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THE PRICE OF APPLE BRANDY

THE MORALLY STUNTED ARE AGAIN CONFRONTED

The 1917 Vintage of Pure Apple Brandy is Being Retailed in Granville County at Ten Dollars the Gallon.

"How would you like to have some pure apple jack?" "I don't know, how much is it worth?" "I know where you can get all you want at \$10 the gallon."

"Alright, I would like to get a little for the old woman."

The above is practically the conversation that passed between two high-toned gentlemen on the streets of Oxford last Saturday.

From what the Public Ledger gathers, we infer that there are a few men in Granville converting their apple cider into brandy and that they sell a little of it to their friends purely for the "stomach sake." The manufacture and sale, it would seem, is confined to a very select few; or in other words, you must be a high-toned gentleman to get into the inner circle.

Those who thought that old booze had gone out of fashion and is dead and forgotten, are entirely mistaken. Though the manufacture of all manner of intoxicants were prohibited in the United States on and after the eight day of the present month, an Oxford gentleman who last week quenched his thirst at the Metropolis, informs the Public Ledger that the saloons in New York stand open all the time and the supply seems not to diminish.

And do you know that we have among us a great many people of little faith in the goodness of things. And in this we would not exempt all of the deacons and elders, for some of them are intensely human on a cold frosty morning when a little nip burns and bites the tongue. Why, it was only the other day that one of these good old souls quoted in our presence the old familiar doggerel: "Old John Barleycorn crushed to earth will rise again—the eternal years of God are his."

GERMAN SPY IN OXFORD

Colored Men Run Him Out of Town.

One of the most reliable colored men in Oxford told the Public Ledger that a man passed through Oxford last week and told him and other colored men that he was a captain in the United States Army and that he was en route from Washington City via Norfolk and Oxford to Fort Oglethorpe.

According to our information, the "captain" told the colored men that he was in a position to know what he was talking about; that he lived in Washington and had access to the war records; that the records revealed the fact that the Germans are slaughtering the American soldiers by the tens of thousands; that the 75,000 sent to the trenches were killed the first day.

According to our information some of the colored men were not willing to credit the story of the "captain," and told him so. It was further related to the Public Ledger how quick the "captain" jumped into his forcar and drove away when he heard one of the colored men whisper "German spy."

COHN & SON'S BIG SALE

Begins Friday, September 28th and Continues Fifteen Days.

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 fifteen day sale—15 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 secured the market of the East securing numerous desirable purchases at enormous concessions that 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. Though 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 for your winter outfit not only for present but for future needs. Read Cohn & Son's big advertisement on the last page of this paper and hurry to their sale.

A CHAPTER OF CRIME.

Three White Girls Were Assaulted in the State Last Week. Minister Goes Wrong.

(Chapter 1.) Earl Nevels, a negro hackman, was jailed in Raleigh last week charged with an assault upon Mrs. Floyd Celie, who indentified him as a man who entered her home during the absence of her husband and forced her to yield to his command at the point of a revolver. A mob gathered at the jail and the authorities took him to the penitentiary for safe keeping; later the mob gathered at the penitentiary and the authorities became alarmed and took the negro to Charlotte.

(Chapter 2.) Lying unconscious at the corner of her father's corn field in the suburbs of Dunn, Miss Adelaide Jeffries sixteen year old daughter of one of the wealthiest farmers of that section, was found early Friday morning by a rescue party, and was unconscious at the time the party came upon her. According to the story the young woman is said to have told, she was attacked when she stepped into her back yard, her assailant throwing a cloth over her head when she was attacked, preventing her from making an outcry.

(Chapter 3.) Armed with Winchester rifles and shotguns a band of fifteen citizens of the Bahama section of Durham county patrolled the countryside for miles around Saturday on a determined hunt for John Long, charged with shooting Miss Nellie Ball, a member of one of the leading families of the village. Long penetrated into the forests after firing a 44-Winchester bullet from ambush. When shot, the 22-year-old young woman was at the spring, situated 100 yards from the home, on the errand of conveying a bucket of water and coolers of milks to the house for the supper hour.

(Chapter 4.) The press of the State Monday morning disclosed a scandale at Greensboro of vast proportions. A pastor of a leading church of that city is in disgrace. He was confronted with charges that he could not deny. The police officers had found the minister in a house of prostitution in a room with a negro woman. It was charged that his visits to the house had been frequent. He did not deny the charge. The meeting of the governing board of the church followed, and his dismissal was prompt.

THIEVES ON THE RAMPAGE.

Break Window in Hamilton's Drug Store.

Bright and early last Saturday morning, clerks at the Hamilton Drug Store at the head of Main street, discovered that thieves entered the store during the night, and upon examination found that the glass in the back door had been smashed and the cross-bar that fastened the door had been removed. The entrance was made exactly like the four other store robbed in Oxford during the past ten days—that is, the thieves hurled a brick against the glass door and stood at a safe distance for a few moments to see if the noise attracted any one's attention.

The fact that all of the four stores robbed in Oxford during the past ten days were entered in the same manner leads to the belief that one thief is directing the work. This belief is heightened, too, by the fact that in each and every instance the money drawer was the only thing molested. The thief only got ninety-five cents at Hamilton's. Richmond, a city of 140,000 inhabitants, has only one robbery to every ten thousand inhabitants during the year. Oxford, a city of five thousand population, has had five robberies during the past ten days. The thieves are getting so bold in Oxford we expect them to soon call up the police by telephone or pick the banjo or play the graphophone to attract their attention.

PAINFULLY HURT

Nail Penetrates the Hand of Mrs. T. G. Taylor.

Last Saturday night Mrs. Thomas G. Taylor went out to the chicken coop to select a chicken for Sunday dinner. In attempting to enter the coop a plank fell on her hand, and a ten-penny nail which protruded through the plank pierced her hand. Mr. Taylor was at Landis & Easton's store, and upon receipt of the message from home requested Dr. Daniel to hasten to Mrs. Taylor's rescue. Dr. Daniel found the lady sitting in a chair and her hand bound closely to the plank, the nail having been clinched after passing through her hand. We are glad to say that Mrs. Taylor is resting nicely and the good doctor does not apprehend any danger from blood poison.

MEET GERMANS AT OWN GAME

UNITED STATES PREPARING TO CARRY ON FRIGHTFUL WARFARE.

Will Outdo Germany—Will Make it so Bad That She Will Be Glad to Quit.

(Washington Special) The United States is going to meet Germany at her game of frightful warfare.

Army men are at work on a plan of making war so frightful to Germany that the Germans will welcome peace at any price. Beside poisoned gases and liquid fire, both of which it was announced today, would be employed by the American army, expert chemists are reported to be engaged in experiments with a new substance which will carry the campaign a step further and be the American backfire against German methods.

War will be carried against Germany with poisons, flame and dynamite—dynamite from thousands of airplanes which will answer the Germans in their own language of "woman and children first."

French fliers have, when occasion presented itself, conducted successful raids on German towns. The British have not yet done so on any extended scale. The demand for airmen at the front have been heavy and the majority of the allied fliers have been engaged in work over the trenches. With the influx of the American thousands, however, and the new American machines equipped with the already world famous liberty motor, hundreds of aviators will be available to conduct fleet operations over the Teuton soil. Other thriving German manufacturing towns and cities will be visited.

Hundreds of thousands of air bombs are already being manufactured in this country. The contracts have not been made public. The American public has no realization of the scale on which this kind of warfare is being planned.

The first hint of the fact that America already has reserves of poison gas and liquid flame for use at the front when the American troops take over a part of the line was given in army general orders today. These orders detail certain forces—six companies of 540 men each and a headquarters platoon—for each army for "gas and flame service."

Under the new unit system an army will comprise three corps of approximately 2,000 men each. Attached to each army will be many other special units, including mining forces, a water supply service, detachment, motor truck companies, pontoon parws, forestry engineers, railway engineers to maintain a standard gauge railway service on the lines of communication.

PATRIOTIC MOMENTS

General Royster Will Address Audience at Orpheum.

It has been the desire of the committee for some time to get Gen. B. S. Royster to make a four minute patriotic speech at the Orpheum. He has at all times stood in readiness to do his bit, but in each instance the Government laid hands on him and called him elsewhere. Though he has surrendered the adjutant generalship of the State, he is frequently consulted and is in close touch with the War Department at all times. The General has promised to make a four minute speech at the Orpheum next Friday night. Newspaper men state that he can say more in four minutes than any speaker they have ever heard.

HON. JAMES R. YOUNG COMING.

Will Deliver Address in the Court House Thursday Night.

Hon. James R. Young, of Raleigh, will deliver an address on the subject of building and loan in the court house next Thursday night at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited to hear this distinguished speaker on this very interesting subject. The ladies are especially invited to be present. The purpose of this address is to celebrate the maturing of the first series of the Oxford Building and Loan Association.

Be a Well Dressed Man

Go to Horner Bros. Company and get a suit of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothing if you want something good and nice. The price, too, is right. See announcement on the third page of this paper.

GOVERNOR CALLS FOR MILITIA

A Wave Of Crime Spreads Over the State.

Governor Bickett on Sunday last issued the following: Whereas, it has been made to appear to me that conditions now prevail within the State calling for the use and service of an effective force for the maintenance of peace and order;

Whereas, the companies composing the organized State Guard are now absent from the State, having been duly called into the national service; and,

Whereas, by an act passed at the last session of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act to revise the military laws of the State of North Carolina and to increase the efficiency of the militia," ratified the 6th day of March, 1917, all able-bodied male citizens of the State and all able-bodied male residents therein who have signified their purpose to become citizens between the ages of 18 and 45, unless exempted by special law, are constituted and declared to be the unorganized militia of the State and made subject to the call of the Governor for the purpose indicated.

Now, therefore, I, Thomas W. Bickett, Governor, by virtue of authority vested in me by the general laws, and more especially by the provisions of said act, do make this my proclamation and call into the service of the State the said unorganized militia as described and designated in said act between the ages of 31 and 45, to the number of 5,000, not less than 25 in any one county, and the remainder to be apportioned to the larger counties, as the Governor may designate, to be selected by draft and forthwith organized and equipped as provided by said statute and the regulations to be immediately framed and published pursuant to the same.

NO REST FOR THE DOLLAR.

It Earns a Big Day's Pay For a Big Day's Work.

The lazy dollar is in bad straits. Its excuse for sheer idleness, or even a two per cent indolence, has been swept away by the endless opportunities for investment in private and public enterprises. Dollars that have grown hook-wormy in retirement are now beset on every side by courteous bonds—municipal, State and Federal—with attractive inducements to lucrative usefulness.

In these boom times for investment there is something almost inconsequential in the announcement that 4,000 farmers' organizations have been formed to borrow an anticipated total of \$150,000,000 from the twelve Federal Farm Banks during the coming year. Applications for nearly \$24,000,000 in loans came from the farmers during the single month of August.

Although Uncle Sam is prepared to furnish much of this cash from other sources, much of it will be raised by the sale of good interest bonds. And this operation will proceed quietly at a time when war loans totalling many billions are being absorbed by the general public.

Literal conscription of wealth in the United States is still far off, but the spirit and need of our strenuous times make it next to impossible for a dollar to avoid earning for its owner a big day's pay for a big day's work.

OLD RELIABLE WAREHOUSE

Messrs. Watkins & Fleming Doing Big Business.

Much interest is centered in the big sales at the Johnson warehouse. The prices are better this week than they were last week and the destination of the skyrocket prices are not in sight. Hold your breath while you read the announcement of the Johnson on the 5th page of this paper.

TAYLOR-ARRINGTON

Granville Man Goes to East Carolina for Bride.

Mr. William Roy Arrington, of Providence and Miss Zeta Taylor, of Fort Barnwell, Craven county, were happily married September 17th. Mr. Arrington met Miss Taylor in Kinston where she was visiting her sister.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. George I. Taylor. The young couple will make their home in Providence.

Household Economics.

The Household Economics department of the Woman's Club will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the store of Mr. J. Robt. Wood. This promises to be a very interesting meeting and the chairman, Mrs. J. D. Brooks is very desirous that a large number of the ladies will avail themselves of a pleasant and profitable hour.

BIG DAY AT PEACE CHAPEL

MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE WILL GATHER THERE NEXT SUNDAY

Dr. Vann Will Be There—There Will Be a Picnic On the Grounds—Spiritual Songs Will Ascend to the Heavens.

The choirs of Rev. E. G. Ursy's four churches have been practicing for some time, getting ready for the all-day meeting at Peace Chapel next Sunday. The editor of the Public Ledger had the pleasure of accompanying Messrs. M. P. Chamblee and J. K. Wood to Peace Chapel last Sunday morning and we got a taste of what is coming. The singing was nothing short of an inspiration and the sermon by Rev. E. G. Ursy still lingers in our memory. We have never heard a stronger petition for peace upon the earth than was uttered by Mr. L. L. Gresham, nor have we ever seen a congregation with more reverence for God and an abiding interest and welfare for their fellowman. We may have witnessed elsewhere in our travels churches with more religion, but for genuine Christianity the congregation at Peace Chapel stands close to the throne of Grace.

The Program Next Sunday

As stated above, the four churches of Reverend Ursy—West Oxford, Concord, Dexter and Peace Chapel—are looking forward with great interest to the all-day meeting at Peace Chapel next Sunday, beginning at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon. The program is a most interesting one. Mr. W. L. Howell will deliver the address of welcome, and Dr. Vann, one of the strongest preachers in the Baptist denomination, who is secretary of the Board of Education of the Baptist State convention, will deliver the inspiring message of the day. The meeting throughout will be enlivened with sacred songs. Miss Lessie Newton is the organist, and Mr. Claud Gresham is leader of the choir. West Oxford, Concord and Dexter congregations are going over there next Sunday and try-and out-sing the Peace Chapel choir. Will they do it? Well, we don't see how they can.

The Spread Next Sunday.

They are going to have a grand spread in the grove next Sunday and they are not depending upon the "five fishes and the two loaves" to feed the thousands of people who will gather about the table. The congregations say to you come, and they mean what they say. Peace Chapel is at Fairport—in a section where men's souls and bodies grow to full stature; and there are many pretty young ladies and handsome matrons in the congregation—and we violate no secret when we tell you that their pastor last Sunday cautioned them from the pulpit to beware of the "fashion god."

The Sunday School

It was our pleasure also to attend the Sunday School at Peace Chapel last Sunday morning and there was much interest manifested in the lesson. Mr. Jim Moss is a very enthusiastic superintendent; Mr. Lee Howell teaches the senior Bible Class, and we noticed across the aisle that pretty Miss Myrtle Overton was expounding the International Lesson to the Woman's Bible Class. Everything in the Sunday School interested us. As we looked about the sanctuary we counted sixteen bald heads; twenty children under five years of age; a host of young men about the draft age; many pretty young ladies and handsome matron ladies, some of them living as far as three miles from the church. We greatly enjoyed the two hours spent at Peace Chapel last Sunday and commend the congregation for their zeal for the Master. It also pleased us very much to see that their pastor, Rev. E. G. Ursy, is entrenched in their hearts.

SHOULD FACE FIRING SQUAD

All Traitors Should Be Shot At Sun Up.

There are about six men walking around in Granville county plotting in the interest of Germany. These six men no doubt feel that they are statesmen without a job.

One of the six wandered off to a town outside of Granville last week and got pinched for a seditious remark. That leaves only five of the kantankerous sort in the county, and they should be made to face the firing squad at sun up. That is the way to deal with traitors, go after them.

Doctor and Mrs. Nelson Thomas accompanied Mr. Josh King to Halifax Sunday to spend the day with Mr. King's mother. They made the trip in Mr. King's handsome car.