

Madam Briggs, a native of France, with holdings in North Granville, come to Oxford last week and applied at the postoffice for a pasport to France.

As pasports are seldom asked for at the Oxford postoffice, the Government has not thought to include the office in the supplies.

The Madam was somewhat surprised that there were no blanks at hand. "Why, I have a lot th them," she said, addressing Assistant Postmaster Critcher, "and I will bring them with me on my return to town in a few days."

The process of securing a pasport is simple enough. You apply at the postoffice for a blank, but the Custom House in the larger cities handle the bulk of the business, and after giving your name, age, nationality and destination, the blank is filled out and sent to William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, who invariably returns it signed and sealed.

At this distance from Washington it would be well to make application for the pasport at least two weeks in advance. Madam Briggs has ample time, as she does not intend to sail from New York before the middle of June, at which time, she calculates, the war in Europe will be over.

SURL NEWS NOTES

Wheat, Oats, and Clover Are Encouraging.

(Correspondence of the Public Ledger)

Wheat, oats and clover have come out considerably during the past ten days. Tobacco plants are plentiful and vigorous in this section.

The leaves must hustle to get their growth by the tenth of May. We know of some trees that never fail to get their full foliage by the tenth.

The people in this community are busy planting corn at this writing.

Some of the boys have been fishing with hook and lines in the creeks and branches, and while some were successful, others had the proverbial fisherman's luck.

Mr. Leonard Vaughan, who lives just over the line in Granville county, is fast becoming a good farmer.

This writer went to Oxford on business Monday and over to Henderson Tuesday morning on a pleasure trip. This was his first trip to Henderson and he was surprised to find it such a hustling town.

We learn that the little child which was taken sick while on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Cobb on Rectory street, is recovering.