

Little Pick-ups.

Some Interesting News Items in This Column.

—How about water works now?
—The breaks of tobacco are getting larger.
—Leave out love and life would not be worth living.
—Its leap year girls, so look about you for the ideal man.
—You can catch a cold now without looking at a trap.
—Candidates of all sorts will soon begin to appear in the field.
—The dollar mark of mammon has become the idol of the people.
—Our rural delivery carriers are having a cold time of it these days.
—The grasping for gold is what turns to stone the hearts of humanity.
—Mr. Frank Spencer, who has been numbered with the sick, is much better.
—Don't fail to take a through ticket to the "Fast Mail" at the Opera House Friday night.
—You can hold a "good hand" without being a gambler—the hand of a winsome young lady.
—The colored Episcopal congregation have commenced the erection of a church in North Oxford.
—What a wonderful old world this would be if the men who think they know it all could prove it.
—Rev. Mr. Miller, of Wake Forest, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday morning and night.
—Don't fail to read the change in the advertisement of Mr. John P. Stedman, druggist, in another column.
—FOR SALE.—One Edison Phonograph and two dozen records—both for the cost of one. Apply at Public Ledger office.

—The Public Ledger is still very anxious to have a correspondent at Creedmoor, Stovall, Bullock, Hester, and Buchanan.
—Mr. Matt Loonam and the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sizmore, who have been numbered among the sick, are much better.
—Secure your reserve seats for the "Fast Mail" at the Opera House Friday night. It is a good thing and you will be sure to enjoy it.
—Lookout girls! there is a surprise marriage on the tapis in Oxford which rumor has it will take place this Thursday morning.
—Talking about blue Mondays, last Monday was certainly a blue one for Oxford, as its great educational institution went up in smoke.
—It is an excellent thing to have money, but it is more excellent to have it in safety. Oxford Savings Bank in the Bank of Granville.
—Complaints are coming up from the nocturnal pedestrians that the lamps cease to give their usual brilliant lights early in the night, and ask if the supply of oil is short.
—The Seaboard Road continues to increase travel and freight and would increase still faster if a good connection was made at Dickerson's with the morning freight from Durham.

—"An eye for an eye" is in accordance with the scripture, but the Granville county man who lost an eye in a fight with a neighbor wants cash for the eye.—Greenville Reflector.
—Messrs. J. E. Moss and Frank Tipett, of Hester, went rabbit hunting a few days ago and killed a fine wild gobbler that dressed 21 pounds, 9 rabbits and 2 squirrels, and they said it was not a good day for hunting either.
—Durham extends her sympathy to Oxford in the loss of the buildings of the Hobgood School, which occurred this morning. Oxford has pluck and we sincerely trust that the school will soon be on its feet again.
—Durham Sun, 18th.

—Mr. T. C. Rogers, of Wilton, was in town Tuesday and informed the editor that Prof. W. H. P. Jenkins had so far recovered from his accident as to be able to go home. We truly hope he will continue to improve and very soon be himself again.

Never you mind—
Though the way may be long,
Mornin' is breakin'
In sunlight an' song;
Right is God's smile
On the pathway of Wrong—
Never you mind, my dear!

—We are requested to announce that the quarterly meeting of the Granville circuit will be held at Stem church the third Saturday and Sunday in February and services will be held at Bullock church on the second Sunday. This exchange was made in order that the quarterly meeting should be held at Stem.

Domestic Troubles.
It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures 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.

500 cords dry pine wood for sale. Apply to L. E. Wright. Jan. 7, 4t. pd.

A DISASTROUS FIRE.

An Early Morning Blaze Destroys Oxford Seminary Buildings.

A disastrous fire and one which means a great loss to the town occurred on Monday morning, when the Oxford Female Seminary was totally destroyed by fire. The fire broke out about eight o'clock in the morning in a bed room on the second floor and is supposed to have originated from a heater which fired the carpet. While the fire did not burn rapidly—there being little breeze—it was realized from the first that there was little hope of saving the building, as the volume of the flames was so large. The fire company, aided by hundreds of citizens, led by Mr. J. F. Edwards, did heroic work, but in vain. There were others who aided them and kept the water steadily flowing on the flames. Gen. Royster, Mr. Edwards and several others fought the flames until they were almost exhausted and surrendered only when forced away by the terrible heat. Gen. Royster was burned in the face, though not seriously. One of the young lady students came so near the flames that almost all her hair was burned. We are glad to know, however, that no one was dangerously hurt.

The loss is estimated at \$25,000 with about \$12,000 insurance. The larger portion of the furniture and pianos were saved, but everything is so badly damaged by rough handling that the articles saved are worth little. We learn that three of the girls lost their trunks and clothing. One young lady lost \$20 and another lost a gold watch and a diamond ring. The homes of the town were thrown open in a most gracious manner to the young lady students. Most of them returned or will return home in a few days, as the school cannot be reopened before the fall term.

Prof. Hobgood and family have the sincere sympathy of the people of the town. They realize that their loss is the town's loss also. For fifty years or more this famous old school has been running at this place and it has done a great work for our town and county as well as the entire State.

We hope that our people may show their sympathy to Prof. Hobgood in a substantial way. For a number of years he has been at the head of this institution and has given to it the best years of his life. Under his management it has steadily grown in efficiency. He now needs our earnest co-operation and help to rebuild the school on such a scale as will increase its usefulness. Oxford cannot and must not allow the cause of education to be impeded. For years she has been noted for her excellent schools, these have been her glory. Let us now rally to the support of the Seminary, for when our schools have gone our town and county will be on the decline, for they have been our main stay.

Before the fire had ceased our progressive sister town of Henderson had sent a special committee to Oxford making the offer of a good site for the school if Prof. Hobgood would remove it there. This should be an object lesson to less progressive towns. But the school must remain in Oxford. Prof. Hobgood is comparatively a young man. He probably has many years of usefulness before him. His home is here—with all that means in friendship attachment and loved ones. So let his friends give him their loyal support, as Oxford must retain the Seminary.

This disaster should impress upon us the importance of a system of waterworks, with waterworks this building could have been easily saved. And our town might have had plenty of water had it not been for a technical scare, or a rather excuse, which was hatched up.

We hope to be able to announce in the near future that an elegant brick structure for the Seminary is commenced on the spot laid bare by the fire.

Large Break of Tobacco.
In spite of the cold weather Oxford warehousemen enjoyed Tuesday the best break of the new year, and the cry of the actioners was heard until late in the afternoon. All the five warehouses were thronged with farmers anxious to receive the high dollar on all grades. The break was a fair one in color and from what we could see prices are about the same, while good tobacco made good averages. Oxford is a great market and the highest averages are always reached on the floors of our warehouses so load up and come to Oxford farmer friends.

Saved From Terrible Death.
The family of Mrs. M. I. Bobbitt of Bargerford, 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 the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at J. G. H. Halls.

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

"THE NEW FAST MAIL"

It Will Appear at the Opera House Next Friday Night.

Lincoln J. Carter's great sensational melodrama, "The New Fast Mail," will be seen here at Oxford Opera House on Friday night. The play comes to us almost a new production with a wealth of scenery and effects stage settings and one of the strongest casts that it was possible to get together to bring out the strongly laid plot containing the heart interest, sympathetic appeal, dramatic action, wit and bright spurts of comedy that is familiar to local theatergoers. Among the scenic effects are those of the exciting race down the Mississippi by two typal river boats that finally explode as they crash together. Another picturesque scene is one of Niagara Falls by moonlight with the Suspension Bridge looming up in the distance and portraying in a vivid and truthful manner this old historic place which brings thousands of visitors to its shores winter and summer from all over the world. This scene is admitted by many dramatic critics to be the best view of Niagara that has ever been seen or produced on any stage and Mr. Carter has received the most flattering and praiseworthy commendation from the theatrical world as well as the public for his faithful portrayal of this old landmark which historians have told us that it was the rendezvous of many a council of war by the Aborigines. Prices 25, 50 and 75 cents.

Something Much Needed in Oxford.
While most of the other towns are taking steps to make their opera houses and public halls safe, would it not be best for Oxford to follow their example. The opera house here would, in case of a stampede, be a great fire-trap. Let our authorities cut down a window on east side of the building and convert it into a door and build a wide iron stairway on the east side. This would involve no great expense and it would be money well spent. We say this because there is need to make our playhouse safe and not because of scare from any recent disaster. Let our authorities take the matter up. The public safety demands it.

Roll of Honor of the Oxford Graded School for the 4th Month.

First Grade Section I.—Claude Daniel, Bessie Howell, Rachel Parham, Julia Royster, Elliott Cooper, John Graham Webb, Joseph Bryan.
Section II.—Lucy Landis, Esther Mitchell, Josephine Webb, Hallie Meadows, Lillian Sizmore, Mamie Moore, Julia Council, Robert Callis, Graham Wheeler.
Second Grade.—Virginia Carroll, Grace Curran, Sylvania Parham.
Third Grade.—Will Adams, Morehead Emmett, Willie Landis, James Taylor, Lucy Wyatt.
Fourth Grade.—Marsh Ray, Frances Hays, Esther Wyatt, Marie Medford, Estelle Bullock, Elie Baker.
Fifth Grade.—Allene Minor, Josephine Brown, Ellen Steagall, Norma Burwell, Susie Brown, Sallie Baker, Isabel Fleming, Jack Bullock, Fannie Webb, Berkeley Spencer.
Sixth Grade.—Lillie White, Lucy Goshen Smith, Russell Webb, James Booth.
Seventh Grade.—Louie Mitchell, Lillian Minor, Gray Yancey.
Eighth Grade.—Florence Landis, Mary Webb, Carl Adams.
Ninth Grade.—Janie Booth.
The order of the names on the Roll of Honor indicates the relative standing in the grade.

The Best Yet Written.

On the inside of this paper we reproduce a strong and forceful article from the pen of Rev. M. H. Tuttle, published in the News and Observer, which deserves a careful reading as it probes close to the bottom. It is free from passion and prejudice and yet shows up the fallacies of the Bassett-Kilgo sympathizers. It shows that although that crowd seem to control and do control Trinity College now, that there are many preachers and laymen who have not yet "bowed the knee" to social equality. It shows that the silence of the Goldsboro Conference did by no means show its consent or endorsement of the methods at Trinity. Give the article a careful reading; it will repay you as it is by odds the strongest presentation of the people's side of the case yet written.

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.	

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THEIR MEETING.

The Grand Lodge of Masons—Whiskey Restriction Voted Down.

The Grand Lodge of Masons, in session at Raleigh, elected the following officers: Grand master, Walter S. Liddell, of Charlotte; deputy grand master, Francis D. Winston; senior grand warden, Samuel M. Gattie; junior grand warden, R. N. Hackett; grand secretary, John C. Drewry; grand treasurer, William Simpson.

The committee on Masonic Temple, which is to be erected at Raleigh, made a report, which was adopted. They recommended that a canvass of the State be made for \$20,000 additional funds for the temple.

A committee was appointed to report at next meeting on the advisability of building a home for aged and indigent Masons.

A resolution was introduced that any man who makes, sells, buys or uses intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is guilty of a Masonic offense. This was voted down, while the grand lodge expressed its disapproval of all interference.

The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution that no man "shall be eligible to membership in the order who is engaged in the manufacture of intoxicants, or who is in the wholesale or retail liquor business." This resolution, however, is to be referred to the subordinate lodges and does not become effective unless a majority of the subordinate lodges endorse it.

The per capita tax was increased from 60 to 75 cents. The retiring grand master had recommended its increase to \$1.

The hat was passed around for the Masonic temple and the goodly sum of \$639 was collected on the spot.

Grand Secretary Drewry said that there was about \$104,000 in hand and in good pledges, and that there was still needed \$20,000 more before actual work could be commenced on the building.

A resolution was adopted to put a man in the field to raise that \$20,000 and to ask all the lodges to subscribe as liberally as possible for the same purpose.

Upon the passing of the hat for the Oxford Orphan Asylum, \$31.29 was collected in cash.

A committee to report to the next meeting on the matter of establishing a home for aged and infirm Masons was appointed as follows: F. M. Winchester, A. C. Davis, A. J. Parker, R. N. Hackett and G. Rosenthal.

Several new lodges were chartered at the meeting as follows: Warsaw, 522; Winterville, 523; Pendleton, 524; Rodgers, Dry Wells, N. C., 525; Buncombe, Plymouth, 526; Lucama, 527; Ashpole, 528.

A Progressive Firm.

We note, with much satisfaction, the continued progress of the popular firm of Parham Bros. Co. at Oxford. Under the management of Mr. Brooks Parham, who is one of the most successful business men in the State, this firm since its establishment here two years ago has made steady progress.

During the year 1903 they did a large business—much larger than during the previous year—and during the present year they intend to do a larger business than they did last year. They will continue business at the same old stand. Mr. Brooks Parham will continue to be at the head of this large business and under his wise direction its success is assured. Mr. Parham has by hard work, good business methods and fair dealing gained the confidence of the people of Granville.

He is a great believer in and a liberal user of printer's ink; and this fact must be taken into consideration when we consider the growth of his business. This is no doubt one of the chief causes which accounts for his success. He has been a liberal advertiser in the Public Ledger ever since coming to Oxford and has thus kept his business continually before the public. And this is the general rule. Glance about you, and see if the merchants who advertise are not the ones who get the trade. What has paid many and made them successful will pay you. Try it!

A Sad Calamity.

The whole State will read with great regret of the burning at Oxford Monday morning of the Oxford Female Seminary. It is one of the largest and most successful female institutions in the State and under President Hobgood's wise direction, the college has grown steadily in patronage and in usefulness. It is to be hoped that the suspension of the school will be only temporary and soon this splendid institution will soon have larger and more modern buildings to accommodate its increased patronage.—News and Observer.

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Friends & Strangers.

An Interesting List Of Those Who Came & Went.

—Mrs. C. M. Wilder was in Raleigh Tuesday.
—Mr. Ed Tunstall, of Clay, was an Oxford visitor Monday.
—Dr. R. W. Hobgood, of Sunset, was in Oxford Tuesday.
—Mr. J. R. Daniel, of Berea, was in town Tuesday afternoon.

—Mr. R. W. Lassiter is on a business trip to New York city.
—Mr. R. E. Hicks, of Berea, was on the tobacco breaks Tuesday.
—Mr. Mark Erwin, of Durham, visited Mr. J. L. Erwin Sunday.
—Mr. and Mrs. Curran, of Wilton, were Oxford visitors Saturday.
—Mr. James Hickey, of Danville, was on our large break Tuesday.

—Mr. H. Willford, of Berea, was among the farmers in town Tuesday.
—Mr. O. A. Mangum, of Grissom, was among the Oxford visitors Friday.

—Mr. Harris the mining expert of Virginia, was in town Monday and Tuesday.
—Messrs. L. C. Bragg and G. T. Greene, of Hester, were in Oxford Tuesday.
—Messrs. G. G. Royster and Herbert Faucette, of Bullock, were in town Friday.

—Mr. F. W. Pitts, of Clay, was a pleasant caller at the Public Ledger office Monday.
—Mrs. Geo. A. Carr, of Durham, is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Parker.

—Mr. E. H. Crenshaw was in South Boston, Va., several days the past week on business.
—Messrs. J. T. Morton and J. F. Cole, of Satterwhite, were on our streets Saturday.

—Mr. Bonitz, of Wilmington, spent several days in Oxford the past week on special business.
—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bain, of Raleigh, were the guests of Mrs. R. P. Hughes the past week.

—Misses Myrtle Peed and Mabel Cozart, of Knap of Reeds, are visiting relatives in Winston.
—Mr. Z. P. Smith, Traveling Passenger agent of the Seaboard Railroad, was in Oxford Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Reams, of Durham, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Parham, near Dickerson.
—General B. S. Royster will leave on the 23rd to attend the National Guard Convention at St. Augustine, Florida.

—Miss Ethel Dorsey, after a pleasant visit to relatives in Oxford, returned to her home in Henderson Thursday.
—Our old friend, Mr. E. B. Lawrence, of Creedmoor, was in town Friday selling tobacco and we were glad to receive a call from him.

—Messrs. R. J. Jeffreys, of Creedmoor, Fred Curran, of Enon, and W. W. Brummitt, of Shady Grove, were on the large break of tobacco Tuesday.
—Mrs. W. M. Bullard and children have returned from a visit to Sampson county, and were accompanied by Miss Neta Cooper, a niece of Mrs. Bullard.

—Mr. Charley Gordon was in town a few days ago, and informed the editor that he had not heard of a single plant bed being burned in Fishing Creek Township.
—Mr. W. H. Upchurch and family, of Wake county, have become citizens of Oxford and occupy the house next to the dwelling of Messrs. Long and we welcome them to Oxford. Mr. Upchurch has gone into business with Mr. H. J. Council.

Dreamed of the Fire.

Mr. Wayne Gooch, of Clarkeville, Va., dreamed that the Oxford Seminary was burned Sunday night, which worried him a great deal Monday morning, so much so that he called Mr. R. Broughton up over the phone. He told him of his dream and wanted to know if it was so, and while talking to Mr. Broughton the alarm was given and the cry rang up and down the streets that the Seminary was on fire, and Mr. Broughton sorrowfully informed Mr. Gooch that it was then burning. This is rather a peculiar coincidence to say the least of it.

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As administrator of Charles Mayes, notice is given to all parties having claims against said estate to present same on or before January 5, 1905, or this notice will be filed in bar of their recovery.
J. BUXTON WILLIAMS, Oxf'd, N. C., Jan. 5, 1905.



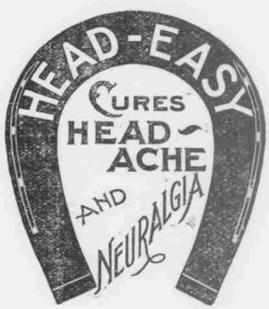
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