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TO MAINTAIN OUR DIGNITY

To Hold Kaiser to Strict Accountability—Note to Germany Has Been Prepared and Approval by Cabinet

NO ONE CAN PREDICT OUTCOME

NOTE IN PREPARATION

The following statement on the Lusitania incident was made public at the white house Wednesday by Secretary Tumulty after a conference with the president:

"The course of the president has been determined. It will be announced just as soon as it is proper to publish the note now in preparation."

President Wilson virtually completed the note he will send to Germany as a result of the sinking of the Lusitania. It asks Germany for an accounting for the series of violations of American rights in the war zone not only financially, but morally and a guarantee that there will be no more repetitions of unlawful practices of German submarines. The note approved by the cabinet will be sent to Ambassador Gerard to be presented to the German government Members of the cabinet who always have advocated a vigorous foreign policy are satisfied. Conservative members also approve it. That it maintains the dignity and honor of the United States is their unanimous opinion.

The communication reveiws in a general way every case in the war zone in which the rights of an American have been transgressed. The sinking of the Falaba with the loss of Leon C. Thrasher, an American. The attack by German airmen on the American steamer Cushing, the torpedoing of the American steamer Gulf Light, while flying the American flag and finally the destruction of the Lusitania with the loss of more than 1,000 non-combatants and more than one hundred Americans. Germany is called on for an explanation for her past and future course, but the note leaves open the steps the United States will take to compel acquiesence in its position. It calls attention that while advertisements were carried in newspapers, that the United States never received warning that the Lusitania would be torpedoed.

The note is now being examined by the legal department of the state department and will be cabled to Berlin soon. It is not expected to be made public until it reaches Berlin.

The president, it is said, realizes fully the gravity of meaning in the note and is prepared for any eventualities that may follow its presentation. The note does not say exactly what the course of the United States will be in case of a refusal nor would the president's advisers indicate beyond saying that each new development would be considered as it arose.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

The newspapers of Vienna justify the sinking of the Lusitania on the ground that she was "virtually an auxiliary cruiser."

The Neu Frei Presse says:

"The sinking of the Lusitania is equivalent to a naval defeat, and perhaps one result of the incident will be the collapse in America of faith in England and greater regard for the German empire."

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The principal themes of London editorial discussion continue to be advocacy of drastic treatment for Germans in Great Britian and curiosity as to what action the United States will take in reference to the Lusitania disaster. The idea at first entertained that Washington would adopt drastic measures slowly is vanishing.

The Times says it does not complain because of the lack of vigorous action at Washington and says the British people should understand "they must not look to the United States nor any other external factor, but must rely upon themselves and their allies."

"Whatever prompted the sinking of the Lusitania," the Times adds, "it means that the German nation is so confident of ultimate victory it does not care in the least what the United States may say or do."

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"International law has been within the last ten months more completely disregarded, cast down and trampled under foot than I think it ever was within the last four or five centuries," said Viscount Bryce, formerly British embassador at Washington on presiding at a lecture on international law in London Wednesday.

"Apart from the cruelties to the innocent population of Belgium which has been subjected to worse treatment than that which befell combatants," he contiued, "ships not engaged in warlike operations have suddenly been sunk and their crews drowned.

"The technical legal description of pirates was that they were enemies of the human race. They are everybody's enemies alike. They are wild beasts outlawed and a danger not to one particular nation but to all mankind, and neutrals will be just as much ultimately involved as are the nations at war."

THE FEELING IN OXFORD

There are Those Among Us Who Want to Take up Arms.

There are several people in Oxford, mostly young men, who have freely expressed their willingness to enlist against Germany. Some of them have gone so far as to say that President Wilson is a weakling. We think that these young men should be more patriotic just at this time. Let them talk the matter over with some of the old vets who have been under fire and hear what they have to say—"by all means avoid war if possible." Under these circumstances we feel justified in admonishing our friends and neighbors to conservatism, and as some of them who are urging war know that they would not go, they quit talking, unless they seek enrollment in the mighty army referred to by the immortal Lee, which is composed of an important element of the people who are "invincible in peace and invincible in war."

Why, some of the local patriots who would take up arms against Germany don't even belong to the local military company.

THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY

The Red, White and Blue Posts Through Granville.

The Raleigh News and Observer sounds a note of warning to the people of Raleigh that the National Highway from Washington, D. C., to Atlanta may be diverted from its present route from Durham through Raleigh and Fayetteville to Southern Pines, and go from Durham through Pittsboro to Southern Pines, which is a more direct route. This information The News and Observer gets from Mr. D. H. Winslow, U. S. Superintendent of Road Construction, who has supervision of the present route of the Highway from a point in Virginia to Fayetteville.

As a matter of fact the United States Government will continue to help the counties on the present route, but it is also willing and ready to aid the counties on the proposed route from Durham through Chatham to Southern Pines. It seems to us that after all the matter rests with the boards of county commissioners as to which shall be the route accepted and traveled by the tourists. If the commissioners of Wake, Johnston, Harnett, Cumberland and Hoke see to it that the section of highway running through their counties is as well built and maintained and as well supplied with sign posts, "red,white and blue" as any other section on the whole route, the tourists will without doubt accept the Raleigh-Fayetteville route and it will be "placed in the books as the official road, the same as is enjoyed by old Granville.

There is little doubt that the Government will help to construct a highway from Durham through Chatham to Southern Pines, but if the present highway is as well built, maintained and equipped as the Chatham highway, the bulk of the travel will pass this way, because, although the route may be a little longer, it passes through a better country, in which are located attractive cities.

WELL KNOWN GRANVILLE NAME

Crews and Lassiter on the Ill-Fated Lusitania.

There were two names in the passenger list of the ill-fated Lusitania familiar to the people of Granville. Namely: Crews and Lassiter. They were returning to their home over the sea—Crews to Manchester and Lassiter to London. We infer that these two splendid Granville county families are related to the English families of the same name. If so, they need not be ashamed of their English cousins, since the Crews, of Manchester, is referred to a manufacturer of large holdings, and Lassiter, of London, as a prosperous harberdasher.

A DECEPTIVE PICTURE

Don't Throw Down the Shovel and the Hoe.

Two or three years ago Jess Williard was working on a farm in Kansas, being richly rewarded with $1.50 a day and "vittles." Though he hardly knew a few months ago what the inside of a theatre looked like, "Jess" now draws as an actor more money a week than his stepfather back in the Kansas wheat fields can save out of his crop in ten years.

Reading such romances of present-day realism, many a country boy will be tempted to throw down the shovel and the hoe and seek glory and gold in the cities. But it is well for the average country lad to remember that there are very few "Jess" Willards in a million men ,and that there are thousands of boys who have left the old farm to make a fortune who have only succeeded in half-starving in the cities.

LAUGHING AT DANGER, 876 SAIL

Transylvania Off on the Same Course The Lusitania Took.

(New York World.)

Most of them laughing at the possibility of submarine attack and a majority convinced that the sinking of the Lusitania was "nothing but jolly humor," 876 passengers, including several babies in arms,sailed for Liverpool and Glasgow on the new Anchor liner Transylvania, temporarily in the Cunard service, from the foot of West Fourteenth street at 6 p. m. Wednesday.

Officials of the line said twelve saloon passengers cancelled passage at the last moment. A reporter for the World say many steamer trunks and baskets of fruit and flowers were carried back to the pier by porters. Several women who had said they were awaiting telegraphic advice from husbands and fathers hurried ashore just before sailing time.

The spirit of the mass of passengers, however, was crystallized by Capt. John Black, whose last words to newspaper men were:

"There's nothing I would like better than to get one of those blighted Germon submarines under my bow. I'd sink her all right."

FOR THE PUBLIC UPLIFT

GIVE THE LADIES OF OXFORD A NEAT CLUB HOUSE

Such a Building as Would Enable Them to Meet and Plan for Larger and Better Things.

The debonair gentlemen of Oxford have such an excellent and magnificent gift of casting bouquets before the complacent ladies of our fair town that they can secure most any service they desire "for the public uplift." When some function is on demanding the presence of dainty lady fingers in pies, in arrangement of banquet tables, in waiting upon appreciative gentlemen of intensive appetites, these gentlemen have always accpted the generous favors with utmost graciousness.

A more unselfish group of ladies do not primp under Southern skies. They are the cream of the State in the milk of human kindness. Uncomplainingly they respond when the suggestion is made. With a wealth of art and sanitation, of beauty and wholesome food, they come forth when the merry gentlemen beckon, leaving their homes and their children and their firesides to throw their assistance toward making successful some occasion in which the men are interested.

As the years pass they have increased in willingness and in favor. They have become indispensable in the action, publicly, of the community, and their sunny unselfishness has worked wonders in creating a community consciousness.

And the men of Oxford have been duly appreciative on all occasions. They have taken care to express their gratitude. It has become a kind of perfunctory custom to "jolly" the women so long as the edibles taste good. Considerable time has passed since the first of these cheering inspirations. The women are still without their building.

Is it not about time that the men "come back" and repay the ladies for their goodness?

Is it not about time to lay some definite plan for a woman's building. If not exactly a club house let it be a Y. W. C. A. Building. We are sure that a neat comfortable building where they could meet and plan would be of untold benefit to the community. Give them the building and make them feel that the gentlemen have met extended praise not of gratification but out of a goodness of heart. It is high time for the men to side track the "jollying" habit and do something worthwhile.

GARDEN MART AND ROSE FETE.

Plants of Rare Beauty Will be Given Away.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Garden Mart and Rose Fete next week in the gardens of Mrs. R. G. Lassiter.

Plants of every description will be given away! In order that there be enough plants to give everybody who attends the Committee would appreciate contributions of plants. It often happens that one has more of certain varieties than they need, and that there are certain other plants that they desire. The Garden Mart expects to have plants to satisfy every one who attends.

There will also be an exhibition of cut roses. Premiums will be offered for the best roses of white, yellow, pink and red roses.

Refreshments will be served at the usual prices.

All persons having plants to contribute or roses to exhibit are asked to kindly notify the Committee at once.

Watch Tuesday's Public Ledger for the day on which the Garden Mart and Rose Fete will be held.

MRS. R. G. LASSITER,
MRS. J. A. NILES,
MRS. N. H. CANNADY,
MISS HELEN WHITE,
Forestry Committe of Civic Club.

CALTOLINA FARMS.

First Annual Community Picnic.

(Correspondence of the Public Ledger)

Last Saturday, May 8, was held the first community picnic on Caltolina Farms, sixteen miles west of Oxford. Owing to the unsettled weather in the morning and the previous day, many people were prevented from coming but this was a beginning for more gatherings of it kind in the grove, which in the near future will be transformed into a park of beauty worthy for any community. This was the first of a series of picnics which will be held here year by year.

The picnic and program, decided in such a short time, did not fill our desires, but those present enjoyed the day and sanctioned that we shall have many more. The full program could not be carried out, on account of the inclement weather, but in the evening some interesting features took place. Mr. W. T. Calton delivered the welcome address, in behalf of Caltolina. Music was furnished by a grafanola and the local string band. Recitations were greatly enjoyed. The main feature of the evening was a debate on the popular subject of woman suffrage. The affirmative was defended by Mr. Aubrey Calton and Miss Myrtle Epting. They stressed the disadvantage which woman is working today and her possibilities in politics. Those on the negative, Mr. L. B. McFarland and Mr. S. L. Slaughter, told that woman's horizon was wide enough for her now and the laws were sufficient. The girls, boys and children, all had amusement. The girls entered in a wild flower contest. Misses Ila Denny and Annie Lee Elliott were the happy winners. The boys participated in a foot race. Mr. Charlie Poole won the race by running 100 yards in 12½ seconds. The children were delighted with swings, here and there, under the stately oaks. The May pole dance, using the national colors was the last feature of the day. Everybody returned home feeling glad they had come. You will hear from Caltolina and community again.

—Cheer up. Take Red-Tone Tabules and improve your appetite and digestion. 25 cents at The Lyon Drug Store. Money back if dissatisfied.

A DAUGHTER IN ISRAEL

MRS. ELIZABETH HERNDON HUNT FALLS ON SLEEP.

Mrs. Elizabeth Herndon Hunt, widow of the late Alex Hunt, died at her home, Wednesday morning, May 12th, after protracted illness of heart trouble. Through a life of usefulness and love, she was spared to her family to the ripe age of eighty-six years. She left two sons, W. H. Hunt, and D. C. Hunt and three daughters, Mrs. Sam Parker, Miss Flora Hunt and Mrs. J. C. Davis, a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Herndon Hunt, and devoted grand children. She was the last survivor of the well-known Herndon family, whose names and deeds are synonomous with the history and progress of this community.

Mrs. Bettie Hunt as she was familiarly known in the town was a woman of strong personality and untiring energy. It was in her own sweet home that her lovely influence was exerted and her life was full of deeds of a mother's true devotion which was repaid to her heart's desire in the loving attention of her dear ones. She loved all that was beautiful around her and bestowed her sweet love on her children, her home and her flowers.

She was a pure christian and a life long member of the Baptist church, and in every act of her life was guided by the golden rule and answering loyality to her religious convictions.

"None knew her but to love her
None named but to praise."

As a neighbor she was kind, obliging and friendly and her deeds of charity were bestowed with pleasure where the needy found a friend. To this good woman truly applicable are

"Mere human energy shall faint
And youthful vigor cease;
But those who wait upon the Lord,
In strength shall still increase.
They with unwearied step shall tread
The path of life divine;
With growing ardour onward move,
With growing brightness shine.
On eagles' wings they mount, they soar
On wings of faith and love;
Till, past the sphere of earth and sin
They rise to heaven above."

The funeral services at the Oxford Baptist church at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, conducted by Dr. Lumpkin, were very impressive. The interment was at Elmwood Cemetery.

The active pallbearers were:

A. H. Powell, T. C. Harris, W. T. Yancey, J. S. Bradsher, J. S. King, J. M. Baird, John Williams.

The flower bearers were:

Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Gen. B. S. Royster, J. F. Meadows, W. H. Upchurch, C. D. Ray, W. A. McFarland, F. P. Bland, B. F. Taylor, H. G. Cooper, J. S. Rogers, A. A. Hicks, Will Landis.

FARMERS CAN RAISE FISH

Stock and Instructions Can be Obtained Free.

According to the last annual report of the commissioner of fisheries, it is possible for farmers to profitably raise fish for food in artificially constructed ponds on their farms. If this is true, the farmer witn a good old-fashioned slough or deep branch, can easily prepare his pond. Young fish for stocking these ponds, as well as all necessary advice and instructions can be obtained free of cost by addressing the Commissioner of Fisheries, Washington, D. C.

THROWS CARE TO THE WINDS

"When the Cat is Away the Mice Will Play."

On Monday last a car load of new automobiles arrived in Oxford and the work of setting them up and cranking them was attended with a great deal of interest. The platform at the Seaboard freight station was litterly lined with people to see the happy owners glide away in their handsome new cars, oblivious to all the world and the balance of man kind. Among the throng were Messrs. W. T. Clement and W. D. Smith, of the Oxford Hardware Company. When the little flame was lighted beneath the car Capt. Clement sailed to the east in great glee while Mr. Smith chose the road leading to Virgilina. All things must come to earth again, and finally the two gentlemen met in front of their establishment on Hillsboro street and began to argue the superiority of their cars, but this, however, was of short duration, for their attention was attracted by a noise in the store, which proved to be a cow helping herself to a bale of hay in the back end of the store.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

Five Hundred Dollars and Cost of Action.

Since there is so much liquor carted through Granville to other places, it is interesting to know that Sam Farrington, who was captured in Reidsville last week while passing through the town with an automobile loaded with whiskey, was given a hearing in the Reidsville recorder's court Friday. After hearing the evidence and argument of counsel, Recorder Humphreys fined Farrington $500 and costs and ordered his automobile, which had been captured along with the liquor returned to him.

In this case the law only held on to the liquor, but legally the auto also belongs to the State.

OUR NEW HOME

When you pass along Main Street and reach the corner at the post-office, 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.

THE NEW BOARD SEATED

MAYOR STEM APPOINTS STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. R. B. Hines Re-elected Tax Collector—Mr. J. R. Wood Heads Fire Department.

Following the receipt of the returns from the town election, the Mayor and new Board of Commissioners met with the old Board at the Mayor's office Tuesday evening and took the prescribed oath of office. Mr. W. T. Yancey, of the retiring Board, administered the oath of Mayor Thad G. Stem, who succeeded himself. Mayor Stem in turn administered the oath to the incoming Board. After the usual preliminaries the old Board retired.

The new Board held a short executive meeting Wednesday afternoon and at 5 o'clock they met for the purpose of electing heads of departments and naming the committees.

Mayor Pro Tem.

The first thing to engage the attention of the Board was the election of a Mayor pro tem. This plum feel to Commissioner A. H. Powell.

Tax Collector.

Mr. R. B. Hines was elected Tax Collector and Clerk of the Board without opposition.

Chief of Police.

Ex-Sheriff Wheeler was elected Chief of Police and Building Inspector iwthout opposition.

Police and Street Commissioner.

H. Hobgood was elected Police and Street Commissioner without opposition.

Sanitary and Electrical Inspector.

Capt. Montgomery was elected without opposition.

Fire Department.

Mr. J. Robt. Wood was elected Chief of the Fire Department with Mr. A. H. A. Williams Assistant Chief; Mr. P. A. Wood was elected Driver.

Mayor Stem's Appointments.

Finance.

W. H. Hunt, Chairman; Mitchell, Powell.

Streets.

R. S. Usry, Chairman; Powell, Parham.

Town Property.

W. Z. Mitchell, Chairman; Ray Hunt.

Cemetery.

R. S. Usry, Chairman; Powell, Mitchell.

Lights.

W. A. McFarland, Chairman; Ray Hunt.

Water.

W. A. Parham, Chairman; Usry, Mitchell.

Power.

C. D. Ray, Chairman, Usry, Parham.

Sanitation.

A. H. Powell, Chairman; McFarland, Ray.

Fire Department.

W. H. Hunt, Chairman; McFarland, Parham.

Dr. B. K. Hays, Health Officer, dropped in on the Board and discussed health measures. He spoke of typhoid fever, malarial fever and infantile diseases and contributed much of these terrible diseases to the fly.

THE SOCIAL SIDE OF OXFORD.

Every Fellow With a White Collar and a Clean Shirt is Respected

The people of Oxford have a way of doing things in a social way that is worthwhile. We recently attended a function in which the old and the young mingled with that grace and freedom unknown in many parts of the world. It has been said that the most suffocating sort of society is the small town society—the same people, the same talk, where everybody tries to be like everybody else. In Oxford there are different sets, different standards and different patterns, all of a high order.

The strange thing is that people in small towns care so little about the individuals around them and go elsewhere to worship idols. They are not content to meet and mingle and discuss things far and near as they have been discussed thousands of times before, but it rarely occurs to any of them to study the interesting individuals about them. The dullest dinner party would be more interesting than a play if the most uninteresting person there revealed even a small part of his real self to the guests.

MRS. BOOTH'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC

A Large Gathering Witness the Annual Concert.

The annual concert of Mrs. John Booth's School of Music, held in the Oxford Graded School Building Monday night attracted the usual interest. The pupils did credit to themselves and their gifted instructor. The following is the program:

1. Spring Song .....Bost
Class.
2. Valse Op. 92 .....Behr
Mrs. Booth and Thomas Booth
3. Valse .....Gurlitt
Miss Mary Lee Critcher.
4. When Twilight Falls....Englemann
Miss Irene Peirson and Lelia Currin
5. Rowing .....Sartoria
Miss Helen Hunt.
6. Mother Hubbard Waltz..Englemann
Misses Jessie and Bertha White
7. Mazourka .....Franke.
Miss Margaret Davis.
8. Heart to Heart.....Blum
Misses Annie and Effie Lee
9. That's What a Scout will Do....Hall
Thomas Booth,Thomas Royster, Parker Leigh Tignor and Chorus.
10. March Militaire.....Poldini
Misses Agnes Cannady and Lelia Currin

PART II.

1. Le Mardi Gras .....Schubert
Misses Lucile Hunt and Irene Peirson
2. Scherzo .....Gurlitt
Miss Mabel Sizemore
3. I can't do this sum From "Babes in Toyland."
Misses Thelma Hester,Elizabeth Hunt, Annie Thompson Bradsher, Eva Moore Fagan and Chorus.
4. Rustic Dance .....Kern
Miss Effie Lee
5. Waltz from Foust.....Gounod.
Miss Daisy Smith and Mr. Ewing Smith
6. Tulips .....Lichner
Miss Ruth Bryan
7. Whispering Hope.....Hawthorne
Miss Helen Royster and Mr. Wm. Pace
8. Elder Blossoms .....Epsen
Miss Mary Powell.
9. Hypathia .....Blum
Misses Elizabeth and Ruth Bryan

—Red Tone Tabules increase the appetite and improve the digestion. 25 cents at The Lyon Drug Store. Money back if dissatisfied.

STOVALL NEWS LETTER

TOWN COMMISSIONERS TAKE UP IMPORTANT QUESTION.

(Correspondence of the Public Ledger)

Sheriff Passes Throu

A good deal of excitem was caused in our little town on Saturday afternoon when Sheriff Booth and Chief Sam Wheeler, of Oxford, came through in an automobile, containing a still of fifty gallon capacity, along with other necessary fixtures. They reported that they had been fired uponseveral times but they answered the fire of the moonshiners with a rifle which had a range of five miles. After using this they heard one of the men cry out, "Don't shoot down here, you have hit me."

Commisisoners Meet.

At a meeting of the Town Commissioners held Tuesday night, it was decided that the new street leading from Mrs. Younger's to Mrs. Crutchers would be granted if the citizens of the town would raise money enough to pay for the right of way. There will be a called meeting of the citizens and the Commissioners on Thursday night to decide the matter.

Ladies Active.

The Ladies' Betterment Society held a meeting in the Dickerson Building Saturday afternoon, with a large attendance present. The matter of opening up a new street was discussed and a committee was appointed who should consult with the Town Commissioners at an early date.

Plays Ball.

An exciting game of baseball was played here Saturday afternoon. Stovall facing the Townsville team and losing by the close score of nine to ten.

Personal Items.

Mrs. Cammie Davis left this week for a trip to Creedmoor and Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Caroline Hays, of Chase City, formerly of Granville county, is visiting Mrs. Bettie T. Gregory.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Dickerson left this week for Hot Springs, Va., where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. Gilfrey, of Washington, D. C., who has been spending sometime at the home of Dr. Taylor, returned home Wednesday.

Miss Lillie Wilkerson has been confined at home this week on account of sickness. We sincerely hope that she will be able to be out again very soon.

Among the visitors to Stovall on Saturday were Messrs. W. Linney Taylor, C. M. Slaughter, Irby Smith and Lewis Hutson, Andrew Weary, John Clark, Tom Noblin, W. A. Crutcher, C. M. Slaughter, John G. Morton, G. M. Wilson and others.

THE CORRECT TIME

The Town Bell Tolls the Noon Hour.

We saw a half dozen men on the streets of Oxford the other day comparing their time-pieces. Every fellow was ready to put up his money that he was correct and the other fellow was wrong. While standing there with their watches in their hands the town bell tolled the noon hour. "What did I tell you?" said the man whose watch was on the minute. The other fellows, who were either fast or slow, stood by their time-pieces for all they were worth. Not being able to agree among themselves they left it to a disinterested by-stander, who pulled out his watch and said: "Boys, I'll show you a time-piece that never lies," and with that he pointed to the clock over the door of the Bank of Granville—it is standing time, all right.

Oxford may be a town of many times—good times, hard times, daytime, night time and individual time—but there is only one correct time in Oxford, and if you are not on the dot when the town bell strikes the noon hour your time-piece is off.

BISHOP KILGO WILL PRESIDE.

Conference Will Meet in Wilmington November 17th.

Bishop John C. Kilgo will preside over the next annual session of the North Carolina Methodist Conference which will meet in Wilmington November 17. This is the first time that Bishop Kilgo has been appointed to preside over his own home conference since his election to the college of bishops in 1910. The conferences which Bishop Kilgo has held have been distinguished by a great wave of spirituality and his coming to the North Carolina conference has long been looked forward to with pleasure by his friends.

Contrary to the usual custom the Western North Carolina conference will meet in Reidsville at the same time the North Carolina conference is meeting in Wilmington. Bishop R. G. Waterhouse, who last year presided over both North Carolina conferences, will be the presiding bishop. The western conference is usually held the week previous to the North Carolina conference.

The plan of Episcopal visitation was announced at the close of the conference of bishops at St. Louis on Saturday.

OAK HILL ORACLES.

The Farmers Are Busy—Rev. J. S. Kennerson to Remain.

(Correspondance of the Public Ledger)

The wheat and oat crops are looking fine. The farmers are quite busy planting corn. John Wilkerson was the first man to plant tobacco in this section this spring. We trust that the farmers will plant sparingly of tobacco and largely of corn and other produce.

We have a few farmers in this section who will not plant any tobacco at all this year because they could not get the fertilizer on time. We think it about time to cut out all credit business everywhere.

We are glad to state that Rev. J. S. Kennerson, of Stovall, has decided to remain with us the balance of the year. We wish more of the people of the county would avail themselves of the privilege of heaaring this good man preach on each Fourth Sunday at Oak Hill.

MAYOR STEM'S MILL

Dr. B K Hays 1-1-15

...NDING EXCEEDINGLY FINE.

Four Preambulating Blind Tigers Caught and Disposed of in Short Order.

With the assistance of a colored detective, Chief Wheeler has succeeded in bringing four notorious characters to the bar of justice within the last few days. Some of them were old offenders, having been excused by the court, but when they ran up against Mayor Stem they struck a snag good and hard. He told them that if they would make a clean breast of the whole business, so as to see the offenders beyond them, he would make their sentence much lighter than if they persisted in telling a falsehood. In the face of this warning, Cepe Page, a big black fellaw, swore positively that he walked up to a buggy on Hillsboro street in broad day light and purchased a pint of corn liquor, which he said was handed to him in a shuck case, such as lamp chimneys come in. He swore positively that he never saw the man before or since; he never heard the man's name nor would he tell who directed him to the buggy. "Four months on the Person county roads," said Mayor Stem.

The next to take the stand in his own behalf was Lee Harris, known in colored circles as "Big Boy." They actually caught this fellow with the goods on him. Mayor Stem offered to take off three months if he would tell him where he got the liquor, but in the face of the positive evidence against him he maintained that he was innocent. "Four months on the Person county roads," said Mayor Stem.

Mandy Jeffries and Pearl Smith, two husky looking black damsels, were more truthful than the men. They told where they purchased the whiskey, and Mayor Stem imposed only one month each in the county jail. The two men implicated left town when they learned the women had "squealed" on them.

It is believed that the taking into custody of these four characters, the kings and the queens of the whiskey traffic in Oxford have been captured.

THE WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB.

Delightfully Entertained by Mrs. John Webb.

(Communicated.)

On Tuesday, May 4th, the Literary Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. John Webb. As Mrs. Hays and Mrs. Lassiter, president and vice president, were both absent, Miss Susan Graham presided. Mrs. Shaw called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. A good many members were out of town—two of them attending the State Federation at Goldsboro. In answer to roll call those present gave the name of some leading dramatist of today. Before the program was taken up it was requested that each member bring the dues for the coming year to the next meeting that being the last meeting of this year. This was done to enable the program committee to calculate as to how much they could put into books of reference.

After this the following program was carried out: Sketch of Roserand with Readings from "L Aiglon" and "Cyrano"—Mrs. Hicks. Paper, Rostrand as compared with Maeterlinck and Ibsen—Mrs. Shaw. Paper, Life of Rolland with Readings from "Jean Christophe"—Mrs. Powell's paper,in her absence was read by Mrs. Webb. Selection from "Marie Claire"—Mrs. Horner.

After the program was completed Mrs. Webb assisted by her daughter, Miss Sallie Webb, served delicious refreshments while a discussion of the program and current events was pleasantly continued.It was a pleasure to the club to have with them Mrs. Cruikshank, of Raleigh, the guest of Miss Susan Graham. H.

PROPOSED SCHOOL BONDS.

Statement of County Board of Education.

The election for school bonds has been called for the 19th of June. The Board of Education is willing to abide by the verdict of the voters of the county. If the majority say that they do not approve of the issuing of the bonds and thus making it possible for all of the children of the county to have better school buildings without too long delay, the Board will cheerfully accept this judgment and wait until the funds come slowly in. It is requested,however, in case such a decision is made that no further demands for buildings or school desks will be made for the next two years. In order to meet as far as possible the needs of the children the building income for the next two years has already been anticipated and the children of these fortunate districts are already using the buildings.

In spite of this warning there will be men at the next meeting urging the board to build for their children. "Our house is not fit for children to stay in. The cracks in the floor admit so much wind that it is impossible to keep the room warm. While a part of the children are roasting at the stove, others are shivering in the cold. The windows are not large enough to give light sufficient to read by. We cannot send our children to such a place." These and many other complaints will be made as they have been at almost every meeting for the past ten years.

At a number of the schools in the county last year there were not desks enough to seat the children. Three or four children were crowded on a desk intended for only two. This made it impossible for the teacher to maintain the proper discipline and consequently a large part of the time of both teachers and pupils was thrown away. And yet this situation could not be relieved because all the available funds had been used that could be applied to this purpose. It is up to the people of the county to say whether they are willing for this releif to come.

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