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## LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE

### WILL MEET THIS FRIDAY NIGHT IN THE COURT HOUSE

All Members and the General Public Urged to Be Present at the Ringing of the Bell.

Some several months ago the Law and Order League was formed in Oxford. It was the outcome of frequent violations in the community. One of the objects of the League was to strengthen the hands of the officers of the law.

At the initial meeting more than a hundred of the most influential citizens in the community joined the League, and a neat sum of money was subscribed to prosecute flagrant cases. General B. S. Royster is the president of the League. It has been General Royster's intention for some time to call a meeting and have the reports of various committees, but on account of pressing matters he has not seen his way clear to call the meeting. However, he has named this Friday night as the proper time to meet and the Court House has been selected as the place to hold the meeting. All members and those interested in good government are urged to be present at the ringing of the bell—eight o'clock this Friday night.

### ST. STEPHENS' CHURCH

#### The Special Services Are Largely Attended.

The Mission at St. Stephens church began on Sunday morning very auspiciously. The two sermons preached by Mr. Taylor were full of spiritual power and attractiveness. The morning and night congregations were large, and very attentive.

In the afternoon the children of the church assembled at a special service, and listened to a splendid address from Mr. Taylor about the family of foxes who severally came to grief through disobedience, greed, and care, etc.

On Monday morning at 10:30 at the conclusion of the Litany service, Mr. Taylor gave an edifying instruction on the work of the Holy Ghost in the church.

Monday night the Rev'd Warren van Houten Filkins, rector of Trinity church, Arlington, New Jersey, will conduct his first service in the Mission. Mr. Filkins was converted to the Episcopal church while in business life, but soon took Holy Orders. He is considered one of the ablest priests of the Diocese of Newark. He preached in St. Stephens church when Mr. Taylor was made Deacon and created a profound impression.

The Mission Services have been attended by large congregations. Tuesday morning at 7:30 the members of the various organized women's works of the parish assembled and received their Corporate Communion.

The attendance at the other services on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday was phenomenal, and the deepest interest shown. The sermons of the two Missioners have been most helpful, and of a character which compelled attention.

The questions found in the Question Box, and answered at the next night service, have shown a good deal of thought about the Episcopal Church, and its way. The requests for Intercessory Prayer found in the box set aside for that purpose, have shown many a troubled heart, and have been offered to God for His help.

This Friday afternoon there will be a Children's Service, to which all children, and adults, too are cordially invited. This service is at 3:30. This Friday night at 7:30 service with Mission Sermon.

Saturday: Holy Communion, 7:30. Litany and Instruction, 10:30; Evening Prayer and Instruction, 3:30; Mission Service and Sermon, 7:30.

Sunday: Holy Communion, 7:30; Morning service and Mission Sermon, 11:00; Men's Meeting, 3:30; Mission service and Sermon, 7:30.

The people of Oxford and vicinity are cordially invited to attend these services. The work of the efficient Missioners the Rev. Warren V. H. Filkins, and the Rev. Lewis N. Taylor represents a good thing and we are anxious to pass it along, with all its helpfulness.

### THE TOBACCO MARKET

#### The Farmers Are Highly Pleased With Prices.

The market this week showed a considerable improvement over last week in the number of pounds sold and the price. In fact, the farmers tell us that the price now is higher than at any time during the entire season.

#### Important Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Granville County Farmers Union in the Court House at Oxford on Saturday January 22, 1916, at 10 o'clock. This is a very important meeting and all local unions are earnestly requested to send delegates.

P. W. KNOTT, President.

### WHITE-WOOD FURNITURE CO.

#### An Oxford Company That Counts for Much.

Since the sale of the Oxford Furniture Factory some months ago to the White-Wood Company, the new company has all the business they can handle.

Seeing the platform at the local Seaboard freight station covered with the product of the White-Wood Co., destined to all parts of the country, inquiry elicited the information that the company has sufficient orders booked to keep them busy for several months to come.

A half dozen cars loaded with the White-Wood product and destined to western points, were caught and held in the congested freight yards at Alexandria, Va. A member of the firm informs the Public Ledger that much of their output goes to points west of the Mississippi, and that congested freight yards in the north and West is causing much annoyance by the delay.

Three of Oxford's liveliest men compose the White-Wood Furniture Co., and their product is of superior quality and finds ready sale in the Grand Rapids and Metropolitan districts.

#### Small Pox Vaccine

Any persons desiring vaccination at the expense of the County can obtain same by calling at my office on Saturday afternoon.

DR. B. K. HAYS, Health Officer.

## SHERIFF HOBGOOD TALKS

### MAKES STATEMENT AS REGARDS HIS SALARY.

#### To the Voters and Tax Payers of Granville County:

I am advised that certain rumors are being circulated in the county, with respect to the salary paid me as Sheriff of Granville County, which rumors are not true and are calculated to do me an injustice, and I therefore wish to state the facts. During the first term to which you elected me the compensation of my office was on a commission basis and since the beginning of my second term of office I have been paid a salary in accordance with the Act of the Legislature placing all the officers of Granville County on a salary. This salary as fixed by the Legislature of 1913, is \$2,000.00 per year, payable in monthly installments of one hundred and sixty six dollars and sixty six cents. Out of this salary I have paid for my official bonds, which cost \$125.00 a year. This is the only compensation paid to or received by me. The Board of Commissioners, in accordance with the law, allows the sum of twenty dollars for each blockade still captured by me. This allowance hardly pays one-half of the actual costs incurred by me in enforcing the law as to blockade stills; and I pay out of my own pocket the balance of the expenses necessarily incurred in looking up and capturing these stills. It frequently occurs that several trips are made searching for these violations of the law when no still is captured and I pay from my own pocket the expenses of these trips.

The salary above mentioned covers every dollar I receive for my services as Sheriff, and from this salary I pay the premium on my official bond and the expenses of hunting out blockade distilleries in the County which as stated above amounts to as much as twice the allowance made by the Commissioners under the law.

The books and records of my office are open to you at all times and I invite a careful examination of them and the records kept by the Board of County Commissioners to verify the statements herein made.

I fully appreciate the confidence reposed in me by the people of the County and I shall again ask them to elect me to office.

I have endeavored to discharge faithfully every duty imposed by law and upon this record I shall go before the people in the coming primary.

Yours truly,  
SAMUEL C. HOBGOOD.

### THE UNION BANK

#### Mr. J. C. Haskins Elected President at Annual Meeting

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Union Bank Tuesday the following officers were elected:

President, J. C. Haskins.  
First vice-president, J. F. Meadows  
Second vice-pres., S. C. Hobgood.  
Third vice-president O. C. Daniels.  
Cashier, J. S. Bradsher.  
Bookkeeper, Luther Davis.  
Directors: J. C. Haskins, I. H. Davis, W. H. Fleming, W. A. Parham, H. E. Crews, J. T. Thompson, J. T. Cozart.

The affairs of the Union Bank, as will be seen elsewhere in this paper, is in fine condition and still growing in usefulness.

## ONE MIGHTY FAMILY

### AN ORGANIZATION WITHOUT A NAME

#### Better Farming, Better Schools, Better Market Facilities, Better Everything Was the Key Note of the Mass Meeting.

The mass meeting held in the court house at the 10 o'clock Thursday was most enthusiastic—not in numbers, but in the spirit of organizing the entire county into one industrial family.

Hon. D. G. Brummitt was called to the chair and Mr. W. Parham stated the object of the meeting. Then followed a powerful talk from General B. S. Royster, who compared the small and enthusiastic gathering to the "eleven divot men in the upper chamber." Other enthusiastic speakers followed General Royster, all pointing to the benefits to be derived from co-operation.

There were a sprinkling of ladies present. Among those taking a lively interest in the meeting we noticed Mrs. A. H. Powell, Mrs. Capehart, Miss Mary Shotwell, Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. W. L. Currin, Mrs. E. C. Brown, Miss Bell Cooper.

The name of the association was left to the executive committee who will report at an early meeting.

The annual dues were fixed at \$1 per year, which will be used to print the by-laws and constitution and such other things as will benefit the association.

#### Members

The new organization starts off with the following members: Ben K. Hays, J. F. Webb, C. D. Ray, T. G. Stem, Ben K. Lassiter, A. H. Powell, D. G. Brummitt, F. P. Hobgood, J. C. Howard, W. D. Rives, Mrs. L. D. Calvert, Mrs. C. Emmett Brown, Mrs. A. L. Capehart, Mary G. Shotwell, Mrs. A. H. Powell, E. G. Moss, W. A. L. Veazey, S. W. Parker, C. G. Daniel, W. R. Nelson, B. F. Royster, B. W. Parham, A. W. Graham, Jr., P. W. Knott, Titus Currin, R. C. M. Calvert, Jos. A. Morris, Otto A. Daniel, Sam C. Howard, Jno. W. Hester.

#### Permanent Organization

A permanent organization was effected by electing the following officers: President, P. W. Knott. Vice-president, D. G. Brummitt. Secretary, B. W. Parham. Treasurer, I. N. Howard. Directors: W. L. Currin, A. E. Bobbitt, W. A. L. Veazey, Graham Daniel, B. F. Currin, W. L. Clark, S. C. Howard, N. G. Crews, B. S. Royster, C. D. Ray.

#### Chairmen of Committees

No. 1.—Dr. J. A. Morris.  
No. 2.—T. G. Currin.  
No. 3.—C. H. Cheatham.  
No. 4.—A. H. Powell.  
No. 5.—Dr. G. T. Sikes.  
No. 6.—J. F. Webb.  
No. 7.—Dr. B. K. Hays.  
No. 8.—Miss Mary Shotwell.  
No. 9.—Mrs. R. G. Lassiter.  
No. 10.—Mrs. A. L. Capehart.

#### The President

The biggest man in Granville county today is P. W. Knott, who was elected president of the new organization to lead the people of the county to better and greater things. He can and he will do it. Glory unto Granville and her noble son!

#### PLANNING AHEAD

#### Arrival of New Lines of Goods at the Long Company.

On the last page of this paper the Long Company announce the arrival of new lines of white goods, linens, Devonshire cloth, gingham, percales, long cloth and nainsook. Now is the time to make up waists, housedresses and children's underwear before the time comes to think about real Spring and Summer.

#### THEIVES AT WORK

#### Entered the Home of Mr. Street Thursday Night.

Some one entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Street during their absence Thursday night and ransacked the house, taking some small change and jewelry belonging to Mrs. Street. The entrance to the house was made by cutting the screen to the back door and unfastening the latch. Recent robberies, in which the screen doors have been cut, lead to the conclusion that the same party or parties are doing the work.

#### HAVE YOU PAID YOUR TAXES?

ALL PARTIES NOW OWING TAXES FOR 1915. WILL PLEASE MAKE IMMEDIATE SETTLEMENT YOUR TAXES WERE DUE ON OCT. 1st, 1915. 1916 IS HERE AND THE DIFFERENT FUNDS ARE MAKING DEMANDS UPON ME DAILY. I'M FORCED TO COLLECT NOW TO MEET THEM. PLEASE ATTEND TO THIS MATTER PROMPTLY.

YOURS VERY TRULY,  
S. C. HOBGOOD,  
SHERIFF GRANVILLE CO.

### A TIMELY WARNING

#### There is no Occasion for Alarm, But Be Cautious

Dr. Benj. K. Hays, Health Officer, reports from West Durham. This is no occasion for alarm among the people of Oxford or of Granville but it is an occasion for caution. The danger to the Oxford people is somewhat increased by the transference of a large number of factory hands from Durham to Oxford. Some sixty or eighty men have been gathered from the streets of Durham during the past week and sent to Oxford to work. No case of small pox has appeared in this County and none of these men, so far as is known, have been exposed to it. But even if a case of small pox were to appear in the County there would still be no occasion for alarm. We have in vaccination a practically sure preventative of the disease. See to it that you and the members of your household have been vaccinated and you can go on your way, forgetful that there is such a disease as small pox. The school law requiring every pupil in a public school to be vaccinated will be enforced in Oxford at this time. Should small pox appear in the county all children attending public schools in that neighborhood will be required to show a successful scar of vaccination or stop school until vaccinated.

## THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

### IT GOES INTO EFFECT EARLY SATURDAY MORNING

#### Chief Wheeler Says That He Proposes to Enforce the Ordinance to the Letter of the Law—The Big and the Little to Fare Alike.

We are going to have some fun in Oxford this coming Saturday morning, January 15th. That is the day on which the traffic ordinance goes into effect. There are ten clauses in the ordinance as follows:

1. All drivers of automobiles or other vehicles shall go to the right in meeting automobiles, or other vehicles, and all automobiles shall be equipped with a horn, or other device and by proper use of the same shall give warning of their approach, to and turning at all street corners.

2. That within the fire district of the Town of Oxford no driver of an automobile or other vehicle shall stop with the left hand side of the same to the curb.

3. That within the fire district of the Town of Oxford no driver of an automobile or other vehicle shall allow the same to stand with such automobile or other vehicle backed up to the curb, except when actually engaged in loading and unloading the said vehicle.

4. That within the fire district of the Town of Oxford no driver of an automobile or other vehicle, except in an emergency, or to allow another vehicle or pedestrian to cross its path, shall stop in any public street except at the right hand curb thereof and with the right hand side of such vehicle next to the curb, and then in that case must not obstruct a crossing.

5. That all drivers of automobiles or other vehicles when overtaking another vehicle shall pass to the left side of the vehicle overtaken, and shall not pull over to the right until entirely clear of it.

6. That all drivers of automobiles or other vehicles, when turning into another street to the right, shall turn the corners as near the right hand curb as practicable.

7. That all drivers of automobiles when turning into another street to the left, shall turn around the center of the intersection of the two streets.

8. That all drivers of automobiles or other vehicles, when crossing from one side of the street to the other, shall do so by making a complete turn and heading in the opposite direction.

9. That all drivers of automobiles or other vehicles passing the Confederate Monument at the head of Main Street shall pass to the right of same.

10. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined \$1.00.

The ordinance has been duly published and posted, but the general public has not as yet begun to practice the rules prescribed. Some poor fellow next Saturday morning is going to plead that he knew nothing about the ordinance, but Chief Wheeler says that he proposes to march each and every offender down to the Mayor's office, and it begins to look as if the town is going to reap a rev- enue. It the police and the Mayor are really behind the movement an imposition of a few fines will be all that is necessary to enforce the law, but if some one of the big busy men are permitted to violate the ordinance it might as well be called off.

Chief Wheeler says that it makes no difference how big or how small the man, he is going to enforce the law at all hazards.

## MAYOR STEM HAS SET THE PEG A NOTCH HIGHER

### Detective J. A. Hutchins Captures the King of Blind Tigers—Much Liquor Comes From Blind Tiger in Clarksville.

For some time the authorities have been puzzled as to how so much bad liquor found its way to the cotton mill section on the outskirts of town. There is no community anywhere more law-abiding than the cotton mill village, but like all other communities whiskey makes its appearance there every now and then.

Detective J. A. Hutchins, who is fast becoming a terror to the evil doers in this community, took it upon himself to ferret out the guilty party and bring him to the bar of justice. It took some time to do the job, but with that bull-dog tenacity he landed Baldy Wych last Tuesday evening under most ordinary circumstances.

The fact that a lot of mean liquor was finding its way to the cotton mill section was the only clue that possessed Special Officer Hutchins, and finding himself with a spare moment on his hands he went out to Gelia Tuesday and returned on the south-bound train.

On passing through the train he spied Baldy Wych, an old offender. Hutchins learned from the conductor that Wych entered the train at Clarksville and held a ticket to Providence, a few miles south of Oxford.

Hutchins abided his time and when the train entered the corporate limits of Oxford he arrested Wych and laid a heavy hand on his suit case.

Hutchins was empowered to arrest at any point in the county, but in this particular case he chose to arrest Wych in Mayor Thad G. Stem's jurisdiction—the flint that never fails to fire.

One gallon and a half of mean liquor was found in Wych's possession. He had been dodging the authorities for some time by the unique method of purchasing a ticket from Clarksville to Providence, and from Providence walk back to the cotton mill section at an opportune moment and peddle his liquor.

Mayor Stem, with one stroke of the pen, banished Wych to the county roads for twelve months.

#### Allen & Royster

Joe Royster, colored, the partner of Ben Allen, who made a spectacular getaway Saturday night north of town when Allen frailed Officer Hutchins over the head with a bottle, was arrested in Northern Granville Tuesday evening by Detective Hutchins and I. H. Hobgood of the local police force.

In the hearing Wednesday morning Mayor Stem cautioned Royster to be very careful and tell the truth and nothing but the truth. Joe threw himself on the mercy of the court and acknowledged that he was sorry he had entered into a co-partnership with Ben Allen, the notorious. He said he was drunk Saturday night, and seeing the officers north of town he broke and ran to the woods, falling on his face and sleeping there until the following morning.

On cross examination he told Mayor Stem that Bell Haskins, a notorious colored woman, gave him four dollars with which to purchase her some whiskey. He bought the liquor in Clarksville, he said, from a white man.

Seeing the disposition on the part of Joe Royster to tell the truth, Mayor Stem gave him ten months on the county roads. He also recalled Ben Allen and reduced his sentence from twelve to ten months.

#### Mayor Stem's Firm Stand

In his preliminary remarks at the several trials of recent date, Mayor Stem has taken occasion to remind the venders of liquor that he has moved up a notch, by which he means that one year ago he was somewhat more lenient than he is today. One year ago it was his custom to give offenders four months; later he moved the peg a notch higher, giving the offenders six months. The Mayor is now sticking the peg in the twelve months notch, and if the violators tell him the truth he takes off a month, or two months, as it may please his Honor.

#### Clarksville Liquor

In municipal court Wednesday morning, Mayor Stem called the attention of Chief Wheeler to the fact that all offenders of recent date claimed to have purchased whiskey in Clarksville. "They have no right to sell liquor in Clarksville," said Mayor Stem, "and we must take this matter up with the proper authorities over the line."

#### Funny Night

Friday night is now known as "funny night" at the Orpheum. A score of the world's best comedians will be seen. Here is a chance to laugh and grow fat.