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A SHARP STICK

THE GRANVILLE COMMERCIAL CLUB GOES AFTER THE RAILROADS

The Two Railroad Companies Entering Here Will Be Given Ample Time to Play Fair With Oxford; Otherwise the Question Will Be Taken Up With The Corporation Commission.

The citizens of Oxford are a long suffering people, but when once thoroughly aroused they mean business spelled with a big B. Sometime ago the Commercial Club requested both the Southern and Seaboard Railroad Companies to come to Oxford and look over the lay of the land and see if they could not give us better passenger and freight facilities. The companies sent two short-sighted superintendents here, and after hearing the committee from the Commercial Club let it be known that this "is a 30 cents town."

Oxford has a real grievance, and the railroad authorities were invited here as a pure matter of courtesy. Now that they have shown their hands, the Commercial Club at a special meeting last Thursday night issued an ultimatum. A strong committee, headed and balanced by splendid judicial temperament, will at once appeal to the two railroad authorities and if they do not come across with the goods the committee will take the matter up with the Corporation Commission and compel the railroad to give us relief from the unbearable condition. It is to be regretted that not all the business men of Oxford were present to ratify the action of the Commercial Club; some preferring to stay away from the Club and sit idle and suck their fingers and let the town go to smash, but nevertheless it was a most enthusiastic meeting. The proposition of the Club will be put through all right and the railroad companies will now come across.

It is indeed a sad calamity on any community that is compelled to send around a paper intended to better the community and ask the business men to sign it; especially so when we have right here in Oxford a commercial organization to which they should belong and encourage by their presence. In this instance the committee having in charge the question of better railroad facilities is abundantly able to face the Corporation Commission, but we refer more directly to a former meeting of the Club when a most grave and vital issue was being discussed, and not a single warehouseman, tobacconist, merchant or banker was present; yet these same business men are the ones that insist on "bringing around the paper and I'll look at it."

MR. SAM PARKER AT HOME

Shaking Hands With Old Friends and Kissing the Girls.

After an absence in Richmond for several weeks, where he underwent a dangerous operation and lay for several days at the point of death, Mr. Sam Parker, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Oxford, returned home last week with good color in his cheeks. Mr. Parker says that his last thought in the operation room was "Heaven, Home and Granville." He said that he had no idea that he has so many friends, and he wishes the Public Ledger to thank each and every one of them for him. Among the large number of those extending Mr. Parker the glad hand are the young people and quite a few of his old colored friends.

"GRAUSTARK"

Remarkable Drama at the Orpheum Thursday Night.

"Graustark," featuring Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, written by George Barr McCutcheon, will be enacted on the canvass at the Orpheum Thursday night, May 11th. The play abounds in thrilling situations. Bushman and Bayne are the leading stars of American.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

At the behest of many voters in Granville county, and especially in Tally Ho Township, I hereby announce myself for the Board of County Commissioners, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. I will appreciate a liberal support of the qualified voters, and if elected I will serve the interests of the county to the best of my ability.

L. L. CREWS.

Oxford College Commencement May 21-23

BACCALAUREATE SERMON BY DR. SMOOT, SUNDAY MAY 21ST.

The sixty-sixth Annual commencement of the Oxford College will be held Sunday, Monday Tuesday, May 21-23. Hon. J. Bryan Grimes will deliver the annual address before the graduates.

Programme

Sunday, May 21, a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon, Rev. C. A. Smoot, D. D., Pastor Centenary Church, Richmond, Va.; Sermon before Y. W. C. A., Rev. C. A. Smoot, D. D.

Monday May 22, 11:00 a. m.—Morning Concert. 5:00 p. m.—Meeting of the Alumnae Association. 8:00 p. m.—"Twelfth Night," presented on campus by Senior Class and School of Expression.

Tuesday, May 23, 11:00 a. m.—Graduating Exercises. Annual Address before the Literary Societies, Hon. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State. 4:30 p. m.—Art Reception. Exhibits of Household Arts, Domestic Science and Domestic Art. 5:45 p. m.—Annual Concert.

Marshals

Loula Elizabeth Stone, Chief, Grace Bowling, Dorothy Royster.

Class Officers

Flossie Nobles, President, Nannie Pearl Knott, Vice President, Laura Annie Wells, Secretary and Treasurer.

Bachelor of Science

Laura Annie Wells, Nannie Pearl Knott, Flossie Nobles.

Bachelor of Music

Fannie Buchanan, Blanche Emma Surles.

School of Expression

Blanche Emma Surles.

Class Marshalls Ruth Shaw Miss Mary O. Hawkins Lila Currin.

COUNTY FAIR HEADQUARTERS

Secretary Knott Will Have His Headquarters in the Commercial Rooms.

At a recent meeting of the Granville Commercial Club, Mr. P. W. Knott, Secretary of the Granville County Fair, was requested to make his headquarters at the Club rooms. Mr. Knott has accepted the offer and will at an early date establish himself in the Club room set apart for him.

The Club has requested Secretary Knott to address them at their monthly meeting in June. He has accepted the proposition to speak and it is thought that his remarks will be along the line of a bigger and better fair.

THE PICNIC SEASON

Make Glad the Hearts of the Little People.

There is nothing that affords the children quite so much pleasure as a picnic in the woods, and it is a mighty good time for old men to limber up their joints.

The Oxford Baptist Sunday School are planning to have a big picnic at an early date. The whole congregation will join in with the little people and go out to some shady place and eat, drink and make merry. There will probably be a fat man's race and a lean man's race.

A QUIET MARRIAGE

Miss Josephine Medford the Bride of Mr. Lewis Rowland

Miss Josephine Medford, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Medford, and Mr. J. Lewis Rowland, of Willow Springs, were quietly married in Raleigh last Sunday evening.

Miss Medford has a host of friends in Oxford, and Mr. Rowland is a prominent merchant of Willow Springs. The Public Ledger wishes the happy couple a long and useful life.

The Fatal Day

All the candidates have their eyes fixed on June 3d. Those who have kept a tab on the public pulse express the opinion that there will not be a second primary in Granville.

FOR THE HOUSE

In response to an urgent request of many voters in Granville county I hereby announce my candidacy for the House of Representatives, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. I am thoroughly familiar with the needs of the business and farming interests of this section, and if elected I shall do all in my power to work for the measures that are best adapted to every man's interest. I will thank my many friends for their suffrage at the polls.

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C. N. FLOYD.

AVERT BREAK

PRESIDENT MAY NOT ANSWER THE GERMAN NOTE

It is Entirely Possible That No Reply Will Be Sent, for the Present, at Least, to Allow the Teutons to Demonstrate "Good Faith."

WASHINGTON—The official text of the German note was made public Saturday by the State Department. Ambassador Gerard, in transmitting the document, said he had received copies in both German and English, probably accounting for the fact that the official and the unofficial versions are so nearly identical.

Some Disappointment Indicated

Officials had indicated that should the official text bear out the unofficial version, they thought it improbable diplomatic relations would have to be severed, unless further attacks upon merchant ships violated the new pledges. Disappointment has been indicated, however, over certain features of the German reply and some high officials believe that it at least cannot be accepted unconditionally.

Decision Rests With Wilson

Opinion as to whether the note requires an answer seems divided. Decision rests with the President, who so far has not indicated to any one his final judgment in the matter.

It is entirely possible that no reply will be sent, for the present at least, and that the President will maintain complete silence for a time, allowing Germany to demonstrate

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PEACE TALK

SENATORS SIMMONS AND OVERMAN DISCUSS THE RECENT NOTE

Senator Simmons Believes That Germany's Concession is Complete—Senator Overman Feels That Much in the Note is for Home Consumption.

WASHINGTON — Senator Simmons sees in the German note much to indicate that Germany desires to arrive at terms of peace and wants the good offices of the United States. In discussing this phase of Germany's reply Senator Simmons is reflecting an impression that has gained strong hold on the minds of members of Congress and Government officials in Washington. Senator Simmons regards the reservations made by Germany relative to treatment of England by the United States solely as an appeal to the German people. He believes that her concessions is complete. As an indication that peace terms are desired he regards them as keeping with previous statements by the German Government. Senator Simmons said "So far as the suggestion by Germany that we bring pressure on England and tell her to desist from certain practices is concerned, I presume the President will pursue his own course. Personally, I am disposed to think that Germany is making this reservation in deference to the political situation in Germany."

"It is not to be assumed she will change her course of action if the President does not succeed in bringing about the results apparently demanded by Germany. I am inclined to think there is some indication in the note that Germany would like to come to terms of peace and have the good offices of the United States." Senator Overman said: "I think that Germany has yielded, although it was with a sour face and not very graciously. I think there is no occasion now for breaking off diplomatic relations. Much of the note is for home consumption, but when Germany comes to the real point she yields to the demands of the President. While there seems to be a condition in the note I do not believe there is any doubt about the result contained in it."

WILL PRESENT PLAY

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades of Oxford Graded School.

"Little Men" and "Little Women" will be presented by the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades of the Oxford Graded School on Saturday night, May 13, in the school auditorium. There will be no admission charge and friends of the school are cordially invited to attend. The hour is 8 o'clock.

Those Who Think It Smart to Act the Fool

ALL SUCH DESERVE YOUR PITY AND NOT YOUR CENSURE

We could scarcely believe our ears when a good old farmer friend the other day told us of a congregation at a certain church in Granville that was frequently bothered by a gang of boisterous youths. We were aware that the dark corners of the big cities were inhabited by toughs, but it is hard to believe that there is anyone in good old Granville sufficiently depraved to disturb public worship.

The idiotic cuss who goes to a place of entertainment and disturbs and annoys is not mean. It is not his innate cussedness that makes him as he is. He is unfortunate. He deserves your pity, not your censure. The poor fool cannot help it, for it is born in him to do the thing he is doing just as much as it is born in the dog to bark or the jackass to bray. Run over the list of those who go out every time there is a public entertainment in your community and by their abominable behaviour mar the pleasure of orderly people who attend; study them and see if we are not handing out some chunks of truth about them. A study of each one of them will show that the trouble with them is deep-seated. Long before they were born—not the evening of the entertainment—that is when the piece of folly they are getting off started. Into their brains went too little gray matter—and they are deformed in the worst place any human being can be deformed. They can no more help playing the fool than they can change the color of their eyes. They are built that way. What is to be done about it, do you ask? How shall the poor fool be treated? Get your Bible, turn to Proverbs, twenty-sixth chapter and third verse—and there you will find the remedy.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Fancy Prices For Tobacco in Those Days.

Col. H. G. Cooper pointed out the following item reproduced from the Richmond Times-Dispatch published fifty years ago. We share with him the wish that the same prices will prevail next fall:

"There were some large sales of leaf tobacco on the Tobacco Exchange yesterday. Two commission merchants offered fancy stock from Pittsylvania and Halifax Counties that brought big prices. One lot from Pittsylvania composed entirely of bright yellow wrappers, brought \$109 per 100 pounds. Another lot from the same county, weighing over 700 pounds, brought \$97 per 100, and still another lot, weighing about 1,000 pounds, brought \$88 per 100. Two lots from Halifax County, both consisting of yellow wrappers, brought \$102 and \$99 per 100. These lots weighed jointly more than 1,000 pounds.

Wedding at Exchange Hotel

Miss Maude Gee and Mr. Edward McGuire Gary of Lunenburg county, Virginia, were quietly married at the Exchange Hotel at an early hour Monday morning, Dr. R. H. Willis pronouncing them man and wife in the presence of the guests of the hotel and visiting friends. Those in the bridal party were: Miss Mae Sneed, Kenbridge, Va.; John Dunlop, Victoria, Va.; and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Martin, Lunenburg, Va.

Distinguished Speaker

Hon. T. W. Bickett, Democratic candidate for Governor, will arrive in Oxford Saturday morning and speak in the Court House at 1:30 o'clock.

Memorial Day at Stovall

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The Boy Scouts of Stovall will decorate the graves of the fallen heroes on the afternoon of May 10th. The Scout Master requests all the High School children to take part in the parade, and it is hoped that all the ladies of the community will bring all the flowers they can obtain to the Jewelry Store and be on hand not later than 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. It is hoped that there will be enough flowers to decorate each grave. Several speakers will be on hand to tell of the valor of those who went forth to do battle for their country.

L. C. WILKERSON, Scout Master.

2 BUSY TOWNS

THE EDITOR SPENT A FEW MINUTES SATURDAY IN PROVIDENCE AND STEM

Everybody Had Their Sleeves Rolled Up and the Sound of Gold Was Heard on Every Side.

We jumped in a car Saturday with Sheriff Hobgood and Special Officer Hutchins and slid down to Stem. So far as Sheriff Hobgood was concerned, it was purely an official visit, entirely void of political significance, and we accompanied him merely for the pleasure there is in a spin along the National Highway.

On our way down we had hoped to consult Lord Mayor Walter Averett of Providence on a matter of grave importance, but he was so busy he waved us ahead without examining our passports. The stores were crowded with shoppers and the merchants were reaping a harvest.

Down by the river we met Chief Wheeler, who went out earlier in the day and cast in a line, but from the number of fine fish he showed us it is reasonable to suppose that he has a private fish basket or robbed somebody's trap. He had at least a half bushel of fine fish, some of them weighing as much as two pounds.

On arriving at Stem we heard the cash registers ringing on all sides of us. The streets and the stores were crowded with people and to our surprise only one out of every ten shoppers asked for credit. In the afternoon the crowd was so dense in the business section, automobiles and horse-drawn vehicles had to come to a dead standstill and abide their time in passing through the public square. Amid the hustle and bustle and the sound of gold, we asked ourselves why should our friend Mr. Joe H. Gooch, want to get into politics?

Stem is one of the very busy towns in the State that always postpones funerals until Sunday, and it is also interesting to note that when the people of Stem come to Oxford they are always diked up fit to kill, but as soon as they return to their own town they hang up their coats and roll up their sleeves. There is a full page of real live news at Stem every day, but our correspondent, Mr. W. R. Mangum, is too busy handling gold to write it up.

THE OLD VETERANS

Granville Will Be Represented at the Reunion.

Several Granville veterans express a desire to attend the annual Confederate Reunion, which is to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, May 16, 17, and 18. The Southern Railway has been designated the official carrier from Richmond and Raleigh. The Times-Dispatch states that it will require four special trains to handle the Richmond delegation alone. A special will be made up at Raleigh and run as a local to Greensboro, where it becomes a solid through train.

Our old friend Stegall, an honored veteran of the Civil War, will be in the line of march at Birmingham. He is among the half dozen oldest survivors of Lee and is ready to go to Mexico if they need him.

THE TENTH OF MAY

Patriotic Daughters Will Decorate Graves.

Wednesday, the 10th of May will be observed as Memorial Day, when the Daughters of the Confederacy will hold memorial service and present crosses of honor.

Friends of the veteran cause are requested to send flowers to the residence of Mrs. W. B. Ballou for the purpose of decorating the soldiers' graves on Wednesday morning.

SMALL BLAZE

Fire Truck Makes Run to Fire on New Pavement

A chicken coop caught fire Monday evening in the yard of Henry George, colored on Granville street in the rear of Crenshaw's Garage. The fire was caused by fumigating powder being left in the coop to burn. The coop was a good sized affair and may have caused considerable damage to that part of town had it not been for the quick work of the new fire truck. Anyone fumigating should be very careful as a small blaze often causes a great conflagration.

The Time is Short

Candidates who do not file application on or before the 20th of May will not be in the race.