

## 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 gauge 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, Gingham, Organdies, Lawns, Percales.

We are satisfied with a small profit, but we want a large circle of customers. We sell nothing that we cannot endorse. 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.

## If You Are Tired COME and rest at our Soda Fountain.

Our ice cold drinks are refreshing and invigorating. We serve all kinds of ice cold drinks. Come, refresh your self.

J. G. HALL, DRUGGIST, PHONE 72.

FOR GRADED SCHOOLS.

### Governor Aycock Accepts an Invitation to Speak in Oxford and Henderson.

News and Observer says Governor Aycock has accepted an invitation to speak in Henderson next Saturday at 2 o'clock and at Oxford at eight o'clock that night. Both of these towns will vote on the first Tuesday in May on a proposition to levy a special graded school tax. Of course they will vote for the tax. No town in the State has voted against it. These two towns have always been foremost in educational matters. Henderson is now maintaining a graded school by private subscription and its establishment is the most progressive step Henderson has taken in this decade. Oxford has not yet taken this step necessary to give a complete school system, but will inaugurate it as its first forward movement of the new century. Oxford will be the first town to vote under the new law. It is fitting that the first school established under this new law—the best school law ever enacted in the State—should be established in Oxford, long known as "the Athens of North Carolina."

### A Few Reasons Why You Should be in Favor of Graded School!

Because I am sworn to support the constitution of the State, and it says all citizens must be educated.

Because I favor education and desire to make my children intelligent and good citizens, and a graded school will accomplish it.

Because I feel the need of education and am too poor to give my children the advantage unless I could send them to a good school. Shall I miss the opportunity?

Because I want to see Oxford numbered among the progressive towns of the State and all such have graded schools.

Because I promised to see that every boy in Oxford could read and write by 1908 and will do my best to keep my promise.

Because I sell my goods to the poor and want to show my appreciation for what I get by applying a small part of the profits received towards the advancement and welfare of their children.

Because wherever established in North Carolina graded schools have been a large factor in the up-building of the town.

There are many other reasons why Oxford should have a graded school, and you want to hear them the popular Governor of our grand old State will tell them to you Saturday night at the Court House. Go and hear the great and brilliant champion of education and you will be glad you went. TAXPAYER.

### New Base Ball Team.

The young men employed in the splendid Taylor-Cannady Buggy Co. Factory have organized a fine base ball team, and have equipped themselves with a nice uniform. It is thought our friend J. B. Roller will be umpire to insure against accident, with Messrs. Chas. Behlen and "Dutch Fleming" as coaches. Success to you boys.—News & Observer.

### Beware of a Cough.

A cough is not a disease but a symptom. Consumption and bronchitis which are the most dangerous and fatal diseases, have for their first indication a persistent cough, and if properly treated as soon as this cough appears are easily cured. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has proven wonderfully successful, and gained its wide reputation and extensive sale by its success in curing the diseases which cause coughing. If it is not beneficial it will not cost you a cent. For sale by J. G. Hall.

## GOVERNOR C. B. AYCOCK

WILL SPEAK AT THE Court House, Saturday Night, May 4th, at 8 O'clock, IN THE INTEREST OF GRADED SCHOOLS.

The Ladies as well as everybody in Oxford is cordially invited to come out and hear the great Champion of education in North Carolina.

### LOCAL BREVITIES.

GATHERED BY OUR REPORTERS.

### Short Items Dealing With the News of a Week.

—Read legal notice appearing for first time in another column.

—Read advertisement of University Summer School in another column.

—Staying at home and not voting at all is a vote against the graded school.

—The weather has known enough to come in out of the wet and the people are happy.

—Messrs. E. T. Rawlins and John Paris have put up new awnings in front of their stores.

—Comparatively speaking, there may be good husbands, but no husband beats a good wife.

—Of course you think a graded school will prove a great benefit to Oxford. Then vote for it.

—The host of friends of Mrs. L. C. Edwards will be gratified to learn that she continues to improve.

—If the small feminine waist has to go to let the masculine arm go with it. They always did go well together.

—The cornish for the new Methodist church has arrived, and the contractor has again commenced work.

—Mr. J. M. Currin has purchased from Mr. C. H. Landis his fine colt. Mr. Currin knows a good thing when he sees it.

—If you are a friend of the boys and girls of Oxford you will be found casting your vote Tuesday for the graded school.

—A vote cast in favor of the Graded School is a vote for the progressiveness of our town and the enlightenment of our people.

—Mrs. M. E. Sears, of Clay, was the guest of Mrs. Lem Day Wednesday, and the editor was pleased to meet her in his office.

—How can a poor man in Oxford afford to vote against the graded school when it is his only hope of educating his children.

—The new Penitentiary board finds the assets of the institution \$33,000 less than Superintendent Day reported them to be last January.

—The editor advocates the graded school because he believes it will be a great lever in the progress of Oxford which he has so much at heart.

—Alice, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lynch, who has been quite sick for several days, we are pleased to learn is much better.

—Dr. E. A. Yates, who is one of the ablest of North Carolina's preachers, will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church second Sunday in May.

—Money put into education—the making of useful men or women of the boys and girls of the land—is the best use to which money can be put.

—If you are thinking of buying fine Barred Plymouth Rocks, read B. B. Shields & Sons, of St. Clairsville, Ohio, advertisement in another column.

—Rev. J. T. Gibbs, the capital Presiding Elder of this District, held quarterly meeting at the Methodist church Sunday and preached two very fine sermons.

—Wake up to the importance of the election Tuesday and don't let it go out to the world that Oxford is the first town in the State to refuse to establish a graded school.

—It is an undisputed fact that the Buffalo Lithia Water is the greatest mineral water yet discovered, and thousands of people in this country have felt its healing powers.

—Why should you hesitate for a moment to vote for a graded school when it is an undisputed fact that every single town in North Carolina that has one is building up?

### Attention Old Soldiers.

A party of Confederate Soldiers will leave Warren Plains, Warren county, N. C., on May 22nd, on a pleasure trip to Gettysburg, Penn., via Norfolk and Baltimore. Low rates have been secured. For further information address R. H. M. Paschall, Wise, Warren county, N. C.

### Will Close with Fine Entertainment.

The most excellent school of Mrs. T. L. Booth and Mrs. Kate Hays Fleming will close on May 27th with a choice entertainment at the Opera House. The dear children of this successful school will produce an enjoyable Operetta and will be greeted with a large audience.

### Thanks for an Invitation.

The editor thanks Dr. Elijah Brodie Meadows for an invitation to attend the Graduating Exercises of the University College of Medicine at the Academy of Music, Richmond, Va., May 2nd. Dr. Meadows is one of the popular young men of Granville. We are pleased to note, he is numbered with the graduates.

### Cyclone Fund.

Amounted previously reported	\$204.
W. Z. Mitchell,	1 50
Mrs. W. A. Adams,	1 00
I. H. Steagall,	1 00
B. F. Currin,	1 00
R. W. Winston, Durham,	10 00
Fielding Knott,	5 00
E. A. Hunt,	37
Total to date,	\$223 87

All of which has been turned over to R. W. Harris and G. L. Allen, of Wilton, jointly for distribution where most needed in their judgment.

### Death of Mr. J. A. Norwood.

After an illness of several weeks Mr. J. A. Norwood, of Buchanan, died on Wednesday, and undertaker J. S. Hall was summoned to take charge of the last sad rites over his remains.

Mr. Norwood was a leading Republican and a member of the State Committee, and served at one time as Register of Deeds of Granville. He was 48 years of age and leaves behind a devoted wife and 5 children to mourn his death. He was kind-hearted and liberal, and was ever ready to do a kindness for a neighbor and friend. We dare say he will be greatly missed.

The funeral services will be conducted today by Rev. Mr. Hurley, of Durham, at his late residence, and the remains will be interred there.

### The Kingsbury Golden Wedding.

The social event of the coming week that will have an interest for all people of North Carolina is the golden wedding of Dr. T. B. Kingsbury, the able and venerable editor of the Wilmington Messenger, and his lovely and accomplished wife. Long years have they lived together, an example of the graces that adorn the ideal marriage. This invitation has been received by friends:

1851. Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Bryant Kingsbury invite you to be present on the 50th Anniversary of their marriage, Wednesday evening May the first,

nineteen hundred and one, eight to twelve o'clock, 211 South Fifth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina.

### Demorest Contest of Mary Potter School.

A large audience comprising the culture of the colored people of Oxford gathered at the Opera House on Tuesday evening to attend the first part of the closing exercises of the Mary Potter Memorial School.

The exercises consisted of recitations, vocal and instrumental music, and the presentation of the medal, which was won by Miss Jeanette Bond, was made by the popular Dr. B. K. Hays in a graceful manner. Each pupil did his or her part well. From first to last the entertainment was full of interest, and reflected great credit upon the teachers as well as upon the pupil of this splendid institution.

Rev. Walter Pattillo's prayer was a fine one, as it was for the advancement of education in the State and Oxford especially.

### What the Tax Will Be in Oxford for a Graded School.

There is much talk among our anti-Graded School friends about excessive taxation. We have taken some pains to learn the consensus of opinion of the prospective Board of Town Commissioners and find that no man on the Board favors a levy of over 20 cents on property and 60 cents the poll. This amount it is thought will be sufficient, with the amount which is already in hand, to give a good school.

It also appears from an investigation of the town finances that it is possible by the exercise of the same economy which has been observed by the retiring administration to reduce the general levy at least 5 cents, and it could be easily made 10 cents if they would once think of those who walk all the time instead of the ones who ride. Therefore we can say with perfect assurance that the increase in assessment will not exceed 15 cents on property and 60 cents on the poll.

### The Secret of True Progress.

Webster's Weekly truthfully says: Nothing speaks better for a town than the cause of education is cherished by its citizens. A people who appreciate good schools are presumed to be intelligent and enterprising. One feels safe in casting his lot with such. He feels that the future is secure; that provision is being made for the rising generation to do greater things than their fathers are now able to do. It is no accident that the States that have the best schools are the most prosperous. It is no accident that the towns and cities that are doing the most for education are outstripping those that are content with a minimum expenditure for schools. Show us a community where the average of intelligence is low and we will point you to one that is a laggard in the race of industrial development. Its people are poor because they don't know how to better their condition. The wealth of a town is not in bricks and mortar and machinery, but in mind and character. Destroy the former and intelligent minds and trained hands will restore them, but what does ignorance build?

### Quit Preaching or Drinking.

The Morganton Herald, speaking of Rev. Joe Munday's being deposed from the pulpit for drinking, says: "Joe ought to make an election between the two, and quit preaching or drinking. A preacher can do a lot of things and hold his job—drinking is not one of them. He can dodge his debts, swaphorses, talk scandal, bound a brother preacher to ruin, worry his wife by flirting with the pretty women, tell jokes that need a Turkish bath—but he mustn't drink."

### Real Tragedy of the Stage.

While playing the tragedy, "Last Upon the World," at the closing exercises of Stanley McCormick High School at Stanville, in the western part of the State, on the night of April 26, a real tragedy was enacted when R. N. McInturf, one of the students, was shot and killed by Baccus Bailey, another student, both representing characters in the play. When it became necessary for Bailey, in his role, to defend himself with a revolver against a drawn knife in hand of McInturf, he used by mistake a loaded pistol instead of the one with blanks, and in the presence of several hundred people McInturf was shot dead on the stage. The boys were room mates and special friends.

### GALLOPING GLANCES

#### AT PROMINENT PEOPLE.

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

MR. J. D. BROOKS.

The first proposition to be laid down is that Mr. Brooks is a large man—a large man in more respects than one, it is submitted! If you doubt whether he's large physically, see how much light can be seen between him and the two sides of the door in which he stands.

If you have doubts as to his largeness of heart, make a little enquiry of his neighbors and others who know him well, or go to him in behalf of any worthy cause, and you will secure answers which put the proposition beyond doubt.

Mr. Brooks is not a wealthy man, but his present prosperous business demonstrates what can be accomplished by perseverance and hard work aided by a courage that knows no failure. Genial, full of life and spirit, ready either to laugh with you or weep with you, with a friendly word for all, a heart filled with sunshine, he is good to know!

REV. J. S. HARDAWAY.

Church records reveal few cases of pastors so long continued, so faithfully executed and so universally commended and endorsed as that of the Rev. J. S. Hardaway, in charge of the Baptist church of Oxford. It is literally true that to know Mr. Hardaway is to love him!

As a man and citizen he is keenly alive to all public matters which concern town, county, State or Nation. While convinced of the wisdom of the eternal separation of Church and State, he yet knows that the public concern is of as great interest to the church as to others, and he acts accordingly.

As a christian gentleman, he might well be held up as an example. His manner is gracious, cordial, sincere—his handshake convincing of the largeness and kindness of his heart! As a preacher, he is earnest, thoughtful, rightly divining the distinction between the important and the unimportant, clear in style, direct and forcible in the presentation of the eternal truths, and most earnest in delivery. While not an orator, he has a more useful, if not more powerful, accomplishment—that of eloquence of speech.

Faithful, loving friend—exemplary christian gentleman—strong and earnest messenger of the gospel, full of heart full of tenderness and the milk of human kindness—that is Rev. J. S. Hardaway!

SOL. W. COOPER.

Everybody knows and everybody likes this gentleman. He has been reared here in our midst, and we have known his uprisings and downfalls for many years. As a man, Sol. Cooper has as kind a heart and as sympathetic a disposition as one could find. Not that he is emotional—for he is not; but is discriminating and wise in his judgment of merit. A rich sense and appreciation of humor enable him to perceive brightness and pleasure where they are invisible to others—an intimate acquaintance with men and an acute understanding make him an excellent judge of human nature; while a certain indescribable quaintness of manner and originality of expression coupled with wisdom and common sense, give splendor and interest to his conversation.

As a citizen, Mr. Cooper is keenly alive to all matters of public concern and, while he may make less noise about it than others, his counsels and assistance are potent in all good works. Since severing connection with the Bank several years ago he has been a warehouseman and, as such, has made an enviable name for himself and has aided largely in sustaining Oxford's reputation as a Tobacco market. Mr. Cooper is well and favorably known throughout the State.

—Hurrah for the Horner base ball team! The boys redeemed themselves Monday, as they had the pleasure of defeating the Danville Military Academy team by a score of 11 to 1.

—Next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock Rev. A. McCullen will hold a special service in the Methodist church for the children, and the "old children" are cordially invited to join the young ones.

—Keep perfectly cool, don't get excited and lose your head in the graded school election, and you will feel better when it is over. Let it be a friendly, good natured fight as there is no politics in it.

—Messrs. J. F. Meadows & Co. it seems are more than anxious to keep the people of Oxford cool this summer and now have their house full of choice manufactured ice. They will deliver ice right at your door, which should cause them to sell a large quantity of frozen water.

### It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg, but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve "holly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by J. G. Hall.

### Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.

Active Bismo Quinine Tablets cure's cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price 25 cent.

## 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.

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### ON THE WING.

#### YOU KNOW SOME, BUT NOT ALL.

### The Varied Movements of a Number of People.

—Mr. E. T. Crews, of Danville, is visiting his family.

—Mr. E. G. Currin, of Kingston, was in Oxford Friday.

—Mr. J. M. Currin has returned from a visit to Kingston.

—Mr. John Leach, of Henderson, was in Oxford Sunday.

—Miss Allie Gooch, of Stem, was on our streets a few hours Monday.

—Miss Jones, of LaGrange, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Lonnie Smith.

—Mr. Robt. Currin, of Florence, S. C., is on a visit to his sister Mrs. L. F. Day.

—Prof. W. T. Allen, of Epsom, visited his daughter, Mrs. Ed Osborn, Friday.

—Mrs. Brown, of Asheland, Va., is visiting her son, Mr. R. L. Brown, on Hillsboro street.

—Mr. J. W. Pittard, of Bullock, was an Oxford visitor Monday and called to see the editor.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Bullock and daughter, of Stem, were in Oxford shopping Monday.

—Commissioner W. S. Gooch, of Stem, was in Oxford Monday and dropped in to see the editor.

—Mr. M. A. Jackson, of Creedmoor, was an Oxford visitor Saturday and called on the Public Ledger.

—Mrs. Joe Webb returned to Oxford Saturday accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Lucy Russell.

—Mr. Luther Stark, of Rocky Mount, was in Oxford Saturday and Sunday visiting his family.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Cannady and daughter, have gone to Charlotte and will remain some time.

—Miss Cora Tenn, of Durham, visited Oxford several days the past week to the pleasure of her many friends.

—Mr. Thos. W. Stovall, of Stovall, was in Oxford Monday and the editor was pleased to receive a visit from him.

—Mr. J. K. Clement, of Brownsville, was in town Friday and the editor was pleased to receive a visit from him.

—Mr. J. L. Williams, of Big Rock, was in Oxford Thursday and the editor was pleased to receive a visit from him.

—Messrs. A. W. Graham, B. S. Royster, and A. A. Hicks returned from attending the Supreme Court at Raleigh Saturday night.

—Messrs. J. T. Milton, of Hester, R. G. Stem, of Stem, E. M. Sherman, of Bera, L. S. Carrington, of Cornwall, and E. W. Holgood, of Sunset, were Oxford visitors Thursday, and called to see the editor.

### Death of Mrs. Bailey.

Mrs. Eliza Bailey died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Caswell, at Berlin Center, Saturday evening at nine o'clock, from that dreaded disease consumption, aged 31 years, 6 months and 27 days. In the early part of the winter she and husband went to Oxford, N. C., for the benefit of her health, but the disease had so fastened itself upon her that she gradually failed and finally came home to die, arriving on Thursday. Funeral was held from the house on Tuesday at 1 o'clock p. m.—South New Bethany Bee, N. Y.

Mr. Bailey and family who spent the winter in Oxford with his invalid wife left here for their home in N. Y. on the 8th of April, arrived at Mrs. Baileys parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caswell, on Thursday 11th and Mrs. Bailey died on Saturday following and was buried on Tuesday 16th. During their stay in Oxford they made many friends among our people who deeply sympathize with the grief stricken husband and friends.

### House Keepsers.

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

### 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.

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