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THE ANCIENT CROSSING

MR. BRUMMITT PEEPS FROM HIS OFFICE WINDOW

He is Reminded of Ye Olden Times and Refers to the Dialogue Between the Israelites and Pharaoh.

Editor of the Public Ledger:

Your eagle eye has overlooked one item of local interest which certainly deserves mention, not to say preservation. The town authorities with their usual care for the interest of the public have placed a number of planks and short boards at the head of Main street at the crossing from the Court House to Hamilton's store. The authorities are to be commended for this added manifestation of public spirit. It has doubtless saved many a wet foot, deep cold and harsh cough. It certainly has obviated the necessity of wading a considerable part of the distance at this crossing as I have observed from my office window.

The authorities are not to be blamed for not making the crossing any better, although it can be seen with half an eye that there is still some slight room for improvement. My experience with the town government convinces me that the Israelites were quite right when they told Pharaoh that they couldn't lay bitulithic streets with plain planks and boards. (The Scriptural reference may not be quite accurate, but I leave it to you, Mr. Editor, to make all necessary corrections.)

I like to look at that crossing. It brings back old times. It is the identical way in which we boys used to negotiate such crossings in the old plantation paths on our way to school back yonder in the country. I am sure that seeing this crossing has called up many a vivid memory to every fellow here who came from the country. I say this because I don't want the authorities to get it into their heads that they have invented some new and original way of making streets. I had a sneaking idea that the method used was somewhat ancient and to satisfy myself I have investigated the subject. I am now prepared to add to the sum of human knowledge by informing your readers that this method of street-making was first used in the reign of Li Chin Kwung, Emperor of China in the year 2386 B. C.

My sole purpose in writing you, Sir, is to serve that portion of the public that travels from one end of town to the other by reminding them that this superior crossing exists for their comfort. Some of the citizens may not have observed it and in going up or down Main Street and crossing to College may still be using the less up-to-date crossing between the National Bank of Granville and Long's corner. To such as have been overlooking this crossing I call it to their attention. At any rate whether you use it or not, come up and observe it. Permit me to ask that in case you see fit to publish this that you do not send any copies of the paper containing it to any of your subscribers living in any nearby town. This article is meant for home consumption entirely.

D. G. BRUMMITT.

THEIVES CAPTURED

Special Officer Hutchins Lands Two Bad Men.

Two black men, Walter Black and Henry Clark, while prowling around one of the warehouses one night this week stole \$39.00 from a tobacco grower.

Special Officer Hutchins got busy and landed both men a day or two later and recovered \$17 of the stolen money. The case was heard by Mayor Stem, who placed the bond at \$400 each, which they could not furnish.

Turning Stock into Money

Perhaps the greatest reduction in household and kitchen furniture ever offered in Oxford is the special sale now on at the Hughes-Smaw Furniture Company's store. A glance at the prices elsewhere in this paper speak for themselves.

Card of Thanks

The widow and family of the late David Thomas Cheatham wish to thank their many friends for the aid and sympathy in the sickness and death of beloved husband and father.

Capt. W. J. Peace, U. S. A., who has been transferred from Fort Caswell to Boston, is on a visit to his mother, Mrs. A. S. Peace.

THE OLD TOWN OF OXFORD

(BY MISS. S. W.)

It nestles on a hill
Where the zephyrs always blow;
The roses bloom in summer
And the lovely blue-bells grow;
Where honey-suckles clamber
Up the ancient rugged walls,
And babies laugh and gurgle
In the spacious, cleanly halls.

A mass of waving branches
Hangs above Penn street,
Where robin, wren and bluebird
In an avic conclave meet;
While children stand and watch them
With a sweet, contented glee,
For old Oxford, be it noted,
Is from cruel urchins free.



The birds are well protected,
Not by law, but love alone;
Are happy and contented,
And have so domestic grown
They never leave in winter,
For they own a scared rood
And neat the cozy houses
That are well supplied with food.

No hand is ever lifted
That will do them hurt or harm,
The atmosphere of kindness
Has a satisfying charm;
Its tender-hearted children,
And its birds, my bosom thrills
With love for peaceful Oxford
That nestles on the hills.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Showing the Various Disbursements of the County During the Fiscal Year.

We are printing in the Second Section of the Public Ledger today the Financial Statement of Granville County for the fiscal year ending December 1, 1915. It is one of the most carefully prepared and accurate public documents it has been our pleasure to handle in many a day. We would ask our readers to examine it carefully and preserve it.

We commend Mr. Powell, the faithful and obliging Register of Deeds, for the excellent manner in which he prepared the statement for the people of the county. Like all the other records of the county it is as near correct as it is possible for human hands and brains to make it. If there is an error in it, it is very apt to be a minor mistake of the printer and not of the Register.

EPISCOPALIANS HOLD MISSION.
A week of Good Preaching in January

The congregation of St. Stephen's Church has arranged to hold a Mission beginning the second Sunday in January. Rev. Lewellyn N. Caley of Philadelphia has been invited, who, with Rev. Lewis N. Taylor and Dr. Horsefield will do the preaching. Rev. Caley has preached in Raleigh at the St. Marys Conference, and the members of this congregation who heard him there say he is a splendid speaker. He is editor of the church Sunday School Magazine, President of the Galilee Mission and recognized as one of the strongest preachers in Philadelphia.

Rev. Lewis N. Taylor is making his mark as an eloquent minister of the gospel, and the people of Oxford will be glad to hear one of their own sons on this occasion. We believe that this meeting will be most successful.

THE MELTING POT

A Rare Opportunity to Aid a Good Cause

There will be a receptacle placed on the table in the Library room. This is for odd bits of old and broken jewelry which has been in your way so long, and can now be put to use for the benefit of the Oxford Library. When this receptacle known as the "Melting Pot" has been filled, it will be sold to a jeweler for cash, thus helping us and costing you nothing. Only pieces of gold and sterling silver can be used; but no matter how much abused and broken or how small the bits, they will help to swell the whole.

There have been donated recently to the Oxford Library two valuable and interesting books, one, "Heart's Kindred" by that wholesome and attractive writer, Zona Gall. This book is of timely significance, dealing with powerful scenes at a Woman's Peace Congress. The other, "The Mighty and the Lowly" by Katrina Trask, is a book everyone should read. It emphasizes the fact that Christ belonged to no group of society—either the rich or the poor. Its message is that social reform is to be accomplished not by Socialism but by a return to the teachings of Christ.

An annual subscription to the Library is only \$1.50, the price you might pay for one worthless book. Come and join and help us to get those that are worth while and also bring your contribution to the "Melting Pot."

New Novelties

Landis & Easton store is the place to get substantial Christmas Gifts. There is just one hundred and one articles to select from. See their ad in this issue.

GIVEN IN MARRIAGE

CUPID HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN GRANVILLE

Two Hundred and Eight Men Take As Many Wives During the Fiscal Year Ending December 1st, 1915.

The books of Mr. J. B. Powell, Register of Deeds, shows that about 280 marriage licenses were issued in Granville county during the fiscal year which ended the first Monday in December, 1915.

The records show that October was the record month of the year for whites and July for the negroes.

There were eighteen more licenses issued to colored people than to white people, and it is a noticeable fact that the colored people wed at an earlier age than the whites. Unlike former years the matrimonial documents issued this year served their purpose, none being returned "unused."

Mr. Powell, the popular Register of Deeds, was called from his bed twenty-two times during this year between the midnight hour and the break of day to issue licenses. On three occasions he paid for the licenses out of his own pocket.

SALE OF RED CROSS SEALS

How the Proceeds of the Sale of the Beautiful Emblem is Used

Seventy-five per cent of the gross receipts obtained from selling Red Cross Christmas seals is retained by the local committee and used as the committee thinks best in the fight against tuberculosis. In cities and large towns this amount is often used to employ visiting or tuberculosis nurses. Small towns and communities whose sales are not so large send patients to the State Sanatorium for treatment, or furnish food and clothing to needy tuberculous patients. Others use 75 per cent of their sales to provide lectures and exhibits and for other educational purposes pertaining to the cause and prevention of tuberculosis. The other 25 per cent is sent to the State Commission, of which Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Sanatorium, N. C., is Executive Secretary.

REVIVAL CLOSES

The Meeting Accomplished Much Good.

The revival at the Presbyterian church came to a close Wednesday night. The church was crowded at every service during the entire meeting and Rev. D. H. Coman made a profound impression on the people of the community.

In speaking of the meeting, Rev. S. K. Phillips said that he was highly pleased to see such a large number of people from all denominations in attendance.

SPLENDID PROGRAM

A Turkey Given Away Every Night At The Orpheum

Starting last Thursday night and continuing until Christmas, the Orpheum will give away a turkey each night.

By turning to page five of the first section of this paper it will be seen that the Orpheum has prepared to handsomely entertain their patrons during the holidays.

Some Handsome Presents

Mrs. T. Lanier's store at the head of Main street is very attractive this Christmas tide with its multiplicity of novelties. There is an elegant line of cut glass and china on display. Hand embroidery and neckwear hold the attention of the ladies. These and many other articles too numerous to mention, are especially timely

PENSION MONEY IN HAND

Old Soldiers Requested to Call at the Clerks' Office

The Pension money for the old vets is now in the hands of Judge Cam Hunt, Clerk of the Court. Quite a number of the "old boys" received their checks Thursday and Friday. It gives Judge Hunt much pleasure to pass this money out, and he generally remarks to the old soldiers that he wishes it was a little more.

Judge Hunt authorizes the Public Ledger to announce that he hopes that each beneficiary will call and get their little stipend before the Christmas Holidays. There is nearly \$5,000 pension money to be given out in Granville this year.

A TIMELY WARNING

Stores, Churches and Bazaars Should Be Careful

Along about this time of the year we generally hear of some one being burnt to death through carelessness or the fault of some one. A match, a gas flame or an electrical defect may do the deadly work and imperil the lives of others.

Watch the gas jets. Decorations may be carried against them by air currents. Keep your eye on the smokers. Do not permit them to light a cigar inside buildings. Above all, be careful not to make the slightest change in electric wiring without consulting the Electrical Inspector.

An Elegant Display

Furs, blankets, comforts, table damask and napkins, waists, handkerchiefs, suits and coats are only a few of the elegant things the Long Company are displaying this Christmas tide at attractive prices.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEET

New Traffic Ordinance Goes Into Effect January 1, 1916

At a meeting of the Town Commissioners Tuesday night Chief of Police Wheeler was ordered to notify the Fire Company on each and every occasion when the streets were torn up or impeded in their way.

A committee was appointed to look into the merits of opening Taylor street.

The duties of Major Montgomery were enlarged to include gas inspection.

Mayor Stem is now preparing a new traffic ordinance to go into effect on New Year's Day.

The Low Cash Price

The trading at Horner Bros. Company during the coming week will doubtless reduce the mammoth stock of the Green-Hunt Company which they purchased and are now selling at a low cash price. There is something there for everybody in Granville that want high-class goods.

Christmas Greetings

Lyon-Winston Company enumerates elsewhere in the Public Ledger many articles that appeal to the people in this section. An Oxford Chase Buggy would make a handsome present. There are many other things, too, at Lyon-Winston's that fit in very nicely at this time.

Preaching Sunday

Rev. R. H. Willis, the recently appointed pastor of the Oxford Methodist church will preach the first sermon of his pastorate next Sunday morning.

Special Notice—We are requested, after having printed in another part of the paper to state that the box party and entertainment at Knott's Grove school has been postponed until a later date.

PREDICTS A BIG FIRE

THE OLD SHACKS ARE A SURE SIGN

The destruction of the Old Bar Room Building in the Rear of the Brown Building was Foretold.

We remember years ago there lived in Lynchburg, Virginia, a man who frequently predicted a fire in that city on a certain date and in a certain locality, and his predictions always came true. This continued for years and his predictions were so accurate some one took it upon himself to watch the old man, and in this way he was brought to the bar of justice and sentenced to the penitentiary for applying the torch to the buildings he predicted would burn on a certain day.

The Oxford Fire Department has been so very successful we are apt to have too much faith in their ability to cope with the flame at all times, but it is just as natural as falling off a log to predict that some of these windy nights a fire will get beyond their control. We are not able to name the date or locality of the fire as did the Lynchburg man, but it is coming sooner or later.

There are facts upon which one can predict a fire with certainty, as for instance the destruction of the old bar room building in the rear of the Brown building, which was foretold by thousands of men, and they always predicted that the Court House, the County Jail, the Municipal Building and the whole block would go with it. The first part of the prediction came true a month ago, but the good work of the firemen prevented the prediction from coming true as a whole. However, it is not too late for the old burnt shell to get in its devastating work. There is too much property endangered by the old fire trap. In its present state it is nothing more than a harbor for tramps, and as such the Town Commissioners should move it and sweep the ground.

The destruction of Hopewell was foretold three months ago by William Guerin, of New York, chairman of the Fire Prevention Committee of the "Safety First Federation of America." He made his prophecy in a letter to Laurence Perry, of City Point, Va., on August 30, after an inspection of Hopewell.

"I stated that conditions were ideal there for a conflagration that would destroy it in less than two hours," Guerin's statement said.

Cohn & Son's Christmas Sale

Big crowds—big business at Cohn & Son's. You will not think there was any hard times or scarcity of money, if you chance to pass Cohn & Son's stores during these busy days of their Xmas Sale—stores crowded with people who are aware of the fact that the goods they advertise are all genuine bargains, and in numbers of instances at prices below their cost—Right now they are determined to sell all their winter goods at any cost. So they have again cut prices with mighty little regard to profit or even cost, and you know what that means—bargains and savings such as only Cohn & Son can bring about. Every nook and corner of their two big stores are filled with holiday goods at reduced prices that will gladden the heart of every gift buyer. A personal visit to Cohn & Son will surely pay. You will find unexpected bargains at every turn. Read their adv on front page of Second Section of the Public Ledger.

Perfect Eyeglasses

Are thoughts of which the wearer is unconscious, that fit so well that they are not noticeable, and made so that they stay right. Dr. Rosenstien's glasses are the realization of your thoughts. His fit must be perfect and his price reasonable. Dr. N. Rosenstien, the Optometrist of Durham, will be in Oxford, Tuesday December 21st, stopping at the Exchange Hotel and in Creedmoor Wednesday, December 22, stopping at Central Hotel for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. We wish all our friends a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. adit

TAX BOOKS OPENED

The tax books are opened for collection now. There will be no ground this year and all Taxes not settled at office will go out for collection after Christmas. Please make settlement promptly.

Yours very truly,
S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.