

State Library

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.

Mr. A. Baker is having his dwelling painted.

The Public Ledger will not be issued next week.

Age imprints more wrinkles in the mind than it does in the face.

All of our manufacturing enterprises have closed down for the holidays.

Your death is a part of the order of the universe; tis a part of the life of the world.

The best purchase a man can make is the kindness and affection of his own family.

If the words of some men were weighed they wouldn't be as heavy as the web of a spider.

Styles are constantly changing, but the turkey this Christmas will be dressed the same old way.

Your attention is called to the change in advertisement of Leon B. Jones in another column.

It is said that the Taylor Candy Buggy Co. will have to enlarge their plant the coming year.

Lost—A gold chain and silver purse. Finder will receive reward by returning to Hall's drug store.

Senator and Mrs. A. A. Hicks are getting ready to make more improvements to their residence on College street.

Mr. Tom Howell, the excellent book-keeper for Messrs. Cooper & Ray, has accepted a position in the Bank at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Rufus Blackley and Miss Zela Bragg, both of Brassfield's Township were happily married some days ago by Squire J. D. Davis.

Even the smallest boy will take a "horn" Christmas morning, and he won't need any instruction, either, for he'll be his own tooter.

Tis Christmastide, and merrily The church bells all should ring; Their notes proclaiming, far and near, The birthday of our King.

The Public Ledger wishes you a very Merry Christmas. Here's to your good health, sir, and your family's; may you live long and prosper.

In Warren county two clerks of court have held that office 82 years. One who died in 1867, held it 48 years; and his successor has held it since 1867.

The editor is much pleased to learn that Miss Sarah Parham, who has been seriously ill for some weeks with fever, is now rapidly convalescing.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a cantata at the Opera House Christmas night for the benefit of the Sunday School. Admission 10 cents.

Another Christmas has dawned upon us and we are no nearer a new hotel and electric lights than several years ago, both of which are badly needed in Oxford.

Mr. J. W. Neel, one of the editors of the Roxboro Courier, will be the manager of a trousers factory to be established at Lexington and will make his home in that town after January 1st.

The world is getting wiser—"Not a beaver was to be seen at Baptist State Convention," says Charity and Children. If it had been a Methodist Conference the beaver would have been in evidence.

The trains going to Durham these days make no connections, which is a great inconvenience to the traveling public. It will be presto change when the connection with the Seaboard is completed.

A Kansas young man who owns a farm and wants a wife is putting himself up to be raffled for Christmas, at 25 cents a chance, and says he will marry the woman white or black, who draws the prize.

There are now 200 rural free delivery mail routes in this State; an increase of 100 per cent. this year. Next year will see a yet greater increase, perhaps; certainly if the good roads movement takes a step forward.

"We Hold Thee Safe."

THE FIRST

National Bank,

Oxford, N. C.

Deposits, . . . . . \$ 130,000

Capital, . . . . . \$ 25,000

Surplus, . . . . . 3,300

We have brought to the people of old Granville a strong Government institution. They are showing their appreciation, and the First National Bank is showing its appreciation by giving the very best banking facilities and liberal treatment. Come to see us.

R. W. LASSITER, C. D. RAY, President. V. President.

S. W. MINOR, W. H. HUNT, Teller. Cashier.

4 Per Cent Interest

Paid on Time Deposits.

All Transactions Strictly Confidential.

The fence around the old Kingsbury place has been repaired.

Oxford is to have a large Government Distillery at an early date.

Mrs. A. A. Hicks' Music Class gave a delightful Musical at her residence Wednesday morning.

The "Little Brown Jug" will become quite popular again in Oxford after the holidays.

Our schools closed Friday for the joyous holidays and the young ladies and gentlemen left for their homes in the different parts of the State.

After the first of January the gallon jug, with a doctors' prescription pasted on it, "take as often as necessary," will become very popular once more in Oxford.

The Graded School closed Friday for the holidays with a nice entertainment, and the dear children we know are exceedingly happy to-day. The editor wishes all of them a merry time.

The marriage of Miss Martha E. Fredrikson to Rev. Royal Shannonwood is announced to take place on Wednesday, December 31st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis de Lacroix.

Hon. W. H. P. Jenkins announces the marriage of his daughter, Viola, to Mr. Nathaniel E. Fayette of Wilton, N. C. The marriage will take place at the home of the bride, December 31, 1902.

During the three Sundays in November when the count was made more than 700,000 people in New City did not attend any church. It is stated that there are not sittings in all the churches for half a million of the population of that great city.

The truest index of a big manhood is the disposition to be fair, honest, just and generous. When you find such a man you will see one who wears the precious coronal of that exalted virtue and regal excellence which kingly natures alone can wear.

The Public Ledger returns thanks to all who have helped it by their patronage to become what it is, and launches out upon the new year with this bit of advice and assurance to its constituents: If you want to turn a dollar to a good investment, put it in the Public Ledger.

Dr. H. C. Herndon is a success in raising meat, as he killed 4 pigs a few days ago 7 months old. He netted 893 pounds—averaging 223 1/2. Mr. R. S. Usry stepped up and shows that he is not behind on raising porkers. He killed 8 pigs that netted him 2,530 pounds of meat.

Wilkesboro Chronicle says: Ex-Senator Marion Butler, as soon as the evidence is the real instigator of the South Dakota bond suit against this State. And he instigated the suit while he was representing the State as Senator. He would do anything for the cash, provided it is against his own people.

Mr. Lonnie Smith has repurchased the Exchange Hotel, and has had it repainted on the inside and refurnished the rooms with neat furniture along with elegant felt mattresses. The table is supplied with the best the market affords, and the Exchange has become very popular with the traveling public.

Mr. Eugene H. Chisholm, adjuster for the Piedmont Fire Insurance Co. of Charlotte, was here Tuesday to settle the loss of Mr. J. Pender Mangum which occurred on Dec. 7th. We learn that the adjustment was highly satisfactory to Mr. Mangum with this company, which is represented by Mr. Wm. H. Harrison.

Miss Margaret Louise Cannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon, was married at Concord, N. C., to Mr. Julian S. Carr, Jr., of Durham, the oldest son of General and Mrs. Julian S. Carr. The personal popularity of the contracting parties and the prominence of their families made the wedding an event of such social consequence.

The top of the morning to Col. R. B. Creech, editor of "The Elizabeth City Economist," who is to-day 89 years of age and probably the oldest editor now in active service in the country. The activity of the old man of the Tar Heel press is indeed remarkable. He has for perhaps a longer time than it is given most men to live welded his pen in the defense of what he considers best for his State and section—Charlotte Observer.

You should by all means visit C. H. Landis' hardware store and take a look at his beautiful line of bric-a-brac, which are suitable for Christmas presents.

Children in their Glory.

The Baptist Sunday-school entertainment, at the church Tuesday night, was largely attended. The program was unique, and the children acquitted themselves in an excellent manner. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion. The imitation of a chimney where old Santa Claus emerged laden with presents, ably assisted by two little angels, for both children and teachers, was well arranged. About fifty of the Mission Sunday school from the cotton mill were with them. A number of our pretty young ladies participated, and the singing was splendid. The entertainment was a grand success and much praise is due Miss Bettie Jordan, the author of the program, the superintendent and the faithful work of the ladies.

From now till the first of January we offer remarkable values in shoes and dry goods. We will move our place of business on the first of January, as we must have larger quarters and want to make room for our large spring stock. In fact we will save you money on any class of merchandise that you may need. We are pushed for room and for the next twenty days your price is ours. Give us the opportunity and be convinced. PARHAM BROS. CO.

Wishing You All a

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

JOHN P. STEEDMAN,

Old Fashioned Agent of Santa Claus.

Candy, candy, candy at Jackson's.

Nuts, figs, raisins at Jackson's.

Their Right to Know.

People who entrust their money to a bank want to know something of its financial strength.

The Bank of Granville fully recognizes this right and gladly furnish depositors with a list of its directors and stockholders.

Then from time to time reports are published showing the condition of the bank. Copies of these reports are kept on hand for those who wish to see them.

Fine Roadster.

The editor had the pleasure last week of riding behind the most charming harness horse that he ever remembers seeing.

We rode with Dr. Booth about thirty miles over an awfully rough and muddy road, behind his young "Pride," the seven year old son of the doctor's old horse of the same name who was known to fame, as the most powerful harness horse our county has ever contained.

Disregarding as he did mud and hills and distance. It is a real pleasure to ride behind such horses.

Prize Winners.

The following boys and girls of the Graded School captured the 8 prizes offered by Mr. Ben Brown for highest grade of scholarship or highest average in each grade ending the 19th of December.

1st Grade, Virginia Carroll.

2nd Grade, James Taylor.

3rd Grade, Elva Christmas.

4th Grade, Alva Minor.

5th Grade, Russell Fether.

6th Grade, Lillian Minor.

7th Grade, Easley Roller.

8th Grade, Julia Minor.

Entertained the Euchre Club.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hunt entertained the Euchre Club Thursday night at their charming home on Front street, in honor of Miss Mary Outlaw.

Some twenty-five guests enjoyed their hospitality. Whist was played from 9 until 10:30 when an elegant luncheon was served, along with delicious punch.

The ladies' prize, a beautiful embroidered lunch cloth, was awarded to Miss Lizzie Lawrence, of Charlotte, while Mayor Minor captured the gentlemen's prize, a handsome book. Mrs. T. L. Booth was given the consolation.

Runaway Marriage.

There was a runaway marriage in Oxford Monday morning. Mr. A. G. Watson, of Lenoir county, and Miss Pearl Harris, of Charlotte county, Va., accompanied by Mr. J. J. Watson and Miss —, arrived in Oxford Sunday evening and stopped at the Exchange Hotel.

As soon as the ceremony was over the groom saluted the bride with a loving kiss. The happy couple and their two friends left on the 11 o'clock train for their home in Virginia.

The License Question.

At a special meeting of the Town Commissioners Friday night they refused by a vote of four to three to license saloons for the next ensuing term of the year.

It seems to us that it would have been more fair and more in accordance with justice to have informed the saloon keepers of their intended action a two months beforehand or else to have given them some notice of their intention to dispose of their stock so as not to have put them to a great sacrifice in disposing of the same.

The Public Ledger is opposed to local prohibition for the reason that we know of no prohibition that has been tried in Oxford and proved a failure.

Letter to Mayor Minor Oxford, N. C.

Dear Sir: J. F. Edwards has taken the agency for Devos' Lead and Zinc. It wears longer paint—Devos' Lead and Zinc.

It will cut in half the amount of paint he sells for any one job, but will multiply the number of jobs by three, or five, or fifteen—just as much as he and we can make it by putting the facts before your fellow townsmen.

People are going to paint more when they find it so worth while to paint, and they are going to be glad they did it instead of sorry, as many are now.

It is like making a harness. He who files as well as makes it, will save time, at less cost, and make it last twice to four times as long, is going to get the business of his town.

Lucky is the dealer who secures the agency for Devos' Lead and Zinc. It is a "fewer gallons; wears longer" paint.

Yours truly, F. W. DEVOS & Co., New York.

A Christmas Greeting.

To our numerous subscribers, patrons and friends we wish to extend our kindest Christmas greetings.

We thank you for your patronage during the past year and for your warm support in other ways during the year just passed.

We have tried to give our patrons a good paper and have striven to be true to the interests of the people among whom we live and whom we love.

By hard work and the efforts of our friends we have had a successful year. At this we rejoice and are thankful; and no less do we rejoice that our friends—both merchants and farmers and others—have been successful.

The farmers have made good crops and their barns are full of grain. The prices of their products have been high, until the last few weeks. The merchants, manufacturers and others have also done well.

In this time of plenty let us remember the past and take care for the future, remembering that times may not always be as "flush" as they are now.

Let us not, also, forget to be thankful to Almighty God for His blessings.

Let us strive to live as He lived and try to reflect His image.

As Christmas is here let us consider how well we are going to spend it.

Let us be joyous and free of dissipation. We should not forget Him in whose memory we keep Christmas.

Jesus—the Holy Nazarine—was meek and lowly and led a life of purity; so let us in commemorating the day for which we have celebrated Christmas.

Candy, candy, candy at Jackson's. Nuts, figs, raisins at Jackson's.

BRILLIANT FRANKLINTON WEDDING.

Miss Juanita Britt and Mr. A. O. Perry

Plighted Their Troth in Beautiful Church Wedding.

Franklinton correspondent News and Observer, December 18, says: Amidst throngs of friends, gathered to witness the ceremony, there was solemnized in the Methodist church Thursday evening a most brilliant wedding, the event being one of the most notable marriages of the season.

The scene was one of brilliancy, when at the altar surrounded by a large bridal party, Miss Juanita Moore Britt, daughter of Mr. Charles D. Britt, and Mr. Avon Olan Perry plighted their troth. The church was handsomely decorated with palms and potted plants with white and pink for the background.

At the organ Mr. Wm. F. Joyner rendered several beautiful selections, and just before the arrival of the bride party Mr. J. Wheeler McGhee sang "At the Dawn." Then came the attendants, a lady down the center aisle and her escort down the other, crossing at the altar. Then sister, Miss Daisie Britt, they being met at the altar with the groom and his best man, Mr. C. L. Wright, of Burlington.

The bride was handsomely gowned and potted plants with white and pink in a heavy corded bengaline silk, her veil pinned with an amethyst crescent, she carried a large bouquet of white carnations tied with white satin ribbon. The maid of honor was gowned in light blue tulle and carried pink carnations tied with pink satin.

The attending couples were Miss Jennie Perry, of Burlington, with Mr. V. H. Bobbitt, of Youngsville; Miss Annie McGhee, with Mr. R. A. Winston, Miss Mattie Ballard with Mr. B. T. Green, Miss Cecelia Joynes with Mr. T. F. Cheatham, of Youngsville. All the brides' maids wore white organdie and carried pink carnations and the gentlemen wore white carnations on their coats. Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride. The entire residence was beautifully lighted and the various rooms were decorated in holly and flowers.

Mrs. G. P. Norman and Mrs. C. E. Long assisted in receiving the guests. Daily refreshments were served, furnished by Dugli. The scene was one of beauty.

The bride is a noble young lady and is possessed of all things that make for a womanhood. The groom is a bright young man and holds a responsible position with the Life Insurance Company of Virginia. His many friends all over the State will congratulate him on winning so fair a bride.

PERSONAL.

Miss Annie Webb, of Stem, is visiting her brother Mr. John Webb.

Those who are at home to enjoy the festive season are Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Cannady, of New York; Frank and Charley Gregory, of Florence, S. C.; W. D. Curran, of Winston; Edward Cannady, James Cheatham and Garland Mitchell, of Raleigh, Robt. and Ben Lassiter, and Shepard Pender, of the University; Darius Eatman, of New York; Ellis Cannady, of Fishborne School; Frank Lyon, of Trinity College; Scott Hunt, of Enfield; Mott Platt, of Richmond; Edward Hobgood, of Wake Forest.

Meet your friend at Jackson's. Leave your package at Jackson's.

A Prosperous Year.

The past year has been a prosperous one for this section. Nowhere, probably, is this condition more apparent than within the vault and books of the Bank of Granville. Never before has it had so many depositors; never before has it had so much money on deposit, the total amount of deposits at this time being over \$200,000.00. Surely we are not mistaken when we say that the year 1902 has been a prosperous one for the people of our community, which also means much for the Bank of Granville.

New Books at Jackson's. Lovely Stationery at Jackson's.

Gladd to Serve My Friends.

I am now connected with the Bank of Granville and will be glad to serve my friends. Every possible safeguard is thrown around the property committed to our care, while our patrons receive every courtesy and accommodation within the range of prudent banking. Our directors map out the policy of this institution, and this Board is composed of practical business men, who are among the most successful of the community. Your patronage solicited. J. G. HUNT.

Receipts for Xmas Cakes and Pies.

Rx. Bakers Chocolate. Mixed Spices. Seeded Raisins. Currants.

Figs a (of each) q s (or any quantity) at Hamilton's drug store.

Try our peeled, boneless rolled beef. It's delicious. PARHAM BROS.

Adoniram Articles.

Mr. G. H. Mulch moved last Friday to Skilpwith, Va.

Mrs. T. M. Pool, of Posh, Va., is on an extended visit to her sister in Texas.

All the Public Schools in this section closed Friday, the 20th, for the Xmas holidays.

We are sorry to chronicle the illness of W. W. Wright's family, five of the children are quite sick.

Mrs. Greely Clark, who has been very sick with a rising in her throat, glad to say is a little better.

Mr. Charlie Loftis and Miss Cora Garrett were happily united in matrimony on Sunday the 14th. Rev. P. H. Fontaine made them one. They were first cousins. APEX.

If the ladies have not inspected the attractive line of china and glass ware on display at C. H. Landis' hardware store, they have missed a treat, as it is declared the prettiest in town. His store is just the place to select a Christmas present.

On The Motte.

Items About People Who Come and Who Go.

Mr. W. C. Bain, of Greensboro, was in Oxford Friday.

Capt. W. O. Bobbitt, of Durham, was on our streets Monday.

Messrs. R. L. Hamilton and Will Jones were in Richmond Friday.

Mr. A. Capehart and family, of Kittrell, were in Oxford Monday.

Miss Net Gregory has returned from a visit to friends in Danville.

Miss Willie Skinner will enjoy the holidays with friends in Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Skinner, of Smithfield, are here for the holidays.

Mr. J. Roy Ferguson, of Darlington, S. C., is at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Daniel, of Louisiana, were Oxford visitors Thursday.

Miss Bennett Gregory is at home from a visit to Major Nat Gregory in Richmond.

Messrs. Rufus and E. T. Knott, of Raleigh, are spending the joyous season with relatives in Granville.

Messrs. J. A. and R. P. Taylor, and H. O. Furlan, three successful drummers, are at home for the holidays.

Mr. J. S. Hunt is spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Rom Parker and little daughter, Caroline, at Enfield.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blalock and children of Kingston, are spending the holidays with relatives in Oxford and Granville.

Rev. Mr. Blalock, of Whiteville, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Blalock, at Culbreth the past week.

Mrs. Chamblee and child left Thursday to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Edwards in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Knott and children left Friday to enjoy Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Knott near Dinwiddie C. H., Va.

Rev. B. C. Alred and family are spending the holidays with Mr. W. D. Kimball near Hargrove. Mr. Alred will next year preach at Jonesboro.

Dr. and Mrs. B. K. Hays and Mrs. Kate Hays Fleming returned from New York City Tuesday. Of course the doctor's patrons are glad to have him back.

Misses Helen White, of a Richmond School; Hettie Lyon, of Greensboro College; Fannie Hughes, of Mt. Airy Graded School; Eva Minor, teacher of Music at Chase City, and Jessie Hobgood, teacher at Dunn, are at home for the holidays.

Some Things At JACKSON'S.

All the Newest Books.

Confessions of a Wife, In King's Byways, Bikey and Skicycle, Donovan, Pascha, Cecelia, Wanted a Chapin, The Virginian, Hope Loring, The Little White Bird, and many other new titles.

A Lovely Line

Of Calendars, Booklets, Xmas Cards, beautiful Packages of Stationery and the daintiest Picture Frames you ever saw.

Candies.

For 16 years our line has always been the best in Oxford, and this season it is the best we have ever had. Too pretty to tell you about. Come and see it. Apples, Oranges, Bananas, Grapes, Nuts, Figs, Raisins, Dates.

Fireworks for the Little Folks and Big Ones Too

Holmes & Coutts Old English Fruit Cake in 1 lb. packages, Sponge Lady Fingers, Social Tea, and a full line of other cakes and crackers. These are only a few of the GOOD THINGS at

JACKSON'S

Next to Bank of Granville.

The Scene Is Changed.

HAMILTON'S

Is the place of beauty and joy to all ages. Visit his store and see for yourselves.