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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,

Cinghams, 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 nutria, 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 fabric, 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 Have A
HEADACHE

in the
MORNING

you will
"Have Such Glad-
ness"

if you will drink
Red Raven Splits.

For sale at HALL'S
Drug Store.

PRESENTED WITH A ROSE BUD.

It Well Pays the Editor for Championing
The Graded School.

With all the unpleasantness which beset the pathway of the editor—the censure of those unfriendly to us and sometimes the ingratitude of our friends who only speak as they pass by—there sometimes comes a glorious ray of sunshine to cheer us in our work for the educating and uplifting of the people and the material prosperity of Oxford and Granville county. Such a ray gladdened our pathway Thursday while on our way to dinner. A dear little friend of ours, of which we have many in Oxford—a little bright-eyed girl, with her face radiant with a smile—presented us with a beautiful red rose, and as she pinned it on the lapel of our coat she said: "This is my gift to you for your hard work for the Graded School." Her good and kind mother added that the little girl had carefully watched the rosebud for two days for it to open in order that she might give it to "Brother Britt."

This gift was most highly appreciated and we could not but be touched by the spirit which prompted the gift. We shall cherish this memento from our little friend, both because of the kind giver and the cause which is associated with the gift, a cause about which we are always concerned—that of public education.

Yes, we are glad we are on the side of the children. There we have always stood and there we shall always remain. God bless the children! In espousing the cause of the Graded School in Oxford we feel that we have been on the side of the people, and especially the children. With this assurance we are amply satisfied to maintain our position, and this thought will more than repay us for the abuse and censure of the opposition.

We are gratified to notice the stand our country friends have taken on the Graded School question, and the hearty approval and the encouragement they have given us our battle for the people. They are even on the side of public school and public education; for they know from experience what public education has done for the great masses of our people. This approval is another source of encouragement to us.

But the matter is now settled and we truly hope strife may cease. In such a contest some strife and ill will is apt to be engendered—if in this instance such has been the case let both sides have no resentful feelings towards those who may have differed with them on this question; but let us, one and all, pull together for the advancement of our beautiful town's interest. Our town has a bright future before it. Let us allow no division in our ranks to check its progress. As we stated in our last issue we hear it rumored that some have gone so far as to threaten a boycott against those who differed from them. We hope none our citizens will be so narrow minded as this.

It is a pleasure to us to say that we have reached that stage in life in which we do not harbor strife or malice towards any one. We only uphold that which we conceive to be right and that which a sense of duty impels us to uphold. In this as in all other causes we honestly espoused, we have no apologies to make for what we have said or no enemies to punish for what others have said.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

GATHERED BY OUR REPORTERS.

Short Items Dealing With the News of a Week.

—Some 25 of our southside farmers were on our streets.

—M. Luther Stark has greatly improved his residence.

—It costs more to revenge an injury than to bear it.

—Mr. John Hall has added another bay window to his home.

—Mr. John Paris is enclosing his front yard with a nice wire fence.

—The man in love with himself certainly never has a rival.

—Of course the straw hat trust will get a head of all other combines.

—The commencement season is at and the girls and boys are happy.

—Messrs. Parker & Hunt have put a new fence around their lumber yard.

—We ask you to read the change in the advertisement of Mr. J. G. Hall.

—The tower of the new Episcopal church gets higher and higher as the days roll by.

—Have you ever thought how few kinds words we think to say to the people around us?

—Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Turner are now enjoying riding around in a nice canopy top phaeton.

—In the fine art exhibit at the Oxford Seminary we learn that some of the splendid pictures will be for sale.

—The editor thanks Hon. W. W. Kitchin for a copy of the census of Cuba, which is handsomely illustrated.

—Glad to learn that Mrs. E. H. Crenshaw, who has been numbered with the sick for several days, is much better.

—Love may be blind, but the average young man is able to see twice as much in his "best girl" as any one ever does.

—Look sharp ye pensions and read the notice to you in another part of this paper and govern yourselves accordingly.

—General B. S. Royster, who has suffered for some days with a large boil on the back of the neck, is much improved.

—The home of the popular Dr. Graham Hunt looks quite neat with a new spring dress of paint, along with a new fence.

—Rev. John E. Wool, the popular pastor of the Presbyterian church, is very happy now as he has quite a fine boy at his home.

—"Depend upon it," said Pat to his wife, "if I was ever to marry another woman, it'd not be yerself, so it wudn't."

There is a tide in the affairs of men, Of that there is no doubt— Note the crowd when a wedding's on To see the tied go out.

—There were doubtless skeletons in closets and such places long before Hubbard went to a cupboard to get her dog a bone.

—"That is one of the worst things about poverty." "What's that?" "That a man may be every inch a gentleman and yet be extremely short."

—"Life is what we make it"—therefore let us live together in peace and harmony in Oxford and cultivate a kindly feeling for each other.

—Contractor Lawrence, of Durham, has arrived and work will commence at once on the new machine shop building at the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

—Dr. S. H. Cannady and Messrs. C. J. Cooper and H. M. Shaw with their better-halves are enjoying riding around these beautiful May afternoons in Taylor-Cannady buggies.

—With the full grown leaves on the large number of shade trees that Oxford is blessed with the old town presents an inviting and attractive appearance.

—Mrs. James Paris while running a machine Thursday last the needle broke and a piece struck her in the left eye causing considerable pain for several days.

—The Horner School nine played a game of ball with the Graded School Nine of Durham Saturday in Oxford and the score was 15 to 5 in favor of the Horner team.

—Farmer if you want to reach the cream of the market for the balance of your tobacco crop why Zack Lyon is the very man to sell it with as he never fails to reach the top notch on all grades.

—Married May 12th, 1901, by Rev. J. A. Stradley, at Hargrove, Granville county, Mr. Robert A. Barker, and Miss Flora Bowden. A large concourse of neighbors and friends witnessed the happy scene.

—It is rumored that the Oxford & Clarksville passenger train will after Sunday run through to Richmond, which will prove a great convenience to the people. We do not know what the schedule will be. Several years ago when the train ran through from Raleigh to city on the James road enjoyed a better passenger traffic than it has since.

Envy thinks where'er its lot is thrown Another's joys are sweeter than its own. Forgetful that the roses fade away In pots of gold as well as those of clay.

—The editor was glad to see on the streets Wednesday his greatly esteemed and beloved friend, Rev. R. I. Devin, after an confinement of many weeks at home on account of sickness.

—At the gift entertainment at the Opera House Monday night Master Wert Jackson drew the pig in the bag, and he had muscle from the time he captured the prize until he reached home.

—Mr. E. K. Howard, the new policeman for Oxford, enjoyed quite a serenade Tuesday night with many wakers, cannon crackers and pop-crackers which were exploded in different sections of the town.

—Our young friend J. W. Lawrence, of Creedmoor, was in town Wednesday and called on us. He is a clever gentleman and a member of the old bachelor's club and should resign and become a candidate for matrimony.

—The next thing on deck is tax listing, and during the month of June you will find Mr. W. H. Bialock, the heavy weight and accurate tax lister for Oxford township, at the Johnson Warehouse ready to serve you.

—Let us all stop abusing each other and unite for the advancement and building up of our town. Yes, let us smoke the "pipe of peace" and unite as never before and become brethren with one common end in view.

—The wife of Osborne Hart, who ranks among one of our best colored citizens, died suddenly near town Monday, and was buried Tuesday. His many friends extend deep sympathy in sudden affliction which has come upon him.

—The Board of Directors of the Orphan Asylum are making arrangements to have a well bored art to the Asylum some 250 feet deep which is estimated will afford 75000 gallons of water per day. Such a well is badly needed at this great institution.

—The final recital at the Francis Hilliard School will take place on Saturday evening May the twenty fifth at eight o'clock at the school. The graduating exercises will occur on Monday evening May twenty-seventh at half past eight, also at school.

—Mr. John C. Russell, brother of Mrs. J. A. Webb, died in St. Louis, Mo., Tuesday and his remains will be brought to his old home and interred in the family graveyard at Tally Ho Friday. Back in the seventies he did business in Oxford and was well known by many of our older citizens.

Fine Equipped Office.
—Gen. B. S. Royster now has the handsomest law office in town as he has just put in Macy's Unit System of Automatic Air tight and dust proof book cases. They are the best we ever saw, and his large library now presents a neat and attractive appearance as most of the books are new.

A Pig Stolen.
—John Herndon, who has almost grown up in the drugstore of Dr. J. P. Stedman and who was looked upon as a most worthy colored boy, was caught Sunday morning about 2 o'clock by Officer Dorsey Oakley with a pig he had stolen from Joe Brodie. Mayor Minor bound him over to court and he is now quietly meditating in Hotel de Turner.

Looking for a Job.
—Master Shepard Booth, about 4 years old, and bright many little fellow, walked up to Chief J. R. Day one day the past week and said: "Mr. Day do you know where I can get something to do? I want to work." Mr. Day replied, "I do not my boy." "Well said Shepard, "I'd like to work for Mr. Pendleton." Mr. Pendleton sells candies and fruits and that accounts for Shepard's choice of places to work.

A Distinguished Divine.
—Dr. E. A. Yates, of Durham, the former beloved Presiding Elder of this district, occupied the Methodist church Sunday in place of Rev. A. McCullen who is at Kingston conducting a meeting. His sermon in the morning was pronounced by many of the large congregation to be the ablest one they ever heard this veteran minister deliver. While in Oxford he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Lyon on College street.

Quiet, Happy Marriage.
—There was quite a happy, quiet wedding in Oxford Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock at the home of Rev. J. D. Pegram, when Miss Sallie Pegram, quite an attractive and accomplished lady became the bride of Mr. Edward Saiter, of Garysburg. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left on the train for the home of the groom followed by the best wishes of many friends for their future happiness.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware of Imitations
Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co.

Death of Mrs. West.

The funeral of Mrs. Adelaide West took place from the home of her brother Mr. Thomas B. Daniel, near Oxford, on Tuesday afternoon of last week, 7th Inst. at 3 o'clock. A large congregation was in attendance. The services were conducted by the Rev. John E. Wool. Mrs. West was about seventy years old. She had a stroke of paralysis on the Saturday previous to her death and passed away on Monday morning. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Coming to the Front.

There is no discount on Oxford's manufacturing enterprises, and are regular hummers. The Oxford Furniture Company is turning out such reliable and handsome goods that they are now shipping from \$8,000 to \$1,000 worth per month. The Taylor-Cannady Buggy Co. are selling buggies faster than they can make them. The output this year will more than reach the 3,000 mark. When the Cotton Mills and the Graded School get to running Oxford will be strictly in the progressive swim. Keep your eye on Oxford as we are coming rapidly to the front.

Substituted Rabbits for Kittens.

Mrs. James Sharkey has a pet cat with two tiny kittens both of which died. The mother after crying around for a few hours disappeared, and late in the evening Mrs. Sharkey concluded that the mother cat was exceedingly quiet and went to see what had become of her. On reaching her bed found two young rabbits which the cat was tenderly caring for. It is supposed on finding that her kittens were lifeless she went out and found a bed of young rabbits and brought two of them to the house and put them in her bed to take the place of the kittens. Both the rabbits have since died.

Dennis and Snow.

Two weeks ago Mr. R. T. Crews, who lives near Tar River, found a crow's nest with two young crows in it. He was much astonished to find one of them almost white, as he had never heard of a white crow, even if crows do love white corn. He carried them to the house and kept them until Tuesday when he sent them to Mr. R. Broughton, who is very fond of pets, especially crows, and he at once named them Dennis and Snow. Quite a number of people have looked upon this rare curiosity, as everybody naturally expects all crows to be black.

Cheering News For Education.

The Monroe Journal has the following good piece of news that will cheer all friends of education. "The election Price's Mill yesterday went practically solid for schools. Out of a registration of 46, 39 voted for schools and 3 against, 4 not voting. It is the purpose of this district to augment its public school fund by levying a special tax on the citizens of the district. The act incorporating the districts provides for a school board who will determine the amount necessary to be raised and make the tax levy accordingly. The effort is along the right line—local taxation—and we hope that it will prove a success."

Report of Cyclone Committee.

The undersigned having been appointed by the Bank of Granville to distribute funds among the cyclone sufferers beg to make the following report: Received from the Bank of Granville \$223.87; from Stem \$41.00—Total \$264.87. Distributed as follows: James Winston, \$7, Amanda Ray, \$7, Susan Daniel, \$5, Robert Allen, \$5, Walter Hawkins, \$16.87, Miss Mary Garner \$20, W. R. Walters for support Mary Tanner \$14, Burton Cash, \$20, Robert Allen, \$10, Clef Washington \$10, R. R. Strother \$20, Mrs. Sarah A. Ury \$25, Frank Parker \$3, J. W. Harris \$70, Tom McGhee \$2, John Jones \$10, Miss Martha Jenkins \$10, Miss Julia Winston \$10. R. W. HARRIS, G. L. ALLEN, Committee.

The Railroad Bond Case.

Gen. B. S. Royster, Senator Hicks and Mayor Minor left Tuesday for Richmond to represent the town in Bond Case in the United States court. The present case has been in the courts 7 years and has up to date cost the town \$3,300 dollars. It has been 9 years since the first suit was brought. What a pity this litigation was ever begun. If the road had been completed as at first contemplated the valuation of property in Granville county, we believe, would have been far in excess of \$3,000,000, the amount which is now returned, and the county would not have lost the 1250 citizens which she did in the last decade, thereby losing a member of the House of Representatives. We sincerely hope that no further obstacles will be thrown in the way of the building of this road, the completion of which means so much to Oxford and Granville county. A telegram from the attorneys yesterday say that Oxford won the bond case.

Love's favorite spring flower—double two lips.

GALLOPING GLANCES AT PROMINENT PEOPLE.

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

W. D. LYNCH.
Mr. Lynch is in charge of the business which has probably been in existence for a longer continuous period than any other in our town; so that, in one sense, he is, while not an old man, one of the oldest merchants in the county and the oldest in the town. It is a pleasure to know that the business continues to be a successful one. Mr. Lynch is a gentleman of attractive personality and of originality of mind. In conversation and socially, he is interesting and shows himself well informed and observant. He has literary tastes and great fondness for reading, is skillful and painstaking in his attention to business given into his hands, and is, without a man of fine character and integrity of purpose.

T. W. JACKSON.
Mr. Jackson is one of the many gentlemen who moved to Oxford quite a number of years ago during the times which we are in the habit of referring to as "flush"; he has remained during dull times and is rejoiced in the birth of the new era, which, it is hoped, is going to carry us back to scenes similar to those enacted in the palmy days of enterprise and money. Mr. Jackson's business, while not a large one, is yet substantial and prosperous. It is likewise a necessary and important one in a town like Oxford. The mixture of mental and physical pabulum is an attractive one. Our subject is a large-hearted, generous gentleman, interested in all worthy causes and enthusiastic in his support of what he conceives to be right side of a given proposition. He reads extensively and has gathered a considerable fund of information on matters of current concern and of a literary nature.

DR. H. C. HERDON.

Dr. Henry C. Herndon has long been regarded as an authority as to all matters pertaining to finance and as the wealthiest citizen of Oxford. Sprung from a family noted for its wealth and culture, he has maintained its traditions. The beginning of quite a number of industries may be traced to Dr. Herndon. He was the founder of the town's first bank, the Bank of Oxford, and was for many years its President, the leading spirit in the business world of Oxford. In later years he has practically retired from business and his place has been taken by other and younger men. In appearance Dr. Herndon is tall and distinguished—a head and figure that would attract attention in any place as his. His culture is broad and extends to many subjects. His carriage and demeanor are dignified and his manner courteous and stately.

JOHN WEBB.

Oxford has long been dependent for her reputation as a business town and her support upon the sale of leaf tobacco, and is generally known as a tobacco town. It is well that the growth of new enterprises will render it untrue in the future that the town is dependent upon merely one enterprise, for success under such circumstances, is precarious. However this may be, we have long looked upon tobacco men, those engaged as buyers and warehousemen in the buying and selling of it, as leading men of affairs in the town. One of the men, who for a long time has been prominent in these ranks is Mr. John Webb. The size of his business and his success and ability have entitled him to the place which he continues to hold. Mr. Webb is wise, conservative and a thinking man. It ought not to be a remarkable thing for a man to do his own thinking, but it is, and in this respect Mr. Webb is remarkable. He is descended from a family that has long been influential in the county and he worthily represents it.

PARKER & HUNT.

One of Oxford's most substantial business firms is composed of the gentlemen who form the subject of this sketch, Messrs. S. W. Parker and L. R. Hunt. Their business is a large one and each year marks its continued growth. This is owing to the great energy and sagacity of the firm, their attentiveness to details and sound principles. Mr. Parker, the senior member, is a native of Halifax county, and cast his lot in with the good people of Oxford many years ago. He is descended from a family that has figured largely in the history of Eastern North Carolina and has occupied a prominent position in matters of public concern. Personally, Mr. Parker is genial, courteous and kindly in address and bearing. He is greatly in earnest at times and is always blessed with good intentions. Of his means and support he has contributed much to all good causes and is a valued and valuable citizen.

Mr. Hunt, well-known throughout the county as the son of his worthy father, Mr. D. A. Hunt, is a quiet, unostentatious man of decided opinions and well-formed ideas. He inherits splendid business qualities from his father who was long one of Granville's most successful merchants. These two gentlemen form a strong team.

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.

ON THE WING.

YOU KNOW SOME, BUT NOT ALL.

The Varied Movements of a Number of People.

—Miss Eva Minor enjoyed Sunday at home.
—Mr. T. W. Jackson spent Sunday afternoon in Henderson.
—Mrs. J. B. Williams is on a visit to relatives at Norfolk.
—Mr. Ben Herings, of Wilson, was on our streets Tuesday.
—Mrs. L. Woodliff, of New Light, was an Oxford visitor Friday.
—Judge A. W. Graham returned Saturday from a business trip.
—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Crew, of Hester, were in Oxford Monday.
—Mr. Geo. B. Harris, of Henderson, was in Oxford Monday afternoon.
—Mr. Thomas W. Winston spent Saturday afternoon in Henderson.
—Mr. and Mrs. John D. Williams, of Fairport, were in town Thursday.
—Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Carrington, Jr., of Hampton, visited Oxford Friday.
—Mr. Irvine Anderson, of Reidsville, spent Sunday and Monday in Oxford.
—Mrs. Carrie Wilder returned Saturday from a visit to friends in Raleigh.
—Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hobgood, of Enon, were in Oxford shopping Saturday.
—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Smith, of Tar River, spent a few hours in town Saturday.
—Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hall visited relatives in Henderson Saturday and Sunday.
—Miss Douglas, of Massachusetts, is the guest of Mrs. Louis de Lacroix near Oxford.
—Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Laester returned one day last week from a trip to New York.
—Miss Huston, of Jackson, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. M. Shaw on Rectory street.
—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gooch and daughter, of Stem, were on our streets Friday.
—Mr. J. W. Mangum, of Creedmoor, was in Oxford Wednesday and called to see the editor.
—Mr. T. L. Daniel of Berea, and R. H. Pleasants, of Pleasants, were on our streets Friday.
—Rev. A. R. Shaw, of Henderson, was over attending the funeral of Mrs. L. C. Edwards Tuesday.
—Mr. L. J. Steed returned Monday from a visit to his father at old Trinity, who has been sick for some time.
—Miss Sallie Brooks, of Wooddale, Person county, is visiting her brother, Mr. Mr. J. D. Brooks on Kingsbury street.
—Messrs. Joe Baird and C. A. Carroll are attending the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in session at Asheville this week.
—Mr. and Mrs. George Ferguson and children, of Spencer, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ferguson on Broad street.
—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Catlett, of near Grissom, were in Oxford Saturday and rode home in a new Taylor-Cannady buggy.
—Revs. J. S. Hardaway and R. H. Marsh, who have been enjoying the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans, will return home today.
—Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Cannady and Miss Mary Cannady, of Wilton section, were among the throng of shoppers in Oxford Saturday.
—Dr. W. B. Bullock and sister, Miss Fannie, of Franklinton, and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Burnett and Miss Minnie Crews, of Hester, were in Oxford yesterday shopping.
—Mr. W. F. Byrd and three daughters, Misses Lizze, Mammie and Minnie, of Beck, were in Oxford Thursday shopping and were much pleased with their visit.
—Mr. W. E. White, who has been making Louisburg his headquarters in the interest of sewing machine business for Mr. J. S. Hall, passed through Oxford Tuesday on his way to Durham.
—Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Cooper, Mrs. Geo. Rose, Mr. W. A. Hunt, Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young and daughter, Miss Charlotte, and Mr. E. G. Butler, of Henderson, attended the funeral of Mrs. L. C. Edwards Tuesday.