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THIEVES AND VANDALS

AN EPIDEMIC OF CRIME IN OXFORD.

Thieves Loot Vestibules of Churches and Vandals Destroy Sign Boards—No Clue as to the Perpetrators.

With a view of protecting the lives of people, the Town Commissioners recently enacted a traffic ordinance, which went into effect last Saturday morning. To simplify matters, the chief of police erected three signs at the monument at the head of Main street warning the drivers of vehicles to drive to the right. The motive of the ordinance and the sign was to preserve life and limb, but for some reason or other the ordinance has been severely criticized in the community. This adverse criticism may have emboldened some half-witted or designing person to destroy the signs. It is such a low down species of meanness that it is hard to account for. It is on a par with the destruction of one's cattle or young orchard.

Thieves at Work.
The weather being very disagreeable Sunday night, everybody attending church wore their overcoats and rubber shoes. It has been the custom with many in this community to leave their overcoats and heavy coats in the vestibule of the church. Sunday night last was the first instance on record when things were stolen from the vestibule of churches. Considering the fact that the vestibules of the Baptist, Methodist and Episcopal churches were robbed at the same hour Sunday night leads to the belief that it was an organized gang of thieves. At the church where we worshipped we noticed four strange boys leave the church during the last song. Others tell us that the same thing happened at the two other churches. Several private residences were also robbed between 8 and 9 o'clock on the same evening. It is definitely known that fourteen overcoats, seven wraps and eighteen pair of overcoats were stolen in the space of one hour. General B. S. Royster, W. T. Yancey, Vernon Taylor and four children of Mr. Cam Easton were among those who were robbed.

WILL GO INTO TRAINING

Meadows and Gooch Must Reduce Flesh.

Lee Meadows, pitcher for the St. Louis team of the National League, will leave for San Antonio, Texas, the training grounds, March 1st. Meadows has taken on flesh during the winter, which must be reduced before he faces the New York Giants early in April. This can be done in one month when he gets down at it good and hard. Lee Gooch, another Oxford boy, who plays on the Cleveland team of the American League, will leave for the training grounds at New Orleans the latter part of February. He, too, has taken on flesh during the winter and must work hard to reduce it before he can turn a "hand-spring and slide under."

The big leagues stand for bone and sinew, and a whole lot of it, too.

The Orpheum Theatre
During this and next week the management of the Orpheum Theatre announce that the second show will begin about 9 o'clock P. M. Some very fine pictures of an educational nature will be shown this and next week, and the hour fixed by the management for the second show will enable all those detained from seeing the first show of the evening to see a full show after 9 o'clock.

AN EXTRAORDINARY FRANCHISE

The Less Water You Use the Greater the Cost.

Some years ago the people of Oxford voted a franchise to the Oxford Water Company. Just how it works is fully explained by President F. P. Hobgood in the following communication:

The Franchise
"An extraordinary franchise is that given by the town of Oxford to the Oxford Water Company, that permits it to make the following charges: "The water bill of Oxford College from Oct. 26, 1915 to Nov. 26, 1915, 82,050 gallons was \$12.31; from November to December only 56,180 gallons was \$14.05. "Herein is a paradox—the less the consumption, the greater the cost, and vice versa—the greater the consumption, less the cost. "This is not a clerical error as might be supposed. It is perfectly legitimate to make a smaller charge relatively for a large quantity, but I should not be required to pay \$2.00 extra because I fail to use 30,000 additional in the last month. "And in this case it would pay to be wasteful or extravagant. There is no place for economy." F. P. HOBGOOD."

VITAL STATISTICS

More Births Than Deaths In Granville.

We commend Mr. O. D. Wilson, the valuable assistant of Mr. J. Robt. Wood, for the excellent manner in which he, as Registrar, complied with the vital statistics law. His report for the town of Oxford is absolutely correct. His reports for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1915, shows that there were 78 births and 75 deaths in Oxford during the year.

It would be interesting to know how many deaths and births there were in Granville during the year, but that information is not to be had, we are sorry to say. Comparing the population and death and birth rate of Oxford with that of the entire county, we estimate that there were about 390 births and 385 deaths in Granville during the year; or about 14 deaths per 1000 population.

THE OXFORD BUGGY CO.

Stockholders Meet and Declare Substantial Dividend

The stockholders of the Oxford Buggy Company held their annual meeting last Thursday. The affairs of the Company were carefully gone over and to the delight of the stockholders the fiscal year showed substantial progress. As a taste for better things, each stockholder found on the table a handsome dividend check made out in his favor.

Directors
The following were chosen directors: W. J. Long, B. S. Royster, Z. W. Lyon, W. G. Pace, Ira N. Howard, R. L. Green, B. F. Taylor.

Officers
President, W. J. Long.
Vice-President, B. S. Royster.
Secretary-treasurer, I. N. Howard.
General Manager, B. F. Taylor.
Despite the unsettled conditions of the country the company maintains a corps of traveling salesmen in the field. "The Chase" is the buggy that made Oxford famous.

ANNUAL WHITE GOODS SALE

Perkinson-Green Company Showing Early Spring Goods.
The Perkinson-Green Company have replenished their stock and are now showing a superior line of muslin underwear, percales, barred and striped flaxon, plain white and colored linens and such things as are wanted for the early spring. See announcement on the fifth page of this paper.

THE FAIR ASSOCIATION

Planning for Bigger and Better County Fair.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Granville County Fair Association was held in the court house last Thursday. A cheerful note was sounded throughout the meeting. **Board of Directors**
The old Board of Directors were re-elected as follows: B. S. Royster, S. M. Wheeler, B. K. Lassiter, W. Landis, Dr. J. A. Morris, J. Robt. Wood, L. T. Williford, C. H. Cheatham, Dr. G. T. Sykes, C. G. Daniel, Dr. John Bullock, B. F. Dean, E. A. Hunt, F. P. Hobgood, A. H. Powell, P. W. Knott, J. F. Webb, J. W. Horner, E. G. Moss, E. T. White, E. P. Roberts, E. C. Harris, W. S. Gooch, B. M. Caldwell.

Early Meeting
The Board of Directors will meet at an early date, probably next Saturday, to elect a president and other officials.

It is understood that everybody is going to get busy and make the next Fair the biggest and the best ever held in the county.

MR. DUDLEY PEED DEAD

A Native of Granville Dies in Wake County.

Mr. Dudley Peed, who died at Zebulon on Tuesday, was buried with Masonic honors at his old home in Barton's Creek township Wake county, on Wednesday. The Masonic rites were conducted by State Treasurer, B. R. Lacy. Mr. Peed was a native of Granville county, but had lived in Wake for more than half a century. He served in the Confederate navy and was on the Merrimack when that Southern iron-clad engaged the Monitor in battle. He was ninety-one years of age and is survived by numerous relatives in Granville.

His neighbors said that he was a genius. He could build a house, make a pair of shoes or fix a clock or pull a tooth. It is said that forty years ago if any one in the neighborhood wanted a tooth pulled he went to Mr. Peed, or if a clock got contrary Mr. Peed was called upon to put it in shape. He made no charge for these things.

Late Easter—Easter comes on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the 21st of March, and as the moon is full April 17 Easter will come the 23rd.

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

GENERAL B. S. ROYSTER HEADS THE ORGANIZATION

A Strong Pull and a Pull Altogether Is the Slogan—The Activities of the Club to Be Broadened.

At the annual meeting of the Granville Commercial Club last week, General B. S. Royster was unanimously chosen president of the organization. It is gratifying to know that he sees his way clear to accept the office. A man of many affairs, he condescends to serve. It was only last week that we wrote that it is impossible to put into human language two finer words carrying stronger significance or more beautiful meaning than "I serve," which means "I serve."

As president of the Commercial organization, General Royster brings to the Club a superior knowledge of conditions in the county. It has been said that "every time he touches prospers." Certainly he did take a handful of men into the Baptist church and infused vitality into them, and now the class numbers two hundred of the strong men in town. He will preach the gospel in the Commercial room—the 'human touch that vitalizes'.

Officers of the Club.
Gen. B. S. Royster, president.
J. C. Haskins, first vice-president.
J. A. Williams, second vice-president.

B. W. Parham, secretary-treasurer.
Board of Governors: J. C. King, W. T. Yancey, W. Hester, Major Will Landis, Garman, J. B. Powell, J. S. Brantley.

The club now numbers nearly three hundred members. It will be enlarged and that more members. The members will be asked to join the committee at an early date. Mr. A. H. Powell, secretary of the club, said that the club's work will be held for the year.

THE REVIVAL SERVICES

DR. CALVIN B. WALLER AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Large Crowds Hear Noted Divine—Meeting Will Continue for Ten Days or Two Weeks, Services Every Afternoon and Night.

Dr. Calvin B. Waller, of Asheville, will preach his first of a series of sermons at the Oxford Baptist church this Tuesday night. Mr. J. M. Bobbitt, an evangelistic singer employed by the Home Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention, is assisting Dr. Waller. The music under the direction of Mr. Bobbitt, assisted by a large chorus choir, is an important factor in the meeting. He is whole souled, earnest, tactful and efficient not only in singing but in personal work for souls.

The Sylvan Valley News, published at Brevard, in speaking of the revival meeting held there says: "The meetings have brought great blessings to many hearts and homes in Brevard and vicinity," said Rev. A. W. McDaniel, pastor of the Brevard Baptist church.

"Dr. Waller's messages have been earnest and have, under the Holy Spirit, caused many people to search their hearts and realize their spiritual need and call upon God for mercy and pardon. Many church members have been brought to a new consecration and a great number of men and women, boys and girls have confessed Christ either for the first time or after being prodigals for years. About twenty have been received for membership and doubtless many others will be received."

Public Invited
Those interested in the spiritual uplift of the community feel highly gratified over the promising outlook for the meeting. All denominations and the general public are not only welcome but are urged to attend. It is hoped that the people for miles around Oxford will avail themselves of the privilege of hearing Dr. Waller.

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.

THE FREIGHT BLOCKADE

Delay in Freight Shipments Hinder Business.

It would seem that the freight yards in the north and west are almost hopelessly congested.

The Public Ledger has had some experience with delayed freight shipments that would indicate that the railroads are overwhelmed and the public is suffering serious inconvenience on account of delayed freight—if other folks have the same experience, and there is no reason to think the Public Ledger's case is an exception. Local merchants here are complaining of delayed shipments. One case is reported of a shipment from Philadelphia early in December that has not as yet reached Oxford. Still the cry of hard times, is heard in the land.

GREEK MEETS GREEK
A Guy Argues His Case With Mayor Stem.

They are telling a good one on Mayor Stem. It would seem that the Mayor met a little boy speeding along the sidewalk on a bicycle and halted him. "See here, my little man," said Mayor Stem, pointing his finger in his face, "do you know that it is against the law to ride a bicycle on the sidewalk?"

"Is you the Mayor of Oxford?" inquired the little fellow. "Yes sir," responded the Mayor. "Den why don't you fix the roads?" asked the boy, and before the Mayor could frame an answer the little fellow was off like a shot.

OBEY THE ORDERS

Mr. J. F. Meadows Tells A Good One.

Mr. J. F. Meadows, one of the best tobaccoists to be found in seven States, is always interesting. When he promises to do a thing you can always rely upon him. In actuality, good measure, packed and overflowing is a part of his business. Meadows recently ran across a big tobaccoist, and they spoke of the importance of paying close attention to details.

"I will tell you an instance," said the Richmond man, addressing Mr. Meadows. "Some years ago I had a contract with a firm in the old country to supply them so much tobacco. It was stipulated how the tobacco should be shipped and it was expressly stated that each package should weigh 99 pounds, no less or no more."

"Some weeks after I made the first shipment," continued the Richmond man, "I received a letter from abroad advising me that out of the one hundred tierces ten of them was over weight. I hastened to inform my firm that I was aware that some of the packages were slightly over in weight from one to three pounds and called their attention to the fact that I made no charge for the surplus."

"The correspondence grew," continued the Richmond man, "and I learned to my dismay that the packages had to be transferred across the Desert on the back of camels and the law of the country was that each package must weigh exactly 99 pounds, no less or no more." "This will in a measure account for the origin of the story that the last straw breaks the camels' back," replied Mr. Meadows.

THE EXTENT OF THE LAW

What It Means to Serve Twelve Months.

Since it has become known to the colored population that Mayor Thad G. Stem has "moved up a peg" and is now sending all violators of the prohibition law to the road for twelve months, two colored men met in rear of the Court House and engaged in conversation.

"Twelve months seems like a mity long time for sellin' a little dram," said the young buck. "Look er hea boy, I's gwine to gib you a piece of good advise," said the old man. "You don't know nuffin 'bout time. Mayor Stem jis han' you de annual almernac and say you jis go 'long an' do what dat book say."

Carteret Literary Society

The Carteret Literary Society of the Oxford Graded School held its regular meeting on last Friday evening. The topic of the meeting was, "Resolved, That good roads are as important as railways." Roy Upchurch, Branchwood Ballou, and Marion Sneed were for the negative. Maurice Parham and Willie Howell were for the affirmative. The judges were Gus McSween, Tom Woods and George Cheatham and decided in favor of the negative. The meeting was enjoyed by all.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

THE LITTLE TABLET AT THE CHURCH DOOR

The Name of the Church and the Name and Address of the Pastor and the Hours One May Expect to See Him.

The Public Ledger should like to see each of the Oxford churches marked with a sign so that strangers might know the name of the church.

The pastor's name and street address should also be on the slab. Every business house, every hotel porter, every policeman and all kind of vehicles have signs, but no one has thought, to post a sign on the walls of the church to guide the stranger.

There is nothing quite so reassuring to the stranger in a city as the church sign and the name and address of the pastor. We have felt its magic power more than once and know whereof we speak.

A church with its windows and doors closed and bolted as tight as the hatches on an ocean-going vessel is not so cheerful as the one with a sign and the name and address of the pastor, which seems to say to the stranger: "Here we are, cast your burdens upon the Lord."

It would also be well to stipulate on the church sign the hours one might expect to find the pastor in his study.

Many years ago Dr. Deens, pastor of the "Strangers' Church" in New York City, told us that he could relate hundreds of instances where the church sign had been of untold benefit to the cause of Christ.

THE TOBACCO MARKET

Prices Higher Than at Any Time During the Season.

Good breaks on the Oxford tobacco market is now the rule. The bidding on all grades is lively. The tobacco growers are highly pleased with the prices they receive. There can be no question about it, the prices are higher than at any time during the season and we have it from the buyers that the remainder of the crop will bring good prices.

The Banner Warehouse

The breaks have been large and most satisfactory at the Banner Warehouse since the holidays. Every man that sells at the Banner wears a smile. High averages is the rule at the Banner.

GERALDINE FARRAR

Several Oxford People Will Go to Raleigh to Hear Noted Diva

Several in Oxford have expressed their intention to go to Raleigh on the 24th instant to hear the noted operatic star, Geraldine Farrar. That the music loving people of Oxford are interested in the event is evinced by the fact that many call for the Victor records at the store of Mr. J. Robt. Wood. To get an inkling of the diva's melodious voice, ask Mr. Wood to play "Comin' thro' the Rye," "Bohemia Song" and "Madame Butterfly." The Public Ledger is advised that in all probability the Seaboard will operate a special from Henderson to Raleigh and return on Monday evening, January 24th.

The Johnson Warehouse

The high averages at the old reliable Johnson Warehouse is a guarantee that Sam Watkins will get a large share of the remainder of the crop. Elsewhere in this paper Mr. Watkins invites the farmers to bring their tobacco in. He will see that they get the cream of the market.

THE STARK GRIST MILL

Is Now Turning Out Fine Flour and Meal.

Mr. L. W. Starks' grist mill on New College street, is making a reputation for fine goods. The new and up-to-date machinery makes it possible to convert wheat and corn into flour and meal in a perfect state.

Mr. Walter Stark, the miller, has had long experience at the milling business and he is thoroughgoing in every particular. We are advised that it will be his plan to keep his customers' grain separate from all other grain and when you patronize the mill you can rest assured that you will receive meal and flour ground from your own grain.

One of the best farmers in Kinton Fork section, Mr. Loyd, told us that the flour and meal from the Stark mill was beyond compare.

The Minor Warehouse

The Minor Warehouse is making substantial friends every day. Mr. Mangum makes it a rule to satisfy his customers as far as possible. He will have the second sale Thursday and the first sale Friday. He is always glad to see his friends. See the ad of the Minor elsewhere in this paper.