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## PUBLIC HEALTH

THERE IS NO EPIDEMIC OF ANY KIND IN OXFORD

The Health of the Town Was Never Better in Its Entire History Than at Present.

The Public Ledger desires to correct a report published in some of the State papers to the effect that there is an epidemic of fever in Oxford. To be very explicit, we will state that there is no epidemic of any kind in or near Oxford.

Again, we will state that Oxford is not suffering from any kind of a plague. Oxford has the best health officer in the whole South and he has taken every precaution to safeguard the public health. He has, in fact, done more than any parent has done to safeguard their children from sickness.

We state a fact when we say that Oxford is the cleanest town in the State. But the citizens of the town do not want to become slack because there is no epidemic here. The following paragraphs clipped from Dr. Hays' article in the last issue of the Public Ledger is the exact conditions that obtain in Oxford, and what he says in reference to our town will hold good the world over. Says Dr. Hays:

"Thus far there have been three cases of typhoid fever reported in Oxford for the summer. It is difficult to say where these cases originated. Typhoid germs do not grow outside the human body save in milk. In striving to prevent typhoid fever we should hold in mind the four places where the germs of the disease are most frequently obtained, namely, in polluted water, in dirty milk, on the feet of flies and on the dirty hands of people who handle food, such as cooks, hotel waiters, bakers, dairymen and ice cream vendors.

"It is a rule, well known among health officers, that a severe epidemic of a given disease is necessary in order to cause people to take the necessary steps to prevent that disease. We have the conditions in Oxford favorable to the development of typhoid fever and we can never hope to be free from the disease until we have abolished all surface closets, closed all open wells, rid ourselves of flies, subjected all milk supplies to rigid inspection and taken precautions to prevent the promiscuous handling of all cooked foods or foods that are eaten uncooked."

### STRANGE THINGS

How Did the Mosquitoes Find Their Way to Oxford?

There is no denying the fact that the mosquitoes have found their way to Oxford—not in large numbers, but a fair representative of their species. Up to the present year mosquitoes were unknown in Oxford, and the question naturally arises: How did they get here?

Col. J. C. Horner, who is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Henry G. Cooper, is of the opinion that the mosquitoes were brought here in empty box cars from the coast. A close microscopic examination of the stranger in our midst reveals the fact that he has a yellow dot on his back, distinguishing him as a salt marsh mosquito. They are about a quarter of an inch long. The female mosquito does all the singing for the family, but they, too, are strong enough to penetrate a silk stocking with their sharp bills.

### HONORABLE DISCHARGE

Moss, Williams and Williford Arrive From Camp Glenn

Privates Moss and Williams, Company E, Third North Carolina Regiment, were last week honorably discharged from the service by order of the Secretary of War. The young men have arrived in Oxford and express themselves as entirely satisfied with the life and conditions at Camp Glenn. They regret that the conditions are such as to compel them to return home.

Roy Williford's enlistment having expired he did not desire to re-enlist, but, he, too, has no fault to find with the service.

### For the Organ Fund

The ladies of St. Stephen's Episcopal church will give a Rook Party, for the benefit of the Organ Fund at the home of Mrs. R. O. Gregory, Wednesday, August 23rd at five o'clock p.m.

## Prices Opening Date— Farmer Bets His Hat

HE THINKS THAT ALL TOBACCO SOLD ON OXFORD MARKET TUESDAY, SEPT. 5 WILL AVERAGE 20c

Last Saturday we listened to a crowd of men in front of a store, made up partly from town and county discussing the business outlook. One farmer ventured the opinion that the average for all tobacco sold on the Oxford market on opening date this year would be close on to eighteen cents. The most of them agreed that eighteen cents as a starter would do very well, but there was one old fellow in the crowd that offered to eat his hat if the average for all sold was not twenty cents.

We heard several farmers say that if tobacco sells anywhere like it should this year they intend to purchase a Fordcar. But the real deep solicitude of the farmers is that they will be able to get out of debt and have a surplus left. They expect and are entitled to a fair price for tobacco and we hope that the conditions are such as to enable the big companies to pay good prices for all grades. The only assurances that we have is based on the fact that the South Carolina crop has sold at a good figure. The big companies of course, are governed entirely by the world's supply, and there can be no doubt about it being considerably short this year.

We have merely been swapping dollars in Granville for the past two years, but it now seems that everybody will be able to meet their obligations and set the ball in motion again. It is indeed a great pity that the whole bunch of us are so dependent upon the tobacco stalk for a living. Of course, we regard every tobacco farm as a manufacturing plant, and every farmer as a business man, but we need other industries to relieve the stress that annually comes around the tobacco crop.

### ALL RECORDS BROKEN

Altapass, Mitchell County, Has 22.22 Inches of Rainfall in Twenty-Four Hours.

RALEIGH—Rainfall of 22.22 inches at Altapass, in Mitchell County, during the twenty-four hours preceding 2 p. m., July 16, is believed to have established a new record for the United States, according to Lee A. Denson, section director here of the Weather Bureau, who has completed his report on the flood in this State last month. Mr. Denson said Saturday that, so far as he knew, Alexandria, La., previously had led the country, with 21.4 inches in a similar period. Mitchell County, in the western part of the State, was hard hit, and at Altapass eleven persons were said to have lost their lives.

### THE ODD FELLOWS HOME

A Chapter of Fine Children Will Visit Oxford

A thrill of joy was experienced by every Odd Fellow in Oxford when it was definitely learned this week that a chapter of children from the Odd Fellows' Home at Goldsboro will appear in an elaborate program at the Oxford Graded School building on Thursday evening, August 17th. If you want to hear something nice and see a fine lot of children you should not miss this opportunity. The sweet little prima donna and tenor of the class are so promising that some of the enthusiastic Odd Fellows would like to enter them at the Boston Conservatory of Music to complete their musical education.

The Odd Fellows of the State support the Home, and the only aid that they solicit is through the singing class. The children are trained so as to give value received. It is something more than a mere concert—it is an inspiration.

### FIREMEN ON OUTING

Will Ride the Waves at Atlantic City

A number of the members of the Oxford Fire Company left for Atlantic City Tuesday morning for an outing covering ten days. Here is hoping that the brave and faithful fire fighters will enjoy every inch of the way and every moment down by the sea.

General Royster is resting at Buffalo Springs this week.

## NAT'L GUARD

DEPARTMENT ORDER CALLS FOR MILITIA REMAINING IN MOBILIZATION CAMPS

The Troops Are Restive In the Detention Camps and Desire to go to the Border—Movement Will Begin at Once.

WASHINGTON—All the National Guard units included in President Wilson's call on June 18 not yet on the Mexican border were ordered there Saturday by the War Department.

Between 20,000 and 25,000 additional troops will thus be added to the border force. National Guard troops there will number approximately 125,000 and the total of all troops on the border or in Mexico will be 175,000.

Secretary Baker made a formal announcement that the troop movement had nothing whatever to do with the Mexican situation as such, and was solely to relieve thousands of troops now held in mobilization camps only because they lack a few recruits to bring units up to fixed strength.

To-day's order sends the troops from Kentucky, Ohio and Vermont to the border as soon as transportation can be arranged for them, and will move all the others as soon as they are properly equipped. War Department officials decided on their action because the troops are restive in camp and there seemed to be no stimulus to recruiting while there was no prospect of movement to the border. They now expect most of the regiments will be filled before the troops leave.

### Camp Glenn Expectant

CAMP GLENN—After the first flurry of excitement occasioned by news Sunday that all National Guardsmen remaining in mobilization camps were to be sent to the border, Camp Glenn has settled down into a period of expectant waiting. Officers and men at Camp Glenn are eager to get away. They want to see service on the border. However, nothing has occurred at Camp Glenn and no instructions have been received here which would indicate that the troops will move southward any sooner than at first anticipated, which is not before September 1. However, Camp Glenn will be abandoned in short order when the word to move comes in. With all arrangements for moving the troops, including the routings to Fort Bliss, made no unnecessary delay, is anticipated in that direction. Ten days of travel rations for the entire brigade are now stored here.

## MAKING PLANS

WAREHOUSEMEN AND FARMERS PREPARING TO OPEN MARKET SEPTEMBER 5th

Some Changes Are Made in Buyers and Clerks But All Arrangements Have Been Completed.

Plans are all but completed to open the Oxford Tobacco Market Tuesday, September 5th, the date decided upon for the season to begin here and at Henderson and Durham. All of the warehouses are now being put in readiness for the coming season, which is generally expected to be one of the best in recent years.

Some changes of more or less importance have been made here since the close of the 1915 season last Spring. Mr. "Deby" Cash will buy for the American, Mr. Pace having gone with the Liggett & Myers Company. There have been a few shifts in the personnel of the warehouse forces, some officials and clerks having transferred their connections, and others having left here.

The crop is said to be slightly less this season than last year, and the product is believed to be of a better quality generally than it was the past season. With both these conditions prevailing, it is felt that higher prices are inevitable.

### Off to Northern Markets

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Breedlove left for the northern markets Monday where Mr. Breedlove will lay in an up-to-date stock of goods for the Perkins-Green Company. Mr. and Mrs. Breedlove will spend one day at Ocean View before going to New York City.

## Mr. Gillis Returns From the Hospital

ALMOST RECOVERED FROM ASSAULT ON PHILADELPHIA ROAD

BALTIMORE—Almost recovered from a broken skull sustained when he was lured from the city and assaulted on Philadelphia road, near Fourteenth street, Hugh L. Gillis, of Stovall, N. C., left Johns Hopkins Hospital Thursday for his home. He was accompanied by his wife, who for nearly two weeks was at her husband's bedside.

Four arrests have been made in the case by Baltimore county policemen and city detectives. According to the authorities, the ringleader has escaped. Chester Pugh, of Highlandtown, who has a police record, and who is being held without bail, is accused of being one of the two men who assaulted and robbed Gillis. One of the city's largest wholesale merchants is interested in the case, and he has urged the arrest of all concerned. Gillis underwent two operations while in the hospital.

### HOUSE OF MANY COLORS

Mr. Charlie Easton Restores His Dwelling to Its Prestine Brightness

When Mr. Charlie Easton moved his dwelling from Main street to Littlejohn street to make room for the postoffice, a good substantial coat of white paint was put on it. When the basement to the postoffice was dug a coat of red dirt a foot thick was spread over Littlejohn street and this soon dried out and turned to dust. The white paint on the dwelling, not yet dry, absorbed the red dust and Mr. Easton soon had a red-tinted dwelling.

Not satisfied with the street, the commissioners gave Littlejohn street a new coat of white paint and it was not long until Mr. Easton had a black-tinted house.

Now that Littlejohn street has been properly graded and has a good substantial coating of Warrenite material, Mr. Easton was moved the other day to restore his dwelling to its pristine brightness. On investigation he found that the white coat of paint was intact and as firm as a dollar. Having obtained this information, Mr. Easton employed a colored man to give the exterior of his dwelling a thorough cleaning with soap and water, and now his home stands out in the noon-day sun as bright and fresh as the day when it was newly painted.

### ROMANTIC COUPLE WED

Mr. Sam Daniels Can furnish a Few More Good Men

A few days ago a lady from the county asked Mr. Sam Daniels, keeper of the Home for the Aged and Infirm for the loan of a man a few days to help her around the farm. Mr. Daniel carefully looked over the inmates and selected one that he thought would render a good account of himself.

There was no hard and fast paper drawn, but the lady agreed to let the man return to the Home after an absence of three days. Mr. Daniels knew that the unfortunate man was in good hands and he thought little of the incident until the morning of the last day, at which time the lady drove up to the Home and informed him that she and the man she borrowed from the Home were quietly married and that she had no intention in the world of letting him return to the Home so long as there is a pea in the dish.

When seen, Mr. Daniels expressed himself as highly pleased with the union. "If there are other ladies that want husbands under the same conditions," he said, "send them to me and I will supply them as long as the limited number holds out."

### Enters Postal Service

Major P. H. Montgomery has received his appointment as rural carrier on Oxford Route 2, made vacant last Spring by the resignation of Mr. Herndon Moore. Major Montgomery entered upon his duties Monday and made the first trip.

Mr. W. W. Alston, who recently conducted a grocery store in Oxford, has been appointed to fill the position made vacant by Lieutenant Stegall, now with the National Guard.

## WHITE PAPER

THE PUBLIC LEDGER WILL BE ISSUED REGULARLY

The Scarcity of Pulp Makes the Newspaper Game a Very Serious Proposition.

There is now on an investigation into the cause of the unprecedented prices charged for white paper. Publishers insist that the manufacturers have a combination and manufacturers insist that it is not true. Viewed in any light the question is a serious one, and big concerns are alarmed. It is freely predicted that pretty soon it will be impossible to secure paper and newspapers will be forced to suspend publication. It does not seem possible but these predictions are freely made. Big publishers have agreed to reduce the size of their papers, to cut out pages and try to conserve the supply of paper in this country. News dealers are no longer given return privileges and people who do not pay their bills are cut from the list. The chances are that we are facing a new situation and publishers will be forced, unless something more favorable develops, to increase the price of their output.

The Baltimore Sun says: "The paper situation is indeed, serious. Back of the present scarcity there looms the prospect of greatly increased prices. If no remedy of this condition should be forthcoming, then it is possible that the rise in the price will make the manufacturers of paper from the various materials other than wood pulp a practicable thing. There is another element in the situation that will make for increased experimentation. The cotton growers of the South, and the corn-growers of the West and business men and financiers in those sections are apparently taking an interest in the matter. This is natural. If paper can be made from cotton stalks, that will mean not only a market for the cotton-grower's waste product, but also an establishment of paper mills in the South and the possible upbuilding of a new industry there. A similar thing is true of the West if corn stalks can be used for paper manufacture. It may thus turn out that the paper famine may furnish another illustration of the truth that necessity is the mother of invention."

### THE ENDLESS CHAIN

It is Merely a Case When Everybody Must Save Their Hide

We knew it was coming. Wheat took a jump last week, and logically enough the price of flour must follow suit. This forces the baker to raise the price of bread, and in turn the boarding house keeper, facing an advance in the price of bread and other table necessities, must increase the price of board.

So the wheat grower, the flour mill man, the baker, the boarding house keeper and the boarder must pay more for their goods. It will therefore be a wonder if the wheat grower, when confronted with higher prices on everything he has to buy, is not sorely tempted to start another "endless chain" similar to the first one by again advancing the price of wheat, and so on ad infinitum. And what is true of an advance in the price of wheat is also the case when any other necessary of life is advanced in price.

In justice to the merchants and others of Oxford we will state that not a single one of them desire the advance in prices. It is merely a case of each fellow trying to save his own hide. "Gouge and be gouged" does not apply to our home people, but as applied to the new rule of the business world, we are irresistibly forced to the conclusion that the one who is able to gouge the deepest is the most likely to come out at the big end of the horn.

### MONEY IN STOCK

Major Montgomery Speaks of Conditions in Virginia

Major and Mrs. P. H. Montgomery have returned from a pleasant sojourn at Lexington, Va. The Major states that the crops in that section of the Old Dominion are fine and that everybody is much encouraged with the prospects.

Speaking of cattle, Major Montgomery said that he saw a cow and calf sell for \$105; milch cows \$95, and a pony brought as high as \$150.