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BIG TANK OF WHISKEY

FASTENED TO REAR END OF AN AUTOMOBILE

Chief W. H. Whittaker, of Stem, Lands Two Bad Men and Brings Them to Oxford for a Hearing—A Case for Judge Allen.

An old automobile with a special prepared whiskey tank attached to the rear end of it came to grief in Granville last Friday evening. The big steel blue eyes and quick wit of Chief W. H. Whittaker, of Stem, were too much for the bad bold men. There is no telling just how many times the old thing had passed up and down the National Highway, but it is certain that it will never pass this way again.

The Chief Smells a Mouse

Some days ago Chief Whittaker saw two men stop off and get some gasoline for the same old car. He noticed that they put the gasoline in a tank at the front end of the car instead of the rear end where the gasoline is supposed to be stored. He made up his mind then and there that something was wrong, but he permitted the men and the car to pass without a critical examination.

The Chief came to Oxford last Friday, and lo and behold he saw the same old car with its odd-looking tank. The Chief stuck a big black cigar between his teeth and got ready for the chase. The whiskey car lined up around the public square a while and lit out for Durham, and so did Chief Whittaker.

The whiskey tank and the two men slowed up out beyond the Fair grounds and the Chief, in order not to create suspicion, passed them and kept in the lead all the way to Stem. At Stem the two men called for gasoline, and while the gasoline was being supplied Chief Whittaker was busy about the secret construction of the tank. "Consider yourself under arrest!" demanded the Chief, and the return trip to Oxford was soon arranged. The men showed fight, but there was no use, the Chief had them covered and they soon became as docile as lambs.

The Old Whiskey Tank

Chief Whittaker arrived in Oxford with his men about dusk Friday evening and a large crowd gathered about the Court House to see the odd-looking constructed whiskey car. The tank was constructed of boiler plate about one-eighth of an inch thick and it contained thirty-five gallons of liquor. In the center, on top, is a two inch bung-hole, which leads to a little well containing a pint of gasoline, more or less. On the lower side of the tank was another bung-hole, through which the whiskey was inserted and secured with a tap.

The Whiskey

The tank was lifted from its bearings and carried into the county jail for safe keeping. We imagine that Judge Oliver H. Allen will view it with great concern when he arrives in Oxford to hold the November term of court. The whiskey is the regular "rot gutter" variety, the kind that poisons and kills.

The Trial

At the hearing Saturday morning before Justice D. Hunt, in the Commissioners' room, the two men gave their names as "Lee Johnson, of Orange county," and "W. A. Hunter East Clay street, Richmond, Va." Messrs. Brummitt and Hester appeared for the two men. Johnson acknowledged that he owned the liquor, but Hunter, who rode all day on the car testified that he did not know that there was a drop of whiskey aboard. Justice Hunt placed Hunter's bond at \$150 and Johnson's bond was placed at \$425, including the charge of carrying concealed weapons. Both were committed to jail in default of bond.

A FINE MESSENGER BOY

He Wears a Smile That is Worth His Weight in Gold.

There is one little business man in Oxford that has our admiration. He is not much larger than a few pounds of soap after a hard day's work, but he is all afire with the eagerness to play a man's full part in the great game of life. His coming and going among us is marked with the utmost respect and confidence. We refer to our young friend Master Junius Cooper, messenger for the National Bank of Granville. Why, he is right in the heart of things, already, and those distant shouts that he hears are just the echoes of the big markets of the world. Our young friend wears a smile that is worth his weight in gold.

"It Pays to Advertise"

There is a play on the road showing under the title "It Pays to Advertise." If the play comes this way we know of some Oxford merchants that should buy reserved seats.

WE LOST A SUBSCRIBER

An Old Tobacco Grower Changes His Political Views

Last week a Granville county man, who says he has voted the Democratic ticket for twenty-five years, came into the Public Ledger office and settled up in full and stopped his paper. He stated that the hard times in this section was caused by the inability of President Wilson to properly govern the country. We asked our old friend what paper he had been reading, and when he gave us the name of the dirty sheet we were not surprised that his tail had become twisted. He has simply become stubborn and morose and we had to pass him up.

We advised our old friend not to judge of conditions in the whole country because our neck of the woods is not busy; that we must look all over the country and judge the whole by its active communities and not by the sections that let it be lull.

The best way to find out whether there is any prosperity now is to go to a country where there are smokestacks sending carbonized vapor into the air and payrolls that make a demand on diversified agriculture.

If Oxford had hundreds of factories and the surrounding country could be relied upon to feed the people employed in them, you would not hear of hard times in this section. President Wilson has nothing whatever to do with the slack times in the bright tobacco belt.

The reason that the sidetracks in Oxford are not crowded with cars loading with wheat, corn, hay and foodstuffs is because we don't raise enough in this section for ourselves, much less to send away for the people of the world. The reason why there are no cars loading thousands of tons of munitions of war is that Oxford has no munitions factories; the reason there are no cars here taking on tons of blankets, clothing, underwear, hosiery, shoes, and other manufactured product, is that Oxford has no factories to produce them. It isn't because we have a Democratic administration, it is because of our own folly. It would be just the same with any other political party in power, because no administration supports us or makes good times for us. The people support the administrations and makes good times for them, and if they fail to keep busy and produce something the administration and the whole country goes to the wall. Each fellow or community must judge their prosperity by what they are doing for themselves and not what politics is supposed to do for them.

In every part of the entire country where the farmers were energetic and produced something worthwhile in the hour of Europe's tribulation, times are good—were never better. It is a mistaken idea for us to judge a great big country like the United States by the fact that it is dull where the one little slender tobacco stalk does all the talking. So long as the people in this section try to exist on Chicago fatback and bread made from musty western corn, you will hear the old familiar cry. No one within a hundred miles of Oxford should hear us talking about hard times, for they are busy and they would simply know that we are away behind the procession.

THE COUNTY ROADS

They Were Never in Better Conditions Than Now.

We saw Chairman B. I. Breedlove on the streets Saturday and we hastened to ask him about the broad smile that adorned his pleasant features.

"I don't mind telling you," said Mr. Breedlove, "that I am highly pleased with the condition of the roads of the county. The road supervisors and overseers certainly have done a good job and I don't believe I have ever seen the roads in better condition. There are stretches here and there that need working and I hope to reach them at an early date but taking the roads as a whole, there is much room for rejoicing and I am very thankful for the excellent manner in which the road men have acquitted themselves during the past few weeks."

Now here is something we don't want Mr. Breedlove to see, for fear that it might turn the old gentleman's head, viz: In speaking of road matters in general, Capt. D. H. Winslow, Governmental Engineer of the National Highway, said that Chairman Breedlove is one of the best road men to be found in any of the counties between Petersburg and Fayetteville. "He can make a dollar go as far in road work as any man I ever saw," said the engineer.

Mr. Breedlove acknowledges that "Clay Hill" is a tough proposition, and we suppose there are others that will agree with him.

Services at Tar River

There will be preaching at Tar River second Sunday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, by Rev. Eugene Usry. The public cordially invited.

THE COURT CALENDAR

GRANVILLE SUPERIOR COURT, NOVEMBER TERM

It Being the 10th Monday After the First Monday in September, 1915—Hon. Oliver H. Allen, Judge Presiding.

Judge Allen will find a heavy docket when he arrives to open court on Monday, November 15th. The following cases are for his consideration:

- Thursday, November 18
 - 26. Hicks vs. Marrow.
 - 8. Brooks vs. Daniel.
 - 15. Jenkins vs. Critcher.
- Friday, November 19
 - 19. Acme Hd. Co. vs. So. Ry.
 - 20. Green vs. S. A. L. Ry.
 - 22. Kearney vs. Hobgood.
- Saturday, November 20
 - 6. Mangum vs. Holloway.
 - 25. Daniel vs. S. A. L. Ry.
 - 44. Evans vs. S. A. L. Ry.
- Monday November 21
 - 5. Clement vs. S. A. L. Ry.
 - 2. Dillard vs. Simons.
 - 3. Dillard vs. Simons.
 - 40. Royster, Adm. vs. Belcher, et al.
 - 41. Badgett vs. Royster, adm.
- Tuesday, November 22
 - 4. Morton, et al vs. Powell, et al.
 - 6 1/2. Taylor vs. Meadows.
- Wednesday, November 23
 - 16. Smith vs. Huff.
 - 24. Stockdell-Myers vs. Oxford Hd. Co.
 - 27. Bullock vs. Jones.
 - 28. Howell vs. Harris.
 - 35. Howell vs. Harris.
- Thursday, November 24
 - 29. Cannady vs. Hancock.
 - 34. Nelson & Watkins vs. Dickens.
 - 39. Goss vs. Adcock.
- Friday, November 25
 - 36. Hunt, Rec. vs. Hodgins.
 - 37. Wolf vs. Bergen.
 - 42. Hunt, Rec. vs. White et al.
 - 43. Wolf vs. Wolf.
 - 46. Daniel vs. Hutchins.
 - 47. O'Dear vs. Cannady.

Motion Docket

- 1. Horner School vs. Rogers.
- 7. Nicholson vs. Express Co.
- 11. Hall vs. International Furniture Co.
- 12. Hester vs. Hester.
- 13. Key vs. Board of Education.
- 14. Currin vs. Cole.
- 17. Hicks vs. Barnes.
- 21. Anderson vs. Green-Hunt Co.
- 30. Richardson vs. Hobgood.
- 31. Oakley vs. Hite.
- 32. Stewart vs. LaFayette Ins. Co.
- 38. Fort vs. Southern Railway Co.
- 45. Ingold vs. International Furniture Co.

THE OLD GUARD

A List of Original Subscribers to the Public Ledger

Mr. F. L. Currin, of Route 6, has been a subscriber to the Public Ledger ever since it started thirty years ago, and he tells us that he has never missed an issue. He is one among a number of the survivors of the Torchlight, but we regret that the number grows smaller with the passing years.

We hope some day to make out a list of those who subscribed to the first number of the Public Ledger and have continued with us through all of these years. It would indeed be interesting to look over the original mailing list of the Old Reliable at this time, but this is one of the documents of a printing office that is rarely preserved.

It is possible that Mr. J. T. Britt, whose memory is always clear on such things can point out to us all of those whose name appeared on the original mailing list. It is our desire to get this list and publish it and have it at hand for ready reference all the time.

In a Tight Place

A Western newspaper vouches for the truthfulness of the following story:

A man was afraid of a thunderstorm and crawled into a hollow log. The thunder rolled, the rain poured down in torrents, and the log swelled up until the poor fellow was wedged in so fast that he could not move. All his sins began to pass before him and he suddenly remembered that he had not paid his newspaper subscription. It made him feel so small that he was able to crawl out of the log through a knothole.

This question naturally arises: Did he ever pay that subscription?

As Good as the Best

Capt. Will Fleming, proprietor of the Owen Warehouse, is sending the farmers home happy. Prices at his house is as good as the best. We would ask the tobacco growers to read the ad of the Owen elsewhere in this paper and try Mr. Fleming with your next load. He will be glad to see you and he will treat you right in every particular.

WILL REMAIN IN OXFORD

Flattering Calls Have Been Extended to Rev. S. K. Phillips.

Those in close touch with Rev. S. K. Phillips learned some days ago that he had under consideration a call to another field of labor, but the good people of this community will learn with pleasure that he will continue his good works among us. It is the second call Mr. Phillips has received within the past year.

Meeting Mr. Phillips, we ventured to ask him if he would not remain in Oxford, and he replied with a great deal of feeling that after due consideration he felt that his work is not as yet completed in Oxford. This is indeed good news to all good people in Oxford, irrespective to denomination.

Mr. Phillips' coming and going among us has been of untold benefit to the community. A follower of the Nazarene—broad, comprehensive and tolerant, he has strengthened his church and made friends of us all. We are indeed glad that the tinkling sound of coin in another part of the State did not sway Mr. Phillips in his holy mission. "My work is not completed here," is the only message that he gave to the laymen, but this layman happened to know that the call meant thousands where it only means hundreds to remain.

To our mind the call of a minister has its serious side. In every community the minister must see money squandered and the cause of Christ suffer. He extends his hand to spread the Gospel only to find a generation that has gone wild, and we believe that the holy men will bear us out in the assertion that Oxford is no exception to the rule.

We are pleased to know that Mr. Phillips nor any of our other ministers will pick up their "duds," and leave us in the lurch the same as you, I and the other fellow would do at the sound of the coin.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

The Executor's Sale of the Real Estate of the Late D. A. Hunt

About seventy thousand dollars worth of property was sold in Oxford Monday, the same being the real estate of the late D. A. Hunt. The Hunt building on Hillsboro street was purchased by S. V. Morton. Some of the property did not bring as much as it is worth. The following is a list of the realty and the purchasers:

- 6 tenant houses, not sold, \$3,500.
- Home place, J. C. Davis, 7,500.
- Herdon Hunt place, S. W. Parker, \$5,000.
- Relves place, D. C. Hunt, \$1,525.
- Hines place, D. C. Hunt, \$2,060.
- Jones place, D. C. Hunt, \$1,050.
- Pasture lot, not sold, \$1,200.
- 2-acre vacant lot, S. W. Parker, \$450.
- Store house, S. V. Morton, \$7,515.
- 60 acres of land, not sold, \$6,500.
- 22 acres of land, W. A. Parham, \$1,305.
- 170 acres of land, not sold, \$7,000.
- 298 acres of land, not sold, \$7,500.
- 378 acres of land, J. C. Davis, \$7,500.

A WEIRD SIGHT

College Women Have a Good Time.

The student body of the Oxford College had a fine old time Saturday night celebrating Halloween. After sporting themselves on the campus they wrapped themselves in ghostly white sheets and came up town, visiting the drug stores. They were accompanied by members of the faculty and Mr. F. W. Hancock. The young ladies seemed to enjoy the fun immensely.

The Same Old Story

Lack of confidence in banks has cost a pile of money to those who use trunks, cans and stockings as depositories for money. Joe Grant, a Greene county farmer, has been keeping \$2,250 in a trunk at home, but the money is no longer in the trunk. A thief took it out a few days ago and carefully locked the trunk after taking only a few minutes to rob the farmer of the savings of a lifetime. It is the same old story repeated over and over again because some people persist in keeping their savings where thieves can get them.

Land Values in Granville

The increase in land values in Granville, as figured out by W. R. Tingle, of Pamlico, at the University Summer School, based on the 1900 and 1914 census and the reports of the State Tax Commission 1904 and 1914, shows 96 per cent census increase and 56 per cent tax book increase.

Important Meeting

Important meeting of the stockholders and board of directors of the Agricultural Association will be held in the Court House Saturday, November 6th, at 11 o'clock to arrange for financing the association. All stockholders are urged to attend. B. M. CALDWELL, Pres.

LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE

CRIME IS ON THE INCREASE IN THE COMMUNITY

The Officers of the Law Must Have the Moral Support Vouchsafe by the Law and Order League.

We pause just long enough to ask what has become of the Law and Order League formed in Oxford last Spring?

Crime is on the increase in the community and unless the good people of the town and county come to the rescue and strengthen the arms of the officers of the law thieves, robbers, harlots and evil doers will multiply ten-fold. Certain happenings in Oxford during the past two weeks was enough to make the hair of all decent men stand on its end. The officers of the law was equal to the emergency, but can they hope to rule without the moral support of the community? This is an urgent call for the re-establishment of the vanguard.

A PEEP AT BETHEL SCHOOL

Misses Ragland and Hester Are The Excellent Teachers

One day last week we had the pleasure of accompanying Superintendent J. F. Webb and Miss Mary Shotwell to Bethel School. The occasion was the periodical visitation of Miss Shotwell, and Prof. Webb kindly consented to take us along. On reaching the school, we handed Miss Shotwell out and passed down the road, returning for her later in the day.

It was our first visit to any one of the excellent rural schools of the county and it did our heart good to see so many bright children present—fifty-two in all.

Misses Ragland and Hester are the teachers at Bethel, and everything looked so neat and clean and comfortable. The faces of the children told us that they came from excellent homes. It was a most pleasant hour. Prof. Webb and Miss Shotwell had heart-to-heart talks with the children along practical lines, and they eagerly absorbed every word that was said. We consider it a rare privilege to look upon the good school work at Bethel.

IMPORTANT MEETING

Called to Discuss Tobacco Wilt in Granville.

There will be a few meetings held in the county this week to discuss the tobacco wilt and root knot, and rotations that should be grown to control these diseases at the following places:

- Thursday, November 4th
 - Stem school house at 10:30 a. m.
 - Enon school house at 1 p. m.
 - Salem school house at 3 p. m.
- Friday, November 5th
 - Corinth school house at 9 a. m.
 - Banks school house at 10:30 a. m.
 - Brassfield school house at 12:30 p. m.
 - Hester school house at 2:30 p. m.

Dr. H. R. Fulton of A. & M. College, Dr. W. W. Garner, of Washington, D. C., and Dr. J. A. Morris, County Demonstration Agent will discuss these problems. I hope as many tobacco growers and all others in the community who are interested will be present as there are a great many crops that should not be grown on wilt infected fields, also several weeds that are hosts to this germ, and should not be allowed to grow.

E. G. MOSS.

The Banner Warehouse

Some good grades of tobacco are coming in now and Mr. Mitchell, proprietor of the Banner, is sending prices up. He is pulling off some fine sales these days, and every customer of the Banner seems more than pleased with the checks they receive. See the ad of the Banner elsewhere in the Public Ledger.

Money Saving Sale

Cohn & Son's Money Saving Sale strikes a livelier pace this week with many new wonderful bargains. You will be glad to hear that Cohn & Son Money Saving Sale continues. It means more bargains and greater bargains than ever. New lots of up-to-date fall and winter goods have come to light all over the stores, and that will help to make the continuance of this sale a welcome occasion. You can save money now by buying at Cohn & Son's sale. They have earned the reputation and for years have widely been known as the economy stores for all the people. Cohn & Son only sell reliable and dependable goods and correct in style. Read Cohn & Son's ad on the last page of this paper, then attend their Money Saving Sale.

A Story in Figures

We call attention to the adv of the Farmers Warehouse elsewhere in this paper. It speaks for itself, be sure and look it up. Mr. Parham is one of the very best warehousemen in the State.