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TALE OF "THREE CITIES"

IN WHICH OXFORD HAS HONORABLE MENTION

The Attention of the People All Over the Country is Being Directed to Oxford in a Most Striking Manner.

The Raleigh News and Observer knows a good thing when it sees it and has no hesitancy in passing it along, as follows:

"Oxford, Dunn and Kinston are three North Carolina towns whose people have the right ideas about community progress. The first named is engaged in a paving project whose scale is larger than anything yet attempted by any town we have heard of. Every street in Oxford is being paved with asphalt. Kinston has just let a contract for paving nearly all of its still unpaved thoroughfares, and Dunn is arranging to cover all of its streets with some sort of paving, placing the most serviceable surfaces possible upon its streets over which traffic is heaviest. About a quarter million dollars will be expended by these towns in the improvements undertaken, and we know of no way in which money could be expended to greater advantage to the people who pay the taxes. These three places will find real benefit in what they are doing, and from such things as these there will be found an increasing prosperity. Other towns in North Carolina can well take note of what the three are doing."

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

Hon. Ben W. Parham is Handling Hon. J. A. Hartness' Campaign.

It is gratifying to know that Hon. Ben W. Parham, so well and favorably known to the people of Granville county, is handling Hon. J. A. Hartness' campaign in this county. If we make no mistake, Mr. Parham was the representative from Davidson county at the time Mr. Hartness represented Iredell. At any rate, the Public Ledger knows that there is a close friendship between the two men of long standing, and it is a source of genuine pleasure to us to know that Mr. Parham will speak a good word in this county for the Statesville man. It is purely a love for that which is good and true that prompts Mr. Parham to represent Mr. Hartness' interest in the county. It will be his aim to speak of the qualifications, virtues and superior wisdom of Mr. Hartness.

The Public Ledger, too, will have something to say from time to time about Mr. Hartness. The editor of this paper was associated with him for several years in the newspaper business and we found him to be one of the truest men we have ever known. The people of Iredell county regard him about like the people of Granville regarded the late Frank Edwards, ever ready to extend a helping hand or to promote a good cause.

There are two men in the field for Secretary of State. One of them is a rich man and has held the office for sixteen years. The other candidate, the Hon. J. A. Hartness, a lawyer of ability, is a man of moderate means. He has been encumbered with a large family and the most of his accumulations has gone into their education. The Public Ledger would hardly know where to begin or where to stop in eulogizing Mr. Hartness. He is the son of the late Norman Hartness, a good old farmer in the foot-hills of Brushy Mountains. His son, "James," the subject of this sketch, was educated at Davidson College. He has served his county in the capacity of Clerk of Court and in the hall of legislation. He has a splendid record, and withal a true Democrat and has given liberally of his means to keep alive the best traditions of the party. If the people send him to Raleigh they will have a true friend and an able advocate at the seat of government.

OFF TO THE ORIENT

Will Make Love to the Almon-Eyed Daughters.

Messrs. Joe Hunt and Robert Crews are passing around among their friends this week and on Saturday morning will start for San Francisco, where they will embark for China on Thursday next. These two splendid young men are wearing long faces—not that they fear submarines or sand plots, but because each will leave a sweetheart in dear old America.

Both have signed up to remain with the British-American Tobacco Company in China four years. It will be Joe's intention on landing to get acquainted with the almon-eyed daughters of the Far East and make love to them, but Robert is a little bashful and the chances are that he will return four years hence unmarried. The almon eyes, the pretty little feet, the soft cheek of the daughters and the tom-tom music is well calculated to enthrall Joe.

The Report of The Grand Jury

THE VARIOUS OFFICES, BOOKS AND INSTITUTIONS IN GOOD SHAPE.

To his Honor Judge H. W. Wheedbee, Presiding:
We, the Grand Jury for April term, 1916, of Granville County Superior Court, herewith beg leave to submit the following report:

We have faithfully reported on all bills presented to us, we have examined the various offices in the Court House, the jail, county home, the camp and the road force. We find the offices in the Court House in good condition, books and papers well arranged and kept, we understand that the roof on Court House is in need of repair and recommend that the County Commissioners look after it at once; we examined the jail and found it in good condition except there should be more cells than we now have. On examination of the County Home we find 34 inmates: white 12, colored 22; all well cared for by Mr. Sam Daniel and his good wife; we also find 2 cows, and one good yearling, 1 horse, 3 mules, 9 hogs and 7 pigs. The home is well supplied with lard, meat, peas, corn, feed, etc. We find everything in excellent condition. We find the road force in fairly good shape. We examined the reports of the Justice of the Peace and found that only 10 out of 31 made any report. Respectfully,
L. T. BUCHANAN, Foreman.

BEGINNING COUNTY CAMPAIGN

Important Meeting at the Court House This Saturday Afternoon
This Saturday, April 15th, at 2:30 p. m., every Precinct in Granville County will hold a meeting to organize for the coming campaign. Every voter in Granville County should see that his poll tax is paid before May 1st so that he can become a qualified voter in the coming primary. Every Democrat in Granville County has the right to participate in these Precinct meetings and a good organization in the various precincts in the County in the beginning means that the Democratic party will have a successful campaign.

We cannot exaggerate the importance of every Precinct Chairman calling his Committee together at the time appointed and hold this meeting. The two things to be done at these precinct meetings are, first, the election of a new precinct committee consisting of five members and the election of delegates to the county convention which will be held on the following Saturday, April 22nd, in the Court House at Oxford. The County Convention will organize and elect Delegates to the State Convention. It is every citizen's duty to attend these meetings and interest himself in seeing that Granville County has the very best government possible.

TOO MANY DOGS

Let the Police Force Please Take Notice.

It has been well said that the best friend a man may have is his dog, but mark you, that proverb did not apply its meaning to the stray dog. The stray dog is like the tramp. He is not wanted at any place, and always proves himself a nuisance. One thing that stands out prominently against Oxford is the number of stray dogs to be found in town. Outside of being an eye-sore to any town, the stray dog is a nuisance which often becomes a menace to the safety of the children. It is invariably the stray dog that goes mad, bites a child, or several of them, which either results in death or serious consequences. Thus, we see that we should guard children in Oxford against the stray dog, and it would be well for steps in that direction to be taken here.

WILL WEAR SILK HAT

Something Will Happen When the Streets Are Paved.

Dr. Lumpkin, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, in passing along the street the other day and noticing the smooth pavement, remarked to a crowd of men that if this thing keeps on much longer he would have to wear a silk hat. The remark, made in jest, leaves the impression that Oxford is taking on city airs and that we will have to wake up and step a little faster in order to keep up with the procession.

HESTER SCHOOL CLOSING

Dr. McIntosh of Raleigh Will Deliver Address.

(Correspondence Public Ledger)
The exercises by the children will be Thursday evening, April the 20th, at eight o'clock. Prof. C. E. McIntosh of the State Department of Education, will deliver an address. A cation, will deliver an address at one o'clock Friday. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

DOWN IN MEXICO

THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT HEED REQUEST OF CARRANZA

War Department is Prepared for Eventualities, and Expedition Will Continue Chase of Bandit; Carranza Note Was Not Unexpected in Congress, Where Senators and Representatives View Situation in Critical Manner.

(SUMMARY)

The Mexican government has sent to its Ambassador in Washington a note asking that the American troops be withdrawn from Mexican territory and that the pursuit of Villa be left to the Mexican Constitutional army.

The note contends that as the American troops crossed into Mexico without permission they should be withdrawn until a proper, formal compact can be entered into between the two governments.

It is insistently affirmed that the previous notes of the Mexican government, especially emphasize the fact that permission for reciprocal crossing of the frontier would be granted only in the event of the repetition of a raid similar to that made by Villa at Columbus, N. M.

Troops Will Remain

General Carranza's proposal for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico failed to bring from administration sources any indication that the troops will be immediately withdrawn, or that the situation is expected to result in any serious friction with the de facto government.

The outstanding features gave evidence that the expedition has been carried on with full realization that objection might arise.

There was apparent agreement among officials that the troops would remain for the present, but that from a diplomatic standpoint it might seem advisable not to risk local clashes with Carranza forces during negotiations.

MR. PARKER VERY SICK

Oxford's Noble Citizen Not Expected to Live Through the Day.

Mr. S. W. Parker hovers between life and death in St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, where he underwent a serious operation a few days ago. The latest information obtainable this Friday morning, at the hour of going to press, is from Mr. D. C. Hunt, who returned from Richmond Thursday night. Mr. Hunt states that the hospital physicians hold out no hope for Mr. Parker and that his death is expected at any moment. Members of the family are at his bedside.

THE LONG COMPANY

Superior Quality of Goods Tells the Tale.

The Long Company is enjoying a fine trade this Spring. Their superior stock of goods is attracting attention from all over this section. This is accounted for by the fact that they anticipated the wants of the people and laid in a stock that meets the approval of the general public. Those who make it a practice to send abroad for goods owe it to themselves to visit Long Company's Stores before doing so. The style and quality is there in plenty and the Long Company was never known to make an overcharge on the things carrying a reliable trade mark and backed by a guarantee. See announcement on the back page of this paper.

MISS SHOTWELL TO CONFERENC

Will Attend Southern Conference in the Crescent City.

The Southern Sociological Congress will assemble in New Orleans Sunday and the entire week will be devoted to community betterment. Speakers from all over the country will take part, and in this particular we are proud to see Miss Mary Shotwell's name on the program. She is scheduled to speak on "Community Building" next Thursday and at another time on "The Securing of Competent Teaching Corps."

EASTER SALE

"Granville's Biggest and Best Store" is Busy.

Landis & Easton store is the scene of much beauty this Easter-tide. The ladies from all over the county are finding their way to "Granville's Biggest and Best Store" in large numbers. Women's Coat Suits, Millinery, Women's Ready Made Tailored Skirts, Boys' Wash Suits and numerous specials are some of the things mentioned elsewhere in this paper.

Nine Million Pounds Sold

THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET AGAIN LEADS IN HIGH AVERAGES

There was all kind of guessing throughout the tobacco year as to the number of pounds that would be raised in Granville and how much money it would bring. The guesses ranged anywhere from six to ten million pounds and it was estimated that the general average for all sold would be about ten cents.

It is now definitely known that there was a fraction under nine million pounds sold this tobacco year on the Oxford market. It was so close to that figure that everybody is calling it a nine million pound market. The price paid for all grades averaged \$12.25 per hundred.

If the market had opened as strong as it closed there would be a different tale to relate. The general average up to January was about ten cents, at which time the prices began to soar. Tobacco men state that if wrappers had been plentiful the general average would have been quite as good as it was in normal times.

DATE OF MEETING CHANGED

Oxford Ladies Will Repeat the Program.

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

The Providence Community Club will postpone the meeting appointed for Friday, April 21st, until Friday, April 28th, at 2:30 o'clock. At this time the ladies of the Oxford Club will repeat the programme given at the Health meeting during Baby Week in Oxford. Mrs. Lumpkin, Dr. Daniel and others will give us talks at this time. We are sure our community will be glad to come out in large numbers to hear these speakers.

Under the auspices of our Club on Friday evening, April 21st, at 7:30 o'clock at the Providence school house, Dr. Morris will give his stereoscopic views of the "Other Wise Man."

A MOTHER IN ISRAEL

Highly Ssteemed Lady Called to Her Reward.

Mrs. Mary J. Crews, widow of the late Thomas Crews, died at the old homestead Wednesday night in the 84th year of her age.

Mrs. Crews ate supper as usual Wednesday night, after which she was seized with a sinking spell and passed away at ten o'clock.

Mrs. Crews was a consecrated Christian lady and thoroughly devoted to her children, five of whom survive, as follows: Miss Delia and Messrs. H. W., H. E., N. G. and S. F. Crews.

The funeral and interment will take place at 3:00 o'clock this Friday afternoon at Salem church, of which the deceased was a member.

SMASHED RECORD

Oxford the Scene of a World-Wide Contest.

The contest pulled off here Wednesday will be the means of drawing the attention of concrete builders and manufacturers of the entire world to Oxford. In consequence of the contest people everywhere will ask where is Oxford, how large is the city and what do they manufacture there. That's the kind of municipal publicity that builds cities, and old Oxford i snow having her share of it.

Mr. W. O. Saunders, concrete foreman for Mr. R. G. Lassiter, has laid concrete in eighteen States, working gangs composed of Italians, Scandinavians, Chinese and Indians, but the best gang he ever handled is composed of Granville county negroes, says Mr. Saunders.

In looking over the lay of the land in Oxford, Mr. Saunders let his force into his confidence. He told them that a northern concern, manufacturing concrete machinery, had posted \$300 in cash to the foreman laying the most concrete in one day. Looking south from Monument on Main street, Mr. Saunders saw his chance last Wednesday to pull in the \$300 and establish a world-wide record. The day was fine and the street was wide and the task of covering it to the regulation standard with stone, cement and sand was begun under the most favorable circumstances.

Great beads of perspiration rolled from the brows of the faithful colored men, and on and on spread the liquid mass, until Mr. Saunders, at six o'clock cried out: "Hold, Enough!"

The previous record was 2,964 square yards. Mr. Saunders' gang broke the world record and have to their credit 3,273 square yards. Mr. Saunders is an old concrete man, and he is of the opinion that his record will never be broken; at any rate, he says, it will require a gang of North Carolina negroes to do it.

THE CRIMINAL DOCKET

JUDGE WHEEDBEE AND SOLICITOR GATTIS MADE A RECORD

The Most Interesting Case of the Term Was That of Sam Frazier, Who Was Adjudged Insane.

Judge Wheedbee and Solicitor Gattis made a record at this term of court. The criminal docket was disposed of by Tuesday at noon. In his charge to the grand jury Judge Wheedbee told them that they ought to finish their work by noon Tuesday. They went him one better, passed on all bills, examined the court house offices, the jail, the poor house, made their report and were discharged within ten minutes of that hour.

True, there was not a large number of cases, but these could not have been disposed of in the time consumed unless the court and all its officers had worked with a vim. A number of civil cases set for Thursday and Friday of this week were continued for the term and as that left only a few cases for trial this week, all the cases were moved up to next Monday, the court was adjourned to then and Judge Wheedbee left for home to return next Sunday. The continuance of these cases was very largely due to the sickness of Mr. A. A. Hicks. For more than a week he has been confined to his bed. He came down town Tuesday for a short time but was unable to work and a number of important cases in which he is chief counsel had to be continued on account of his inability to conduct the trial.

A number of cases of small interest which have been on the docket for some time were finally marked off. These were principally cases where the defendants had been placed under bond for their good behaviour. Practically all of these cases were marked off.

In the case of James Marable indicted for having liquor for the purpose of sale there was a verdict of not guilty. This is the case in which there was a mistrial at the last term of the court. A young negro named Ed Harris was before the court for stealing corn. He pleaded guilty and the court ordered him bound out to Mr. Frank Blackley.

McKinley Climer for carrying a gun was given three months on the roads. In the case of David Eaks indicted for disturbing the Mountain Creek School there was a verdict of guilty. Mr. Stem represented the defendant.

Henry Pearce, the negro who some time ago stole a cow from George Burwell down near Fairport, pleaded guilty and was given two years on the roads. Erastus Harris and Mr. W. T. Dickerson were before the court for an affray. Both appeared to be guilty on their own testimony. Dickerson was required to pay half the costs, while Harris was given three months on the roads. This latter sentence was imposed by the Judge because of language used by Harris to Mrs. Dickerson. Gen. Royster appeared for Harris. Fleming Cole pleaded guilty to carrying pistol and was fined \$15.00 and taxed with the costs.

The most interesting case of the term was that of Sam Frazier charged with beating his wife. The defendant was without counsel and Judge Wheedbee asked Mr. Stem and Gen. Royster to represent him. For the defendant they entered a plea of insanity and inability to plead to the indictment. Dr. Hays had examined the defendant and testified that in his opinion the defendant was criminally insane. There was other testimony to the same general effect. The jury found that Frazier was insane and thereupon he was committed to the criminal insane department of the state penitentiary. This does not necessarily free him of the charge as he can be tried for the offense whenever his mind has been restored.

As stated court adjourned to Monday, the 17th. At this time the civil calendar will be taken up and it is expected that it can be disposed of in about three days.

"THE REGENERATION"

One of William Fox's Best Coming to the Orpheum.

A powerful and magnificent picture-ization of the dramatization of Owen Kildare's famed romance, "The Regeneration," will be seen at the Orpheum next Monday night. This is a play to move and sway with the deep undercurrents of human life and emotion. There are 500 vivid scenes depicting vibrant New York of today. The whole production is a live battery of thrills, action and romance.

This will be followed on Monday, April 24th, by one of William Fox's story pictures, entitled "Carmen."

St. Stephen's Parish
By reference to the advertising space of St. Stephen's Parish elsewhere in this paper will be found the hours of service on Palm Sunday.