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WAITING!

At present the best sight in town is our

HANDSOME
STOCK OF
HOLIDAY
GOODS,

Which includes the pick of the market in Bright, Fresh, New Styles and Novelties for the Christmas season, and we are waiting to show it to you.

It will give you new ideas to see our

HOLIDAY LINE

It is easy to select from because it contains everything to make people happy, whether they are old or young

Charming Gifts--

PLENTY OF THEM--

Are ready and waiting for your inspection. To look through our fine assortment is a pastime, to price the goods is a pleasure, to possess them is a privilege. Come and see the best for Christmas in

THE NEW,
THE NOVEL,
And BEAUTIFUL

It is a stock to please the many and save the money of all who come. You'll trade with us simply because you can't duplicate the goods or the prices.

Whatever your wants may be, we can meet them with the most desirable and satisfactory selections.

Our attractive Holiday Display awaits your inspection. We are glad to welcome visitors and pleased to show them our goods. The Old Reliable Druggist.

J. G. HALL.

Story of Local Events.

Moving Pictures of a Weeks Happenings.

The post office and banks observed Thanksgiving.

The moving of the old Thesplan hall has been completed.

Friday was the first winter day we have had this season.

The Courting Club of Oxford only meets in pairs, and occasionally pair off for life.

A number of our sportsmen had good luck Thursday in bagging partridges.

Christmas is almost here and you had better get your presents ready for your friends.

Oxford had another large break of tobacco Tuesday and good averages were made.

The Thanksgiving German Friday night given by the cadets was a charming success.

The last issue of the Orphans' Advocate, published in the interest of the colored orphan asylum, had good pictures of the superintendent's home and the girl's building.

There was a small sized wreck at Creedmoor, on the Seaboard road, Friday. A freight car left the track and trains were delayed for some time. The damage was not very great.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Dr. Oscar Holloway and Mrs. Roxie S. Farthing, Dutchville, Wednesday, December 10th, 1902, at home, 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Andrew Kittrell, who has been suffering with appendicitis, was taken to a Richmond hospital Thursday and was successfully operated upon. We are glad to learn that he is doing well.

Misses Susan and Alice Graham gave an elegant lunch at their beautiful home Tuesday afternoon in honor of their guest, Miss Susan Clark, of Raleigh, which was a delightful affair.

The general postoffice in Washington has a high clock tower; a wild falcion has made its nest there and the building is remarkably free from the sparrows that infest the other government buildings.

It is to be hoped that the editor will not have to get out a search warrant to find the valued correspondents of the Public Ledger. We hope they will sharpen up their pencils and send us the news.

Two professional safe-crackers dynamited the safe of Watson & Godfrey, at Jonesboro, Thursday morning and stole \$3,000 in money and \$2,000 in North Carolina bonds, making their escape without a clue.

The Baptist State Convention will meet in Durham next Wednesday and Oxford and Granville churches will be largely represented by the ministers and laymen, along with a number of our good ladies.

For forty years eloping couples from Virginia have been in the habit of going to Pelham, N. C., to be married. It has been the Gretna Green. Two couples went there last week but found that the marrying parson, Rev. Walker, was dead. They had to move on.

Married, near Soudan, Va., Nov. 27th, 1902, by Rev. J. A. Stradley, Mr. John L. Apple and Miss Mittle Newton. The marriage was on Thanksgiving day, and Mr. Apple had abundant reason to give thanks for a beautiful, excellent wife.

It is learned that the increase of the school fund in the State from fines this year is something like \$30,000. It is also said that a number of towns do not impose any fines, and thus the schools do not get money which they ought to receive.

Rev. Livingston Johnson, Secretary of the State Baptist Mission Board, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday morning and gave the congregation the benefit of a most excellent sermon, which was both practical and edifying.

Two months ago a girl in Missouri quarreled with her fellow, fell into a trance and remains in it yet notwithstanding efforts to arouse her. Perhaps the fellow hypnotized her. This is warning for the girls not to spat with their fellows.

Dr. Cyrus Thompson, chief clerk in the office of Revenue Collector Duncan, has resigned and will be succeeded by J. M. Deaton, who is promoted from a clerkship. The place pays \$1,800 a year. Dr. Thompson retires in order to look after his farm and other interests in Onslow county.

It is found by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction that the total amount appropriated for public education this year is \$1,670,419. This is by far the largest amount ever apportioned and appropriated in any one year. It went to the University, the State Normal and Industrial College, the Agricultural and Mechanical College, the city and town public schools and those in the country.

Read executor's notice by William Moss.

Rev. J. E. Wool will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday night.

The Oxford Savings Bank wants a bank account from one member of every family in Granville county. 4t. Nov. 27.

Rev. F. W. Hillard will hold service and preach in St. Peter's church, Stovall, on Sunday next, Dec. 7th, at 11:30 o'clock a. m. All persons are cordially invited to attend.

The editor is pleased to learn that Miss Sarah Parham, the accomplished and greatly admired daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Parham, of near Oxford, who has been critically ill with fever, is some better but not yet out of danger.

WANTED--A HAT! Have you got it? During the magistrates meeting Monday some one exchanged hats with Mr. Claude Allen, of Creedmoor, Route No. 2, and he would be glad to exchange with the gentleman who wore off his Sunday hat.

Oak Ridge Institute has had the largest attendance this fall for years. The average attendance at this well-known school has been 250 boarding pupils per annum for twenty years. There has been no change of principals or management for twenty-eight years.

From her log-built cabin door, With running roses red, Full many a sturdy son has gone The nations hall to tread; So when on fame's immortal scroll You place the good and great, Among the Union's glorious names Write high the Old North State.

Glad to hear that the business of the Wells-Whitehead Company, of Wilson, manufacturers of Carolina Brights cigarettes, is growing, especially in Chicago and the Western cities. It is a wide-awake North Carolina firm, and the American Tobacco Co. is especially anxious to run it out of business.

Robert D. Graham, son of the late Governor Graham and brother of Judge Graham, has just completed a history of the Alamance Regulators and the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. The book will be a volume of about four hundred pages, and will be published during the early part of the coming year.

The vote for Chief Justice, as tabulated, shows that Walter Clark, Democrat, received 132,740 and Thos. N. Hill, Independent, 70,304. Joyner, for Superintendent of Public Instruction, received 135,840 and Daniel A. Long, Republican, 68,209. Joyner, therefore, received 3,000 more votes than Clark.

We beg pardon of our highly esteemed neighbor, the sprightly Henderson Gold Leaf, for not mentioning sooner its admirable new dress. Brother Manning is now getting out the nearest county paper in the State, and it gets better as it grows older. The paper has been a prime factor in pushing the hustling town of Henderson forward.

In the U. S. Circuit Court at Richmond, Va., Thursday, Chief Justice Fuller and Circuit Judge Waddell presiding after arguments in proceedings to invalidate the new Constitution of Virginia on account of the disfranchisement of the negro, Judge Fuller dismissed the suit on the grounds that the court had no jurisdiction, Judge Waddell concurring.

There is a law suit pending in Chicago over the ownership of a lizard that a denizen of that town coughed up. It escaped and another denizen killed it and bottled it in alcohol, then the original proprietor claimed it on the ground that as he had raised, boarded and lodged it so long it was his by law. That's the problem that now confronts the jurists.--Wilmington Star.

Meeting of Magistrates. The magistrates of Granville county met in the court house Monday afternoon with a quorum present. Mr. B. F. Hester was chairman and Register of Deeds John Mayes secretary.

Judge Graham was present and stated that some 15 years ago Mr. R. W. Lassiter had purchased 1 1/4 acres of land from the county, and had never received a deed for it. He asked that the magistrates authorize the giving of a deed as he was ready to pay for the purchase of the land. It was so ordered.

The next business was the election of a commissioner in place of W. T. Lyon resigned.

Messrs. E. C. Harris, T. M. Thomason and J. K. Wood were placed in nomination, and on the first ballot it was decided that as Mr. Harris had served the county so faithfully and well they would continue him as a member of the board for the next two years. As the board now stands we dare say it is numbered among the best in the State.

There was no other business before the body and it adjourned.

As we have bought out the business of Ernest Bragg, we will be glad for our friends to call and see us, as we can sell them dry goods and notions at extremely low prices, and some at cost. If you really want to save money why call and see us. BRAGG, CRITCHER & CO.

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BOARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Members Sworn in By Gen. Royster-- C. F. Crews Re-elected Chairman.

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Messrs. C. F. Crews, N. B. Daniel, W. S. Gooch, L. H. Moss and E. C. Harris present who were sworn in by Gen. B. S. Royster.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Gooch Chairman Crews was re-elected, the motion being put by Mr. Harris.

Next thing that claimed the attention of the Board was the election of County Attorney, and by a unanimous vote that honor was again conferred upon Gen. B. S. Royster, who has served the county wisely and with ability. Gen. Royster arose and thanked the Board for the honor they had again conferred upon him.

Messrs. W. T. Lyon, Treasurer-elect, John B. Mayes, Register of Deeds-elect, and John T. Britt, Clerk-elect, presented their respective bonds which were accepted, and they were sworn in by Gen. B. S. Royster.

The rebate bill then claimed the attention of the County Fathers and a number were allowed rebates on taxes. Will publish balance of proceedings next week.

Three Excellent Officers Retire. The retirement of Sheriff S. A. Fleming, Dr. J. G. Hunt and Mr. J. P. Edwards from their respective offices means the loss of three excellent men from the public service.

As Sheriff of Granville county for the past 4 years, Mr. Fleming has been a faithful and efficient officer. He has been careful to look after the public money and other interests; and yet he has been kind and accommodating as much as the nature of his office would allow. He has added to his already large host of friends a large number of admirers and friends since he became Sheriff. We shall miss him greatly in his office in the Court House and should be very glad if he could see it to his interest to cast his lot in Oxford after his retirement.

In the retirement of the genial and big-hearted Graham Hunt the whole county is conscious of the severe loss sustained. We have heard the officers of the court speak of him on several occasions as "the best Clerk in North Carolina."

He retires from office conscious of the fact that he has served the people in a manner highly satisfactory. Few officers are kept so clean, so accurate and at the same time so able in the management of probate affairs. It is not often that a man has drawn about him such a host of warm friends as Graham Hunt. He has about him all the qualities which draw and is possessed of that indescribable, yet highly necessary, quality known as "personal magnetism." We wish for him the high success he deserves in his future work. We are sure that he possesses all these qualities of mind and heart which insure popularity and success. In retiring from office Dr. Hunt broke the record by making a complete settlement with the incoming Clerk.

Mr. J. P. Edwards, who is the retiring Treasurer, has made a good and popular officer. For years he has been one of the most popular men in Granville county. For he possessed the sterling qualities which always command respect, sincerity and honesty. As Treasurer of Granville county he has made a capital officer. We will now, having spoken of the "outs" speak of the new "ins."

Messrs. E. K. Howard, Jno. T. Britt and W. T. Lyon, are the new officers who took charge of their respective offices this week.

Mr. Howard will undoubtedly make a good Sheriff, being cool, capable and fearless, besides possessing all the qualities which make one popular. He is well known in the county and needs no praise at our hands. He will, no doubt, appoint a strong force to help him. We bespeak for him a fine record as Sheriff of the county.

Mr. Lyon will also make a splendid officer and everybody will know that the public money in his hands is safe. For years he has been one of the most useful and capable citizens of the county. He can but make an excellent officer.

Johnnie Mayes serves another term, to the delight of his many friends. It is useless for us to praise him more than we have for fear he may be "spoiled." He is possessed of all qualities desirable for the place and stands squared on every side.

Coroner Sam Wheeler is a good man wherever you put him and will make an excellent officer.

As to our humble self we will leave that to our friends and to the future to decide.

Fewer Gallons; Wears Longer. Fewer gallons; takes less of Devoe Lead and Zinc than mixed paints. Wears longer; twice as long as lead and oil.

Thousands of people have been cured of rheumatism by taking Rheumacide. Have you tried it? Positive does not injure, but benefits the organs of digestion. At Druggists.

Hats in all the latest shapes and styles, values the best at Crenshaw's.

Largest stock and lowest prices at Crenshaw's

On The Move.

Items About People Who Come and Who Go.

Mr. E. T. Crews was in Durham Sunday.

Mrs. A. A. Chapman is on a visit to Richmond.

Mr. Ben Lassiter, of the University, was in Oxford Friday.

Mr. J. P. Meadows, of Youngsville, was on our streets Saturday.

Mrs. Roxie Farthing, of Dutchville, was on our streets Monday.

Mr. John Morris, the drummer poet, was on our streets Thursday.

Dr. J. B. Williams, who has been absent about a month, has returned home.

Mrs. P. H. Averett and daughter, of Fishing Creek township, were in town Friday.

Mr. H. T. Bensley, of Louisburg, was in Oxford Friday shaking hands with his old friends.

Mr. S. F. Coley, Jr., of Lyon, was an Oxford visitor Tuesday and called on the public Ledger.

Mrs. J. T. Cozart and son and Miss Hicks, of Carlton, were on our streets Saturday afternoon.

Miss Net Gregory is visiting friends in Danville and Miss Jannet Gregory relatives in Richmond.

Our friend J. L. Kelly, of Vance, was an Oxford visitor Friday, and dropped in to see the editor.

Miss Susan Clark, after an enjoyable visit to the Misses Graham, returned to her home in Raleigh Friday.

Mr. E. H. Bragg, who has been making Chase City his home, has returned to Oxford and gone into business.

Mr. L. F. Hamme, of Oxford township, was among the visitors to town Saturday and called to see the editor on business.

Mr. John B. Booth, who has been buying tobacco on the Dunn market, returned to Oxford Friday to spend a few days with his family.

The editor was pleased to receive calls Monday from his friends W. A. Blackley, of Wilton, and C. P. Hester, of Fishing Creek township.

Messrs. E. C. Parrott, of Dabney, and Z. H. Clayton, of Moriah, were on the large break of tobacco Friday and called on the Public Ledger.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Britt attended the marriage of Miss Ellen Crutcher and Dr. James R. Rogers, of Raleigh, near Kittrell Wednesday.

Mr. Theodore Hobgood, of Atlanta, Ga., an old Granville man, was in Oxford a few days ago. He is now in Henderson getting up a business directory.

Messrs. Brooks Parham, Milo Pendleton, R. P. Taylor, Will Massey, Oscar Hawley and D. Currin attended the great foot-ball game in Richmond Thursday.

Rev. James E. Gay, an old Granville man and member of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, is sent to the Haywood street church at Asheville for the next year.

Mr. Rufus L. Bobbitt, a popular insurance agent of Washington City, will arrive in Oxford tomorrow on Saturday on a visit to his mother and sisters, and relatives in Granville, who will be much pleased to see him, along with his many old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Rawlins attended the reception at Mr. and Mrs. Sam Watkins' at Henderson Friday night given to Mr. and Mrs. Will T. Watkins, who had returned from their bridal tour. Mrs. Watkins was Miss Nannie Tarry, niece of Mr. E. T. Rawlins and well known in Oxford.

A Correction as to County Exhibit. In referring to the County Exhibit in our last issue, we inadvertently stated that there was a balance of \$4,821.50 in the hands of the Treasurer. This is an error. The exhibit shows the receipts and expenditures during the year just closed and the balance as published shows the difference in these two items. The exhibit last year showed an excess of expenditures over receipts of \$3,452.89, so that to ascertain the true financial condition of the county it is necessary to consider the exhibits for the two years. We make this correction in justice to our most excellent board of commissioners and the tax payers generally.

Gets Better as it Grows Older. We call the attention of our many readers to the Statement of the First National Bank of Oxford, in another column. It will be seen that the Bank gets stronger and better as it grows older, and has the confidence of the people of Granville. The deposits have continued to increase from the time it opened some 17 months ago until they have reached \$117,654.57. The Bank is safely and economically managed, and has become one of Oxford's most prosperous institutions. Remember it pays 4 percent interest on time deposits.

A Dollar Saved Is a Dollar Earned.

No matter how large--no matter how small--bring your savings to the

OXFORD SAVINGS BANK

In the Bank of Granville.

We will furnish you with a pass-book in which every transaction will be recorded.

Interest Allowed at Rate of 4 Per Cent.

Santa Claus and Holiday Goods.

Everybody is now turning their attention to buying Christmas presents and we desire to call their special attention to the advertisement of Mr. John G. Hall, the old reliable headquarters for Santa Claus and Christmas presents. He has a large stock to select from and we advise you to call at his store and get what you want and avoid the rush. Remember that he can supply your wants in fruits, candies, nuts, etc., at most reasonable prices. As for toys and books he has an endless variety. Be sure and read his column advertisement and tell him that you saw it in the Public Ledger.

Election of Officers.

Oxford Lodge No. 396, A. F. and A. M., held its regular annual election of officers on Monday night, Dec. 1, and the following were chosen for the next Masonic year: Worshipful Master, W. B. Ballou; Senior Warden, Dr. T. L. Booth; Junior Warden, F. P. Hobgood, Jr.; Treasurer, W. Z. Mitchell; Secretary, C. A. Carroll. After the election an oyster supper was served in Armory Hall. We are glad to note that this Lodge is in a most flourishing condition.

Granville Mutual Insurance Co.

The members of this insurance company met in the court house Monday afternoon and re-elected Mr. D. T. Cheatham President and Mr. M. Blackley Secretary. The Secretary reported \$40,000 worth of insurance in force in the county, and that the losses and running expenses amounted to about \$550. An assessment of 15 cents on the \$100 was ordered to reimburse the emergency fund. This is proving the cheapest insurance that a farmer can take out.

Shingles, Flooring and Ceiling.

Dressed, tongue and groove ceiling \$1 and upward. Best heart pine shingles \$3.25 per thousand. Good time to call house, kitchen, tenement and pack house. C. L. BLACKNALL, Kittrell, N. C.

Trunks from \$1 up at Crenshaw's

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

of the

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

of Oxford,

At Oxford in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, Nov. 25th, 1902.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$ 80,462.20
Overdrafts, secured	418.15
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,011.72
Stocks, securities, etc., (Bonds)	13,925.00
Furniture, and fixtures	306.02
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	18,761.46
Due from State Banks and Bankers	27.03
Due from approved reserve agents	9,097.30
Checks and other cash items	5,816.01
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	151.75
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz: Specie	15,413.40
Legal-tender notes	6,050.00
Total cash	21,463.40
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	\$164,565.07

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	1,500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,837.45
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Due to other National Banks	2,073.05
Individual deposits subject to checks	71,696.61
Time certificates of deposit	44,782.41
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,175.55
Total Deposits	117,654.57
Total	\$164,565.07

State of North Carolina, county of Granville, ss:

I, W. H. HUNT, Cashier of the above-named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of November, 1902.

J. G. HUNT, C. S. C. Correct--Attest:

C. D. RAY, E. H. CRENSHAW, H. M. SHAW, Directors.