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NITRATE PLANT

SEVERAL TO BE ERECTED IN THE SOUTH

Tar River, a Mile Below the Southern Railway Crossing, is One of the Best Locations in the State.

The adoption of the new Army bill with its provision for nitrate plants will afford an opportunity to the people of Granville to represent to the government the vast water power facilities in our county and to argue that a plant be established here.

The unlimited water power down on Tar River, near the Southern Railway crossing and possibly at other places in Granville, will be attractive to the Government engineers when they come to consider the places where the nitrate plants should be located, as well as the fertilizer needs of this section of the State. It was brought out in the hearings that these plants should be placed with a view to serving the interests of agriculture in the most advantageous way. Much consideration already has been given to the proposed location of a plant at Mussel Shoals, close to the junction of the three States of Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina.

Unless some hitch is found when the House again begins considering the nitrate measure of the bill, it is thought that within twelve months the Government should be ready to begin the construction of the plants. As to whether or not one of these plants will adorn the banks of Tar River, in our opinion the measure is more far-reaching in its beneficial effects for the farmers of the entire county than any legislation presented to or passed by the Congress of the United States.

Our claims for a nitrate plant in our midst is based upon the unlimited amount of air and the splendid water power in Granville. The amount of nitrates that may be extracted from the air is only limited to the power generated for its extraction. It is estimated that there are 24,000 tons of nitrates in every square mile of air in Granville which of course, is renewed as rapidly as it is exhausted.

SUPERIOR PRODUCT

Manufactured by the Experiment Station Creamery, Raleigh

In establishing the Creamery at the Experiment Station, Raleigh, one year ago, it was stated that every effort would be directed to produce a superior quality of butter. They erected a magnificent plant, added a hundred thoroughbred cows, established creamery routes and employed a scientific instructor of undoubted ability to handle the business. The venture was a success from the very start. The brand that is receiving so much applause in the State is named, "The Pine State Butter," which is packed in a neat hermetically sealed carton. The management of the Raleigh Creamery, which is a State institution, has demonstrated that "Elgin," Illinois, has nothing on Raleigh, North Carolina. We are willing to rest the reputation of North Carolina on "The Pine State Butter." The management of the Creamery is jealous of their good works. It is not every one that is permitted to handle the product of the Raleigh Creamery. They first inquire as to the sanitary surroundings of a groceryman before they enter into a contract to supply them. This is done with a view of impressing an important lesson. They recognize that much of their reputation depends on the groceryman who handles the butter, and with this end in view they gave Taylor Brothers, the Sanitary Grocers, the exclusive agency for Oxford.

REUBEN HART FOR COMMISSION

We, whose names appear under this notice, take this occasion to place before the Democratic voters of this county for County Commissioner the name of a man whose record is an open book, and stays open for inspection, both in public and in private life. We know that he makes mistakes, but we also verily believe that he is honest. His name is Reuben Hart, you know him. We bespeak for him the hearty support of all the good people of the county. J. S. WATKINS, J. D. NEWTON, R. T. BLACKWELL, T. B. NEWTON, F. O. BUMPASS, D. W. NEWTON, W. J. CURRIN, D. A. BURWELL. Signed: 3t

A Recent Commencement Prayer

A PETITION FOR INTELLECTUAL AND SPIRITUAL ADVANCEMENT

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, the Exalted and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, whose existence and power and wisdom and goodness and glory both Revelation and Creation declare, we come before Thee to render unto Thee due homage. It is meet and right and salutary at all times and in all places, to recognize and acknowledge Thy sovereignty and our dependence; and to laud and magnify Thy matchless name for man's unique position and high dignity in the scale of Creation. Of all Thy handiwork man stands forth pre-eminent; for Thou hast made him but a little lower than the angels and crowned him with glory and honor. Thou hast endowed him with wonderful powers of thought, utterance and action.

We come then, at this time, to thank Thee for what we are and what we may attain to by Thy grace even in this life. We come to thank Thee for the capability and opportunity of intellectual and spiritual development. We come to thank Thee that we live in a land that endeavors to provide the necessary facilities for mind and soul culture. We come to thank Thee for this dual education that makes a true life possible. Ours is indeed a goodly heritage.

We would now implore Thy blessings for this occasion. We pray for Thy gracious benediction to rest upon and abide with this institution here and now represented and engaged in its Annual Commencement exercises. Direct with thy favor all connected with its interests that Thy name may be glorified in the successful prosecution and accomplishment of the great and good work it has been established to do. We pray Thy blessing upon him who shall bring a message from Thy word to those who have completed the allotted curriculum of this school of learning. May it prove a message duly weighted with sound thought, safe instruction and helpful inspiration. We entreat Thy future guidance and richest blessing for the members of the graduating class. Let the light of Thy countenance shine upon them, order their footsteps by Thy word, nourish them with all goodness, and ever keep them in the shade of Thy Sheltering and protecting wings of love and mercy.

These and all other needed blessings vouchsafe unto us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost we ascribe all honor and praise, world without end. Amen.

DEATH OF PENNY ARRINGTON

Long the Servant of the Honorable A. H. A. Williams Family
Penny Arrington, seventy years old, for thirty-four years the faithful servant of Mrs. A. H. A. Williams, died Monday at the Williams home on Front street.

Aunt Penny was the slave of H. G. Williams and at his death she entered the employ of his son, the late Hon. A. H. A. Williams. By her gentle disposition and integrity, Aunt Penny won the esteem of the family she served so long. Her departure brought sorrow to their hearts and they followed her to the grave with bowed heads and laid flowers upon her resting place. The funeral from the home place of Mrs. Williams and the ceremony at the grave, conducted by Rev. A. C. Jones, were beautiful and impressive.

FULL REPORT

Closing Exercises at Oxford College.

A full report of the finals at Oxford College will be published in the next issue of the Public Ledger.

Lunatic Escapes

Jesse Clements, colored, who was sent to Goldsboro insane asylum about a month ago, made his escape from the authorities last week and returned to his home on Oxford Route 6.

The Colored Vote

It is estimated that there are 150 colored voters in Granville and those who are in a position to know whereof they speak state that a large majority of them will vote the Democratic ticket.

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATING CLASS MAKES A CREDITABLE SHOWING

Prof. Noble, a Distinguished Speaker, Will Deliver the Annual Address at Eight O'Clock This Friday Night

The auditorium of the Oxford High School was filled Thursday night by attendants on the closing exercises of the High School graduating class. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. S. K. Phillips.

Miss Elizabeth Floyd was salutatorian and her paper was very good—carefully prepared and well received, as were the essays of Misses Ida Walters and Georgia Winston and the oration, by Mr. Robert Kinton. Miss Ida Walters was the valedictorian and her paper was well written, logical and showed research.

The Class History was recited by Miss Irene Pierson, who brought forth many smiles and hearty laughs. The Poem, by Miss Lucille Hunt, was well received. Characteristics, by Henry Shaw, was a nice piece of original work. The novel Gifts, handed out by Miss Helen Howard, brought down the house. The Class Prophecy by Miss Georgia Winston, was well written and showed marked ability, and the Class Will, by Miss Annie Lee, was a splendid paper and well received.

In presenting the diplomas, Mr. John Webb, of the School Board, spoke words of encouragement. He referred to the fact that President Wilson was a school boy in North Carolina only forty years ago, and he reminded the class of the importance of keeping up their studies.

Taken altogether, the closing of the 1916 graduating class was one of the best ever held, and reflected honor on the efficiency and earnest work of the faculty and pupils.

Prof. Noble Will Speak

Prof. Noble, of Chapel Hill, one of the most entertaining speakers in the State, will deliver the annual address in the auditorium of the High School this Friday night at eight o'clock. Those who fail to hear him will miss a treat.

A full report of those receiving medal and distinctions will appear in the next issue of the Public Ledger.

DOWN IN MEXICO

CARRANZA WILL ASK THAT ALL AMERICAN TROOPS BE WITHDRAWN

WASHINGTON—The state department was officially advised today that Carranza's note, demanding the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico, is on the way by special messenger. It is expected to arrive the middle of next week.

Forecasts of Carranza's note repeated in Washington say it will be practically an ultimatum so far as demands for troop withdrawal goes. Villa's interference and the dispersing of his band accomplished, the purposes of the punitive expedition, the note will say that Carranza troops have been sent north in numbers sufficient to prevent further outbreaks.

The note will reiterate a willingness to enter into reciprocal arrangement for the pursuit of bandits across the border after the present American expedition is withdrawn.

PRIMARY ENTRIES CLOSED

CANDIDATES IN THE PRIMARY TO BE HELD SATURDAY JUNE 3d.

Entries for the Granville county primary closed Saturday evening, and voters of the county now know who will be the candidates in the primary to be held Saturday, June 3. In all cases where there is only one person a candidate for a particular nomination, the county board of elections will declare him nominated. This is the condition with regard to all Republican candidates, so there will be no Republican primary in the county.

Treasurer Robards and Coroner Thomas, Democrats, and the Republican ticket stand nominated and their names do not occur in the list below.

Democratic County Ticket

[There will be a square opposite the name of every candidate on the ticket and the voter is required to

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The Schools of Granville County

A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE IS MOST ENCOURAGING

The statistical reports for the schools are all in and show an average daily attendance of the white schools of 1,880. This is an increase of 99 over last year. The average length of term was 119.6 days, an increase of three over last year. The corresponding for 1905-6 were average attendance 1,340, length of term 96 days. An increase in average attendance of 540 with the increase of 23 days in the ten years mean a great deal in the education of the children of the county. Taking both of these increases into consideration and reducing to a comparative ratio the value of the school of today compared to ten years ago is as 7 to 4, nearly double.

The following shows the average attendance by townships:

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| Tally Ho | 435 |
| Dutchville | 380 |
| Brassfield | 248 |
| Oak Hill | 187 |
| Fishing Creek | 185 |
| Sassafras Fork | 159 |
| Walnut Grove | 141 |
| Salem | 79 |
| Oxford | 66 |

Total... 1880

This does not take into consideration the better quality of the training due to the larger number of teachers, and consequently the better grading, and also the better trained teachers, and better school buildings and equipment. One other fact of great significance is that ten years ago there were only 25 pupils doing high school work in the county schools, while the year just past showed an enrollment of 257.

MR. SAMUEL COHN MARRIES

Ceremony Performed in Baltimore Last Sunday

Friends in Oxford have received neatly engraved cards announcing the marriage of Mr. Samuel Cohn and Miss Frieda Meyer at the home of the bride in Baltimore last Sunday. The bride is a very handsome young lady. She is highly connected in Richmond, where she spent most of her life.

Mr. Cohn is well known in the business circles of Oxford and is a member of the mercantile firm of Cohn & Sons.

The happy couple will arrive in Oxford Saturday.

FROM ASHEVILLE TO OXFORD

Oxford Ministers Experience Delightful Trip.

Doctor and Mrs. G. T. Lumpkin and Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Upchurch, who attended the Southern Baptist Convention, left Asheville last Saturday and arrived in Oxford Tuesday. They made the trip in Mr. Upchurch's Ford car, touring via Ridgecrest and Charlotte, a distance of 306 miles to Raleigh. They traveled during the day and spent two nights while in transit. They consumed seventeen gallons of gas and oil and the trip stood the party about \$12.50. Save a punctured tire they experienced no further trouble.

At Catawba Institute

Senator A. A. Hicks delivered the annual address before the senior class of Catawba Institute Wednesday night. He has been attending to legal business in Greensboro this week and will probably not reach Oxford before Saturday morning.

MISSIONARY UNION'S PLEDGE

Southern Baptists Will Abolish Their Field Secretaries

At the Southern Baptist Convention in Asheville last week the Women's Missionary Union pledged fifteen thousand dollars to the Southern Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Board's debt. There was a sensation when the convention voted to abolish the field secretaries and consolidate the publication boards. New Orleans was chosen for the next convention. Rev. C. W. Duke of Tampa is to deliver the sermon.

Colored Graded School Closes

The Oxford Colored Graded School came to a close Thursday night. They have done splendid work during the year. The closing exercises reflected credit upon the faculty and pupils.

BUELOW COMING

REPORT HAS IT THAT HE IS COMING AS SPECIAL AGENT OF EMPEROR WILLIAM

WASHINGTON—The greatest interest was awakened here Wednesday by the sudden return to this country of Marshal Langhorne, secretary of the American legation at the Hague, and by the report that Prince von Buelow, former German imperial chancellor, is coming to the United on a special mission from the German emperor.

Neither the German embassy nor the state department denies that Prince von Buelow might be selected by Emperor William to come to America on a special mission, but both said they knew nothing about it. In diplomatic circles it was said the selection of a man of von Buelow's type for a special mission would be natural if the German government contemplated initiating peace parleys.

MISS SUE KELLY COMING

Will Visit Many of the Churches of the County

At the last meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Flat River Association it was unanimously decided to engage Miss Sue Kelly during the summer to visit the churches, for the purpose of more fully enlisting the women and children in the work of the Missionary Union. We have been most fortunate in securing her services for June and July. She will visit the following churches on the dates named below:

Bullock—Saturday and Sunday, June 3d and 4th.
Grassy Creek—Tuesday, June 6th.
Mountain Creek—Thursday, June 8th.

Hester—Friday, June 9th.
Beulah (Providence)—Saturday and Sunday, June 10th and 11th.

Enon—Tuesday, June 13th.
Mt. Zion—Thursday, June 15th.

Tally Ho—Saturday and Sunday, June 17th and 18th.

Concord—Tuesday, June 22d.

Olive Grove—Thursday, June 22d.

Knap of Reeds—Saturday and Sunday, June 24th and 25th.

Her other appointments will be published later. We will greatly appreciate the help and co-operation of all pastors and laymen in this work. The visit of so consecrated a Christian worker will be a blessing to any church and community.

Three years ago Miss Kelly spent some weeks in our Association, which resulted in permanent good. Before her visits there were only twelve missionary societies of any grade. Now there are more than thirty and their gifts to missions have more than doubled.

MRS. JOHN WEBB, Pres. W. M. U., Flat River Asso.

GOOD MEN WANTED

Automobile Manufacturers Sorely Pressed for Help

In conversation with Mr. H. M. Shaw, who represents the Mitchell-Lewis Motor Company, Racine, Wisconsin, we learn that the automobile manufacturers are sorely in need of help. The big automobile concerns throughout the country are working night and day and cannot begin to keep up with the orders pouring in. The private letter to Mr. Shaw speaks of the kind of men particularly wanted, as follows: Lathe hands, milling machine hands, drill and press hands, punch press hands, grinders, young men who have the ability and the desire to become highly proficient mechanics. The letter goes on to state that all classes of labor make exceptionally good money.

We merely publish this to show the readers of the Public Ledger what the outside world is doing. One good large manufacturing plant located here would distribute more money in Granville than the entire tobacco crop and there would not be an idle man within fifty miles of Oxford.

A Musical Comedy

The managers of the comedy, "A County Fair," are leaving nothing undone that will make the entertainment a pleasing success. If you want to enjoy a hearty laugh come to the Orpheum theatre next Friday evening, June 2d. Reserved seats will be on sale June 1st.

The trainer of the play is a very accomplished specialist whose life work has been the training of amateurs.