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GERMANY BRINGS WAR TO THE AMERICAN COAST SIX VESSELS ARE SUNK BY DARING GERMAN RAIDER OFF THE NEW ENGLAND COAST LAST SUNDAY

MEAT PACKING PLANT

DATES OF IMPORTANT MEETINGS TO BE HELD

A Community Enterprise Effecting the Interests of Every one Within a Radius of Fifty Miles From Oxford.

Mr. John W. Greer of Moultrie, Ga., who is familiar with every detail of the meat packing business, accompanied by a committee of business men of Oxford, will be at the places named below at the times designated to explain the operations of a meat packing plant. We shall expect a big crowd to greet our coming to talk about a matter which we firmly believe means more for this section than anything that can be done.

Monday, October 16th at 8 p. m., Court House, Oxford.
Tuesday, October 17th at 12 M., Court House, Oxford.
Wednesday, October 18th at 2 p. m., Stovall; at 4 p. m., Bullock.
Thursday, October 19th at 2 p. m., at Virginia, Va.
Friday, October 20th, at 2 p. m., at Creedmoor; at 4 p. m., Northside.
Saturday, October 21st, at 2 p. m., Berea; at 4 p. m., Stem.
Monday, October 23rd, at 2 p. m., Wilton; at 4 p. m., Grissom.
Tuesday, October 24th, at 2 p. m., Dabney; at 4 p. m., Watkins.

A meat packing plant means profits for our farmers, our merchants, our bankers and for every other line of business. It means diversified crops, increased land values, the cancellation of mortgages and a ready cash market for all farm products, through stock raising in any quantity, any time of the year. It looks good to us.

PACKING PLANT COMMITTEE
C. D. RAY, Chairman.

THE OXFORD LIBRARY

A Very Valuable Asset to the Town.

The Literature and Library Extension Department of the Woman's Club, will have a Fancy Work Booth at the Chrysanthemum Show, and will appreciate any article of fancy work given by any one who is interested in this Department of the Club. The Library Committee is endeavoring to make the library of real educational value to the town, and it needs your support and co-operation. The fancy articles that are given will be sold during the show and the proceeds from the sales will be spent toward purchasing good literature, and defraying necessary expenses.

The actual expenses of maintaining the library is \$15 per month and heating. Then there is the additional expense this winter of purchasing a new book case, a floor rug and moving into a new room on the ground floor.

At a recent meeting of the Department it was decided to open the library on Saturday mornings from 10 to 12:30 to all school children or other citizens of Oxford, free of charge. This, of course, was meant only for the use of the books in the library room and not to be carried out.

All citizens of Oxford and county can, by paying the small sum of \$1.50, become a subscriber to the library and can then have full use of the books, taking them home to read, and keeping them from one to two weeks.

We feel that you will agree with us in thinking the Oxford Library a credit to the town and to the Woman's Club, if you will visit it some morning and see for yourself the valuable collection of books it contains. But, we need more than your appreciation if we continue to exist, and if you would have your town boast of well equipped library facilities for its schools and citizens, will you not give us your support in its upkeep. Make us a piece of fancy work for the show or take out a year's subscription to the library for \$1.50—the price you pay for one novel—and, if you do not read yourself, make it possible for those who have more time and need for the use of the library to do so.

Your patronage and your donations will be appreciated and your efforts repaid in the good you will do others.

Library Committee

Mrs. A. H. Powell, chairman; Mrs. de la Croix, vice-chairman; Mrs. C. D. Ray, secretary and treasurer; Miss Helen White, reporter; Mrs. Annie Lee Lewellyn, librarian.

Miss Hutchings' Recital Postponed
It has been found necessary to postpone the recital by Miss Hutchings from this Wednesday until next Wednesday afternoon.

FOUR BRITISH, ONE DUTCH AND ONE NORWEGIAN STEAMER WERE SENT TO THE BOTTOM OR LEFT CRIPPLED DERELICTS OFF THE NANTUCKET SHOALS.

The Hostile Submarine is Believed to be the U-53, Which Paid a Call to Newport Saturday and Disappeared at Sunset. Some Naval Men, However, Declared That at Least Two Submarines are Operating close to the American Shore Though Outside the Three Mile Limit.

BOSTON—The submarine arm of the Imperial German Navy ravaged shipping off the eastern coast of the United States Sunday.

Victims of the Submarine. The record of submarine warfare, as brought to land by wireless dispatches, follows:

The Strandene, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk off Nantucket Shoals. Crew taken aboard Nantucket lightship, and later removed to Newport by torpedo boat destroyers. The Strathdene left New York Saturday for Bordeaux, and was attacked at 6 a. m.

The Westpoint, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk off Nantucket. Crew abandoned the ship in small boats after warning shot from submarine's gun. Officers and men were taken aboard a destroyer. The vessel was bound from London for Newport News.

The Stephano, British passenger liner, plying regularly between New York, Halifax and St. Johns, N. F., torpedoed southeast of Nantucket while bound for New York. Passengers and crew, numbering about 140, were picked up by the destroyer Balch and transferred to the destroyer Jenkins. The attack was made at 4:30 p. m.

The Kingston, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk southeast of Nantucket. Crew missing and destroyer searching for them. This vessel is not accounted for in maritime registers, and may be the Kingstonian. The attack occurred at 6 p. m.

Bloomersdijk, Dutch freighter, torpedoed and sunk south of Nantucket. Crew taken aboard a destroyer. The steamer was bound from New York for Rotterdam, having sailed Saturday night.

The Christian Knudsen, Norwegian freighter, torpedoed and sunk near where the Bloomersdijk went down. Crew picked up by destroyers. The vessel sailed from New York Saturday for London.

Second Sensation
The second sensation created Saturday when the U-53 quietly slipped into Newport harbor and as quietly slipped away three hours later, was less than the shock in shipping circles when wireless reports of submarine attacks began to come into the naval radio stations just before noon Sunday.

Within a few minutes the air was literally charged with electricity as wireless messages of warning were broadcast along the coast.

The submarine or submarines had taken a position directly in the steamer lanes, where they could hardly miss anything bound in for New York or bound east from that port.

Scurry For Safety.

Vessels of the entente allied nations and neutral bottoms carrying contraband of war scurried to get within the three mile limit of the American shore. Several that followed the outside course shifted and made for the inside lane. The Stephano, of the Red Cross line, however, was caught outside the neutral zone. The destruction of this vessel was perhaps the biggest prize of the day. The craft had been sold to the Russian government and would have been used as an ice-breaker after her present trip.

Patrol Hard to Locate.
Through out the day and up to late Sunday night none of the patrolling fleet maintained by the British and French to protect their own shipping and American ships carrying munitions of war, had been sighted. Frantic appeals were sent to Halifax.

Called at Newport.
The U-53 which anchored for three hours in Newport harbor Saturday afternoon while Commander Hans Rose sent ashore correspondence from Germany for the German Ambassador, Count Von Bernstorff, and exchanged officials calls with Rear Admiral Knight, commandant of the Narragansett Bay Station, slipped out of the harbor and submerged at just inside the three-mile limit at 7:05 o'clock Saturday Night.

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THE HOG-EYEMEN

THE HOG AND CATTLE BARONS OF OLD GRANVILLE

The Meat Packing Plant For Oxford is Assured and the Farmers Are on the Road to Affluence.

The movement to locate a meat packing plant in Oxford has progressed by easy stages to a point where the friends of the enterprise assure the Public Ledger that their fondest dreams are about to be realized.

It would seem that the business men of the community have turned the question over in their minds and viewed it from every angle; and while no active canvas has been made, men of affairs volunteer their thousands with the ease and grace of a boy who buys a toy. The Public Ledger is not advised as to how much has been subscribed for the enterprise, but we learn in an off-handed way that if the pledges were converted into silver dollars there is not a horse in the State that could stand up under its weight.

Hog Barons
And, on the other hand, the enthusiasm has spread to the country and it sounds like ye olden times to hear a farmer say: "Cattle I have 10 head, and hogs I will have a 1000 head." We once knew a couple of hog barons, whose daughters were off yonder in Bryn Mawr and Vassar, and that is what's going to happen right here in Granville if the farmers will raise the hogs.

Mr. Greer Coming
We learn from the Committee on Organization that Mr. Greer, the meat packing plant expert who was here a few days ago, will return to Oxford in a week or ten days. In the meantime the details incident to locating the plant in Oxford is being worked out and the prospects are very encouraging, viewed from a financial standpoint and the willingness of the farmers to co-operate.

IS THERE MONEY IN RAISING HOGS?

A FEW FIGURES THAT TELL AN INTERESTING STORY

The one absorbing topic in Granville at the present time is, How many hogs will the farmers of the county be able to bring to the Oxford packing plant annually? In order to stimulate the industry, we refer the farmers to Mr. A. W. Cannady, of Route 1, who can give them a few pointers.

Mr. Cannady has a sow three years old, and has since January 21st last produced 31 pigs. He now has six of the 31 pigs of this litter that will tip the scales at 200 pounds each. This sow has had 72 pigs in her life. Mr. Cannady has sold this year \$64.00 worth of pigs and retains six for killing purposes.

Get out your pencil and figure, or at least make a mental calculation as to how much Mr. Cannady made from the litter of 31 pigs since January 21 last. Of the 31 pigs nine died. He sold \$64.00 worth and still has six hogs that weigh 200 pounds each. It cost Mr. Cannady about \$15.00 in cash to produce the six hogs with a total weight of 1,200 pounds. The hogs were fed cane, soja beans, sweet and Irish potatoes.

THE MUNICIPAL BONDS

The Award Was Made to Leach & Company, of New York

The Farmers and Merchants' Bank of Henderson was the second highest bidder on the \$180,000 issue of bonds offered for sale by the city of Oxford Thursday evening.

The award was made to A. B. Leach & Company, of New York, at a premium of \$3,269. The Farmers and Merchants' Bank of Henderson, offered par and a premium of \$2,495. Harris, Forbes & Company, of New York, offered \$2,436 as a premium, together with par. These were the three highest bids offered. The bonds are for municipal improvements in the town of Oxford.

NEWS OF FIFTY YEARS AGO

The Same Farm Was Planted to Tobacco This Year

(Richmond Dispatch, Sept. 30, 1866)
A small package of bright yellow leaf tobacco (wrappers) from the crop of J. J. Adcock, of Granville County, N. C., was sold by D. T. Williams yesterday for \$1,000 per 100. This tobacco was a part of the same crop that was sold in Petersburg some ten days ago for \$600, and about which the Index bragged so much. The Petersburg crowd will have to pick their flint and come again.

The Granville County Campaign

THE BEST TALENTS WILL TAKE TO THE STUMP.

The active work of the Democratic campaign in this county begins this week. Appointments have been made for the county candidates and from now on they will be, out on the stump some days in each week. On Tuesday night of this week they will be at Dickerson, on Friday night at Corinth School House, on Saturday afternoon at Stem and Saturday night at Tar River.

Chairman Hicks expects to have a speaker at each of these places in addition to the candidates. Gen. Royster, Mr. Parham, Mr. Hester and Mr. Lanier will be called on to address the voters at different places. It is expected to have Hon. Victor S. Bryant of Durham with the candidates at Stem next Saturday afternoon. Mr. Bryant is one of the ablest lawyers of the district, a forceful and pleasing speaker and his speeches in other parts of the State have been most favorably commented on by the press generally.

In another column we carry a schedule of the speaking as made to date. Other appointments will be made as chairman Hicks expects to make a canvass of the entire county going to Stovall, Wilton, Grissom, Cornwall and other places.

It is understood that the Republicans are making an active campaign in certain sections of the county in behalf of Gilliam Grissom for Congress. At present Major Stedman is sick in a hospital. But chairman Hicks and his co-workers will present his cause to the people. As is well known Major Stedman is the only Confederate soldier now in Congress from this State. He will be the last of that noble band who followed Lee and Jackson to serve in the National Congress from this State. Granville should give him a loyal support and especially should this be so in view of the sectional issue raised in the North by Mr. Hughes and the Republican party. From the very beginning of his campaign Mr. Hughes has made an effort to create prejudice in the minds of Northern people by calling attention to the prominence of Southern men in the Wilson Administration. This furnishes additional reasons why Southern white men should support Major Stedman and the whole Democratic ticket.

From now on the fighting for Democracy will be as it should—active and straight from the shoulder. Granville should roll up an increased majority for every man on the Democratic ticket.

MRS. C. G. BOND DEAD

Sister of General B. S. Royster Dies in Tennessee.

General B. S. Royster last week received the sad intelligence of the death of his sister, Mrs. C. G. Bond, which occurred at her home in Jacksonville, Tenn.

Mrs. Bond was a native of Williamsboro community, and was before her marriage Miss Kate Royster. She was a sister of Mr. Edward Royster, of Henderson; Mr. John Royster, of Townsville, and General B. S. Royster, of Oxford. The remains were buried at Jacksonville.

Deceased is survived by a husband, two sons and one daughter.

BOX SHOOK FACTORY

The Machinery is Now Being Installed.

The Jeffries-Spalding box plant, on the Southern Railway adjoining the White-Wood Furniture factory, is nearing completion. The long building to house the machinery was completed some days ago and now the work of installing the machinery goes merrily on. To all appearances the machinery is ponderous, intricate and costly.

Great stacks of lumber of good quality, representing more than a million feet, are arranged conveniently about the plant and the indications are that we will hear a new steam whistle in town within the next two or three weeks.

MR GOOCH ISSUES CARD

Candidate for the Legislature Addresses the Voters of Granville

Mr. J. H. Gooch, of Stem, Republican candidate for the Legislature, celebrated his fiftieth anniversary recently by writing an epistle, which contains about 2000 words and was last week printed in pamphlet form and distributed throughout the county.

Mr. Gooch is opposing Hon. D. G. Brummitt for the lower House, and has thereby undertaken a larger order than any Republican in the county could fill. However, it is pleasing to note in passing that both of the candidates are high-toned gentlemen and that there will be no mud-slinging in that quarter.

HIGH COST OF LIVING

THE FARMER HAS THE BEST OF THE GAME

He Gets a Good Price for Everything He Sells, But He Must Fork It Over When He Buys the Necessities of Life.

We heard a farmer complaining the other day about the high cost of living—the high prices of things to eat and wear. He said the present crop of tobacco, now being marketed at good figures, would not mean more to the farmers than either of the last two crops because food and clothing are almost out of reach, and a dollar won't go anywhere. Our old friend was somewhat inclined to feel as if somebody were growing rich off his sweat and that he was not getting a square deal.

It sounds rather funny to the laymen to hear a farmer kicking on the high cost of living, when the profit is headed all his way. Not within the memory of our oldest citizens have farm products of every kind commanded such fabulous prices. Anything that the land will grow—even blackberries, which toil not, neither do they spin—is a salable commodity for good coin of the realm in most generous allowance.

"Oh, yes," admitted our old friend, "but shoes—clothing—they have doubled in price."

It is a fact that shoes are more costly than ever before, but so are hides. If our farmers have but scant beef cattle to sell, the loss is theirs. Local cattle dealers will tell you the skin of a yearling will bring more money today than the yearling would have brought, hide and all, a few years ago. And Granville is an ideal cattle country.

Beef used to sell for 6 cents in the country—now it brings 15. Eggs were 10 cents, now 25 or 30. Chickens then 6 to 8 cents per pound, now they command 25. Potatoes were 25 to 50 cents per bushel, now \$2 to \$2.50. Wheat \$1.50 per bushel today, corn \$1.00. Beans, peas, onions, hay, fruits—everything from the farm—cash at fancy prices, and the great staple, tobacco, 20 cents per pound.

The farmers, as a class, are among the highest salaried workmen of the world today, and we are glad that they have come into their own.

COME!

Remember the Dates of Granville County Fair

Come! Keep that word in mind for the official assembly of all Granville County in the metropolis—Oxford—on those great and glorious days to be—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 25, 26, and 27, the dates of the big Granville County Fair.

The latch-strings will not be needed, for the doors will be open. Welcome will be the word that is breathed in the very atmosphere of the occasion.

SEE MR. R. I. DANIEL

He Is In The Field For The Public Ledger.

Mr. R. I. Daniel, well known throughout the county, is taking subscriptions for the Public Ledger, and will be glad to wait on our many friends. You are very apt to see him on the warehouse floor every day. He has a list of names and can tell you in a moment how you stand. The present high price of news-print paper makes it very important that we collect from those due us on subscription. Prices on tobacco are high and the best time to pay is when you have the money.

Cohn & Son's Money Saving Sale

Begins Friday Oct. 13th. This reliable firm opens the greatest sale in the history of their business. An outpouring of dependable merchandise such as Oxford has never before known. It will be a 20-day sale—20 days during which their stores must be kept active throbbing pulsive with eager buyers.

For months Cohn & Son's buyers have been preparing for this event armed with the power of cash they scoured the markets of the East securing numerous desirable purchases at enormous concessions that will enable them to quote prices on their sale never before heard. It is generally known fact that the prices on practically all sort of desirable merchandise has been steadily advancing due to the high cost and scarcity of raw materials. Through forehanded buying of huge quantities for spot cash Cohn & Son's have over come the general market conditions and are enabled to turn over to you quantities of new most desirable and dependable goods at surprisingly real and absolutely unequalled savings. It will pay you to buy at Cohn & Son's sale now your winter out fit not only for present but for future needs. Read Cohn & Son's big advertisement on last page of this paper and hurry to their sale.