Story of local Frents.

★ Moving Pictures of a Weeks Happen-

—The addition to the residence of

-The passenger train from Dur-

-The Oyster Supper given by the

-Mr. L. Hunter has erected a new

-Temperance Sermons were de-

the farmers not to be in a hurry to

sell the balance of their crop of to-

night. This is undisputable proof

-Mr. W. T. Grubbs, one of the old

blind Confederate Veterans, has an-

lent lady and had a number of friends

in Oxford who deeply regret to learn

-The County Board of Education

ing is heard save the hum of the ma-

chinery and the course sounding

whistle. It strikes us they have

been mud bound. It is not Worth-

while to bother about it as it is in

present at marriage of their daugh-

ter, Susle, to Mr. The. L. Caudle, of

27th, 1903, Enon Baptist Church, near

tions in the county. Public cordially

free for one month if they will allow

his advertisement, they binding them-

selves to comply with the stipula-

tion. We want to simply prove to

-It seems that the fight for the

February. We are frank to say that

there is room for some improvement

in the running of Uncle Sam's busi-

ness here, and the old gentleman

money enough to employ a first-class

the county, and was greatly esteem-

ment was in Oakwood cemetery wit-

nessed by a large number of sympa-

thizing friends. Undertaker Robt.

-Track laying on the Oxford and

urge the committee, composed of

F. W. Hancock, not to further de-

lay action as the vital interest of the

town demands it.

this a very fair proposition.

Wood had charge of the burial,

them that advertising does pay.

of the county.

good hands,

ladies of the Baptist Church Friday

ham over the Southern Railway is

behind almost every day.

has painted it red.

the mud when it rains.

night was a financial success.

Mr. John Paris will soon be com-

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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 propor. tion and to the safety and accuracy of our pulpits by the earnest pastors, Judge A. W. Graham! with which physicians' prescriptions and domestic recipes are compounded.

Our Prescription Department

Is always in charge of pharmacists that prohibition does not prohibit made component by a thorough knowlledge of pharmacy, and years of experience.

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Is complete, but if I don't happen of her death. 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,

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Oxford, N. C.

Deposits,	2		54.7				0	140,000
Capital,							1	25.000
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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.

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Will Pay 30c. per 1,000.

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

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Careful attention given to all business entrusted to us.

-Remember Bratton Comedy Co., Opera House 3 nights Jan. 22, 23 and

-FOR SALE .- Thoroughbred Es sex sow and pigs. Apply to R. O. Gregory.

-On account of the sleet Tuesday morning several of our people "felt up for the ground."

-Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Howard have gone to keeping house in the Taylor cottage on Raleigh street,

-Don't fail to see Bratton Comedy Company 3 nights Jan. 22, 23 and 24, prices 15, 25 and 35 cents.

-Work on the new residence of Gen. B S. Royster continues to go forward in spite of the cold weather. -Gold and Silver presents given away by Bratton Comedy Company in Opera House Thursday, Friday

and commodious black-smith shop and Saturday nights. on his lot on Hillboro street, and -New steps have been put to the several buildings of the Osborn House, -Many of our sidewalks need lookand Sheriff Fleming has this early gained the reputation of feeding well. ing after in order to keep the pedestrian from having to plow through

-Hurrah for the Oxford & Coast Line Railroad as it has after 9 long years reached the corporation of Oxlivered Sunday morning from most ford. Three times three cheers for

as they are deeply interested in the -Rev. F. W. Hilliard will hold serestablishment of a dispensary in Oxvice and preach in St. Peter's church, Stovall, on Sunday next, Jan. 25th, -Since the first of January busiat 11:30 o'clock a, m. All persons are ness has been rather quiet in Oxford, cordially invited to attend. as the low price of tobacco has caused

-The editor is very sorry to learn that a few days ago Mr. T. G. Taylor got one of his critches hung in the carpet, precipitating him to the -In spite of prohibition there was floor breaking his leg again.

considerable drinking indulged in in The vote for Senator in the caucus Oxford Saturday and Saturday of the Legislature up to the 35th bal-1ot is: Overman, 52; Watson, 45; Craig, 34; Alexander, 4. Nobody knows how it will end. The Public Ledger wants to see Anti-Trust Cy Watson elected.

swered the last roll call, and we hope has gone up higher and joned the Great Army of the Captain of our -Mrs. Sallie Williams, of Vance checks went into all parts of Gran- and mortification that the ministers county, died near Henderson last ville county and materially to of the gospel of Oxford were in favor Thursday after a short illness of the prosperity of the county as well of a dispensary. pneumonia. She was a most excelas the stockholders.

-The address of our honored townsman, Gen. B. S. Royster to the Red Men on Tuesday night at the opening of their Bazaar at Raleigh composed of Messrs. F. W. Hancock, was indeed a happy speech. The Graham B. Royster and Dr. J. F. News and Observer gives a full account of it and speaks in highest Sanderford met Monday and completed the apportiontment of school terms of the effort, and regret that fund to the different school districts space forbids our giving a report of the speech

-Silence these days seems to reign -A small house caught fire Monsupreme on Cotton Mill Hill. Nothday morning and our fire department responded promptly under the Command of Mr. J. F. Edwards, but their services were not needed as the flames were extinguished. When the alarm sounded the town looked like it was depopulated, but our streets -Invitation have been sent out were soon crowded with people by Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Gooch to be ready to fight fire.

Oxford, at 9:30 o'clock. No invita- bride's mother, the ceremony being witnessed by a number of friends. The bride is one of South Granville's -If any of our business men, who most highly esteemed and popular do not advertise in the Public Ledger | young ladies, and the groom is the because they do not think it will son of Mr. D. W. Whitaker, of Oak pay, we will give them one column Ridge.

-We take pleasure in calling attenus to put one line at the bottom of tion to the advertisement of Taylor-Cannady Buggy Co. on the 4th page of this paper. The reputation of this splendid manufacturing establishment is so well known that it needs no recommendation at the hands of postmastership of Oxford is getting the Public Ledger, as their famous quite interesting, and the present inbuggies are a rolling advertisement. cumbent's time expires some time in It is given up that their buggies are

-Our young townsman, Walter P. Stradley, has a strong article in Monday's issue of the Washington Post could greatly aid in it by allowing advocating the admission as States of Oklahoma and India Territory, Arizona and New Mexico. In the -The grown daughter of Jacob same mail which brought the Post Morton, one of our most highly re- to Oxford came a letter to Mr. Stradspected colored citizens died Friday ley from Hon. A. S. Rodey, Delegate of consumption. She was numbered in Congress from New Mexico, thankamong the best colored teachers in ing him for his communication.

ed by all who knew her. The inter-The First National Bank Progressing. The annual meeting of the stock holders of the First National Bank of Oxford was held on January 15th. We direct attention to the change in their advertisement this week. The Coast Line Railroad will reach the bank now has \$140,000 deposits. We corporation of Oxford this week, and yet the committee appointed by the of the officers and directors, who, insteps looking to the opening of the important matter to Oxford and we Messrs. J. S. Brown, J. S. Hall and provided they have paid the editor at which price they have standing tion asked you will be, "Whatabout what they owe him. We consider offers for all that can be secured. A your freight rates?" We can now pretty good showing is this, isn't it? say that we have two great compet-

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 advantages over you, and I shall whether the people wanted a dispensary; second, the present bonded debt are paying \$2,820 as interest on our of the town (\$47,0006 per cent. bonds) | bonded debt of \$47,000. To issue say be funded, and bonds issued at 4 per \$65,000 of 4½ per cent. bonds, and 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 day's notice, at which election all qualified electors should vote "For Dispensary" or "Against Dispensary." After considerable discussion (as to methods of the electionwhether 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 ourRepresentatives 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 Fayette-

Mr, Cooper told of the great Cum berland county prohibition law, how -The 60 stockholders of the Bank | fine it was, and how little whiskey of Granville and Oxford Savings Bank | was drank there; that in two years' have received for the year just closed | time property had advanced in Fayin dividends \$4,578. These dividend etteville, and expressed great surprise

Mr. Stedman arose and stated tha 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 was familiar with the voice of 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 whis--Miss Lillie Belle Lyon, daughter key and the adjoining towns got the of late W. P. Lyon, of Wilton, and money for it. And, by the way, it Wadesboro, Tuesday morning Jan. Mr. C. Z. Whitaker, of Oak Ridge, was upon this ground-that prohimarried yesterday at the home of the bition does not prohibit-that the ministers of Oxford are in favor of a

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 next question-as to funding the debt with 4½ per cent. bondswas, of course, agreed to without

The most important matter was with reference to waterworks. Mr. H. M. Shaw, in order to bring the matter before the body for discussion, moved that it was the sense of this an election for the purpose of ascermeeting that we have waterworks. | taining the will of the majority upon He stated that the present rate of in- this matter should be held. surance in Oxford was very high, and this was due in no small measure to the lack of the means to fight quested to call an election at as early fire; that being connected with the a date as possible and under such several industrial plants of Oxford regulations as to them may seem he was prepared to speak with some proper, at which said election the especially commend the conservatism | degree of accuracy; that to carry | qualified voters shall cast their bal-\$20,000 insurance at the furniture fac- lots FOR DISPENSARY or AGAINST Town Commissioners have taken no stead of drawing out the profits the tory costs annually about \$1,000. DISPENSARY. bank is making, are creating a sur- This cuts quite a hole in the profits. plus fund, which makes the deposi- The same was true of the Buggy com ed to have been carried in the mantors more and more secure. The pany, though the rate was not quite ner in which the majority of the votes stockholders in their meeting unani- so high. The cotton mills of the mously approved this course. Six State have mutual insurance with a months ago when the bank was just system of waterworks at each mill, one year old, profits amounting to and the rate of insurance was accord- resentatives in the Legislature be re-\$1,500 was passed to the surplus fund ingly very law. That we cannot quested to have bill passed at once -The Public Ledger continues to which was 6 per cent. of the capital hope to build up our town from the for a dispensary. add new names to its subscription stock. Now they have increased the agricultural interests near by, for we list every day, and we hope our dead surplus \$2,500, being 10 per cent. had even now perhaps the best tobeat readers concluded to turn over profit in the last six months. So the bacco market of any town of our met Tuesday afternoon and called a a new leaf Jan. 1st and will not dead bank now has, in addition to the size in the State; but that we must primary election to be held at the beat the editor during the year 1903. capital, a surplus of \$4,000 which is go into industrial enterprises. To do Mayor's office on Monday, January If any one of them will prove to the 16 per cent. clear profit made in a this we must have outside capital 26th, 1903, in order that the people of editor that he is NOT ABLE to pay for year and a half. The stock therefore come in; that to induce capital to Oxford may express their will at the the Public Ledger 3 or 6 months he is now actually worth 116 and we come you must show it that it is will send it to them free of charge, understand it can't be bought for 125 profitable to do so. The first ques-

'What are the insurance rates?" We reply we have no means of fighting fire and our rates are high. Now then your prospective investor will say to you, "I am sorry to have to tell you, for I like your schools, your people, your beautiful town, but for BUSINESS, I see that Durham, Henderson, Roxboro, &c., have some great have to say good-bye to you." We with them retire the \$47,000 will make the amount of interest only \$105 more. In return we will have not only the advantages of a system of waterworks, but the rate of insurance will be reduced from \$2.50 to \$3

ing systems of railroads. The next

question asked will perhaps be,

per thousand, or from \$1,200 to \$1,-500 each year. This will be a saving to the taxpayers of enough to pay interest on the additional bonds of School. \$1,800 and not raise the taxes a cent. As for electric lights, why we needed them too, but we could get along without them for the present and until we could have them without an increase of taxes. For these reasons, as a practical business man, he was heartily in favor of water.

Mr. J. P. Stedman, Mr. J. M. Currin and Col. H. G. Cooper spoke along the same line, urging very strong reasons why we should have waterworks. Mr. Stedman said we needed more water and better water; that we were being filled with lime, rocks and other foreign substance, and tending the Grand Lodge oi Masons when our joints become stiff the doc- at Raleigh. tors call it rheumatism; that we had been having a jug, or bottle train, too-jugs, barrels and bottles from Chase City, Buffalo Springs, Panacea and bull carts from Rock Brook, and that we must put a stop to that. If we went down in the bowels of the earth several hundred feet we could eartily in favor of taking a step in that direction.

Dr. S. D. Booth arose to state that the health statistics of North Carolina for 1902 showed that with the exception of Shelby the death rate for Oxford was less than any town in the State.

Mr. J. M. Currin stated that he had paid out over \$100 last year for water, and apart from getting better drinking water, as a business man, he heartily favored the proposition. That the saving in insurance to the taxpayers would be more than the cost of water by a great deal. He stated that it might be water could not be reached in Oxford by deep wells; but that it would be money well spent if the town commissioners were to go ahead and spend, if necessary, a thousand or two dollars in ascertaining that fact.

Not a dissenting voice was raised against waterworks, and the resolution was carried unanimously

This matter will be provided for in the new charter and then submitted to the vote of the people. It is to be hoped that the town commissioners will bestir themselves along the lines indicated. They mean much for the town. Our business men are getting down to business now. They are in dead earnest like they were about the new railroad. This meeting means more to Oxford than anything that has happened in years.

Fellow citizens, the spirit of pro gress is upon us. Let us all pull together, and pull with a will. We already see the broad daylight-yes, the golden beams of the sun of progress is now smiling upon us, for which the Public Ledger has battled ail these years! Oxford expects each man to do his duty. Let no one citizen complain or throw any stone in the way. We ask no more.

The following resolutions were

Whereas, there is much interest in and discussion concerning the management and control of the sale of whiskey and other intoxicating liquors in the town of Oxford; therefore, be it resolved-

1. That it is the sense of this mass meeting of the citizens of Oxford that

That the Board of Town Commissioners by and they are hereby re-

are cast.

4. That if a majority of the votes cast be for dispensary that our rep-In compliance with the above res-

olutions the Town Commissioners ballot box.

WANTED-A first class buggy body maker, correspond with MILES & COREY, Washington, N. C.

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 Favetteville. 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 after-

noon. -Mr. Chas. W. Knott, of Tally Ho township, has gone to Oak Ridge to

—Dr. I. H. Davis has returned to Baltimore to finish taking lectures in -Senator Hicks enjoyed a part of

Sunday with his interesting family in Oxford. -Mr. James Paris spent several

days the past week with his mother and daughter at Rocky Mount. -Rev. R. B. Owens attended th Convocation at Durham last week

and greatly enjoyed the meeting. -Dr. T. L. Booth and Col, F. P. Hobgood returned Friday from at-

-Three of Oxford's very fine Mil liners, Misses May Francis, Anna Willman and Emma Day have re turned 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 get as pure, wholesome water as a few days the past week. His old could be desired, and that he was time friends were much pleased to meet him again.

> -Mrs. M. P. Chamblee and little on Travis, returned to Oxford this morning. They have been visiting Mrs. Chamblee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Edwards, and were ac companied home by Mrs. Guy I. Bunch.—Raleigh Times Jan. 16.

Dividend Drawings

Are now in the height of fashion in Oxford. Never before in the history of the town has the amount received from corporations been so large; as usual first of all came the semi-annual dividend from the old reliable Bank of Granville received on Christ mas day. As regular as clock-work dividend checks have gone out from this bank to the stockholders since its consolidation with the banking house of J. C. Cooper & Sons in 1895. So a dividend payment from the Bank of Granville does not create a ripple of comment. Read change in Next to P. O. Oxford, N. C. advertisement.

How to Make Money With Poultry and Incubators.

That is the title of our new 1903 PING STONE TO SUCCESS." 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 unequaled 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. Girculars free. Read advertisement in another column. W. H. Britt, Agent,

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.

Oxford, N. C.

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Yours truly, F. W. DEVOE & Co., New York. P. S. J. F. Edwards sells our paint.

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more out of it than we shall.

Notice.

Take notice that application will be made to the General Assembly of North Carolina, now in session, to amend the charter of the town of Oxford, and for authority to hold an election to issue bonds for refunding buying a time-piece. I think I can the present town debt and in addition thereto to issue sufficient bonds to provide the town with a system of waterworks. S. W. MINOR,

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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. Papas 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.

HAMILTON,

"A SAVINGS ACCOUNT IN A STRONG BANK IS A STEP-

-OXFORD

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Offers absolute security for savings, and its massive vaults afford perfect protection gainst fire or burglary. Savings deposits received in any amount. Interest allowed at rate of 4 per cent, comounded every 6 months. You can bank by mail, Booklet sent free on application.

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