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OUR HOME COMING WEEK

FAIR WEEK IN OCTOBER THE BEST TIME

Things are Shaping up Nicely for the Return of the Loved Ones to Their Native Heath in Dear Old Granville.

The Public Ledger but expresses the sentiments of the entire community in setting forth, or rather making, the entire week of the County Fair in Granville the most available time for the large number of the loved ones scattered broadcast over the country to return to their native heath in dear old Granville.

There remains but one short month in which to invite and urge the loved ones to return home, but that is an easy task and good news travels fast. You owe it to yourself to write to uncle John and aunt Sue and tell them that you have a soft pillow and an easy chair awaiting them.

The plan as we see it, is for everyone who favors the proposition to make Fair week in October "Home Coming Week" to either write or call on Mr. Eugene Crews, secretary of the Granville County Fair Association, who is also secretary of the Granville County Commercial Club.

The Public Ledger is authorized to state that Mr. A. H. Powell, president of the Granville Commercial Club, is reasonably sure that special rates will be granted by the railroads for Home Coming Week.

As the time is short in which to work up the usual enthusiasm incident to the return of the loved ones from everywhere, there must be some system. Of course every mother's sons and daughters have the personal address of their kindred who have left old Granville. In addition to the request for them to return and share the soft pillow, it is also necessary for the good people of Granville to issue a general call for them to return to the scene of their earlier days.

The good people who have left dear old Granville and made a place for themselves elsewhere represent untold wealth and influence. The Public Ledger has on its mailing list nearly five hundred names of those who have gone from the county or have kindred ties sufficient for them to eagerly watch for the arrival of the home paper. Of course they will read this call with renewed interest and keep a sharp lookout for the personal invitation from their loved one to make "their homes your home."

It is hoped that the preliminary arrangements can be effected before the end of the present week and the general call issued for the return of the noble sons and daughters of old Granville. The Granville Commercial Club, the merchants and the Public Ledger and hundreds of others in Oxford and throughout the county are discussing the advisability of "Home Coming Week." Let everybody get their heads together and make it the grandest event in the history of Granville.

LOST GOLD WATCH

Somebody Has President Hobgood's Nice Time Piece.

President F. P. Hobgood lost a fine open face gold watch and fob on the streets of Oxford last week. He reported his loss to the Public Ledger and we inserted a small ad in the Business Local Column of the Public Ledger, but so far there is no trace of the watch. We have no doubt in our mind that the very person who has the watch in his possession looked over the columns of the Public Ledger to see if it was advertised, so as to be in a better position to keep it out of the sight of the rightful owner. We requested that the watch be left at the Public Ledger office and claim a reward, but as no one has made an inquiry we naturally conclude that the watch has fallen into bad hands. Finding an article and concealing it from its rightful owner is a serious offense in the sight of the law and all decent men.

TO START CREAMERY ROUTE

Important Meeting of Commercial Club Thursday Night. A movement of vast importance will be launched Thursday night at the Commercial Club rooms. Messrs. P. W. Knott, W. T. Calton, and other well-known and able men of the community are behind the movement to establish creamery routes in Granville. Able speakers will discuss the proposition at the Commercial Club rooms next Thursday night. President A. H. Powell desires the presence of all club members on this occasion.

Will Examine Teachers—There will be an examination for white teachers on the 16th of September and one for colored on the 17th. J. F. Webb, County Superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Parrott, of Brassfield were in town Monday.

A TIMELY WARNING

To the College Bound Young Folks of Granville County.

Granville county young folks with thousands of boys and girls from all over the state will be leaving home this week and the next to enter school and college. Some will be leaving at a sacrifice, but with ambition and determination, while others will be leaving lighthearted and buoyant thinking only of the associations and the pleasures of another college year. All, however, will have looked well to their material welfare for another year. Their trunks will be filled with new clothes, with even their winter wardrobe, and there will be included room comforts and accessories, and eatables, perhaps, to taper off on.

But with this only the students' greatest preparation has not been made. He is entering college under what is likely to be a serious handicap. His health has not been looked after and health is the greatest factor determining his success. One or two defective teeth have been known to have blighted the entire college year of otherwise diligent students. Eyes that needed only to have glasses fitted have been the means of failure to many boys and girls. Nasal obstructions that are easy to remove and correct have been responsible for defective hearing and inefficiency. Furthermore, it is not infrequent that a student comes down with typhoid fever in a short while after entering school. All of this, however, to a large extent, can be prevented.

The State Board of Health advises that all boys and girls who are contemplating entering school or college this fall to look well to their health before leaving home or before school opens. Parents will do well to have their children observe at least these few plain precautions. First, have them visit the dentist and have their mouths put in a healthful condition. Second, have them visit the oculist if they have frequent headaches and trouble with their eyes. Third, have them consult a specialist if they have difficulty in breathing through the nose or trouble of any kind with their ears, nose or throat. And above all have them vaccinated against typhoid fever and smallpox.

If these simple precautions are carefully observed, much expense and anxiety will in many cases be saved the parents, while illness, inefficiency loss of time and failure, perhaps, will be saved the students themselves.

HORSE STRUCK WITH STONE

The Owner of the Animal, Himself Hurt, Threatens to Bring Suit.

The Public Ledger is asked to pass upon a point of law. Our correspondent says that he was driving along the road when an automobile passed him at a rapid rate and struck a stone and hurled it against his horses' head causing the animal to take fright and in his dash across the field the driver was hurt.

"Who can I hold responsible for the damage, the owner of the automobile or the County Commissioners for permitting the misel to remain on the highway," asks the damaged citizen, whose name we are not permitted to divulge at this time.

The Public Ledger doubts the wisdom of going to law on such a technicality. It is totally unfair to attribute any intent or carelessness on the part of the automobile or the County Commissioners, regardless of what the law may be.

RECENT POSTAL RULING

Free Delivery Men Seen on the Street With Automobile Tire Around Their Neck.

It would seem that Uncle Sam is determined to make the mail carriers earn their money. It is a common thing now to see a free delivery man walking about the streets with an automobile tire swung around his neck. There is no telling what a rural free delivery man may encounter at any time since the scope of the parcel post was extended. The duties of the postmasters, too, have been enlarged, according to a circular letter sent out by the Postoffice Department, addressed to all postmasters and reads as follows: "It is suggested that you interview dealers and others using automobile supplies and point out the parcel post service." Registered mail service has been discontinued, but the present system of insurance is just as safe, much quicker and somewhat cheaper.

NOTICE—I, 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

THE WAR

GERMAN SUBMARINE TORPEDOE LINER WITH 650 SOULS

Twenty Persons Injured When Torpedo Hits Ship Carrying Wounded Canadians From Liverpool to Montreal—Two Americans Aboard of Ship.

American Consul Frost at Queens-town cabled Saturday night that probably eight or ten lives were lost in the torpedoing of the Hesperian. He said the liner carried mounted and visible on her stern a 4.7 inch rifle.

The consul's message follows: "The Allan liner Hesperian torpedoed by German submarine seventy miles southwest of Fastnet at 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening. One or two Americans on board, none lost. Loss of life about eight. Vessel has not sunk. Admiralty boats landed passengers here (Queenstown). Due about 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. There were about 45 Canadian troops on board unorganized and mainly invalidated. Also one 4.7 gun mounted and visible on stern. Vessel bound for Montreal."

Two Americans Aboard

Passengers landed at Queenstown asserted that the attack was made without warning. The American consul at Queenstown telegraphed that there were one or two Americans aboard, adding that none was lost.

Canadians Aboard

The Hesperian, 1,920 ton gross, was outward bound from Liverpool for Montreal. Many of the passengers were wounded Canadian soldiers on their way home from the front. Early reports from Queenstown were that there were 50 passengers in the first cabin, 150 in the second, and 250 in the third, but it later was announced at the Allan Line offices in Liverpool that the passengers numbered only 350. There were approximately 250 in the crew, all of whom also were saved, according to the line's announcement.

The attack on the Hesperian came just as darkness was falling. Passengers who have reached Queenstown express the belief that she had been chased for some distance by a submarine, which fired as soon as it was within range.

The Washington Government

Official Washington received news of the torpedoing of the Allan liner Hesperian by a German submarine with unconcealed surprise, though there was none of the grave anxiety that followed the sinking of the Arabic.

While comment was withheld at both the White House and the State Department pending detailed reports it was learned that high officials regarded it as almost inconceivable that after the assurances given by the Germans last week, a German submarine commander had without warning launched a torpedo at a peaceful passenger vessel.

Germany's Pledge to United States

Three days before the torpedoing without warning, of the Allan line steamship Hesperian, off the coast of Ireland, Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, called upon Secretary Lansing and made verbally, and later in writing, the following pledge to America regarding submarine warfare:

"Liners will not be sunk by our (German) submarines without warning and without safety of the lives of non-combatants, provided that the liners do not try to escape or offer resistance."

Editorial Expression

The Public Ledger is not willing to believe that the Germans are responsible for all the diadoes off the Irish coast. It seems passingly strange that the German submarines can navigate a distance of a thousand miles around through the English channel to the Irish coast and sink or disable a big liner at will. If Germany can do that, and the American people are foolish enough to embark on English vessels we see no reason why the United States should become involved. It remains to be seen wherein the Germans are not as honorable in warfare as any other nation involved.

A MERE GUESS

Wager That Oxford Will Sell Fifty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco Opening Day.

In view of the fact that 10,000 pounds of tobacco was sold on the opening day of the Greensboro market and that Wilson sold 154,000 one day last week, we venture to predict that the sale on the Oxford market on the opening day will be something like 50,000 pounds. This of course, is merely surmise, but the warehousemen are not looking for any big thing on the opening day. The feeling here is that the weed will find itself to the Oxford market as the price advances.

GETTING READY FOR OPENING

The Warehousemen and the Tobacco Buyers are Ready.

One more week and the Oxford Tobacco market will be open. The farmers throughout the entire section will about complete the task of curing the crop this week.

From what we can learn from the tobacco growers it would seem that the most of them will offer the low grades for sale first, but there will be many piles of fine tobacco on the floor by the middle of October.

If the market in the eastern part of the State are any criterion, we are justified in believing tobacco will sell well on the Oxford market this fall.

Wilson Market.

President R. P. Watson of the Wilson Tobacco Board of Trade gives out the following report for sales during August:

"This market handled 977,085 pounds from the opening of the market August 17 up to August 31. The average price paid was \$8.73. Last season the opening of the market was postponed until September 1, and no comparative figures can be given. The average price on this market in September, 1914, was \$11.28. Thursday of the present season with 180,000 pounds sold at an average price of \$10. The few days of this month has already shown heavy gains.

"Farmers are complaining because of the continued rains. For three days rain has fallen almost continuously and the ground is thoroughly soaked."

Rocky Mount Tobacco

The Rocky Mount Tobacco Board of Trade makes the following announcement:

"Offerings for the week past amounted to about 300,000 pounds, bringing the total for the month to 423,861 pounds, (August) at an average of \$8.58. Considering that the offerings are almost entirely first primings this average is considered good, and is highly satisfactory to the farmers. The breaks for the past few days have shown an increase of stalk tobacco, which is eagerly sought at good prices, indicating that the buyers are not only ready but anxious for weed, and denotes a good feeling among the tobacco men, generally, who anticipate a good season. For the past few days rain has interfered with the deliveries, but as the weather is now seasonable for grading, largely increased receipts are expected next week."

THE ORPHANS' CONCERT

Singing Class of the Odd Fellows Orphan Home Render Program

The Singing Class of the Odd Fellows Orphan Home at Goldsboro, gave a concert at the Orpheum theatre Friday night last to a large and appreciative audience. The children were well trained in every respect and made the evening an enjoyable one.

The programme consisted of songs by the class, solos and readings. The class has traveled throughout the State and has met with applause by those who have heard them. This chapter of children reflect credit upon the Odd Fellows of the State.

MRS. HORSFIELD LAID TO REST

Remains Were Taken to Massachusetts for Interment.

Mrs. F. H. T. Horsfield, the beloved wife of Dr. Horsfield, passed away Monday evening at her home on College street.

The remains were taken to Cambridge, Mass., this Tuesday morning at noon for interment.

Dr. Horsfield and children accompanied the remains.

BUILDING OPERATIONS

Town and County Awaiting Normal Conditions.

There has been considerable building and construction work in Oxford during the year, but nothing like as much as should have been in view of the fact that by the drop in lumber and the overplus of labor, the greatest of all opportunities for cheap construction work.

Quite a number of new homes have been built in the county and much repair work done, but nothing like one-half of the work was accomplished that was contemplated just before the cry of "wolf" was heard in the land. There will never be another such opportunity to build as has presented itself during the spring and summer of this year, but it would seem that the majority prefer to wait for normal conditions even if they must pay a higher price for labor and material. When in the course of a few months, business reaches a normal condition, both money and labor will advance.

FULGHUM OATS FOR SALE—NICE

clean lot of seed. Oxford Orphan Asylum. Also Alfalfa Hay for sale. 7-18-8t.

ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH

ROADS THAT POINT IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

To Be a Valuable and Honored Citizen One's Enthusiasm Must Extend Beyond His Front Door.

We fear that the business men of Oxford have not boosted the old town sufficiently during the past twelve months. When the first gun fired in far off Europe the most of them took to cover and if anybody wanted to find them they had to look them up, and when they had long faces.

While all this was going on other near-by-towns were working with a vim. While Oxford was asleep Durham more than doubled its capacity for handling tobacco, and strong men were sent broadcast all over this section to solicit business. During the past year six fine roads were constructed by neighboring counties in such a way as to lead business from old Granville.

It does seem as if the business men of Oxford for the sake of self-preservation, would take notice of these things and try in some way to combat them as far as possible. As an instance of our negligence, there is a little strip of road lying out beyond Dickerson which a number of public spirited men in Oxford and along the road tried to hitch upon a plan to repair before the bad weather set in, but so far the faithful few have failed to work up sufficient enthusiasm to connect up an important link of less than two and one half miles long.

The Oxford market is noted for high averages, but good roads leading in an opposite direction is bound to cut some figure in the scene of things.

The most important thing in hand at present is for every business man to exert every effort towards the advancement and promotion of the Oxford Tobacco Market. There is one thing Oxford can always count on; namely, the best buyers in the State. They are high-class men and the big companies give them more latitude than is given to buyers on any other market in the State. But however loyal these buyers are to the Oxford market, they cannot do it all themselves. It is up to the business men of Oxford to keep alive the traditions of the market. This can be done in a hundred ways. The merchant who buys a lot of goods and packs them away on the shelves and sits around the store and waits to devour every penny that comes into his place, has not fulfilled his mission as a public spirited citizen by a long shot. His enthusiasm must go beyond his front door; it must be felt throughout the county and even beyond our borders. It is up to the business men to possess and spread abroad that spirit which impels confidence.

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

Possibly This Man Lived in Oxford.

A writer in the American Magazine quotes Dr. Russell Conwell, of Philadelphia, as follows:

"Once, when lecturing in North Carolina, the cashier of the bank sat directly behind a lady who wore a large hat. I said to that audience, 'Your wealth is too near to you; you are looking right over it.' He whispered to a friend, 'Well, then, my wealth is in that hat.' A little later (as he wrote me) I said, 'Wherever there is a human need there is a great fortune.' He caught my thought, and he drew up his plan for a better hat-pin than was in the hat before him, and the pin is now being manufactured. He was offered fifty-five thousand dollars for his patent. That man made his fortune before he went out of the hall."

Possibly Dr. Conwell meant that the banker captured that which was under the hat. In that event we know of one or two here in Oxford who have wives worth more than their weight in gold.

A NEAT LITTLE SUM

Granville Gets \$854.00 for Automobile Taxes.

County Treasurer Roberts received \$854.00 from the State Treasurer last week due Granville on automobile tax for the fiscal year. The face of the check stipulates that this money can be used only for maintenance of public highways of Granville county.

When we take into account the fact that the owners of automobiles pay their State and county taxes along with the rest of the people, it would seem that this little lump comes as a gift. At least it begins to look as if they are surely entitled to one-half of the road to say the least.

In view of the fact that automobiles are on the increase in the county it is thought that Granville next year will receive at least \$1,500 from this source.