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## PROPOSED RAILWAY

FROM WILSON VIA HENDERSON, OXFORD, ROXBORO TO GREENSBORO.

Those in Touch With the Movement Feel Confident that Something Will be Done at an Early Date With Regard to the Construction of the Railroad.

Assurance that sufficient capital can be had for the construction of the proposed railroad between this city and Castalia, and thence on to Wilson, are given in a letter received by J. C. Kittrell, secretary of the proposed company, from Mrs. J. M. Turner, who is interested to the greatest extent in the movement. Mrs. Turner is now at her home in Kentucky, following a visit to New York after she was here last spring in the interest of the railroad, and indicates by her letter that the necessary capital can be had.

Mr. Kittrell had written Mrs. Turner that sentiment among the business men here was very much in favor of the construction of the proposed line, and that unless something tangible were done, the matter would probably be taken in hand by local interests, and a new charter sought from the State legislature so that definite action might be taken. Mr. Kittrell has replied to the letter of Mrs. Turner as to her latest suggestions.

Recently there has been some agitation with respect to the extension of the line west of here to Greensboro touching Oxford, Roxboro and Yanceyville, and interested persons from the west of here have recently visited the city and conferred with local business men with regard to the extension in that direction. The opinion was that the boosting could best be done by the commercial organization along the proposed route that the matter will be taken up with these organizations.

## LIGHT WEIGHTS OVERWHELMED

Oxford Highs Lose to Chapel Hill Team.

In a game of football played on Horner Hill Saturday the Chapel Hill team defeated the Oxford High school team by a score of 52 to 0. The visiting team weighed from their own statement one hundred and eighty pounds to the man. Their heaviest man played center, weighing 198 pounds, against a boy from Oxford weighing 124 pounds. The ends for the local team averaged 114 pounds against opponents tipping the scales at about 155. The team, man for man, for Oxford weigh only 130.

From the very first of the game the local boys were masters of the situation in knowledge of the game and of good team work. Spectators say that never before has a team made such a show against that great odds. They did not falter a minute when it came to diving into those big men. The tackling for the local team was excellent. Time after time the little fellows would be down on the men and get them in their own tracks. Ballou at quarterback ran his team like a veteran and he has played in only two games in his life. At times he saved his team from more score by tackling.

"The State will certainly hear from this heavy team from the University town," said Prof. Phillips, "and Oxford considers herself victorious in playing the game against it that she did. She lost but has won what it is to go up against great odds and play the game for all there is in it."

The only feature of the game that was lacking was the support of the towns people. Their attendance at the games is necessary if the games are to be a success. No boy or man wants to work day after day to represent a town or school when that town or school takes no interest in his efforts.

Wake up and get a little spirit and interest in the work of your boys.

## RECIPROCITY MEETING

Invitation Extended to the Oxford Woman's Club

The Seventh District Reciprocity meeting of Women's Clubs will be held at Louisburg in the Methodist church Sunday school rooms, Saturday, October 28th beginning at 10:30 a. m.

The Woman's Club of Oxford belongs to the Seventh District and has received a cordial invitation to attend this meeting.

All who expect to attend please notify Mrs. John Webb at once so she can let the Louisburg Club know how many to expect.

## The Real Statesmen

No reason why the State Department should be perplexed when they might drop around to most any cigar store session and find out just what to do.

## Judge Graham's Daughter Dead

MRS. ALICE GRAHAM SHIRLEY PASSES AWAY IN MARYLAND

Mrs. Alice Graham Shirley, daughter of Judge and Mrs. A. W. Graham of Oxford, died Saturday night. Mrs. Shirley is survived by her husband, who is the supervisor of roads for the State of Maryland, and five children. She had a wide family connection in the State and was a most lovable woman. News of her death will be heard with keen sorrow by many friends.

The Shirley home at Towson, Md., was closed Saturday and the family were on their way to West Virginia when Mrs. Shirley was taken violently ill in Washington where she died in a hospital a few hours later. Her father, Judge A. W. Graham, was in New York and upon the receipt of a telegram he hastened to Washington.

The remains reached Oxford early Monday morning accompanied by the father of the deceased and Major Shirley, the devoted husband. The remains were escorted to the home of Judge and Mrs. Graham, where impressive funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock in the afternoon by Dr. Horsfield, Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal church. The interment was at Elmwood.

The deceased was a tender and most lovely woman. She leaves a devoted husband and five small children to mourn her loss. Besides her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graham, she leaves a devoted sister and brother, Miss Susan and Mr. Augustus Graham.

A number of close relatives and friends of the deceased from a distance attended the last sad rites. Among the number were Judge Clark Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strong, Mr. R. W. and Miss Amy Winston, of Raleigh; Miss Pride Jones, of Durham; Col. Benehan Cameron, of Stagville; and Col. and Mrs. J. C. Horner of Charlotte.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. B. K. Lassiter, A. H. Powell, R. H. Lewis, B. W. Parham, R. W. Winston, J. W. Horner, John Webb, John Clark.

Flower bearers: Mr. R. G. Lassiter, Mrs. B. K. Lassiter, Mrs. A. H. Powell, Mrs. N. C. Daniel, Miss Amy Winston, Mrs. James W. Horner, Miss Pride Jones, Miss Sophronia Cooper, Mrs. Evans, Miss Graham and Mrs. Frank Webb.

The floral tributes were beautiful.

## MEANS REAL PROHIBITION

Only One Week More of the nefarious Business

One week more, November 1st, prohibition goes into effect throughout the State of Virginia.

The commissioner of prohibition and his assistants will co-operate with the police authorities of the cities and with the sheriffs and constables of the counties in having the provisions of the law carried out. The act provides that a man "may receive one quart of distilled liquor in a single container or three gallons of beer or one gallon of wine not offener than once a month."

Of course, there are a few old fellows in Granville that still hanker after the sacred quart, but with Virginia as dry as a bone they must look to Baltimore as the nearest place to quench their thirst.

## HANDSOME GIFT TO SCHOOL

Mr. John T. Britt Remembers His First Love

We learn that Mr. John T. Britt, founder of the Public Ledger, and for more than 27 years its editor, has donated to Oxford Graded School four large and handsome United States maps.

In looking over the files of the Public Ledger we see in many places and often that Mr. Britt labored long and faithful for the establishment of the Oxford Graded School in the face of adverse criticism and much discouragement for four years. That his efforts were finally crowned with success and the factions united stands as a perpetual monument to his unselfish labors.

Learning that they did not have a single map in the school, Col. Britt had much pleasure in presenting the handsome gift.

## THE VOTE WILL BE HEAVY

Wake Up and Go to the Polls on November 7th

Think of it, two years ago more than 300 Democrats in Granville remained away from the polls. As it happened their votes were not needed. These men should wake up and go to the polls on November 7th and do their part toward keeping the representatives of a party tried and trusted for another two years. It is power man's duty to help in giving the people good government. Every Democrat is expected to do his duty on election day.

## GET IN LINE

GRAND PAGEANT TO MOVE AT TEN O'CLOCK

With the Rising of the Sun All Granville Moves Toward a Common Center—Friday is Live Stock Day.

With the going down of the sun this Tuesday evening the farming element of old Granville will suspend much routine work, don their Sunday clothes, hitch up their best rigs and attend the three days County Fair at Oxford, the gates being thrown wide open for their reception at 8 o'clock sharp this Wednesday morning. Everything is in readiness for their reception, and from the stand point of exhibits, display and orderly arrangements this Fair is the crowning event of a most glorious year, and doubtless more than twenty thousand people will pass through the gates to view the products of one of the richest counties of the commonwealth.

Headed by a splendid brass band the grand pageant will move out Hillsboro street to the Fair grounds about ten o'clock this Wednesday morning, Chief Marshal Ray and his dashing aids are in fine shape and the parade promises to be the biggest event of the kind ever held in old Granville.

There are ten departments of exhibits this year and liberal premiums will be given; the exhibits include everything grown on the farm, cattle and horses, domestic science, manufactures, the fine arts, poultry and school work. The attractions for the three day's event is along educational lines and in keeping with the interests and morals of the people.

The marshal's ball at the Armory Friday night is looked forward to with a great deal of interest as there are many out of town people who will remain in Oxford and attend the ball.

## The Exhibits

The woman's exhibit presents a busy scene where enthusiastic ladies are moving hither and yon among a medley of beautiful artistic and tempting toothsome looking articles.

Every imaginable article that goes to complete the farm home connected with woman's handiwork. Pretty crochet, lace and hand-embroidery are grouped over alluring jellies, pickles, preserves and fruits and vegetables, wine and vinegar. Groups of finest vegetables surrounded the inevitable golden pumpkin, while close by are splendid home-cured ham and bacon. Passing down the line one is struck with the display of canned fruit and vegetables. The quality and appearance is decidedly fine. This also applies to jellies, pickles, etc.

In the display of fancy work nothing is left to be desired. Perhaps most appealing to the women is the case of fascinating baby clothes, all so sheer and exquisite in daintiest of stitching and embroidery. Farther down the line are many cases of splendid embroideries, tatting, lace work, etc. In the latter display is a particularly interesting group of real lace pieces.

In the displays of breads and cake are many inviting looking displays; there are no less than four displays of collections of breads, and the cakes, delectable-looking indeed, old fashioned pound cakes, angel's food, citron, etc.

So much for the commercial exhibits. Now turn to the exhibits made by the public schools of the county. Every one is proud of the work in these departments. Exhibits by the primary departments are indeed gratifying, including free-hand drawing, painting, drawing, and coloring from life of flowers, etc.

The leaf tobacco display is easily one of the most interesting features of the general display. It is not only large, but contains some as fine tobacco as has ever been seen anywhere.

With the enlarged facilities for handling poultry the exhibits this year is set off to advantage and embraces many fine specimens of the prettiest birds one would care to see. This is one of the most popular features of the Fair and great throngs linger about the poultry house for hours and hours.

The live stock department has more exhibits than usual, but is not as large as it might be. However, what it lack in quantity it has made up in quality and this display is well worth a visit from every one. Large fine work horses, trim racers, stallions, mules and colts holds one's attention. This stock speaks well for old Granville and shows what can be done. And none the less in importance is the display of fine cattle, including several breeds of bulls, cows and heifers, along with sheep and goats, and they are object of much interest. Friday is set apart as Live Stock Day, at which time an auction sale of bred stock will be sold.

The swine exhibit is very fine and

## The Oxford Tobacco Market Very Strong

HIGHER PRICES ARE NOW MAKING LOCAL TOBACCO MEN GLAD

Market Continues Brisk—Come to the County Fair and Bring a Load With You—Sales Every Day.

A continuance of high prices and fairly good sales marked the closing of the Oxford tobacco market last week. Statements say that the farmers are greatly pleased with the good prices that they have been receiving and the gradual advance on every grade throughout the week has been one of the most noticeable features. The better grades of tobacco have experienced an increase during the week, while there is a great demand for scraps. An increase of from five to ten dollars on the better grades was effected during the week, while the demand for scrap material is also effecting an advance.

It is an assured fact that the prices paid on the Oxford market this season leads all the markets of the State. The farmers are realizing this and are endeavoring to make the Oxford market the prominent one that it should be.

Many people have marvelled at the firmness which the prices have assumed throughout the entire season, but those who have sold on the local market readily understand that the warehousemen are working in their interest, and endeavoring to give them all that is possible. Many different methods have been put into effect whereby the farmers could realize high prices, instead money going in other directions. It is this fact, the warehousemen say, that is the principal reason that the Oxford market always selling the farmers' offerings for the very highest prices.

## DELICIOUS STRAWBERRIES

Grown on Open Land in October by Oxford Citizen

In some of his rambles in Arizona, Major P. H. Montgomery gathered some hardy strawberry plants and set them out in his garden at College and Penn streets. On this, the 23d day of October, many of the vines are in full bloom. On every third day throughout the month of October, the major gathers about a quart of the berries as large as a thimble and they are just as delicious as those grown earlier in the season.

## A WORD TO VOTERS

Make the Majority As Large As Possible.

A vote for the Democratic County ticket means a vote for continued good government in Granville County. The party has a fine record of thirty years back of it in which the County's interests are safe-guarded at every point. The people of the County are not yet ready to turn out the representatives of a party that has served them so well, just in order to give a new crowd the offices. Wait and see what they will do on November 7th.

## REGISTER AT ONCE

Be Certain to Register or You Will Lose Your Vote

The registration books close at sunset Saturday, October 28. Each Saturday the registrars are at the polling places to register voters. On other days they can be found at their homes or places of business. Be certain to register or you will lose your vote. Only one more Saturday is left.

## A Big Fine Man

Mr. J. A. Royster, who moved to Church Road, Dinwiddie County, Va., some years ago is at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. W. B. Royster, who is critically ill.

Mr. Royster is one among a large number of Granville boys who went out into the world and made good. He owns a fine estate almost in sight of Petersburg. Virginia has certainly agreed with Mr. Royster in more ways than one. Besides being blessed with worldly goods he weighs 310 pounds, and his heart is the biggest thing about him.

This issue of the Public Ledger is put to press earlier than usual owing to the fact that we wish it to reach our many readers in the county before the first day of the Fair. Our readers will do well to read the many advertisements in this issue and visit the merchants that offer you special inducements during the Fair days.

## Big League Baseball

Don't fail to see the two big league baseball teams cross bats at Horner Park Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

shows that old Granville can raise all the meat necessary for an immense population. This feature of the Fair should be encouraged.

Perhaps the greatest improvement noticed is the poultry house, admirably arranged with modern coops.

## DEMOCRATS ARE BUSY

CHEERING NEWS COMES FROM THE CAPITAL OF CREEDMOOR.

Gen. B. S. Royster and Hon. S. M. Gattis and Representative Brummitt are a Power in the Land.

Last Saturday the Democratic candidates continued their canvass of the county going to Creedmoor and Northside. Those who were present report the largest crowds at these places for many years in a county campaign. At Creedmoor there were about 130 present and at Northside about 85. At each place the audience was enthusiastic and appreciative.

Mr. A. W. Graham, Jr., acted as chairman at each of these places and presented the candidates in excellent style. Solicitor Gattis was at Creedmoor and spoke for an hour or more, making one of the best speeches he has ever delivered. The candidates made brief talks and then Gen. B. S. Royster spoke in his inimitable manner. He discussed both State and national issues and called on the Democrats to turn out and give the ticket an old style majority.

The speaking was at Northside at night. Here the candidates made their announcements and Mr. Brummitt and Gen. Royster both made speeches. Gen. Royster was particularly happy in his discussion of the issues here, illustrating his points with many apt jokes and making one of the most telling speeches heard in the county this year.

Cheering news comes from Creedmoor. Mr. J. L. Peed, precinct chairman is thoroughly aroused and is vigorously at work for the ticket and the party. There are others down here, too, who are giving of their time and efforts for Democracy and they confidently say that Creedmoor will be all right on the day of election.

The candidates go to Bullock next Saturday afternoon and to Stovall that night. Other speakers will be with them at these places. Prospects of an old time rousing majority increases with each day. It has been definitely decided to have a barbecue in Brassfield on Wednesday, Nov. 1. Mr. Hicks has been fortunate enough to secure Gov. Kitchen to speak on that occasion.

## THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.

Large Numbers Hear Hon. Gilliam Grissom.

For some time it was planned to have Hon. Gilliam Grissom, of Greensboro, the Republican candidate for Congress, to come to Granville, his native county, and make speeches for his party. His coming to Granville last week, where he made twelve speeches, was advertised far and near over the county. The weather was ideal Saturday and a large crowd, most of them being Democrats, listened to his speech in the court house.

Dr. G. T. Sikes, Republican County Chairman and Senatorial candidate from the Granville-Person district, introduced Mr. Grissom, who spoke for forty minutes on National and State issues. Mr. Grissom is a man of fine appearance and an earnest and interesting speaker. He believes every word he says, but what he said was mostly wrong. From a Republican viewpoint he scored a few good points. Being a devout member of the Episcopal Church, Mr. Grissom is guarded in his utterances. He did not abuse the other party, nor did he assail the character of his opponents.

"This is a day in which every man is entitled to his political and religious belief and the abuse of an opponent wins neither souls or ballots," said Mr. Grissom. He went so far as to state that he had not asked a single man in the other counties of the district to support him at the polls, but in Granville, his native county, he stated with pardonable pride that it would be a great pleasure to know that his "own blood and bone" remembered him at the polls in the November election.

Mr. Grissom is sure to poll the full Republican vote of the county. Large numbers, mostly Democrats, go out to hear him because he is a clean campaigner. His Oxford speech was a fine example of the man of that degree of mentality who gets on the stump and who instead of argument has only abuse to offer.

Mr. Gooch, candidate for the house of Representatives, closed the meeting with a twenty minute address on State and county issues.

## His Fine Little Friends

(Orphan's Friend)

Their friends at the Orphanage will regret to hear of the resignation of Rev. G. T. Lumpkin as pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church. Mr. Lumpkin has handed in his resignation to take effect November 30th. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lumpkin will be missed in Oxford and at the Orphanage.