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Little Pick-ups.

Some Interesting
News Items in
This Column.

A Happy New Year

Is my sincere wish to all my friends, patrons and the public, and many thanks for the liberal patronage for the past quarter of a century. For the last year or two my time has been divided between my drug business and outside matters, but now that my connection with the cotton mills has been severed

All my time will be devoted to my drug business and especially to the prescription department

Having the largest, most up-to-date and thoroughly complete stock in this section YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS ARE ESPECIALLY SOLICITED. Let me assure you that every care will be taken with your prescription that would be taken if it was for myself. Nothing but the purest and freshest drugs used. Absolute accuracy in weight and measure, with twenty-five years of experience is what I have to offer.

Again thanking you for your patronage, I am,
Sincerely your friend,

J. G. HALL,
Druggist

"We Hold Thee Safe."



The Best New Year's Resolve

and one that will never be regretted is to sign your name to the list of depositors of

**THE FIRST
National Bank,**
OXFORD, N. C.

and thereby take a step towards assured wealth and prosperity. Our bank has an unassailable firm financial foundation. We deal liberally with our customers and pay 4 per cent. interest on time deposits

A Revelation to Coffee Drinkers

The "Marion Harland"
COFFEE AND TEA POT

"It is the Best."



"All hail the cup that brings good cheer,
And never makes our words or actions queer."

Sold by J. F. Edwards.

—Note the change in the Seaboard schedule.

—The road force went to Hester Tuesday morning.

—The editor was shown a few days ago a lemon weighing 1½ pounds raised by Mrs. C. A. Carroll.

—During 1903 South Carolina only had 222 homicides. This is a bad showing for our sister State.

—Rev. A. B. Dunaway, of Norfolk, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday morning and night.

—Next term of Granville Superior court convenes Monday February 8th, with Judge C. M. Cook, of Louisville, presiding.

—Now York is making much ado over a "body lawyer" who presents the anomaly of being both strong-minded and beautiful.

—Regret to learn that Mrs. W. H. Puckett and daughter have been quite sick the past week. Hope they will soon be restored to health.

—Mr. C. W. Bryan, the wide-awake salesman of the Taylor-Cannady Buggy Co., has fixed up a comfortable office in the large salesroom.

—Col. W. J. Hicks, the greatly beloved Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, who has been sick for 10 days, we are glad to learn is out again.

—If the ladies perform their duty and take proper advantage of their privileges the year may be happy one for the old bachelors in spite of themselves.—Washington Post.

—We neglected last week to comply with the request of the inmates of the Aged and Infirm to thank the good people of Oxford for the splendid Christmas dinner which they enjoyed so much.

—State Auditor Dixon says the Soldier's home is absolutely full, and that there are more applications than can be attended to in six months. No more applications need be sent in for the present.

—In the short notice last week of the Stovall school it was illegible written and the word Grammar was used when it should have been "German," and the name of "Berkeley Nelson" should have been Bentley Wilson.

—Owing to a defective flue fire was discovered in one of the walls at the Oxford Seminary Sunday about dark. The alarm was sounded and the people quickly responded, but before their arrival the fire was located and put out.

—The fact that only six persons out of 32,000,000 who traveled in Pullman cars were killed during the past three years is an unanswerable argument for the construction of all other coaches as substantially as the Pullman.

—Mrs. J. Y. Parris, who has been confined to her room for some days with an attack of grip, we are pleased to learn is rapidly improving. During her sickness Miss Lullie Biggs has had charge of her grade in the Graded School.

—The County Commissioners request the Public Ledger to announce that all who hold claims against the county for rights of way for Public Roads to please present them at the meeting of the Board the first Monday in February.

—There may be inspiration to the youth of North Carolina in the knowledge that J. M. Barr, who was elected president of the Seaboard Air Line a few days ago, began his career as messenger in the office of the superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1871.

—The State superintendent of public instruction says applications for what is known as the second \$100,000 of the State's annual appropriation for keeping the public schools open four months in the year are coming quite rapidly and the division of the sum will be made before long.

—Mrs. Laura Leaser, aged about 28, was killed by a shifting train in the Southern yard at Salisbury Friday night. The woman, who was slightly deaf, was crossing the track and failed to hear the approaching train which ran backwards across her body, causing instant death.

—Mayor Sid Daniel says that Brownstown is waking up at last to the importance of establishing manufacturing enterprises. A good factory is the first venture with Mr. Murray Thomason as President and Mr. J. M. Meadows as Secretary. The grounds prepared for market are neat and attractive.

—The penitentiary reports exceeding gratifying. The present management of that institution has really reversed its record of reverses and deserves to feel pleased as to be applauded by the people. The record of a profit of \$85,000 on last year's operation is a splendid one.—Charlotte Observer.

Highest prices for all kinds furs.
BAIRD & CHAMBERLAIN,
At J. F. Edwards' store.

—Read advertisement of the Audubon Society, of Greensboro, in another column.

—Be sure to read the statement of the County Board of Education in another part of this paper.

—Much credit is due the Board of Education and Superintendent B. F. Hester for the admirable management of the public school system of the county.

—The Public Ledger has added 18 new subscribers to its list since the first of January. Among the number was one from Porto Rico and one from Texas.

—Hereafter the Loyal Temperance Legion will meet every Sunday evening at 3 o'clock in the Presbyterian church. The public are invited to attend.

CARL B. ADAMS, Pres.

The Town Commissioners held their regular meeting Monday night and transacted routine business. They took no action in the matter of granting the franchise to the telephone company, but will probably consider it at the next meeting.

—Here's a message from Stark-Crews Company. Prices paid on Tuesday to C. H. Wilson, \$5, 7½, 10½, 11, 16½, 23½, 40—average 17.56. E. W. Wilson \$5.60, 9½, 13, 16½, 35, 47—average 23.44. C. K. Hester, \$7, \$8, 11½, 20, 40—average 18.70. Just a hint—that's all.

—Felix Von Breisen, a young sculptor, married a young lady of Asheville. Work being scarce, he went west. His wife not hearing from him for more than a year, got a divorce. A few weeks ago she received a letter from him. He was left a fortune. He returned home and they were remarried.

—Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cleveland may well know the people of the country unite with them in their deep sorrow over the death of their first-born. The suddenness of the affliction but adds to the poignancy. Their only comfort can come from the Father who gave and who hath taken.—Raleigh Post.

—A very funny thing happened at the postoffice in Raleigh. A negro appeared at the stamp window with half a dollar and said: "I want to see Mr. Spence and get 50 cents' worth of whiskey." He was asked if he didn't mean Mr. Dispensary, and replied: "Yes, that's the man." The stamp clerk pointed the way to the dispensary.

—Farmers rolled in Tuesday and Wednesday with tobacco and the warehouses presented their old time activity. The largest break was on yesterday, and good prices prevailed all along the line. Those who are capable of judging say that 65 per cent of the crop in this territory has been marketed. It is a well settled fact that the highest averages are always obtainable on the Oxford market.

—When Representative Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina, returned to the city and opened his mail, he found among other things an invitation to the President's reception to the diplomatic corps next Thursday night. Inside was the usual door card inclosed in an envelope on which was printed "Not Transferable." Beneath the printed words had been written, "Except to Booker Washington." Somebody had tampered with Mr. Kitchin's invitation.—News & Observer.

Great Bargain Sales.

For the next ten days I will offer the greatest bargains in Hamburgs, Laces, Ribbons, Silks and Velvets. Remnants of all kinds at a great sacrifice. Now is the time to supply yourself with these goods.

MISS MARY BELLE GREGORY.

An Important Meeting.

Dr. J. D. Huffam will preach in the Baptist church on next Sunday morning and evening. After the sermon in the morning there will be an important church meeting, which every member is requested to attend, the business before the meeting being the calling of a pastor. This notice is published by request of the Deacons of the church.

A "Natural" Error.

A typographical error made Messrs. Stark-Crews Co. say in their New Year's card that "no very 'natural' change in prices (of tobacco) may be looked for during the season," when it should have read that "no very material change in prices may be looked for during the season." But we know our friends will pardon this slip of the hand, as they are aware that it is as "natural" for a printer as well as other people to make mistakes as it is for tobacco to naturally bring the highest prices at Stark-Crews Co. Both are "natural" happenings in the general run of affairs.

Saved From Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Robbitt of Barge-ton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. Its most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at J. G. Hall's.

500 cords dry pine wood for sale.
Apply to J. E. Wright. Jan. 7, 4 p. d.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The Board Met in Regular Monthly Session January 4th.

The Board of Commissioners met on the first Monday with all the members around the table with Clerk Mayes at his post to record the proceedings.

A number of people were allowed rebates and to list property at single rates.

Ordered that M. D. Eaton be placed on the outside pauper list at \$1 per month.

Ordered that Geo. Peace, colored, be permanently exempted from working roads.

Ordered that the insolvent list of 1902 be turned over for collection to E. K. Howard.

Ordered that Phil Hockaday be put on the outside pauper list at \$1 per month.

The following official bonds of J. B. Mayes, Register of Deeds, E. K. Howard, Sheriff, J. T. Britt, Clerk, W. T. Lyon, Treasurer, S. M. Wheeler, Coroner, were examined and approved.

Ordered that two bridges over Knapp of Reeds creek one at R. C. Cash's and the other at W. S. Cozart's be built, and that W. S. Cozart and J. B. Mayes be continued on said bonds.

Ordered that Ernest Walters be paid \$16 per month for work at the poor house for 12 months.

Ordered that Messrs. C. F. Crews and E. C. Harris be and they are hereby appointed a committee to look after the settlement of amount of damages by reason of a right of way for public roads and also that of the Gregory land; and if they cannot make satisfactory settlement then the Board directs the Sheriff to appoint 3 disinterested free holders to assess said damages.

Messrs. A. B. Moss and R. W. Winston be exempted permanently from road duty on account of physical disabilities.

Ordered that the county Road Superintendent be and is hereby instructed to open up the road leading from J. M. Curran's to Sandy Moss place (the James Clay old place) as laid out by the jury summoned for that purpose.

Sheriff Howard reported the following taxes collected for December: State \$1,454.97; School \$1,387.92; General county \$2,195.96; Road \$225.26; Railroad \$126.37—total \$5,390.48.

Ordered that the convict force be moved to Dutchville township, near Hester's station, for the purpose of working such portions of the public roads as can be properly worked during the winter months, and that whenever the condition of the roads is such that profitable work cannot be done on said roads then the convicts and road force shall be employed in cutting and hauling wood or in such other work as may hereafter be determined; ordered further that a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of making contracts for cutting and hauling wood or other work by the convicts and road force of the county.

Committee appointed as per the above resolution E. C. Harris, L. H. Moss and W. S. Gooch.

S. L. Roberts presented his bond as Superintendent of Roads, which was examined and approved.

The following jurors were drawn for February Term of Granville Superior Court: J. M. Hart, Herbert Gregory, S. M. Green, M. S. Satterwhite, J. C. Curran, Sr., W. W. Lane, S. W. Knott, W. H. Hall, Ed. Brogden, L. W. Hobgood, T. D. Alken, W. H. Averett, Isaac Renn, R. L. Newton, E. M. Hart, J. G. Smith, C. H. Green, D. L. Cole, Alex. Jenkins, J. H. Mitchell, J. P. Thomas, H. T. Hobgood, J. M. Meadows, L. G. Breedlove, E. R. Sizemore, D. R. Knott, G. L. Allen, J. A. Yancey, J. G. Hunt, Loge Meadows, R. H. Pleasant, S. H. Moss, R. W. Wilkerson, E. N. Clement, C. A. Stovall, T. N. Burwell.

After allowing a number of claims against the county the Board adjourned.

A Delightful Entertainment.

On Friday afternoon last the Junior Literary Club was delightfully entertained by Miss Annie Cannady at her home on College street. A pleasant programme on the subject, "Chancer," was instructive and enjoyable. Miss Annie Williams read an interesting paper, Chancer, The Morning Star of English Literature, and the essay Chancer, as a Delineator of Character showed thought and a close insight into the mind of the great poet. A selection from Canterbury Tales was read by Miss Etta Peace. The discussion was then thrown open to all—England at the time of Chancer.

Elegant refreshments were served and the guests dispersed having spent a charming afternoon. Those present were: Misses Jeannette Biggs, Maud Buchanan, Louise Buchanan, Margaret Curran, Evelyn Howell, Etta Peace, Annie Williams, Irvin Stark, Lucy Webb, Hattie Webb, Laura Williams.

Wonderful Nerve.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental cuts, wounds, bruises, burns, scalds, sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Buckens Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best salve on earth for piles, too. 25c at J. G. Hall's.

MABEL PAIGE.

The Idol of the South—Opera House Tomorrow Night.

The coming of winsome little Mabel Paige, who bears the sobriquet of the Idol of the South, to the Opera House for three nights, starting tomorrow (Thursday) night, will be hailed with delight by the many admirers of this ever popular star.

Many of our theatregoers will remember Miss Paige's appearance here twelve years ago—then she was considered the greatest child star on the American stage and played the character of Little Lord Fauntleroy. In fact it was her delightful portrayal of this splendid young nobleman which brought her before the patrons of our Southern play houses. Now she returns to us with the strongest and largest company she has ever carried, besides a large number of high-salaried vaudeville artists including the marvelous "Herrman," "Ben Turpin," the original "Happy Hooligan" of New York Journal fame, Hyman and De Trace and others. An entire car load of magnificent scenery and electrical equipment is carried by the company without which it would be impossible to present the gorgeous scenic productions which Miss Paige is presenting this year.

"The Princess of Patches" is announced as the opening play, with "Tennessee Pardner" and "Our Young Minister" to follow. On Saturday afternoon Miss Paige will give a grand family matinee for ladies and children when "Cinderella" in all its fairy splendor will be presented, and will also introduce Miss Paige's tiny Shetland ponies "Alphonse" and "Gaston" hitched to the Fairy Cart which will indeed be a source of delight to the little ones. Seats can now be secured at Hamilton's drug store.

Arrival and Departure of Trains Over Seaboard Road.

For Henderson:	For Durham:
11:25 a. m.	2:15 p. m.
4:40 p. m.	
From Henderson:	From Durham:
8:45 a. m.	12:50 p. m.
3:00 p. m.	

W. M. BULLARD, Agent.

Caught Fire.

—On Wednesday night last while Mrs. Charles Behlen was standing near the grate in her room at the Osborn House her clothing caught on fire and she narrowly escaped serious injury. Her little son Charley was in the room and proved a brave fellow, and tried to smother the fire, but finding he could not ran to the door and called for help. It was at once responded to by Moses Boon, one of the colored help of the hotel, who snatched the burning dress off of Mrs. Behlen and saved her from severe injury.

Continental Plant Company.

A man plants an orchard for a lifetime. He cannot be too careful in seeing that he has the best kinds of fruit and that his trees are true to name. He cannot afford to take risks; to buy one thing and get another; to buy a good variety of apples, peaches or pears and have the tree turn out to a different or worthless variety. He takes this risk when he deals with men he does not know. The Continental Plant Co., Kitlett, N. C., (O. W. Blackhall, President), a well known and thoroughly reliable home concern now offering through their agents to our people the choicest line of all kinds of nursery stock. Deal with home people whom you know and who guarantee everything they sell. See their advertisement.

Fatal kidney and bladder troubles can always be prevented by the use of Foley's Kidney Cure. For sale by R. L. Hamilton.

First National Bank.

The stockholders of the First National Bank held their second annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon, and after hearing the report of the officers of the bank, which was a most gratifying one, unanimously re-elected the old Board of Directors and recommended to them that the earnings be again passed to the surplus fund. This the directors did. Net earnings for the past twelve months were \$4,000 or 16 per cent. of the capital, which amount was passed to the surplus fund. Total surplus fund is now \$8,000 or 32 per cent. of the capital. It is a singular fact that the First National Bank of Oxford has never declared a dividend, though it has made good ones, preferring always to leave the earnings of the bank so they will be a still further protection to their customers and depositors. It is a wise policy to pursue and commands the unqualified endorsement of the patrons of the banking fraternity.

We congratulate this young and growing institution upon its most excellent showing.

A Very Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale without any apparent cause and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sicily, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by J. G. Hall. Price 50c.

Friends & Strangers.

An Interesting List
Of Those Who
Came & Went.

—Miss Hettie Lyon is visiting friends in Durham.

—Mr. T. S. Rhew, of Cornwall, was an Oxford visitor Wednesday.

—Mrs. W. M. Bullard and children are visiting relatives in Sampson county.

—The pretty Miss Bettie Smith is at home again to the pleasure of her many friends.

—Mr. John Chandler, of Mebane, spent several days in town last week visiting relatives.

—Mr. W. C. Fuller, of Youngsville, was in Oxford Monday and the editor was much pleased to receive a call from his old friend.

—Messrs. W. B. Ballou and E. W. Jones and General Royster are attending the Grand Lodge of Masons at Raleigh this week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Crews, after two years residence in Oxford, have returned to their farm near Tarliver, followed by the best wishes of their Oxford friends.

—Miss Carrie Kronheimer and Mrs. Lehman, of Durham, were the guests of Mrs. T. L. Booth last Thursday and their numerous Oxford friends were glad to see them again.

—Mr. James Rogers, one of the best and most faithful of Uncle Sam's Route Agents, was in Oxford Saturday visiting his sisters, Mrs. R. P. Taylor and Mrs. Candace Emmett, and his Oxford friends were pleased to see him on Oxford soil again.

YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TAKING
When you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure, No Pay. 50c.

The Way it Looks to Us.

Editor Bailey is throwing fits because the News & Observer has criticized Prof. Bassett and Rev. J. C. Massee for their foolish and "incendiary" utterances. He declares that the churches and the Christian religion have been assailed without cause and if the tendency and purpose of Joseph Daniels and his followers are not checked dire calamity is coming to pass, as Editor Bailey sees things through his horoscope. Neither Mr. Daniels nor others who have criticized Dr. Bassett and Mr. Massee are making an assault upon any organized church or the Christian religion.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic disputes occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in stomach and liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure 25c at J. G. Hall's.

WANTED:—Some young lady to give dancing lessons at night to 3 or 4 pupils. Advertise through this paper. Jan. 7th, 2d pd.

FOR RENT:—The Brogdon residence just outside of town containing 1 acre. Apply to J. S. BROWN. Jan. 7, 4c.

WANTED:—One share-hand, good land for tobacco and corn, good team and house, address, Box X, Wightman, Va., J. E. Powell.

Remember

Mabel Paige is coming, and you have got the sweetheart and I've got the CANDY.

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On Hand for Coughs and Colds

And bronchial and lung ailments generally and specifically. The heading denotes our state of preparedness for all nose, throat and lung troubles—meaning that we have curatives for all these ills at prices less than the undertaker will charge your heirs, if you give up without seeking the restoratives we offer.

Thanking all for so liberal patronage during 1903, and soliciting a continuance, I am,
Respectfully,

R. L. HAMILTON,
Next to P. O., OXFORD, N. C.

We thank you for your patronage for the year 1903.

We wish you happiness and joy for 1904.

We appreciate your trade.

John P. Stedman,
Druggist & Seedsman,

Manufacturer of Stedman's Pink Cream, Stedman's 5c. Blood and Liver Pills, Stedman's Head Easy, &c., &c.

Resources Over
\$300,000.00.

Bank of Granville

AND
OXFORD SAVINGS BANK.

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ABSOLUTE SAFETY.

The Savings Bank Pays

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The acme of American achievement in production, the premier of ease, softness and strength, the ideal equipage of style and supremacy and a perfect model of solid and exquisite