

We Are Very Busy

Opening Up Our NEW Spring Stock!

But we will have time to show it to you whenever you call, and understand, please, that when we say show we don't mean that you will have to buy.

Our different lines this season are the most beautiful we have ever shown. We don't generally do business at a loss, but our profit road this year is a narrow-gauge one and its branches extend to every department of our store.

Our buyer has just returned from the Northern markets happy in the possession of the largest and most desirable spring stock that has ever graced our store. The goods are arriving on every train. We wish to call special attention to our

Silks,
Wash Goods,
Ginghams, Organdies,
Lawns, Percales.

We are satisfied with a small profit, but we want a large circle of customers. We sell nothing that we cannot indorse. You can always find the largest, best stock of

Men's, . . .
Boys' and Youths'
READY-MADE
...CLOTHING...

At our store. Come and inspect our stock and you cannot fail to find something to please you.

TAKE OFF YOUR HATS, GENTLEMEN!

Do you need a hat? Do you need the best value your money will buy? If so come and see our display. We have them in all colors—black, pearl side nutrial, mouse, brown, lead and mode. What hat trade we have we hold, what we haven't we are after. We are after you.

SHOES, DID YOU SAY?

Why yes we have them and the handsomest line you have ever seen. We have them to fit all feet, at all prices, for men, women, children. Come and see them.

Millinery Department!

Miss Wellman, our milliner, assisted by Miss Annie Booth, is now hard at work getting ready for the event of the season. As you know, almost anybody with fingers the least bit deft can buy a cheap frame, a yard or so of velvet, a ribbon or two, put them together and dub the result a hat. But the verdict of womanhood is that it's better to let good milliners do the work, so if you want an up-to-date hat trimmed by an expert, you'll have to come to headquarters, for we will quit selling when we quit excelling. "Do you hear?"

Long Bros.

IT'S EASY

To get all the Perfumes, Toilet Goods, Brushes, Syringes, Hot-water Bags, and all other Druggists Sundries if you don't mind what you get. But it is safer in the long run to take the trouble

To go to the right place. Don't go the Wrong WAY.

We are in position to supply the wants of everybody. We have everything that is to be had in the Drug or Drug Sundry lines and we sell them at such remarkably low prices we are bound to win custom and incidentally your good will.

CALL AND SEE US
J. G. HALL, DRUGGIST,
PHONE 72.

Either Progress or Deterioration!
There is no middle ground for the individual; the same is true of the community.

Well known and generally accepted as are these facts, still a handful of citizens by standing in the way of the common interests if not directly opposing them, virtually throw their influence in favor of a policy of degeneration and do a grave injustice, perhaps a positive injury to their fellow man.

Again:—The fact that an individual has come into possession of property of taxable value carries the obligation so to administer it, that not alone he and his shall receive benefit, but that the whole social fabric shall be better served and participate also. If this be not so; then no man is his brother's keeper.

The question before this community today is whether the children of rich and poor alike shall enjoy a liberal education and equal opportunities to develop their best talents and highest ideals or shall a course be pursued that in a few generations will produce one class of white people who will be ignorant and vicious and another, well-to-do, but with souls so shriveled that they would rattle in a mustard seed?

LOUIS DE LACROIX.

Miss Mary Belle Gregory's Opening.

Despite the inclemency of the weather Miss Gregory's Spring opening held last Saturday was the most successful in her experience. The consensus of opinion among the ladies is that Miss Gregory made the largest and most complete display of the season. She had just returned from Northern markets and her stock was carefully selected from the most fashionable designers of the largest millinery houses. The walls of her store were decorated with flowers, laces, ribbons and silks, and that together with the large number of Pattern Hats made almost beautiful and artistic effect.

Noticeable among the hats was one made of pink crushed roses, possibly the most admired of the selection; then too a violet hat and leghorn trimmed with yellow roses, gold and chiffon easily found purchasers. It would be quite interesting and pleasant to the writer to describe in detail the handsome designs, which were undoubtedly the most of La Mode, on Oxford's counters but space forbids. She would suggest however that the ladies of the town and county should see Miss Gregory's stock before they make their selection. A word to the wise is sufficient.

A CUSTOMER.

Remarkable Cures of Rheumatism.

From the Vindicator, Rutherfordton, N. C.
The editor of the Vindicator has had occasion to test the efficacy of Chamberlain's Pain Balm twice with the most remarkable results in each case. First with rheumatism in the shoulder from which he suffered excruciating pain for ten days, which was relieved with two applications of Pain Balm rubbing the parts afflicted and relief instant benefit and entire relief in a very short time. Second, in rheumatism, in thigh joint almost prostrating him with severe pain, which was relieved by two applications, rubbing with the liniment on retiring at night, and getting up free from pain. For sale by J. G. Hall.

—Colorado's one woman legislator, Mrs. Evangeline Hearz, does not neglect house-keeping for lawmaking. She cooks well, dresses well and has a tidy home for her husband and two boys.

Attention County Merchants.

When in need of a good, absolutely safe Water White Oil call on the J. F. White Co., who will furnish you with "Aladdin Security Oil" in iron or steel barrels. No leakage; no evaporation. Actual measurement.

Altering of Stock.

All persons desiring horses or mules and other animals altered will do well to call on the business. Call on or write for further information to
John L. Bullock Hester, N. C.

Seed Potatoes.

110 Bushels of Jewel Yam and Early Piedmont sweet potatoes will be for sale at 75c per bushel, will deliver the first of April.
E. MORRIS,
Wilton, N. C.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

GATHERED BY OUR REPORTERS.

Short Items Dealing With the News of a Week.

—Read sale of land by C. F. Crews Commissioner in another column.

—Nobody knows where a cyclone may blow. Hence an air of uncertainty.

—We call attention to the administrators notice of J. G. Pittard in another column.

—A girl may know her own weight, she never knows how long she will have to wait for a proposal.

—The French class of the Francis Hilliard School are preparing to give a French play after Easter.

—The bridge across Hatchett's Run, Fishing Creek Township, was washed away Tuesday night.

—Anti-cigarette leagues are being started among the school children of the West. Long life to them.

It is given out that the annual output of pine for a year in North Carolina is over 750,000,000 feet.

—A Connecticut man advertised for a wife, received 528 replies and accepted one of the applicants.

Unfortunately, cyclones are troubles that the quicker they blow over the more harm is likely to be done.

—The great thing is to love, not to be happy. Love is for both worlds. Perfect happiness is for the other only.

—In 1804 there were 20 communicants in the Presbyterian church in the United States. In 1901 there are 1,413,771.

—The furniture factory is turning out new and handsome designs of furniture, which are meeting with ready sales.

—Ephraim was on the chicken path a few nights ago, and bagged about a dozen nice hens of Mr. Watson at the Hicks place.

—Mr. M. B. Hobbgood sold a load of tobacco at the Johnson Warehouse Tuesday and averaged \$20. The best grade fetched \$44.

—A witch hazel trust has been organized with a capital of three millions. An arnica monopoly will probably come in due time.

—There will be an Easter picnic at Bullock Mineral Springs, near Hester, and you are cordially invited to come and bring a full basket.

—The intercollegiate meeting will be held in Oxford at Horner Park on May 2nd. Davidson, Trinity and Wake Forest Colleges have entered the contest.

—Elliott, the bright and fair gem that glitters in the home of Col. H. G. Cooper, who has been quite sick for some days, we are gratified to learn is much better.

—The ice manufacturers of this state met at Goldsboro and form an association to "protect their interests." Mr. C. D. Osborn is a member of that cold combine.

—You may tell me says a writer that love is stronger than death—than destruction—than the world. You will soon see that it is not stronger than scandal.

—Mr. Gattis may as well get ready for a new trial. What the Tobacco Trust within the past two weeks has done for Mr. Gattis has been "a plenty."—News & Observer.

—The editor deeply regrets to learn of the serious illness of two of his old friends in Dutchville Township, Messrs. W. H. Walker and J. L. Coley, and truly hope they will recover.

—Our father never lets us wander so far away that there is no road back; the road is long and hard, it will take nerve and courage to travel it, but it can be done thank God for that.

—Whether or not it is intended to stimulate still further negro emigration from this country, it is said in Hawaii there is a berry that is quite as large and fully as tasteful as the watermelon.

—One of the best mixtures for soil is well regulated brains. The farmer who devotes as much time and intelligence to his work as the men in other lines of business is bound to succeed.—Charlotte News.

—There is not much work being done on the Cotton Factory now as brick has run short and the mill will not be fully completed for two months yet. The main building is almost ready for the machinery.

—Mr. S. T. Dickerson, of Fishing Creek, was in town Friday and showed the editor an old bill of money. It was for \$90 and issued by South Carolina in 1779, and about half the size of a greenback bill.

—We failed to call attention last week to the advertisement of Dr. Arnold Frank, Veterinary Surgeon-Durham. The doctor has a fine reputation in his profession, and when you need his services write to him at Durham.

Everybody who can possibly do so should carry Life Insurance, and no better company can be found in the country than the Equitable of which Mr. Edward Cannady is agent in Oxford, and will take pleasure in writing you a policy at any time. Read his card in another column, and remember him when seeking insurance.

Kicked by a Horse.

Some days ago Mr. W. H. Tillotson, Sr., happened to a serious accident, his horse kicked him on the leg, shivering the bone in two places. Dr. B. K. Hays was summoned and rendered valuable services, to the wounded man. Pleased to learn that Mr. Tillotson is doing nicely considering the severe break.

The Work of The Lord.

A revival meeting commenced at the Baptist church Sunday and Rev. J. S. Hardaway preached a very fine opening sermon. Rev. Samuel J. Porter, of Fayetteville, arrived Monday night and will preach the balance of the week. We trust it will prove the grandest revival that Oxford has seen in years.

They Are Still Rolling.

The Taylor-Cannady Buggies are in great demand by the local trade as Mr. Charley Bryan sold 12 in four days last week. That's right kept the wheels rolling as Superintendent Behlin is equal to the demand, and Secretary Roller is made to smile on account of the great demand of the excellent buggies.

Orders Pouring In.

Last week proved a winner for the Oxford Furniture Factory as many large orders poured in, and a number of car loads of handsome and durable furniture were shipped. Of course Manager Joe Webb was quite happy and he did not forget to smile while Superintendent Houbold stepped around twice as quick as usual as he is a hustler from away back.

Has Been Side-tracked for Repairs.

Our most highly esteemed Brother Manning, of the Henderson Gold Leaf, who has been on the sick list for a week or more, is able to be at his post, we are pleased to note. By the way Brother Manning, have you changed the day of publication of the Gold Leaf? For the past month it has not reached this ink den until Saturday.

Sends Money out of Town to Get Puffed.

Oxford has a write-up in the Baltimore Sun for which, we suppose paid handsomely. The same write-up in the Public Ledger would have cost the town less money and would have accomplished more good. Of course it is none of our business where or how the people of the town spend their money, but this advice costs them nothing.—Durham Herald.

Big Fertilizer Company for the State.

The Farmers' National Fertilizer Company, which has just been incorporated, is expected to be one of the largest enterprises in this section of the State. The charter provides that the principal factory shall be erected in or near Raleigh. The capital stock is \$100,000, with privilege of increase to \$1,000,000. Col. John S. Cunningham, of Person county, is among the incorporators.

Destruction of the Jefferson Hotel.

On March 29th Richmond suffered greatest disaster by fire since the burning of the Spotswood hotel on Christmas eve 1870. The Jefferson hotel, the magnificent structure built and furnished by the late Lewis Ginter at a cost of about \$1,000,000 is in ashes. One man has his hip broken. No one perished in the flames. The fire started in the linen room, from a defective flue. Insurance is about \$650,000.

Daughters of Confederacy.

The Granville Grays Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy met on last Thursday. An encouraging report was made by the treasurer, Mrs. W. Henry Hunt. Plans were discussed for the summer work and it was decided to observe Memorial Day with appropriate exercises. The Chapter will meet on April 17th at Mrs. J. C. Cooper's residence, at which time an orator for that day will be selected and the arrangements completed.

The Millinery Openings Saturday.

The millinery openings of the several firms occurred Saturday, and a large number of ladies were out even if it was cloudy. They streamed into the different establishments to see the charming display of fashionable hats which eclipsed all former openings and evoked the most flattering compliments from the ladies. A large number of them provided themselves with Easter hats. Indeed it was a great day for the ladies and they enjoyed it.

—Rev. F. W. Hilliard will hold services and preach in St. Peter's church, Stovall, on Friday next, April 5th, Good Friday, at 11 a. m. and 7 1/2 p. m. Saturday next, April 6th, Easter Eve, at 11 a. m. and 7 1/2 p. m. Sunday next, April 7th, Easter Day, at 11 a. m. and 7 1/2 p. m. All persons are cordially invited to attend.

Caught a Dreadful Cold.

Marion Kooke, manager for T. M. Thompson, a large importer of fine millinery at 1558 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, says: "During the late severe weather I caught a dreadful cold which kept me awake at night and made me unfit to attend my work during the day. One of my milliners was taking the Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a severe cold at that time, which seemed to relieve itself. It acted like magic and I began to improve at once. I am now entirely well and feel very pleased to acknowledge its merits." For sale by J. G. Hall.

House Keepers.

Insist on your Grocer furnishing you with ALADDIN Security Oil for your lamps. Absolutely safe No odor; no smoke; stricture "Water White."

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware the Signature of
J. C. H. Hester

GALLOPING GLANCES

AT PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Short Review of Citizens Who Have Earned Distinction--Men who Make a Town.

COL. W. J. HICKS.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum has commanded the position of Superintendent men of note in various departments of life. No one, however, who has filled the position, has combined more useful and substantial qualities than Col. W. J. Hicks. Bringing to the duties of management a great fund of knowledge of men and things gained through a long and successful career; possessed of sound judgment and discretion in the conduct of affairs; blessed with a large heart and with power that comes through personal magnetism, he is admirably qualified and fitted for the duties of the office in question. His administration has seen the institution grow in greatness and usefulness, and his clear head and firm hand have made this progress possible.

As a man, Colonel Hicks is a true representative of the "old school." His appearance is striking, his personality such as would give him distinction at any place. In bearing and address he is dignified and gracious, and his figure and head are those of a remarkably handsome man.

PROF. F. P. HOBGOOD.

One of the prides of Oxford, and for many years one of the prized jewels of the Baptist denomination of this State is the Oxford Seminary for Girls, presided over by the subject of this sketch. Poeta nascitur non fit. It is equally true that a great teacher is born with the necessary qualities that make him a success in his calling. He should possess wisdom, firmness, patience, gentleness, system, discretion, genuine piety—not cant scholarship and aptitude for imparting instruction. Many of these qualities Prof. Hobbgood inherited—all he possesses in a marked degree. Hundreds of happy homes all over North Carolina made so by cultured christian mothers, who received their training at this famous school, are living advertisements of his eminent fitness for the position he occupies. He is now in the prime of life, slightly past fifty, jovial, genial, affable, companionable, and it is hoped with many years of usefulness before him.

DR. E. T. WHITE.

Foremost in matters of business, interested in all enterprises that possess merit, a leader in his church, and recognized as one of the first citizens of the State, Dr. E. T. White is a gentleman of large influence and great industry. In addition to being a large property-holder—in fact he is one of the largest in the county—his friends and fellows have indicated their confidence in his sagacity and wisdom by choosing him to fill responsible positions in business and in politics and in the church.

Dr. White was born in Granville, reared here, and with the exception of the years spent in obtaining his education has lived here all his life. He has been, and is, at all times, ready and willing to co-operate in good causes and is, essentially a public spirited citizen.

The day is past when only professional men are public speakers of note. Such men as Senator Hanna and quite a number of other Senators and Representatives have demonstrated the fact that, when a man has something to say, he can say it and say it well, in spite of the lack of long training in schools or habits of public speaking. Dr. White is another instance of the forcible and eloquent business-man orator.

J. E. & W. I. HOWELL.

The two gentlemen composing the firm of well known general merchants under the firm name of T. L. Howell & Bros. are among the most substantial and influential citizens of Oxford. For many years they have conducted a good business and have attracted to themselves a large circle of friends and customers from both the town and country. The Messrs. Howell have well understood that conservative methods, in business as in legislation, are the surest to produce desirable results, and they have profited by this knowledge. These gentlemen have always manifested a lively interest in all public concerns and have given of their time and means to the service of the town. Directness is the term which best describes them both in their business and social natures. They are not men of "many words," but you will hear enough from them to know that, in any given instance, they are to be found on the right and safe side of the proposition.

His intimate friends are constantly indicating to the younger brother the fact that the world is full of charming made sighing for his like, and that one who has proved himself such an admirable City father might be able to govern one to advantage.

He Kept His Leg.

Twelve years ago J. W. Sulvan, of Hartford, Conn., scratched his leg with a rusty wire. Inflammation and blood poisoning set in. For two years he suffered intensely. Then the best doctors urged amputation, "but" he writes, "I used one bottle of E. C. Bitters and in 1-2 boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and my leg was sound and well as ever. For Eruptions, Eczema Tetter, Salt Rheum, Sores and all blood disorders E. C. Bitters has no rival on earth. Try them J. G. Hall will guarantee a satisfaction or refund money. Only 50 cents.

ON THE WING.

YOU KNOW SOME, BUT NOT ALL.

The Varied Movements of a Number of People.

—Mr. J. F. Edwards spent Sunday in Raleigh.

—Miss Farabow, of Stem, was in Oxford Friday.

—Mrs. Pete Thorp, of Oak Hill, was in town Monday.

—Mr. Thos. D. Waller returned to Oxford yesterday.

—Mrs. A. A. Hicks spent Saturday and Sunday in Raleigh.

—Rev. and Mrs. Thales Turner, of Wilton, visited Oxford Monday.

—Miss Ava Lawrence, of Wilton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. R. Pace.

—Mrs. Will Bain, of Raleigh, is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Hughes.

—Mr. A. B. Cannady, of Florence, S. C., was on our streets Saturday.

—Mrs. E. T. Crews and daughter have returned from a visit to Suffolk.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Crews, of Hester, were on our streets Monday.

—Sheriff Fleming took in the district conference at Clayton the past week.

—Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Henderson, of Wilton, were in Oxford a few hours Monday.

—Miss Harris, of Greensboro, is the guest of Mrs. W. B. Ballou on Hillsboro street.

—Mr. F. S. Daniel, of Berea, was in Oxford Wednesday and called to see the editor.

—Rev. J. D. Pegram returned Monday from attending district conference at Clayton.

—Miss Helen Allcott, of Clarksville, was the guest of Miss Lula Knott last Saturday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Willie Burwell, of near town, joined the shoppers in Oxford Monday.

—Miss Lula Biggs, of Raleigh, is on a visit to her grandmother, Mrs. Lucy Cooper, on Hillsboro street.

—Miss Dorothea Coggeshall, of Henderson, visited Oxford Monday to the pleasure of her old friends.

—Messrs. E. B. Cozart, of Knap of Reeds, and W. J. Royster, of Hargrove, were on our streets Monday.

—Mr. Ira Howard returned from Richmond Sunday greatly improved in health to the joy of relatives and friends.

—Mr. Willie C. Curran, of Walnut Grove township, was in town Friday and dropped in to see the editor on business.

—Mr. E. W. Jones returned Saturday from a trip to the Western part of the State in the interest of the Orphan Asylum.

—Mr. George B. Harris and Dr. F. R. Harris, two of Henderson's popular citizens, were in Oxford a few hours Monday.

—Mr. R. L. Faucette, of Hilliardston, was on a visit to relatives in this county last week, and on Saturday was in Oxford and the editor enjoyed a visit from him.

—Messrs. John L. Bullock and John Hester, two of Hester's nice young men; H. D. Blackley and son, of Wilton, were in Oxford Thursday and called on the Public Ledger.

—Our old friend R. B. Benseley, accompanied by his son Robert, of Lousburg, were numbered with the many visitors to Oxford Monday, and the "old man" was glad to receive a visit from them.

—Messrs. W. W. Curran and brother, of Henderson; R. T. Critcher, of near Berea; J. N. Watkins, of Buchanan; W. S. Gooch, of Stem; J. L. Haskins and son Charles, of Hester, were Oxford visitors Monday and called on the Public Ledger.

—The bright and pretty Miss Annie de Lacroix, who has been on crutches over two years, is, we are greatly pleased to see, almost entirely well and has discarded her wooden companions. We know she is happy and her friends rejoice with her.

—Messrs. W. C. Peed, of Hargrove; R. L. Burnett, of near Oxford; F. H. Frazier, of Walnut Grove; O. P. and J. Y. Mangum, of New Light; J. D. Cash and Pryor Moss and son, of Dutchville, were on the large break of tobacco Friday and the editor was pleased to meet these gentlemen in his office.

—Ex-Judge Graham and Mr. R. W. Lassiter returned from New York City Sunday where they had been to close the sale of some of their valuable copper mining interest in northern Granville. As both these gentlemen are warm friends of the editor we are greatly pleased to learn that fortunate begins to smile upon them which they certainly deserve.

Tuberose and Caladium Bulbs at Hall's Drug Store.

ROYAL Baking Powder

Made from pure cream of tartar.

Safeguards the food against alum.

Alum baking powders are the greatest menaces to health of the present day.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

Graded School and Good Roads.

A petition is being circulated among the property owners of the town and is, we are glad to say, being signed by a majority of them, asking the Town Commissioners to call an election for the establishment of a Graded School. God bless the boys and girls of Oxford, and if the question is submitted to a vote they will win by a handsome majority.

Even if some of our people prefer not to accord the Oxford Public Ledger virtually any of their patronage we are for building up and pushing forward the dear old town, and we exclaim with all our heart: Hurrah for a Graded School and good roads! The editor has always been in favor of education and good roads, and therefore we want to see a graded school in Oxford and better roads in the county, for which the editor will cheerfully pay his part of the taxes for each even if he has no children to educate and no horse to drive.

Graded schools have proven to be great town builders for the reason that they naturally draw people to a town and thereby increase business, and we cannot see why any of our people should oppose a Graded School.

Wanted.

100,000 pounds old casting at Handleys Foundry, Oxford, N. C. Highest market price will be paid for same.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box 25c.

—Easter services will be held in the Methodist church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the children of the Sunday school will render an entertaining program. The public generally and the Sabbath schools of the town especially are cordially invited to attend.

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.

Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure's a cold in one day. No Cure, no Pay. Price 25c.

—General Toon, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in a letter to county superintendents, states that only two regular examinations are provided for each year, but superintendents may examine at any time, and charge a fee of \$1 therefor.

E. W. Grove

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day.

BENJ. K. HAYS, M. D. THE S. L. BOOTH, M. D.

DRS. HAYS & BOOTH,

Physicians and Surgeons.

Office on College street, next to Episcopal church. Phone 31--2. Office hours 10 to 12 A. M. mch28-7mo.

Grand Millinery Display.

Feeling sure I have a Better Selected, Cheaper and Prettier Stock of Goods

To show than ever before, want to urge my friends and patrons to come and see them before picked over. Besides millinery, have a nice line of Notions, Corsets, tailor-made, straight-front, for \$1, and a beauty for 53c. in colors and white; also Ladies' Gauze wear in white and colors. Hosiery for ladies and children—all new and cheap. A beautiful line of Ladies' Neckwear, Lace Collars, Jabote Stock-Collars, etc., Gilt Belts, Corded Satin Belts, Leather Belts, in fact all styles—a novelty in velvet and gilt for 25c.

Yours to please,

Emma H. Day.

Do You Want to Insure?

I am in the market for LIFE INSURANCE and ask you to place your policies with me, as I am now a regular agent of the Equitable Life Insurance Co. It stands at the head of the list, and will highly appreciate your patronage, promising to furnish you the cheapest and best Insurance to be had.

Yours to insure,

W. EDWARD CANNADY.