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A BRIGHT RAY OF LIGHT

THE GREAT CLOUD HAS ROLLED AWAY.

In Fact, Optimism in Business Reigns Supreme in Practically Every Place of Business in Oxford.

That business affairs in Oxford are fast reaching normal conditions and that prosperity is more apparent than at any time during the past year is the information the Public Ledger has been able to gather from the merchants, business men and manufacturers.

It is confidentially believed that every manufacturing plant will be in full operation at an early date. It is practically sure that the cotton planters of the South will be in a position to buy the Oxford made buggies in large numbers this fall. This means that the Taylor-Cannady Buggy and the Oxford Buggy Companies will put on their full running capacity and that a large number of workmen in the community will be blessed with a full week's pay. The furniture factory and the wheel works will be in full blast by the time frost tempers the air. Then there is the great tobacco interest, which will give employment to a thousand people. The big Imperial and the W. A. Adams Company will employ hundreds of people night and day during the busy season.

The merchants of Oxford who were questioned say that trade picked up considerably during August and that they are looking forward for the big business that is bound to come during the months of September, October, November and December.

The merchants who have been in close touch with the northern markets state that they will purchase large stocks, believing confidently that their sales will be large. The centralization of the tobacco market leads merchants to believe that Oxford will be the center of trade from several surrounding counties.

STORY TELLER'S LEAGUE

The Best Story Teller Will Draw a Prize.

The Story Tellers' League was called off last Friday on account of the rainy weather. Next Friday will be the last and most important meeting so all of the children are urged to come prepared to tell stories that have already been told and also original ones. Prizes will be presented to those who tell the best stories. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Elliott at 9:30.

OXFORD FIREMEN RETURN

They Enjoy the Ten Day's Outing Down by the Sea.

The Oxford Firemen, accompanied by Mayor Thad G. Stem and the ladies of the party, returned from Atlantic City Friday evening. The entire party acknowledge that they greatly enjoyed the life and the wave at America's greatest seaside resort. It is said that Mayor Stem through force of habit, swung around to the temple of justice every morning. The entire time was crowded full of interest. The firemen witnessed a big conflagration and a number of the ladies and gentlemen of the party were pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle dance.

GEN. ROYSTER AT GREENSBORO

Addresses Woodmen of the World Sunday.

(Greensboro News.) A crowd estimated at 700 people gathered at Center Methodist Episcopal church, near Summerfield, yesterday afternoon to witness the exercises attendant to the unveiling of the monument erected to Virgil A. Scott. The program consisted of music by a quartette, the ritualistic exercises, a poem recited by Miss Jones and an address by General B. S. Royster, of Oxford. General Royster was introduced by Charles A. Hines and he spoke for half an hour. He paid a splendid tribute to the life of the deceased and praised the fraternal spirit that has taken hold of the people in recent years. The speaker himself a Woodman of the World who stands high in the councils of the fraternity as well as a lawyer of statewide prominence.

Rev. J. G. Blalock and family, who were called to Oxford on account of the sickness and death of Mr. Blalock's father, returned to Weldon Monday.

NOTICE—J. E. F. WALL OF POOLE, Webster county, State of Kentucky, have bought and paid for a Family Graveyard, containing ONE ACRE, situated near Jim Adcock's farm, at Oakhill, N. C. I object to Jim Adcock, or any person or persons trespassing, cutting or removing any wood or timber from the said ONE ACRE of land. Parties so doing will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. E. F. Wall. 9-1-14x

BOLD SNEAK THEIVES

They Enter the Back Doors in Broad Day Light and Help Themselves

Several of the Oxford merchants have been missing things from their stores off and on for some time during the summer. Last week one of our leading grocerymen had occasion to lay aside one of the finest hams in his store. He placed it close to the back door, presumably for the delivery wagon to take out later in the day. A few moments later the grocerymen had occasion to return to the back end of the store, and to his surprise the ham was missing. There being only a screendoor at the rear end of the store it is possible that the thief saw the grocerymen from the outside select the ham and place it aside.

This is only one instance of much theiving that we have heard of in Oxford during the summer months. It would be well to keep a close watch and make an example out of the first one that is caught. It will be remembered that the Public Ledger recently referred to a large number of colored people who refused to go out into the country and help a farmer with his crops. It may be possible nay likely, that some of these same loafers are getting desperately hungry. If they steal in broad daylight what may we expect them to do under the cover of night?

In speaking to a well known citizen about the frequent daylight robberies in Oxford, he stated that times are hard and we may expect its frequent occurrence this fall and winter unless times brighten up.

Hard times is no excuse for theivery; and besides, farmers have often tried to employ the idle class and they positively refuse to work. There must be no compromise with theivery. If the policemen cannot capture them it is the part of wisdom to insert a stick of dynamite, or stuychnine in the center of a fine ham and break up the vicious practice before it becomes epidemic.

ITS STENTORIAN VOICE STILLED

Auxiliary Plant Being Installed at the Cotton Mill.

The big engine at the cotton mill was put out of commission a couple of weeks ago and the work of repairing it goes steadily on. In the meantime they are preparing to move the machinery by electric current. Not a bad plan to have an auxiliary plant.

It is a move in the right direction no doubt, but what in the world is to become of the people in a radius of several miles around Oxford who have depended so many years on the ponderous whistle to arouse them in the wee small hours of the morning? The whistle was the time regulator of the whole community and its stentorian voice was not affected by the cry of hard times or the furry of the war over the seas.

Even if Mr. Lewis elects to propel the cotton mill machinery by electricity we trust that he will give orders to have the old engine fired up occasionally and play the same old tune that has fell like a benediction on this community so many years.

MR. J. R. WALTERS DEAD

He Was at One Time Keeper of the County Home.

Mr. J. R. Walters aged about 70 years, passed to rest at his home near Tally Ho Friday last. He leaves a large family of children, among the number Deputy Sheriff Conrad Walters, of Oxford.

The deceased was twice married, both wives preceeding him to the grave.

Mr. Walters was for a number of years keeper of the County Home. He was a member of the Baptist church and died in the faith.

His remains were laid to rest at the old family burying ground near Tally Ho Saturday.

Augustus W. Graham Successful

For some time Chief Justice Clark has been awarding as a prize a volume of law in each examination to the best scholar of each of the three law schools. These prizes on this occasion went to Augustus W. Graham, Jr., of Oxford, from the University; John Plato Mull, of Shelby, from Wake Forest College, and William Grimes Mordecai, of Durham, from Trinity College.

Judge W. A. Devin spent Sunday with his family in Oxford, returning to Goldsboro Monday where he is holding court this week.

Messrs. John Webb, J. W. Horner and John Graham Webb ate Sunday dinner with Mr. W. H. Burwell at his fine home just over the Virginia line, after which they motored to Townsville and spent the remaining part of the day with Mr. and Mrs. Bally Hunt.

FULGHUM OATS FOR SALE—NICE clean lot of seed. Oxford Orphan Asylum. Also Alfalfa Hay for sale. 7-18-8t.

WILD, BOISTEROUS TALK

A FEW MILITARY FANATICS HAVE GONE WILD.

The Public Ledger is of the Decided Opinion That Prayers and Brains Will Accomplish Far More Than Powder and Lead.

So much has been written since the European war began as to the military preparedness of the United States no one at this time is able to see where the agitation for a greater army and a greater navy will lead. Organizations whose purpose is to encourage preparedness and to urge more liberal appropriations for the army and navy have been organized in all parts of the country. The army and the navy have been thoroughly studied in recent months, and the president is now busy with their problems; but what of the great civilian army, then, of military age between eighteen and forty-four years, of whom according to the reports of state adjutant generals on file in Washington, there are nearly 17,000,000. Of this total, as great almost as the total of all the armies now fighting in Europe, only sixty-one hundredths of one per cent are in the militia of the various states, which means that more than 16,800,000 are men practically without military training.

The Public Ledger would not undertake to say that the sentiment for a larger army and navy is wholly wrong, but we are of the decided opinion that the world is growing better all the time, and since President Wilson has been able to bring us safely this far through the darkest period of the world's history argues that prayers and brains accomplish far more than powder and lead.

We get an idea of the situation from a representative of the New York Times who was permitted a few days ago to read some of the reports on the condition of the militia. Viewed from a war footing the result was startling enough. In more than a score of states there is no field artillery of any sort, and in the whole country there are fewer than 40 officers of ordinance. In 35 states there are no organizations trained for coast artillery, 24 have no cavalry a large majority are without signal troops, while the total force of organized engineers, officers and men, totals less than 1,500 for the entire country. One state, Nevada, is without militia organization of any kind.

According to the most recent report of the Division of Military Affairs there are in the National Guard 8,792 officers and 119,251 enlisted men. Of this number New York has 974 officers, 15,591 men; North Carolina 209 officers and 2,367 men. To come a little nearer home our dear old Granville county has about 50 men.

It has been figured out that there are 16,800,000 men of fighting age in the United States without military training. Of this number North Carolina is credited with 302,745 men, which means when figured down that Granville county has 2000 young men, more or less, available.

The military fanatics are now figuring how best to get these men in training. We do not profess to know where the agitation will lead, but surely it is not time for general muster.

The talk of increasing the standing army to the proportion demanded by the fanatics is absurd. Doubtless there should be more encouragement held out to the National Guard and there should be some system whereby an adequate supply of guns and ammunition would be in readiness for a volunteer army of 18,000,000 men when needed.

We should regret to see our young men called from their present duty to prepare for a war that is not likely to occur during their natural existence.

We shall not be unduly alarmed until the enemy leaves the foreign shore, so sure are we that the United States is in a position to exterminate them as fast as they come. Give the Granville Grays a few big guns with a range of twelve miles and station them down on the sea wall and we guarantee an enemy's ship would never land its men and provisions on North Carolina soil.

STATE INTERNAL REVENUE

Thirteen and One-Half Million of Dollars.

North Carolina contributed thirteen and a half million dollars to the Federal revenue of the past fiscal year, according to the report of Col. William H. Osborne, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, made public Saturday. Of this amount \$5,477,314.17 was collected by J. W. Bailey in the eastern district, and \$8,174,622.67 by A. D. Watts in the western district.

Corporation taxes in the state amounted to \$257,825.38, while individual incomes paid \$123,553.96.

OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

There Are Five Large Warehouses Here.

The Public Ledger has frequently called attention to the fact that Oxford has five large warehouses for the sale of leaf tobacco. Three of them announce in this paper that they will be glad on and after September 15th to handle all the tobacco entrusted to them and push the sales as much as possible.

Farmers Warehouse

The Farmers Warehouse is conducted by Mr. Ernest Parham. He has had a life time experience in the tobacco business and has represented some of the largest companies in the world. Turn to his advertisement elsewhere in this paper and see what he has to say.

Johnson Warehouse

Mr. Sam Watkins, who is so favorably known to the tobacco growers throughout Granville and adjoining counties is the proprietor and manager of the Johnson Warehouse. Turn to page three of this issue of the Public Ledger and see what he has to say to his friends and they are many.

Owen Warehouse

Capt. Will Fleming with a corps of valuable assistants have renovated the Owen and got it in readiness for the opening date on September 15th. The Owen is the warehouse for high averages. See announcement on last page of the Public Ledger.

AN INTERESTING CONTEST

A Chance for Some Girl or Boy in Granville to Win Fame and Prize.

It is left for the school girls and boys to point to the finest hog at the Granville County Fair on Thursday, October 14th, and win a ten dollar cash prize.

This interesting contest has been inaugurated by the Animal Industry Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Any boy or girl under 18 years of age may enter the contest. The contest will be under the supervision of the Animal Industry Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Young people who enter this contest should write to the Animal Industry Division at Raleigh for score card and literature.

Prizes of ten, six and four dollars are to be awarded the girl or boy who makes the best score in judging hogs at the Granville County Fair. These three prizes are offered to the competitors making the three highest grades, and every school child in the county should try for one of the prizes. This is a new feature for fairs in North Carolina and one that will aid in making the growing of live stock in the state a more popular occupation. By awarding the prizes to the children instead of the animals a greater interest is hoped to be developed.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY MEASURED

Mr. J. B. Powell Applies the Rod to the Road.

One day last week Mr. J. B. Powell Register of Deeds, got busy and laid off the National Highway in statute miles.

Starting at the curb in front of the Court House Mr. Powell proceeded north with a tape 75 feet long and after he got his bearing he marked each mile to the Virginia state line, which is exactly 17.05 from the court house in Oxford. On the return trip Mr. Powell remeasured with the speedometer on Mr. John Brown's machine and the first and second measurements tallied.

The same methods was employed on the South end of the National Highway and it was found that the Durham county line is exactly 18.10 miles from the court house door in Oxford. Total distance of the National Highway in Granville, according to Mr. Powell's measurement which is as accurate as it is possible for human engenuity to get it, is exactly 35.15 miles.

Other roads of the county were measured by Mr. Powell and handsome mile posts are being placed, reading from the court house door in Oxford.

Note of Thanks

We, the family of the late Millington Blalock, wish to express our grateful appreciation to our neighbors and friends for their timely help and many tokens of sympathy in our deep sorrow in the death of our beloved husband and father. MRS. M. B. BLALOCK and FAMILY

MISS HAMME ASSISTED BY HER niece Miss A. E. Wortham will open a school of music, Sept. 6, at the residence of Mrs. Powell corner Raleigh and Front streets, No. 55. Special training in Piano, Violin, Violinello, and Mandolin. Will organize and train Orchestra. Will also form Mandolin clubs for girls and boys. Apply for terms, Miss Hamme, Oxford, N. C. It.

THE PHYSICAL CONNECTION

ITS IMPORTANCE DEMONSTRATED DAILY IN OUR MIDST

The Cotton Mill People Spend Two Days Hauling Heavy Machinery Through the Streets of Oxford While a Side Track at Their Back Door Stands Idle.

One of the crying needs of the times is a physical connection of the Southern and Seaboard tracks. Competent civil engineers estimate that the cost of connecting the two tracks would not exceed four thousand dollars. The business interests of Oxford has suffered long for just such a connection.

We sat in our office the other day and watched strong men transfer a lot of heavy machinery from a Seaboard freight car and transport it across town to the cotton mill. It is a well-known fact that the cotton mill has a first class side track leading out from the Southern railway. If we mistake not, the better part of two days was squandered in transporting—the ponderous machinery through the streets of Oxford, when, with a physical connection, a dinky engine could have accomplished the task in less than thirty minutes.

We do not know where the heavy cars of machinery were loaded, but we do know that they landed in Oxford and the heavy contents were carted across town because there is no physical connection of the two roads. The incident served to impress the importance of a physical connection.

Oxford can never hope to compete with the outside world until this physical connection is made. An opportunity rests with the Commercial Club to go after it in a business-like way. A town of five thousand inhabitants surely ought to possess enough influence to get some kind of a concession from the two railway companies entering here.

CARR TO BE RECKONED WITH

Many Loyal Friends Urge Him to Enter the Race for Governor.

It is being talked with increasing confidence by Democratic leaders over the State that General Julian S. Carr, of Durham is yet to be reckoned with in the 1916 campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor.

It is stated that his refusal to seek the nomination up to this time has been on account of Mrs. Carr's illness and it develops that since her death that friends in every section of the State have renewed their insistence that he enter the lists in spite of the impression until now that T. W. Bickett, and E. L. Daughtridge would have the contest between them.

NO ANNOUNCED OPPONENT

It is Given Out That Congressman Stedman Will Have no Opposition.

A paragraph which had its origin in Greensboro, the home of Major Stedman, is being extensively copied by the State papers. The Public Ledger learns that the respective friends of General B. S. Royster, Victor S. Bryant and Judge E. B. Jones are urging them to make the race. It would appear that none of these gentlemen have as yet authorized the use of their names, but we would not be surprised to see the smoldering embers fanned to a flame at any time. The paragraph referred to is as follows:

"While candidates for Congress have been announcing themselves in other congressional districts of the state, there has been a noticeable dearth of proposed candidates against Major Charles M. Stedman in the fifth district. It has been said from time to time that the major would have opposition next year in the primaries, but it now looks as if his opponents have not been found. Certainly no man has been mentioned who has avowed his candidacy. It is also certain that Major Stedman is not worried about the matter. He is now serving his third term and is probably stronger with the people than he has been at any time before. He has told his friends that he will ask for renomination. He has always been a staunch advocate of the primary for the selection of party candidates, and naturally he is glad that if he is opposed his cause will be submitted to all of the Democrats of the district. The names that have been mentioned as possible candidates are General B. S. Royster, Solicitor Porter Graves, Mr. Victor S. Bryant, and Judge E. B. Jones. None of them have authorized the use of their names in connection with the fight."

Mrs. Booth's School of Music Mrs. John B. Booth requests her music class, for the coming season to meet her at the Graded School on Wednesday morning, September 1st, at ten o'clock.