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IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE AP-POINTMENT WILL BE MADE SOON

Rumor Has it That Either Mr. F. W. Hancock of Mr. Ben K. Lassiter Will Get the Plum.

Petitions were circulated this week by candidates for the position of Postmaster at Oxford. Each candidate has his friends and there is a \$2,400 a year and there is some propects of the salary being increased belives in rotation of crops. two hundred dollars in the near fu-

It is understood that Congressman Stedman, who will make the appointment, will be governed entirely by the weight of the petitions. It is an open secret that Messrs. Ben K. Lassiter and Frank W. Hancock are in the lead for the place, and both have friends at the seat of government. It is thought that the suspense will be of short duration, but on the other hand we have known such things to hang fire for several months.

The appointment will be made to cover four years, and the one who receives it may hold it for life if the following bill now pending is en-

"The office of postmaster in each class shall hereafter be a non-political office, and shall be withing the classified civil service, and appointments thereto shall be made in accordance with the civil service rules. and so far as practical, by promotion or transfer, upon merit without regard to politics from the employes of the postoffice department, subject to the permanent civil service regulations and requirements.

THE BIG MEETING ENDS.

Much Good Work Accomplished By The Evangelist.

Tuesday night marked the close of the meeting which Rev. William Black and his singer, Mr. Andrew Burr, conducted at the Presbyterian Church, and in some respects it may well be termed one of the greatest series of services ever held in Oxford. Over 60 decisions for Christ were made and over 200 church members renewed their vows. A number of heads of families stood up and publiely declared that a family altar would be established in their homes; others declared to write for their church letters and deposit them in one of our city churches; and everybody who heard the Evangilist was impressed with the saving truth that Jesus Christ and His religion is the only hope of the world.

Mr. Black's closnig service was To Provide for the Unfortunate very impressive and got very close to his large audience. As he concluded, he paid a warm tribute to the splendid hospitality and kindship showed him at the Exchange Hotel where he said his every want had been antici-God's people on his work, and ended with a tender invitation to everybody life really worth while.

an even warmer place in the hearts and homes of our citizenship.

THE SPECIAL TRAIN.

Operated by the Live Fim of Horner

Bros Company. The Horner Brothes Company special train pulled out of the local Seaboard station at noon Thursday, carrying more than two hundred farmers over to Henderson, where they impected every phase of the compounding of the ingrediants entering into the manufacture of guano. They spent two hours at the Vance Guano Works and all express delight with their visit. Refreshments were servad and the time passed only too quick, said a farmer friend when they

returned. TWO FINE YOUNG MEN.

Me see. James and Thomas White Now With Lassiter Construction Company.

Mr. Thomas White the valuable assistant of the R. G. Lassiter Constru- Services Sunday Notwithstanding the ction Company, who has been in Wilfor some time, has returned to Oxford and is now in the home office in St. Stephn's Church next Sunday has also joined the office force of Mr. gress. Lassiter and is now at High Point.

Dr. Branson Here the auspice of the Woman's Club.

STEM NEWS ITEMS.

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

Goes to Hospital.

We regret to learn that Mr. P. Longmire, of Oxford Route 6, was again carried to a Durham hospital last week.. About a year ago he underwent a serious operation and seem ed to be getting along nicely until very recently.

Buys Farm.

Mr. L. Thomasson, proprietor of the celebrated Water-Line Farm, near Tally Ho, has recently purchased the De Berry Meadows plantation disposition to bet that this or that on Oxford Route 6. Mr. Thomasson man will land the job. The job pays is one of the most enterprising and successful farmers of this section and

> Basket Ball. The basket ball team of Stem and Creedmoor High School played a very interesting game on Stem school grounds last Friday, which was spirited and fast and marked by good playing on both teams. Victory however, was on the side of the Stem boys, the score being 16 to 6. Raymond and Harper Minor were good pitchers for Stem and never played

> Will Adopt Canada. Mr. Fred Daniel, of Tally Ho, who returned from Canada two months ago, and has had an enjoyable visit with his parents and friends, left Sunday for Leamington where he will resume his work superintendending the raising of tobacco. He is highly will likely make Canada his permanent home.

to better advantage.

Fine Sermon.

Rev. H. G. Bryant, pastor of Tally Ho church, preached last Sunday what is considered the ablest sermon delivered in this church in many years. He chose for his subject "A New Year's Resolution" basing his remarks on the text "For I am Determined to know nothing else among you save Jesus Christ and Him Germany, with all its eventual possicrucified." Speaking negatively, he bilities. President Wilson's repeated aid that he was dertermined not to know this church as a slothful church retary Lansing's "verge of war" and would insist on members and statements are being recalled in the deacons doing their duty and took the Capital tonight with feelings of ap- Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mayes. stand that the church today tolerated too much worldliness among their nembership.

Personal Mentions.

M. M. M. Daniel, the popular salesman for Mr. J. H. Gooch, visited friends in Oxford Sunday.

Rev. J. H. Utley, principal of Stem High School, has recently accepted a call to Sharon Baptist church, north Franville.

Mr. A. D. Wadesford, of Nash county has accepted a position as clerk with Mr. J. H. Gooch.

We regret to note that Mr. B. F. Farabow, of Tally Ho is quite sick.

THE RESCUE HOME.

Outcasts.

The fact that Oxford is occasionally infested with the undesirable class hat is driven from pillar to post, it is gratifying to note that the agitapated and met; he referred to the tion for a State rescue home is takthe spirit of unity among the church- ing shape again and apparently many tice of an intention to disregard those From the Press of the Oxford es; he plead for a greater support of iriends have been won for the idea our pastors whom he called as fine a since the 1915 effort to have the Leggroup of ministers as he had ever islature at that time provide for the might be decided to await the results met; he asked for the prayers of unfortunate outcasts of the State. of the blockade and determine the There can be on question that one of course of the United States as the acthe greatest needs before State to- tual operations to develop. to accept the Savior and live only day is the provision or some means for disposing of the unfortunates, drastic action is interpreted as an M. Mr. Black is a great preacher and who are driven from pillar to post. open confession of the effectiveness left Oxford after his third visit with The local crusades against vice from of the British food blockade. It is time to time simply cause a migra- regarded as a determination to strike chanical work is so neat and perfect pens not to be any particular fight on United States estimate the food sup- friends under the supervision of ol at the time, and consequently there is ply on the British Isles will last a der heads. The typography and no permanent good accomplished. The month. Admittedly the plan is to car-binding on this small volumn is very State Legislature will do well to con- ry starvation to the doors of Eng- pleasing to the eye. The frontispiece sider the matter at this session ser- land with swift, staggering strokes, is the picture of the twenty corn boys, iously and to establish, if it is found as a fulfillment of Germany's announ- snapped just as they emerged from at all practicable, a rescue home of ced determination to use every wea- the long rows of tall green corn, and such proportions as to in part, at pon and agency at her command to many of their bright little faces are least, meet the present needs.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

the South

Wednesday from an extended trip through the South in the interest of the Taylor-Cannady Buggy Company. "I have never experienced better sales," stated Mr. Cannady, "and my only discomforture at present is the inability to get the material to rush the orders."

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

Depairs in Progress

The usuall service will be held of the company. Mr. James White nothwithstanding the reparis in pro-

The newly shelacked pews are perfectly dry and can be used without damage. The floors will be finished Dr. Branson, of the faculty of the after the new organ is put in place. ture this Friday night in the Audi- new floor finish, when sixty pieces of lays, our excellent health officer, is ling was so badly damaged, the com- Several good men are wanted, as will invite the fine of the com- layer in all 20 000 pounds in believing that University is in Oxford and will lec- This delay is neccessary to spare the torium of the Graded School under freight weighing in all 80,000 pounds a hopeless minority in beliveing that pany assigned it to the trash heap be seen by announcement elsewhere are to be carried over it.

SUPER-CRISIS CONFRONTS UNIT-ED STATES AS RESULT OF THREATENED SEA CAM-PAIGN OF RUTH-

LESSNESS

Brought Face to Face With Grav- expected. est Situation He Has Been Called Upon to Meet Since World-War Began—Declaration Is For Renewal and Extension of Submarine Lusitania and Scores of Other Ships Were Sunk Without Warning-Policy Is That to Which United States Has Objected, With Warning That Diplomatic Relations Would Be Severed if Continued-Both President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing Have Declined to Make Any Comment, and No Intimation Has Been Given of What Course Administration Will Pursue.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.

Germany has declared unrestricted submarine warfare.

the like of which the world never not. pleased with John Bull's country and has seen, was announced today in notes delivered to American Ambassdor Gerard in Berlin, and to the State Department here by Count Bernstorff.

> Thus begins the long-feared campaign of ruthlessness, conceived by von Hidenburg, it was said here, on a magnitude never even contemplat-

ed by von Tirpitz. Again the United States faces severance of diplomatic relations with warnings of "a' world afire" and Secprehension and misgivings.

Germany's action is the super-crisis of all those that have stirred the American Government in two and a half years of world war.

Talk of peace in Europe and means afternoon. of preserving the peace of the world have gone glimmering.

President Wilson, increudulous at Bettie Lee Watkins. first when the unofficial text of Germany's warning was brought to him, at once called for the official docu- home for a short visit. ment which had just been presented to Secretary Lansing by the German has been on a visit to his parents Ambassador. Mr. Lansing absolute- here, has returned to the Dominica, ly refused to make a comment. President Wilson began at once a careful

study of the document. What Will President Do?

the United States. Three immediate Jessie Farabow. After an interesting steps appear among the possibilities. The United States might solemnly warn Germany against a violation of her pledges; it might be decided that the German warning is sufficient nopledges and a sufficient warrant for breaking off diplomatic relations; it

On almost every side Germany's Lodge of North Carolina A. F. and A. tion to other places, where there hap- back in kind. German officials in the and that it was executed by our little end the war quickly. She counts on familiar to us. the operation of an unheard-of number of submarines to deliver blows speaks well for the big institution, to bring England to her knees with- which is engaged in such noble work. Mr. Hilman Cannady Returnes From in 60 days. One German official here today predicted the war would be Mr. Hilman Cannady returend over within 60 days. One German official here today predicted the war The National Bank of Granville Enwould be over in a month.

Conveyed to the world as the an-Allies to talk peace, Germany's latest warning says:

France, Italy and in the eastern Mediterranean—all sea traffic forthwith will be opposed."

Port of New York Closed.

The port of New York has been sealed tight by order of Collector of Customs Malone. Vessels of every description, including tug-boats, were turned back at Quarantine by the torpedo boat stationed there to maintain the neutrality of the United States.

-You may have observed that Dr.

HARGROVE NEWS ITEMS.

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

Mr. Mayes Hurt.

Mr. Willie Mayes came near being the victim of a serious accident a few days ago while at work at Tar River. His foot adz slipped and cut his leg below the knee, severing two arteries. Doctors Morris and Sanderford Peace and Means of Peace Go Glim- dressed the wound, taking several mering With Announcement of stiches. He suffered much from loss Central Powers' Proposed Naval of blood. We are glad to state that Policy, and President Wilson is he is getting along as well as could be

Death of Lady

Mrs. George Arrington, who was very sick for sometime with measles and pneumonia, died Sunday night Blockade of British Isles Proclaim- last. She had been sick for sometime. ed Early in 1915, During Which Her little six months old bady is very sick and not expected to recover. Six other children in the family have the measles and the sympathy of the community go out to the bereaved ones in the loss of a devoted wife and mother.

Providence School.

There was a mistake in the last Public Ledger about the school here. Miss Jessie Farabow takes the place of Miss Jones, resigned; Miss Mable Clayton has charge of the intermediate grade and Miss Mary Willie Allen continues in the primary department. We have a splendid school and the patrons are pleased with the teachers. Measles has not got into A starvation blockade of England, the school yet, and we hope it will snatching the pocketbook, the negro

"Valley Farm"

Public Ledger before the sitting of the robbery and he was permited to the sun this Friday evening, should proceed. However the news of the drive over to Providence and witness robbery spread like wildfire and sevthe presentation of the play entitled 'Valley Farm," which embraces the best local talent. First curtain about eight o'clock.

Personal Items.

Mrs. William Kimball, spent a few days the past week in Oxford. Miss Meelle Parott and Miss Lillie Arrington, of Oxford College spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hinnant, of Wendell, are visiting here parents,

Mrs. Harper Renn, who has been quite sick, is improving, we are glad to say.

Miss Peal Burnett was the guest of Miss Annie Bell Averett Sunday

Miss Juplia Currin, of Oxford College, was the week-end guest of Miss

Mr. Roy Carrinton, who has been making his home in Canada is at Mr. Frank Daniel, of Canada who

and our best wishes go with ihm. The players who will present "Valley Farm" Friday night, February 2nd, were delightfully entertained President Wilson has the task of Monday night at a reception given by deciding what shall be the course of Mr. Hugh Wheeler in honor of Miss

ments were served. THE 44TH ANNUAL REPORT

game of rook, delightful refresh-

Orphanage. There comes to our desk the annual report of the Board of Directors. Superintendent and Treasurer of the Oxford Orphanage to the Grand

We are much interested in the book of 100 pages because the me-

The text of the book, set in 8-point

NATIONAL THRIFT DAY.

courages Its Observation

nouncement of the National Bank of bad. Granville on the fifth page of this paper.

New Motor Car.

Capt. P. L. Spicer, Supervisor of this division of the Southern Railwhen the motor car on which he was

NEGRO SNATCH LADY'S PURSE

MRS. J. P. FLOYD ROBBED ON HER WAY TO PRAYER MEETING.

The Officers are Searching High and Low for a Negro With a Blink Eye and a Scar Upon His Face.

The unsual quietness that rules supreme on the residential streets of Oxford was broken Tuesday afternoon when it was learned that Mrs J. P. Floyd, a highly esteemed lady, had been robbed while on her way to the home of Mrs. Ella Clements to attend prayer meeting.

The robbery was committed about five o'clock on Broad street near the home of Mayor W. Z. Mitchell. The pocketbook, which was swung from the arm of Mrs. Floyd, contained \$6.-50. She had noticed a large black negro man pass her on Broad street n rapid succession, but paid no attention to him. This negro, accordnig to Mrs. Floyd's statement was the same man that slipped up behind her and snatched her pocketbook. Mrs. Floyd recognized him as being the same man by the broad scar upon the side of his face.

This bold daylight robbery occured in one of the quitest neighborhoods of Oxford and at an hour when few people were on the street. After darted down a side street and was seen near the Southern station, but Those who read this notice in the no one at the moment was aware of eral citizen with blood in their eyes dropped their work and took up the trail with the officers, but the engro was successful in making his escape. No doubt he would have received rough handling if he had been captured at that hour.

'Highway robbery is a serious crime, the sentence ranging from five to ten years and carries with it the specifications of hard labor.

The discription of the man given by Mrs. Floyd tallies with a nortorious crook known to the local police. If it is the same man, and there seems to be no doubt of it, he worked here last summer when the streets were being paved. After leaving Oxford, he got into a row with a negro and was badly cut about the face with a razor. One of his eyes is "on the blink," the result of being struck with a buck shot some years ago. He returned to Oxford a few days ago and since the robbery of Mrs. Floyd he cannot be found.

ENLARGES STORE.

Rebuilding and Enlargement Sale at Cohn & Son.

It starts Saturday, February 3rd for ten days only. A wonderful growth through ability to please-Cohn & Son's stores are growing they must have more - room—the stores must expand. Their business has gone ahead by leaps and bounds and now they find their present store insufficent to meet the demands; so they are gong to enlarge and remodel and change about departmens. This will give them more selling spacea floor space of more than one acre Cohn & Son's business is one of the most progressive dry goods and clothng firms, in Oxford, and its extraordinary success is no doubt due to its low prices. Builders will soon be ready to rebuild and enlarge their tores and right now they must make room for the carpenters. Rather than have their stocks ruined by dust and dirt every thing in their stock will be old at less than cost. Read their adv. on the last page of this pap-

FARMER'S INSTITUTE

Miss Jamison Coming to Granville Next Week.

Miss Minnie L. Jamerson, will be one of the speakers at the Farmers' Institute in Granville County next week. The meeting, as stated in last weeks Public Ledger, will take place at Enon and Hester. Miss Jamison As a memorial of the establish- is well known in the county, and has swer to the refusal of the Entente ment of the first savings bank in the given such impressive and helpful United States, the centennial of which demonstrtions at various places here was celebrates last year, February in the past, that we feel sure her "From February 1, 1917, within 3rd has been appointed "National name alone in the program will draw barred zones around Great Britain, Thrift Day" for the proposed encour- a large attendance from the wowen agement of thrift throughtout the of each community. Let none of us nation. The manner of its proper miss this opportunity, even though observation is set forth in the an- the roads and the weather may be

EXCELSIOR SEAT COMPANY.

Will Resume Operation Next Monday Morning

Well known business men of Oxway, who was slightly hurt recently ford and a gentleman from Cincinnati have taken over the Excelsior seated was struch, is on the job a- Company and it is stated that the gain. The car on which he was rid- plant will be under steam next week.