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A VISIT TO THE CAPITAL

THE MANNER IN WHICH RALEIGH HAS BOUNDED INTO METROPOLITANISM

The Traffic Policemen Bob About Like a Cork in a Whirlpool—The Ladies On Dress-Parade.

Many people in the outlying districts have long regarded Raleigh as a place where the legislature meets, and seldom do they visit the capital city unless drawn thither by an occasion that is calculated to test the capacity of its several fine hotels. But the best time to see Raleigh is when the conditions are normal—just normal—at a time when there is no political significance or brass band to draw one's attention from the real life of the city. It was our pleasure to spend last Saturday night and Sunday in Raleigh the guest of our friend, Mr. C. B. Edwards. We had frequently been in the capital city on "State occasions," but our visit this time enabled us to see Raleigh and feel its throbbing pulse.

The manner in which Raleigh has bounded into metropolitanism comes in full appreciation in the scenes of Saturday night on Fayetteville street. Any Saturday night will do—they all look alike. The sights that greet the eye and the sounds that assail the ear are more typical of a metropolis than are to be experienced in any other city on the trunk lines between Richmond and Atlanta. The throng itself is a moving aggregation of busy humanity. There are no loafers, because there is no place to loaf. One must keep on the move, or be squeezed and pulled out of shape, although the sidewalks are twenty feet wide.

We counted between the postoffice and the capitol, a distance of two squares, two hundred and sixty-four automobiles parked by the curbing, some of them having come a distance of fifteen and twenty miles to do their shopping and spend the evening hours in the city. The traffic policemen bob about like a cork in a whirlpool, themselves in quite as much danger as the people they are endeavoring to protect, for between speeding street cars, the uncertain course of the automobile with its blinding headlights, the darting motorcycles and the tangle of vehicles, one must be alert, step lively and not become confused by the din and the noise. The effect of the scene is heightened by the cluster of incandescent lights that girdle and span the old historic street that leads south from the State House. The only thing that mars the beauty and symmetry of this famous old thoroughfare is the old discolored market house. The property is worth an even hundred thousand dollars, but the city fathers prefer it to stand as a relic of a past age. In a distance of a quarter of a mile along this thoroughfare several buildings puncture the air one hundred and fifty feet above the ground. Though beautiful, the skyline is rugged. As for instance, the Wake County Savings Bank is only two stories high, and its neighbor, the Citizens' National Bank is twelve stories high. These two banks are known locally as "Mutt and Jeff."

Crowded Conditions
Our capital city has built well during the past decade, but everything has expanded beyond expectation. All of the public buildings are too small, the passenger station is too small and the churches are crowded to their full capacity. Or at least we found it so at the First Baptist church where we worshipped last Sunday morning. We got around in time for the Sunday school, and our hand is sore from the hearty handshakes we received, and there were only eight hundred members present. We went up into the sanctuary and took our seat in the "amen corner" and listened to Dr. O'Kelly preach. There must have been eleven or twelve hundred people in the sanctuary. The tender message that Dr. O'Kelly brought to them thrilled the vast assemblage and for twenty minutes you could have heard a pin drop. Miss Ellen Durham, in the choir loft, broke the stillness with her melodious voice. It was indeed a most pleasant and profitable hour. Raleigh is a church-going city. Immediately after the service we crossed Capital Square and saw the people from the various churches wending their way home. It was indeed a handsome crowd. The ladies of Raleigh, are

Movement For Union Station at HENDERSON

PROPOSITION FOR PASSENGER STATION MUST COME FROM SOUTHERN

If the officials of the Southern Railway will make to the Seaboard Air Line a proposal for operating Southern passenger trains into the Seaboard passenger station at Henderson, it is most likely that the two railroads will come to an agreement that will afford this extra convenience for the traveling public, says the Henderson Daily Dispatch. This information is conveyed, or at least words to this effect, in the reply of Seaboard Air Line officials to the request made them by C. V. Singleton, chairman of the transportation committee of the Henderson Board of Trade, that some sort of an arrangement be made whereby both roads may use the Seaboard station.

Mr. Singleton has not as yet heard from Southern authorities as to their position in the matter, but the declaration of the Seaboard to the effect that the proposition should come from the Southern Railway is cause for optimism on the part of Board of Trade officials and committeemen who have been working to effect the change in service.

ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY

Rev. G. B. Henryhand, of Kinston, Was Elected Moderator and Rev. Shields Clerk

The fall meeting of the Albemarle Presbytery held at Stovall church closed Thursday afternoon, after a very successful session. Dr. Summerell, of Newbern, preached the opening sermon, and the organization was called to order by the moderator, Rev. J. S. Kennison, of Stovall. Rev. G. B. Henryhand, of Kinston, was elected moderator, and Rev. H. McQ. Shields, of Townsville, clerk.

The reports from the different churches were very interesting and encouraging. Two new churches have been organized since the last meeting and two applicants for organization were presented.

The sermon on foreign missions was preached by Rev. J. B. Massey, Wilson, and Rev. R. A. Lapsey, of Tarboro, preached the sermon of Home Missions and Sabbath.

An enthusiastic mass meeting was held in the interest of evangelistic work, and several addresses were made. The meeting adjourned Thursday at noon to hold its next session on April 10th, 1917, at Kinston.

CHAUTAQUA AT VIRGINIA

Three Days' Event Will Be Held This Week.

Virginia and surrounding country is much enthused over the Chautauqua which will hold a three day's event at Virgilina, beginning Thursday and continuing through Saturday night. Friday will be the annual Booster's Day. There is something on the program to instruct and amuse everyone. See announcement elsewhere in this issue of the Public Ledger.

Aged Lady Dead

Mrs. Bettie Jones, aged 60 years, died at her home near Blackwell's store last Thursday. The funeral services, conducted by Dr. Willis, was held from the residence on Friday afternoon and the interment was in the family plot.

the most tastily dressed of any city south of Washington City.

"The Old Reliable"

We are proud of the many things that we noted in the capital city of our state, but nothing gave us more genuine pleasure than to see the News and Observer under full steam and in the making. They are now in the new building and are magnificently equipped. They are gathering up the loose ends and are concentrating their energies on a given point, and some of these mornings in the near future the News and Observer will come to you sweetened and still more beautiful. Mr. E. E. Britton, editor-in-chief, is not only a brilliant writer, but he is a splendid organizer. His forces are ready for any emergency, and as soon as the new plant gets in full swing "if you don't find it in the News and Observer it didn't happen."

MEAT PACKING PLANT

AGENT WILL VISIT OXFORD THURSDAY

Mass Meeting to Be Held in the Court House at Eleven O'Clock Thursday Morning.

Mr. John W. Greer, interested in the establishment of meat packing plants, has signified his intention and desire to be in Oxford next Thursday morning and confer with the citizens of town and county with a view of locating a meat packing plant here.

General Royster, president of the Granville Commercial Club, active in good works, suggests that the meeting next Thursday morning be held in the Court House at eleven o'clock.

A meat packing plant in Oxford is the most vital question that has ever been handled in this community. No farmer or business man of the county can afford to remain away from the meeting at the Court House at 11 o'clock next Thursday morning. Your presence will count as so much capital invested.

MOTORISTS SHOULD ORGANIZE

Granville County Automobile Association Sounds Good

Granville county automobile owners should form a County Association for their own protection, and for the protection of the public against speed maniacs. A Granville County Automobile Association could be of great assistance to the Road Commissioners in looking after maintenance and co-operating and working together for the completion of certain roads, and for extending roads into sections where there are none. An association of this character properly organized could and would be a great power for the good of the individual motorist, as well as for the common good of all the county. Every county in the state should have an association, and the county associations should form a state organization, which would be a great power in shaping laws effecting motorists, as well as influencing highway legislation for the individual county and state at large. The organization of the motorists of the state is of far greater importance today than ever before, for the simple reason that the United States government has appropriated eighty-five million dollars to be used by the different states for the construction of public roads and as the automobile owner is deeply interested and shows as much intelligent interest in the road question as any other class of people, it is his duty to co-operate with the road officials in the county and state to see that the money is properly spent for the best interest of all the people.

The Public Ledger is heartily in favor of an organization of this character, and would suggest that the automobile owners get together and call a great mass meeting of all automobile owners in the county and secure a couple of prominent speakers to address the motorists.

The Barometer of Business

We are publishing elsewhere in the Public Ledger today the quarterly report of the financial condition of the National Bank of Granville. It is indeed gratifying to note that there is a considerable increase of business noted and that the outlook in this section of the State is bright.

PICNIC AND SPEAKING

To Celebrate Completion of School House at Caltolina

We learn from Mr. Calton, the good man that is doing things at Caltolina, that the new school house is nearing completion. Work is being pushed as much as possible and it is hoped that it will be ready for occupancy by the middle of October. When completed it will be formely turned over to Granville and Person counties. The school house and grounds are a gift of the Caltons, and it is the desire of the good people in that section to have a picnic and "program" when it is turned over to the school authorities.

The 1916 books are now open. Call at office and settle. 13-3t S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.

Let Us Have Good Home Schools

THE CHEAPEST AND BEST WAY TO EDUCATE CHILDREN IS BY CO-OPERATING

The best investment for any community is a good home school. Statistics show that only ten percent of the children of any community go away from home to school. This means that ninety percent of the children of each district will never get any better education than the home school furnishes. This being the case it behooves every community to do its utmost to make the home school as good as possible.

The cheapest and best way to educate children is by co-operating and building up a good strong home school. The cost to the average family will not exceed the railroad fare necessary to get the children to and from the distant boarding school, and besides this they have them under their care and protection at the time when they greatly need both.

Has your district voted a local tax? If not, this should be your next move. You cannot have this good home school without paying for it. It is true that it will cost much less than you can educate your children for in any other way, but still it will cost you, and the quality will be largely in proportion to the price you pay for it. Are you satisfied with your home school? If not, you will find no better time than now to start to make it better, if not the best in the county.

All together for a better home school!

TWO FINE BROTHERS

Reunion of the Moss Family in Granville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moss, of Lancaster, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. V. Y. Moss of Canonsburg, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Will E. Moss, of Durham; Mrs. R. S. Jenkins and Mr. Julian Jenkins, of Franklinton spent one day this week at the Experimnt Farm, the guest of Mr. E. G. Moss.

Messrs. W. E. and V. Y. Moss are brothers. They left Granville several years ago and have made good. After spending a couple of weeks with kinspeople in South Granville they left Monday for their distant homes. While in the county a family reunion was held in their honor, at which more than thirty relatives were present.

OXFORD-HENDERSON HIGHWAY

Parham's Hill Receives a Dressing of Soil

We commend Mr. B. I. Breedlove, Chairman of the County Board, for the splendid attention he has given the Oxford-Henderson highway. Blair's forces were despatched last week to Parham's hill to soil and shape up several hundred yards of road that was much worn and washed by the rains. Harrisburg hill is now the only knotty problem on the popular thoroughfare connecting Oxford and Henderson. What should be done we are unable to advise. The bed of the road for a distance of more than two hundred yards is of a hard granite stone. To get a creditable road at that point would require considerable blasting. We would recommend that this be done as soon as the county has a surplus of funds for road work.

THE GRANVILLE GRAYS

The Flower of the Third Regiment.

In a close contest in the manual of arms at Camp Glenn Friday, Company E, Oxford's crack company, won out over select companies drawn from the First and Second Regiments. With such men as Col. Minor and Major Thad G. Stem at the helm, no wonder the Granville Grays are the flower of the State Guard.

Aid Society Meets

The ladies aid society of the Baptist church held its first fall meeting on Monday afternoon with Mrs. E. K. Howard on Broad street. New officers were elected for the coming year. Quite a number of ladies were present and a most enjoyable time was spent. Following the business hour, Mrs. Howard served an ice course.

Miss Nellie Wood, the very pleasant guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Watkins this week, will teach school this fall at Cornwall.

OUR MANY ABSENT FRIENDS

GRANVILLIANS SCATTERED ALL OVER THE WORLD

Many Great Men Have Gone From the County to Adorn the Walks of Life.

A glance at the Public Ledger's mailing list reveals the fact that we have a number of subscribers scattered all over the world. We have on our list thirty-one subscribers in Canada; three in China, one in England, one in Australia and 3 in the Philippine Islands. We take it that all of these subscribers either went from or are related in some way to the people of Granville.

The Public Ledger now goes to nineteen States in the Union. In the States outside of North Carolina, Granville names are very familiar. "Parham" occurs often in Tennessee and Indiana; "Hicks" occurs in Alabama and Louisiana; "Currin" occurs in Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York; "Daniels" and "Hunt" occurs in Texas and Kentucky; "Satterwhite" in Oregon, Arkansas and California. "Cannady" occurs in five States outside of North Carolina. "Hobgood" and "Averette" are also familiar names in other States.

The Public Ledger goes to twenty-eight counties in the State. Those to whom the paper is addressed, all of them are familiar Granville county names. Many of them we have never met, but here is hoping each and everyone of them many blessings. Wherever they are and who ever they be we know that they are holding the banner high. Why? Because they are from old Granville, and were born of a rich heritage.

GRANVILLE CONVICTS ESCAPE

John Pearce, and Three Negroes, Two of Them Murderers, at Large

Four cooks escaped from the State prison at Raleigh last week, two of them being sent up from Granville county.

The missing are John Pearce, white, a Granville county man doing 15 months for house-breaking and larceny; Respass Asbury, negro, sent up from Northampton county to do 15 years for second-degree murder; Emmett Smith, a Granville negro, on a stint of five years for larceny; Tom Boylan, a Bladen county negro, sent up for murder in the second degree to do 15 years.

It was in the beginning of the day's work that the escape occurred. Possessed of a key, which they had made and which fitted the back door of the dining room, they took advantage of the momentary absence of the steward, who was in charge of them, left the kitchen, fled into the dining-room and went thence over the back wall of the penitentiary.

Cheerful Conditions

We are publishing today the quarterly financial statement of the First National Bank so that the people themselves may read and ponder the financial condition of their banking institutions. A glance at the statement is sufficient to convince the people that we have stepped out of the "bounds of hard times."

THE PRESIDENT'S SISTER DEAD

Accompanies the Remains to Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. Annie E. Howe, the sister of President Wilson, died in New London, Conn., last Saturday. The President and other members of the family accompanied the remains to Columbia, S. C., Monday where burial took place by the side of Mrs. Howe's husband.

The trip to Columbia was made via the Seaboard Railway, the funeral train passing Henderson at 4 o'clock Monday morning. The Columbia State says:

All during the services the graveyard, inclosed in a brick fence, was surrounded by crowds.

After the services, Mr. Wilson remained for a few moments to look at the graves of his father and mother.

Merchants of Columbia offered to close their business houses, and drape their buildings in crepe, but a request was made that they omit this mark of respect.

Mrs. H. W. Kirby, of Spartanburg, S. C., accompanied by her two pretty children, is the guest of her old school chum, Miss Hettie Lyon.