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THE MORNING CLARION, PUBLISHED FORTY YEARS AGO

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A copy of the Morning Clarion, dated Tuesday, May 9, 1876, was kindly handed to us last week by Dr. C. H. D. Fort. The little three column 11x8 inch sheet is in a splendid state of preservation. The office of publication was located in the Thespean Hall building, which was later moved to make room for the opening of Littlejohn street.

Contents

In the hurrygraphs on the front page we see it stated that Mr. Charlie Landis has the pneumonia. This statement is followed by a personal item which reads: "Mr. J. Y. Landis of New York City is in town." Five or six colored persons were baptized in Herndon creek last Sunday. Mr. L. E. Wright, a young man clerking for Grandy & Bros., was taken sick Sunday night and was carried to his home near Tilly Ho. We very much dislike to see our young men leaving Oxford. Two have left in a very short time. Charlie Harris had made Henderson his home. He is in the tobacco business. Let us build a railroad and keep our young men at home. It will be sometime before we are familiar enough with the new silver money for the church-going people to put a quarter in the plate.

Railroad to Oxford

In the editorial column of the Clarion we find the following: "The agitation of a railroad from Henderson to Oxford is a favorite theme for editors and correspondents. It is now believed that if the people of the town and surrounding neighborhood will do their full duty, in subscribing in aid of building a road to connect with the Raleigh and Gaston road that the scheme can be easily accomplished, say by the first of October.

Advertisements

T. D. Crawford & Company seems to have been the leading druggists forty years ago. We see that C. A. Taylor was a leading groceryman in those days. Capt. A. F. Spencer informs his friends that he is still in the fish business. Cooper & Williams advertise dry goods, medicines, canvass hams and adamantine candles. The Torch-Light Book Store was situated in Thespean Hall, opposite the postoffice, and we notice that James B. Crews was mayor of Oxford and that L. C. Taylor was the postmaster. The town commissioners were: S. S. Halthcock, A. H. A. Williams, T. D. Crawford and Smith Watkins. Other advertisers were Drs. Paschall & Young, Dr. E. W. Owen; Peter Charleston, the barber; Mitchell & Son, confections.

WILL ERECT GRIST MILL

An Industrious Farmer On Route Five

Mr. P. B. Farmer, the old astronomer who has settled on Route 5, is erecting a grist mill on his place. The mill is especially adapted to grind oats in sheep, corn on the cob, etc., or by slight adjustment it will produce high grade meal for family use. Mr. Fmear will go largely into the chicken business.

His model farm adjoins the Oxford Orphanage. The best way to reach his place is to turn up the hill at a point on the Williamsboro road a few hundred yards west of Harrisburg creek. He has recently erected a modern dwelling and outhouses.

PAPER-SHELL PECANS

Several Bags of the Delicious Nut Received by Taylor Bros.

Something unusual in this market is the paper shell pecan, the most wholesome and delicious nut grown. Taylor Bros. received a consignment of several bags last week and they are going like hot cakes. We did not ask him where he got them, but the nut grows to perfection in Texas. They are somewhat larger and sweeter than the common pecan and a child can crack the shell with its teeth.

We have no doubt that this same nut could be grown to perfection in Granville. They bear at the age of five years and live and thrive for fifty years. One hundred trees would net the grower more than a crop of tobacco.

Scrap Tobacco

On page three in this paper Capt. Will Fleming, proprietor of the Owen Warehouse, calls for two million pounds of scrap tobacco.

Thanksgiving Dinner

That juicy brown turkey, fragrant mince pies, cranberry sauce, celery and other enjoyable parts are mentioned in the announcement of Taylor Brothers, the sanitary grocers, on last page of this paper.

Report of Grand Jury November Term, 1916

HON. FRANK A. DANIELS, JUDGE PRESIDING

We, the Grand Jury of the November term of Granville County Superior Court, are pleased to advise that we have reported all bills presented to us. We wish to thank His Honor Judge Frank A. Daniels, and the Honorable Solicitor, S. M. Gattis, for the kindly assistance rendered us. We, through a committee, have examined the court house and all the offices thereof, and find the books and papers in both Clerk's and Register of Deeds office well kept, the Sheriff's and Grand Jury's rooms neatly kept. We would especially recommend that the hall down stairs be papered or anything the Court thinks advisable.

Through a committee we examined the jail and found it in excellent sanitary condition. Through a committee we examined the convict camp and found it in fine condition, the prisoners, (8 in number) six colored and two white, well fed and humanely treated. We found 12 mules in fine condition all doing good work under our capable Superintendent, R. A. Jones. We recommend a table for the prisoners to eat on. Through a committee we examined the County Home and same was found well kept by Superintendent Sam Daniel and his excellent wife. There are now in number 28, 13 colored and 10 white, there are three mules, one horse, two milch cows, and one heifer, twenty head of hogs, two wagons, 125 lbs. corn, plenty of rough feed, 40 lbs. lard, 150 bushels potatoes, 50 bushels peas, 2 bbls. molasses, 75 tons of coal.

The Grand Jury in a body examining find that 14 justices of the Peace have made reports as required by law, to the Clerk of the Court and 23 have failed so to do. While we find the Clerk of the Court had made diligent effort to secure these reports, we recommend some suitable blank form be mailed to each Justice with the request that each and all Justices of Peace report as the law requires. J. T. HART, Foreman.

EARLY SHIPPING OF PRESENTS

Express Companies Ask Public to Send Gifts Early in December

"The general prosperity of the country promises to make the holiday rush this year greater than ever before," says a plea issued by express companies for "early Christmas shipping."

"Although this crisis arises every year as regularly as the holidays come along," the notice reads, "the extraordinary conditions of transportation prevailing at the present time accentuate the need for early shipping this year."

"The railroads are already working under pressure, but it is believed that with the holiday season stretched over the entire month of December more adequate service can be given than if the entire business is jammed into the last week."

SEE THE GREAT PICTURE

Will Be Exhibited Here Friday and Saturday, November 1st and 2d

"The Birth of a Nation" is undoubtedly the most wonderful, interesting and instructive motion picture ever produced, and no one who sees it will ever have occasion to regret the time and expense. Our city and community is fortunate in having secured this attraction, and since it is to come to our very doors none of us should miss it. We are writing this without the knowledge of the management or anyone connected with the company, and we are doing so in order to call the attention of all readers of this paper to a rare opportunity which we are fearful some of them might miss if we did not do so. Look up the announcement for yourself in this issue of the Public Ledger and be sure to see this great picture. We can again assure you that you will have no regrets if you do so.

ASKS FOR VALUATIONS HERE

B. R. Lacy Writes Register of Deeds For Information About County Property.

Register of Deeds James B. Powell recently sent to State Treasurer B. R. Lacy a statement of the valuation of real estate and personal property in Granville county. Mr. Lacy wrote here for the information, but did not state his purpose in seeking the information requested.

Mr. Powell quoted the 1916 tax books for the facts sent to Mr. Lacy. The total property subject to taxation is \$9,836,240.

More Scrap Tobacco Wanted

Mr. Sam Watkins, proprietor of the old reliable John Warehouse wants 1,000,000 pounds of scrap tobacco. See announcement elsewhere in this paper.

SOLDIER BOYS

THE NATIONAL GUARD REMAINS ON BORDER

Nothing Will Be Done Until After Pershing Leaves Mexico—Up to Gen. Funston.

WASHINGTON — The National Guard will not be withdrawn from the border, it was said at the war department Saturday until after the withdrawal of the Pershing expedition from Mexico. No redistribution of General Pershing's forces will be made until after the formal ratification of the protocol signed by the members of the two commissions at Atlantic City.

Possibly Before Christmas

General Funston and General Pershing will determine the exact time for the withdrawal of the national guard unit, it was said on good authority. It was said to be possible that the withdrawal may be ordered before Christmas although it was emphasized in official quarters that no definite promise could be made at this time.

Mexico Wants Loan

A positive assurance was given to the Mexican commissioners that in the event of a satisfactory adjustment of the border difficulty the United States would lend its good offices to the Mexican government in obtaining a loan in the United States. The amount of this loan has not been definitely agreed upon.

ENDS HIS PASTORATE HERE

DR. LUMPKIN AND FAMILY GO TO SUFFOLK THIS WEEK

Sunday night last marked the close of Dr. G. T. Lumpkin's ministry in Oxford. He will assume the pastorate of the First Baptist church at Suffolk, Va., next Sunday morning. Dr. and Mrs. Lumpkin have been in Oxford since the early fall of 1913, and during those three years have endeared themselves not only to the members of the Baptist church, but to the whole community and the regret over their leaving is universal here.

Closing Sermon

As a mark of esteem for Dr. Lumpkin, all the churches in Oxford were closed last Sunday night so that the whole community, irrespective of denomination, could hear his last sermon in Oxford. The church was filled to its uttermost capacity on this occasion. Dr. Lumpkin was visibly moved and stated that he felt more like closing the last hour of his ministry here with prayer rather than to preach a sermon.

Resolution Adopted

The following resolution was adopted at the Sunday night service: Whereas our brother, G. T. Lumpkin, has decided to leave our city in order to serve a field offering him larger usefulness for the Master, Be it resolved that we do hereby express to him as brother ministers, our appreciation of his worth in Oxford, as a pastor, preacher and public spirited citizen. We shall miss him; and we pray for God's blessing upon him as he labors in the city of Suffolk.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to him and another copy to the Public Ledger for publication. F. H. T. HORSFIELD, E. G. USRY, S. K. PHILLIPS, R. H. WILLIS, C. A. UPCHURCH, R. M. MARSH, CHAS. A. JONES

CHRISTMAS PRESENT MEETING

Household Economics Department of the Woman's Club

There will be a meeting of the Household Economics Department of the Woman's Club Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. D. G. Brummitt.

This is to be a Christmas present meeting. Miss Boggs from the College faculty will give suggestions for making Christmas confections. Members of the Department are all asked to come and bring and display any attractive articles that they are making for Christmas.

KRISS KRINGLE

We Can Almost Hear the Sleigh Bells.

The children are awaiting the approach of Christmas-tide with hearts overflowing with joy and expectancy. Just a few short days, just a few busy moments and the time will soon arrive when we can hear the tinkling noise of Kriss Kringle's sleighbells, and easily picture in our minds the snow-covered landscape with Santa Claus coming up a pathway as hard as his little reindeers can bring him. The little children, bless their hearts, may they always feel that there is a dear Old Santa Claus.

What Do You Owe To Your Community?

WEALTH IS VERY LARGELY A MATTER OF ENVIRONMENT

Friend, stop and think what you owe to your community. But first stop and think what your community has done for you.

How many men in your community have accumulated what they have outside of that community? Very few, you will admit.

Now, how was it possible for you to accumulate property? Was it purely by your own exertions, or did not business contribute largely to the result? If you are a farmer, and were your farm a hundred miles from civilization, what would it profit you? How much wealth could you amass?

No, friend, your holdings are not solely the result of your own energy. The entire population of your community has contributed to your upbuilding.

What though you are the most capable lawyer or doctor, if you are located in a sparsely settled country, where there is little demand for your services, what does your capability profit you?

What of the expert builder if there are no houses to build? What of the engineers, if the nearest approach to a locomotive were the old ox-wagon of our grandfathers?

So you see that wealth is very

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THE CHAUFFEUR IS WRONG

Drivers of Automobiles Should Be Forced to Obey the Laws

With the multiplicity of automobiles there is great wonder that more people are not killed by them. However, the toll in some places is heavy, and many of the thickly settled States of the North and West, have framed stringent laws governing motor driven vehicles. The fact is, many people are driving cars that know little of the laws governing the highways and care less. The News and Observer delivers itself as follows:

"Have you had the experience of getting some distance from the sidewalk only to flee back to it for your life at the foot of the automobile horn? If you have not then your your day will probably come. And even if you dare stand your ground your heart is in your throat as the automobile misses you by the flicker of an eyelash."

"The trouble is that the drivers of automobiles are laboring under the mistaken impression that they have the right of way with their machines. Under the law, however, it is the pedestrian, and not the vehicle, which has the right of way. Yet you can count the times on the fingers of one hand, even if it is short of fingers, when you have seen an automobile hold up for a pedestrian, unless it has been at some crossing where the policeman has held the automobile driver. It is the person who has had to stand aside to see the automobile whisk by, and sometimes he has to stand aside on the run to save himself."

"The attitude assumed by some automobile drivers, and by their horns they announce it, is that 'This is my road. Get back there, you walker, I have the right of way. Get out of my way.'"

But as for stopping the car to let the pedestrian pass across the street without an attack of heart failure, that is of the unknown class. The view of some of the automobile drivers is that the world is divided into two classes: One class that rides in automobiles, another that is ridden down by automobiles.

"Drivers of automobiles should be forced to obey the laws regulating speed, the law of the highway, and the law of giving of right of way to the pedestrians. There should be a slowing down at all crossings and corners, and those who drive cars should remember that while they are given great rights on the roadways monopoly of their use is not one of them."

Thanksgiving Holidays for Children

Thursday and Friday of this week will be given as holiday for Thanksgiving. One of these days must be made up and Saturday of next week school will be held to do this. It is necessary for everyone to understand this and make preparations to attend six days of next week. Supt.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Granville County Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association will be held at the court house the first Monday in December, 1916 at 11 o'clock a. m. CRAWFORD KNOTT, President

FORBID TO HIRE

My son, Herman Dickens, 16 years old, has left home without my consent, therefore I forbid anyone to hire, harbor or feed him. This 22d Nov. 1916. x MRS. ADA DICKENS.

END OF TERM

JAMES E. GRIFFIN VS. SEABOARD AIR LINE

The Jury After Being Out All Night Assessed Griffins' Damage at \$9,000.00.

Superior Court adjourned Friday. A number of cases were not reached but several cases of importance were tried and the calendar considerably relieved. In the case of International Harvester Co., v. Green which was being tried at the time of our last report the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. The defendants took an appeal to the Supreme Court.

In the case of Thomas v. Backer there was a compromise judgment in favor of the plaintiff. Mr. Parham appeared for Mr. Thomas while Mr. Hicks and Gen. Royster represented the defendants.

In the case of Clay vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway there was a verdict and judgment for \$175.00 in favor of plaintiff. In this case Mrs. Clay was suing for damages for burning over her lands near Clay. Mr. Brummitt appeared for Mrs. Clay and Graham and Son for the railroad.

The most important case of the term was that of James E. Griffin vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway. Griffin was suing for personal injuries sustained while in the service of the company. He alleged that while serving as brakeman he was climbing up the side of a box car in the performance of his duties; that a grab iron seized by him in his climbing gave way and that he fell about eighteen feet to the ground from the train which was moving at 15 or 20 miles an hour. He claimed that he had been seriously and permanently injured, his pelvis damaged and one leg shortened. Much testimony was introduced on both sides with respect to the extent of the damage. The jury answered the issues in Griffin's favor and assessed the damages at \$9,000. Douglas & Douglas of Raleigh and Gen. Royster appeared for Griffin. Graham & Son, Mr. Hicks and also Mr. Murray Allen of Raleigh represented the Railroad. Notice of appeal was given by defendant.

In a number of cases of minor importance judgments were signed at this term. Judge Daniels left for his home early Saturday morning. He had been suffering for some days with illness but stayed on the job and attended to the business of the court as long as possible. Judge Daniels is deliberate and painstaking of the performance of his duties and is universally esteemed by our people. He shows that he is not only a good lawyer but a man of heart as well.

CHEATHAM-MEEDER

Happy Couple Honeymooning in the North

A very quiet wedding, though beautiful in its simplicity, took place near Ridgeway, the home of the bride on Wednesday afternoon, November 22d, at 3 o'clock, when Miss Annie D. Meeder, became the bride of Mr. Zeb Y. Cheatham, of Oxford, in the presence of relatives of the bride and groom.

The young couple entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march rendered by Miss Thomas, a talented musician and cousin of the bride, they stood beneath a lovely white wedding bell which hung from an arch of trailing cedar dotted with candles. The ring ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner by Rev. F. M. Shamburger, of Weldon, a former pastor of the groom.

The house was beautifully decorated in green and white, carnations, ferns and candles being used in pleasing effect.

The bride wore a handsome going-away suit of dark blue broad cloth, with hat and gloves to match and a corsage of valley lilies and orchids. She is beautiful and attractive having a host of friends in all parts of the state. The groom is a gentleman of high character and personal attraction, being the son of Mrs. D. T. Cheatham and the late Mr. D. T. Cheatham, one of the best families in the State.

The out-of-town guests were, Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Cheatham, Youngsville, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Crawford, Winston-Salem, Mr. R. H. Cheatham, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Abernethy and Mrs. L. S. Farabow of Oxford.

The happy couple left on the 4:15 train for a tour of northern cities.

Name Omitted

Those who were responsible for the petition submitted to the business men of Oxford to close Thanksgiving Day, failed to see Mr. J. Robt. Wood, the big furniture man on Main street. Mr. Wood is always on the right side of every question and will therefore close his store on Thursday and enjoy the twenty-pound bird that he has been fattening for the occasion.