

SOME RICH MEN

"PUT MONEY IN THY PURSE," WAS A SHAKESPEARIAN INJUNCTION

This Injunction is Very Often Disregarded By the People Who Have Much Money—A Case in Point.

We happened to be talking with a big Oxford banker the other day when one of his children came up and asked him for a small coin. The banker ran his hand in his pocket and found that he was bursted flat as a flounder. "Put money in thy purse," was a Shakespearean injunction never observed by this banker.

The incident reminded us of Mr. James Pace, of Richmond. We knew him well. Before misfortune overtook him he was worth more than \$1,000,000. Yet, if this rich man crossed the river to Manchester he would invariably find himself penniless and be compelled to ask the loan of a nickle to get back to Richmond.

Rich people are so unaccustomed to carry money on their person that pickpockets give them a wide berth. The fact of the business is that a very few rich people have any money at all. Strange to say that J. Pierpont Morgan had only \$173 real cash when he died!

Nevertheless, Morgan didn't die poor. But did you observe one very striking thing about his fortune of \$78,000,000? It so nearly matched the fortune of his greatest rival, Edward H. Harriman.

Stranger still, the fortunes of Morgan, Harriman, John Jacob Astor and Russell Sage were virtually the same—all ranging around \$80,000,000. Hetty Green's was probably no more. Morgan had very few "cats and dogs" in his strong box, although we noticed that some of his stocks were not worth ten cents on the dollar.

Very often bankers and other rich men find themselves penniless away from home and are compelled to look up some one to stand for them at the bank. However sorely pressed for immediate cash, a thought of the strong box back home enables the rich man to sleep fairly well, or at least we would like to try it once to experience the difference between the real and the imaginary.

DEATH OF MRS. GEO. W. KNOTT

Was Forty-Seven Years of Age and Native of Granville County—Extensive Family Connections

(Kinston Free Press—7th)
Mrs. Sallie Hobgood Knott, widow of the late George W. Knott, died at her home in North Kinston Sunday night about 10 o'clock of Bright's disease. She was 47 years of age. Mrs. Knott was very well known in the city.

Mrs. Knott was born in Granville county in 1868, a daughter of the late Alfred Hobgood, a pioneer tobaccoist, and Sophia Hobgood. She was reared in the town of Oxford and educated at Oxford College. She was married to the late Mr. Knott, tobaccoist, at Oxford, in 1890. Five children survive the union; four of these were born at Oxford and one in Kinston. They are Allan, Thomas, George, Fred and Miss Sophia Knott, all of this city. Mrs. Knott came to this city with her husband about 19 years ago.

The following well-known persons are brothers and sisters of Mrs. Knott: Mrs. T. B. Jeffress and Miss Scotia Hobgood of Kinston, Mrs. Thomas Ozlin of Kenbridge, Va.; Messrs. A. B. Kenbridge, S. H. Henderson; A. E. Smithfield; O. R., Camp Glenn; C. B., Reidsville, and A. L. Hobgood, Henderson.

The funeral will be held from the home Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. C. W. Blanchard of the First Baptist church, of which Mrs. Knott was a member. Interment in Maplewood cemetery will follow.

Wonderful Invention

Mr. John Gooch, proprietor of the Gooch Machine Shop, on Hillsboro street, has placed in operation at his plant the most wonderful machine ever seen here. The machine will weld any kind of broken metal and you cannot see the joint. It will place a cog in a wheel as good as new. It is worth a trip to the shop to see it work. Fuller details appear elsewhere in this paper in an ad.

County Commissioners In Session Monday

ROADS AND BRIDGES RECEIVE THEIR ATTENTION

The honorable Board of County Commissioners met on Monday, August 7th, the following members being present: Messrs. B. I. Breedlove, Chairman; H. C. Floyd, J. Z. Peed, R. S. Hart.

Ordered that Sheriff S. A. Fleming meet the list takers of Dutchville township and the County list taker before the Board of County Commissioners on the first Monday in September. The object of the meeting being the assessment of his real estate.

Permission was granted the Carolina Power and Light Company to extend their current wire from the corporation limits of Oxford along the National Highway to the Fair Grounds, the said wiring to be approved by the County Attorney.

Commissioner Hart was appointed a committee to have a bridge built across Johnathan Creek near J. A. Yancey's home.

The motion to place the tax value of the Peace Fleming Co. lot in Creedmoor at \$250 was carried, this being for 1916. Grant rebate on \$950 for year 1916.

George Hall was appointed a committee to have the abutments fixed at a new bridge across Knap of Reeds creek at Crabtree's old mill.

Penny Wortham, colored, was ordered placed on the outside pauper list.

Hubert Gupton, colored, was granted admission with her three children to the Home of the Aged and Infirm.

Complaint having been made to the Board of Commissioners about people hauling sand from the road and districts of the County, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved: That any one found guilty of the above offense will be presented to the Grand Jury.

The committee to locate the special school district line near R. J. Jeffrey's made the following report: We find that three-fifths of the R. J. Jeffrey's land is in Hester special school district and the remainder in no special school district.

SOME BEAUTIFUL SCENES

Mr. R. G. Lassiter Will Advertise Oxford.

Mr. R. G. Lassiter is having a number of pictures made of the streets of Oxford which will be incorporated in his advertisements in important publications throughout the country. This will be one of the most effective ways yet devised of calling the attention of the world to Oxford. More than a million people will see the pictures and be favorably impressed with the beauties of our town.

BUGGY WHEEL STOLEN

Mr. Hal Holeman in a Sorry Plight.

Mr. Hal Holeman, a popular member of the Acme Hardware Company, gave orders for his buggy, which was under the shed at his home, to be washed up and the axles greased. He had made an engagement with a young lady in the county to call early next Sunday morning and take her to church just over the line in an adjoining county. He told her of the easy running buggy and she, too, looked forward with pleasure to the extended slow ride through shady lanes and a lunch at "Lover's Retreat" near Gray Rock.

On Wednesday morning Mr. Holeman got up rather early and while waiting for breakfast went out to the shed to see if the old darky had cleaned the buggy and made everything ready, and found that one of the wheels of the buggy had been stolen. In removing the wheel the rogue let the axle fall violently to the ground.

Sometime ago Mr. Holeman had his buggy painted an off color, a mere fancy of his to appear different from every body else. He has purchased a new wheel and placed an order with a painter to duplicate the color of the other three wheels.

Interesting Program

There will be an interesting program at the regular meeting of the B. Y. P. U., to be held at the Baptist church next Monday evening at 8:15 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

OPENING DATE

TOBACCO MEN DECIDE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

Oxford, Henderson and Durham Are Agreed on the Date—Creedmoor Yet to Be Heard From.

Tobacco men of Oxford and Henderson held a meeting in Henderson Wednesday, at which time it was decided to open the market at Oxford and Henderson on Tuesday, September 5th. Durham was not represented at the meeting, but it has since been learned that the date is acceptable to them. Nor was Creedmoor represented at the meeting, but it is thought that the date will also be acceptable to them.

Tobacco men in attendance upon the Henderson meeting were optimistic and enthusiastic over the prospects for a good season. Reports from South Carolina are most encouraging. The tobacco crop in this section of North Carolina is considered, as a whole, of a much better quality than was the case a year ago, and this is one reason why better prices are expected here. It is said, also, that the 1916 crop is slightly smaller than that of one year ago.

SINKING FUND

TOWN TAX INCREASED FIVE CENTS ON THE HUNDRED

The Rate Was \$1.20 and Now It is \$1.25 Per Hundred—Lower Than In Either Henderson, Durham or Raleigh.

An advance in the town tax rate of five cents on the hundred dollar valuation was ordered by the Board of Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting held Wednesday night. This was done with a view of creating a sinking fund. The old rate was \$1.20 on the hundred valuation and now it is \$1.25. The increase will net in the entire town about \$1,100 over the previous rate of taxation.

The tax rate in Oxford is yet lower than it is in Henderson, Durham and Raleigh and we have a whole lot to show for it.

CAPT. STEM ON FURLOUGH

Will Return to Camp Glenn Next Monday.

Capt. T. G. Stem, Company E, Third Reg. North Carolina National Guards, arrived at home Tuesday on a one week's furlough. His skin is somewhat tanned by the hot sun, his flesh more firm, he appears to be taller by one inch and is more athletic; his appetite is good, he sleeps well and his conscience is clear. That is Capt. Stem in a nutshell.

Capt. Stem assures us that the troops are well cared for; that they are being put through the manoeuvres and appear to enjoy the life of the camp. He states that a large majority of the troops anticipate with pleasure the prospects of going to Fort Bliss about the first of September.

Capt. Stem has been quite busy with legal matters since arriving at home. He looked in upon the Mayor's court to see how Acting Mayor Mitchell is getting along during his absence and congratulated him on his rulings.

THE STATE FAIR

To Be Held at Raleigh October 16-21.

The premium list of the fifty-sixth great State Fair has reached us. The awards in all departments are very handsome and many of them can be captured by the Granville people if they set their hearts on them.

The thrilling free attraction this year is the bombardment by aeroplane.

Approaching Marriage

The approaching marriage of Miss Imogene, the accomplished and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Cannady, to Mr. N. M. Ferebee has been announced to take place September 12. The bride-to-be has been a successful school teacher and is popular. Mr. Ferebee holds an important position in the Oxford post-office.

Seaboard Excursion

There were sixty-five tickets sold in Oxford for the Seaboard excursion to Norfolk last Tuesday, and forty-six sold in Henderson.

Endorsement of Prayer Meeting Night

LET WEDNESDAY NIGHT BE OBSERVED AS PRAYER MEETING NIGHT IN CHURCH AND AT HOME

To the Public Ledger:

I wish, through the Public Ledger to give public endorsement to the idea of setting aside Wednesday night for prayer in the church and in the home.

Does it not seem rather strange that any public endorsement is necessary? A large part of our population are members of some church. Most of the business men and nearly all of our women are members. The church began in a prayer meeting, and ever since that time, the prayer meeting has been recognized theoretically by all as one of the most helpful meetings of the church. Those who have attended are unanimous in their judgment that the prayer meeting is of great spiritual value.

Therefore, as most people are church members who profess to desire spiritual growth, and the prayer meeting has been proved to be of great spiritual value to those who attend one would expect it to be largely attended, and the night on which it is held set aside for that purpose.

But we know that only about 10 per cent, of the church members attend prayer meeting, and Wednesday night is not especially regarded as prayer meeting night by more than that number. Church members make other engagements on that night. I wonder how many people there are in Oxford, aside from the preachers, who refuse to make engagements or attend meetings on Wednesday night on the ground that it is prayer meeting night? What splendid testimony faithful recognition of prayer meeting night would be! I knew one business firm elsewhere that advertised to be open every night of the week "except Wednesday, which is reserved for prayer meeting." Did they fail? They made a great success. It was not Pharisaism; it was Christian testimony faithfully lived out.

Let Wednesday night be observed as prayer meeting night in the home. Christian people should no more think of giving or accepting invitations to a social function on Wednesday night because both are nights for religious services in the church.

If these things should be done the prayer meeting problem in Oxford would be solved and Oxford would become one of the famous towns of the world. ATTENDANT.

CHURCH INSTITUTE

Mr. E. L. Middleton at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

An all-day service will be held at Mt. Zion Baptist church this Saturday. Mr. E. L. Middleton will speak. There will be a roll call and reunion of all the members on Sunday. This is an institute for the purpose of considering the subject: "The work of a New Testament Church," and the best plans for doing that work.

Public Examination

There will be a public examination for teachers at the Court House in Oxford on the 24th of August. J. F. WEBB.

OBSERVING THE LAW

The Mayor of Statesville Fined Himself Ten Dollars

Mayor Caldwell, of Statesville is a man after our own heart. He was out with some people and they wanted to catch the train and the only way to do it was to exceed the speed limit. There were two machines in the mayor's party so these machines turned on the juice, caught the train, but burned the air. Going down to court next morning Mayor Caldwell fined himself \$5 in two cases for exceeding the speed limit. It cost him \$10, but he wanted it understood that he had no more rights than other men.

This is administering the law justly. This is what we would call an efficient officer. Had he failed to fine himself there would have been people to criticize him. It is understood that he is now in a position to read the riot act to those who exceed the speed limit—a thing that is hard to do in a small town, but should be done by all means.

THE CAMPAIGN

THE OPEN SEASON FOR POLITICS AND PLOITICIANS HAS BEGUN

The Very Air Is Electrified and it is the Same Old Thing Every Four Years.

The open season for politics and for politicians has begun. From now on until election day there will be speeches, addresses, pronouncements and "whirlwind tours" enough to fill the columns of dozens of papers every day. It is the same way every four years.

At the end of that period the American people take on an expectant attitude. The very air is electrified with portents and forebodings. Like the small boy who is expecting the circus to come along, the man in every hamlet, village, town and city looks forward to election day. It's great fun.

And during the time that elapses from the nomination days to the end of the campaign he fairly devours the newspapers. What would a presidential or any other campaign be without the daily and weekly press of the country? It would be a mighty dead affair, and very likely the voters would have to be notified by postcard or other means to come and cast their ballots the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

It is understood that several noted Republican speakers will invade the Fifth Congressional District and try to defeat Major Steadman. It is stated that Linney, Settle, Grissom and two or three big Republican guns from the North will be fired in Granville. If any one thinks that the Democrats of Granville will sit still and see Major Steadman defeated they are sadly mistaken. The Major is somewhat of a speaker himself, but if he should happen to be a little short on ammunition we have right here in Oxford two or three speakers that can handle anything that comes down the pike.

It is understood that the county candidates are committing their little say to memory and will be ready for the stump the first week in September.

INSPECTING THE HOTELS

The Exchange Hotel Extends Cordial Greetings to the Inspectors

The State Board of Health has begun the work of inspecting the hotels in North Carolina. This is a move in the direction of cleanliness and good health and while it is optional with the hotels whether they shall have a visit from the inspecting committee there is not a hotel in the State that should not invite and welcome such inspection. If the kitchens and dining rooms are kept in fine order there should be no objection to the visits of the inspectors. On the other hand, the hotel that would object to an inspection would condemn itself in the eyes of the public as an institution that is not in shape to bear it. The hotel that passes inspection has the further benefit of an advertisement of the most valuable sort. Mr. Lonnie Smith, of the Exchange Hotel, has invited the inspectors to come to Oxford and spend a few days at the hotel with him.

Mr. Peter Arrington Dead

Mr. Peter Arrington, formerly of Warrenton, died at his home at Bronxville, N. Y., Wednesday after an illness of several months, which forced his retirement as manager of the British American Tobacco Company in that part of the country. He was indeed a good man and will be greatly missed. His remains were laid to rest at Warrenton Thursday.

Brave Boys

Hugh, Charles and Cam Easton have gone to Smithfield to spend a couple of weeks. They looked forward to the trip with a great deal of pleasure. Each was invested with a ticket and they seemed to rejoice to know that their parents would trust them to make the trip alone.

Notice of Meeting

The Maria Brown Missionary Society will meet on Monday afternoon, August 14th, at 5 p. m. at the home of Miss Julia Minor. All members are requested to be present. A.V.C.,CS.

Col. Horner Here

Col. J. C. Horner, of Horner Military School, Charlotte, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Henry G. Cooper.