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EXPERIENCE.

And the more experience he has the more finished is his education. So it is

In the Drug Business,

And years of experience added to a thorough knowledge of Pharmacy, makes a druggist more and more proficient, and in the same proportion and to the safety and accuracy with which physicians' prescriptions and domestic recipes are compounded.

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Is always in charge of pharmacists made component by a thorough knowledge of pharmacy, and years of experience.

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Is complete, but if I don't happen to have what you want I'll get it for you. Phone us or send an order. We deliver goods promptly to any part of Oxford,

J. G. HALL, DRUGGIST,

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National Bank,

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S. W. MINOR, Teller.
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W. H. "UNT," Cashier.

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Wanted---500 Bag Stringers.

Light, pleasant work for women, boys and girls--to be done at home either in town or country.

Will Pay 30c. per 1,000.

Call at once at my office in Herndon Bldg. Building and learn particulars.

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GRAHAM & DEVIN Attorneys at Law.

Careful attention given to all business entrusted to us.

Story of Local Events.

* Moving Pictures of a Weeks Happenings.

—The addition to the residence of Mr. John Paris will soon be completed.
—The passenger train from Durham over the Southern Railway is behind almost every day.
—The Oyster Supper given by the ladies of the Baptist Church Friday night was a financial success.
—Mr. L. Hunter has erected a new and commodious blacksmith shop on his lot on Hillboro street, and has painted it red.
—Many of our sidewalks need looking after in order to keep the pedestrian from having to plow through the mud when it rains.
—Temperance Sermons were delivered Sunday morning from most of our pulpits by the earnest pastors, as they are deeply interested in the establishment of a dispensary in Oxford.
—Since the first of January business has been rather quiet in Oxford, as the low price of tobacco has caused the farmers not to be in a hurry to sell the balance of their crop of tobacco.
—In spite of prohibition there was considerable drinking indulged in in Oxford Saturday and Sunday night. This is undisputable proof that prohibition does not prohibit drinking.
—Mr. W. T. Grubbs, one of the old blind Confederate Veterans, has answered the last roll call, and we hope has gone up higher and joined the Great Army of the Captain of our Salvation.
—Mrs. Sallie Williams, of Vance county, died near Henderson last Thursday after a short illness of pneumonia. She was a most excellent lady and had a number of friends in Oxford who deeply regret to learn of her death.
—The County Board of Education composed of Messrs. F. W. Hancock, Graham B. Royster and Dr. J. F. Sanderford met Monday and completed the apportionment of school fund to the different school districts of the county.
—Silence these days seems to reign supreme on Cotton Mill Hill. Nothing is heard save the hum of the machinery and the course sounding whistle. It strikes us they have been mud bound. It is not worthwhile to bother about it as it is in good hands.
—Invitation have been sent out by Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Gooch to be present at marriage of their daughter, Susie, to Mr. The. L. Caudle, of Wadesboro, Tuesday morning Jan. 27th, 1903, Enon Baptist Church, near Oxford, at 9:30 o'clock. No invitations in the county. Public cordially invited.
—If any of our business men, who do not advertise in the Public Ledger because they do not think it will pay, we will give them one column free for one month if they will allow us to put one line at the bottom of his advertisement, they binding themselves to comply with the stipulation. We want to simply prove to them that advertising does pay.
—It seems that the fight for the postmastership of Oxford is getting quite interesting, and the present incumbent's term expires some time in February. We are frank to say that there is room for some improvement in the running of Uncle Sam's business here, and the old gentleman could greatly aid in it by allowing money enough to employ a first-class clerk.
—The grown daughter of Jacob Morton, one of our most highly respected colored citizens died Friday of consumption. She was numbered among the best colored teachers in the county, and was greatly esteemed by all who knew her. The interment was in Oakwood cemetery witnessed by a large number of sympathizing friends. Undertaker Robt. Wood had charge of the burial.
—Track laying on the Oxford and Coast Line Railroad will reach the corporation of Oxford this week, and yet the committee appointed by the Town Commissioners have taken no steps looking to the opening of the new street to the depot. This is an important matter to Oxford and we urge the committee, composed of Messrs. J. S. Brown, J. S. Hall and F. W. Hancock, not to further delay action as the vital interest of the town demands it.
—The Public Ledger continues to add new names to its subscription list every day, and we hope our dear readers concluded to turn over a new leaf Jan. 1st and will not dead beat the editor during the year 1903. If any one of them will prove to the editor that he is NOT ABLE to pay for the Public Ledger 3 or 6 months he will send it to them free of charge, provided they have paid the editor what they owe him. We consider this a very fair proposition.

A WAVE OF PROGRESS.

Large and Enthusiastic Meeting of Citizens of Oxford.

Monday night, at the court house, quite a large number of citizens of Oxford assembled in a mass meeting to consider certain questions relative to the progress of the town. Mayor Minor called the meeting to order and stated the object—first: As to whether the people wanted a dispensary; second, the present bonded debt of the town (\$47,000 per cent. bonds) funded, and bonds issued at 4 per cent; third, should we have electric lights and waterworks. Mr. Wm. H. Harrison acted as secretary of the meeting.
In consideration of the first, Dr. S. D. Booth offered a resolution providing for the holding of an election upon ten days' notice, at which election all qualified electors should vote "For Dispensary" or "Against Dispensary." After considerable discussion (as to methods of the election—whether before or after the bill should be passed by the Legislature) it was the unanimous voice of the meeting, which was largely attended, that we hold such an election, and in the meantime a dispensary bill will be prepared to be put in the hands of our representatives in the Legislature for its enactment if a majority of the voters shall so decide.
Those who spoke to the resolution (and some of their remarks were as wide of the mark as are oftentimes the speeches of Congressmen upon some pending bill) were Dr. Booth, Messrs. W. P. Stradley, J. P. Stedman, W. H. Harrison, Dr. Marsh, Revs. Hardaway, Wool, McCullen, and Mr. Crawford Cooper, of Fayetteville.
Mr. Cooper told of the great Cumberland county prohibition law, how fine it was, and how little whiskey was drunk there; that in two years' time property had advanced in Fayetteville, and expressed great surprise and mortification that the ministers of the gospel of Oxford were in favor of a dispensary.
Mr. Stedman arose and stated that he was born in Fayetteville; that his ancestors had lived and died there, and that he had spent twenty years of life there; that he knew every flea and every mosquito, and felt as competent to speak of Fayetteville as Mr. Cooper, who had been there only about three months, and that for the past 100 years it had been as dead as any place he ever knew, but that he was glad to know that times were better now. He said he happened to know, however, that the jug train to Fayetteville was the most important train that went there since the prohibition law; that jugs went there by express, in carts, on wagons and on the trains, until now they had what was known as the "jug train"—and the people still got the whiskey and the adjoining towns got the money for it. And, by the way, it was upon this ground—that prohibition does not prohibit—that the ministers of Oxford are in favor of a dispensary.
Mr. Cooper's remarks were somewhat sharply criticised, and they caused him to bob up and down like a fishing cork, thinking he was in a political convention.
The trend of the remarks was to the effect that we hold an election and let the people say whether they want a dispensary or not. The Public Ledger is of the opinion that this is fair and equitable. In the meantime we can discuss it pro and con, and when the day comes to vote, vote each man his choice. This is fair to all, and when the vote is counted let every citizen of Oxford stand by the majority. This is Democracy.

The First National Bank Progressing.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Oxford was held on January 15th. We direct attention to the change in their advertisement this week. The bank now has \$140,000 deposits. We especially commend the conservatism of the officers and directors, who, instead of drawing out the profits the bank is making, are creating a surplus fund, which makes the depositors more and more secure. The stockholders in their meeting unanimously approved this course. Six months ago when the bank was just one year old, profits amounting to \$1,500 was passed to the surplus fund which was 6 per cent. of the capital stock. Now they have increased the surplus \$2,500, being 10 per cent. profit in the last six months. So the bank now has, in addition to the capital, a surplus of \$4,000 which is 16 per cent. clear profit made in a year and a half. The stock therefore is now actually worth 116 and we understand it can't be bought for 125 at which price they have standing offers for all that can be secured. A pretty good showing is this, isn't it?

On The Move.

* Items About People Who Come and Who Go.

—Gen. B. S. Royster was in Raleigh Tuesday and Wednesday.
—Mr. C. J. Cooper, of Fayetteville, was an Oxford visitor this week.
—Sheriff Howard was at Willow Springs, Wake county, Saturday.
—Mrs. Thos. Winston and daughters are visiting relatives at Selma.
—Mr. Owen Davis, of Henderson, was on our streets Monday afternoon.
—Mr. Chas. W. Knott, of Tally Ho township, has gone to Oak Ridge to school.
—Dr. I. H. Davis has returned to Baltimore to finish taking lectures in Dentistry.
—Senator Hicks enjoyed a part of Sunday with his interesting family in Oxford.
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—Dr. T. L. Booth and Col. F. P. Hobgood returned Friday from attending the Grand Lodge of Masons at Raleigh.
—Three of Oxford's very fine Milliners, Misses May Francis, Anna Willman and Emma Day have returned to their respective homes to rest up for the spring season's work.
—Mr. E. F. Lamb, a prominent lawyer of Elizabeth City, visited his sister Mrs. Mary Hargrove in Oxford a few days the past week. His old time friends were much pleased to meet him again.
—Mrs. M. P. Chamblee and little son Travis, returned to Oxford this morning. They have been visiting Mrs. Chamblee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Edwards, and were accompanied home by Mrs. Guy L. Bunch.—Raleigh Times Jan. 16.

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How to Make Money With Poultry and Incubators.

That is the title of our new 1903 book—196 large pages. It is far superior in every way to its predecessors. It embraces all that is best in poultry keeping, duck growing, brooder raising, egg farming and the production of winter chickens or roosters, drawn from the experience of the best experts in this country. It fully describes and illustrates the unequalled Cyphers Incubators and Brooders which embody the greatest discovery of modern times in the field of successful incubation by artificial means. 250 illustrations show poultry plants that use Cyphers exclusively in the United States, Canada, England, Germany, Holland, New Zealand and other foreign countries. Send 10 cents merely to pay postage as the book is free. Circulate free. Read advertisement in another column. W. H. Britt, Agent, Oxford, N. C.

Letter to Sheriff Fleming, Oxford, N. C.

Dear Sir: You are interested in the prosperity of your town, and every dollar anybody saves adds to the wealth of the place.
People can save half their money on paint—more than half. Devoe Lead and Zinc takes fewer gallons than mixed paints to cover a house, and lasts twice or three times as long as lead and oil.
Paint is saved; labor is saved; and the "painting nuisance" is made half as frequent.
When Devoe Lead and Zinc is established in Oxford, Oxford will get more out of it than we shall.
Yours truly,
F. W. Devoe & Co., New York.
P. S. J. F. Edwards sells our paint.

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HEADACHES Cured While You Wait, by CAPUDINE.

NO EFFECT ON THE HEART. Sold at all Drug Stores.

After the Holidays.

Holidays are over, And by the rule, Children must go again Off to their school.

Go buy for children. Pappas dear, Everything they need For the scholastic year.
Pens and inks, Pencils and pads, For each of your dear Little lassies and lads.
They'll love you better And praise you more If you'll supply their wants From Hamilton's drug store
Besides the large supply of stationery and school supplies now on hand, I carry the best line of Toilet Articles, Drugs, (all kinds), Cigars and Candies in Oxford.
Thanking the people, one and all, for their liberal support during the year just past, and soliciting a continuance of the same during the year just come in and lying before us, I shall strive always to give you full value for your money, and in fact the best advantages that can be had in every respect. When in need of anything in the drug line come to see me.
My prescription department is in every way complete and run only by competent and registered pharmacists day and night.

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Next to P. O., Oxford, N. C.
"A SAVINGS ACCOUNT IN A STRONG BANK IS A STEPPING STONE TO SUCCESS."

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Offers absolute security for savings, and its massive vaults afford perfect protection against fire or burglary.
Savings deposits received in any amount. Interest allowed at rate of 4 per cent., compounded every 6 months.
You can bank by mail.
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Give me a call if you think of buying a time-piece. I think I can suit you. I have a good line of these goods
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