

The Oxford Public Ledger.

ITEMS FROM EXCHANGES.

NEWSY, POINTED ITEMS GATHERED FOR OUR READERS.

Short and Seasoned, Wise Pert, Gay and Solemn Things Talked About in the Merry-go-Round.

By the time the average man achieves success he is too old to appreciate it.

The cyclone blows everything from the face of the earth except the mortgage on the farm.

There are great many people who will never go to heaven unless they go at excursion rates.

President Alfred Walter, of the Seaboard Air Line, elected about six or eight months ago, died at his home in New York after a brief illness.

A clear conscience brings joy unspeakable to the soul, but if our conscience be callous or scared with guilt, who can estimate the anguish of the soul?

An Indiana man stole a mile and a half of copper wire charged with 550 volts of electricity. The fellow who took the red hot stove will have to give it up.

Let the man who suggests the nomination of a deaf and dumb man as the next candidate for governor of North Carolina come out and let the people see him.—Salisbury Post.

Says the New York Mail: "Every Congressman will sit up nights now, watching his private seismograph to see whether that \$7,500 salary shakes up the home district."

The Chatham Record, whose editor is a lawyer and a good one, opposes any increase in number of Superior Court judges. The Record says "there are enough judges now if they will do their full duty."

If all the bills pass that have been introduced, with regard to the railways it will take the railroad companies until the next session of the legislature to become familiar with the "ties that bind" them.—Charlotte News.

The farmers of North Carolina might have a lobby of their own to protect them from the insinuation that they are incapable of attending to their own affairs. About the smartest man of all is the Tar Heel farmer.—Raleigh Times.

Of the 97 counties in the State eleven have dispensaries and nineteen have saloons. All the others are under local prohibition, with anti-jug laws applying to forty-seven, prohibiting liquor being shipped from other counties into them.

Geo. W. Deffenbaugh, a wealthy citizen of Kokomo, Ind., after liberally providing for his family, left \$50,000 to the church of his faith on condition that his spirit be elected a member of the board of trustees of the church and be permitted to attend its meetings. If the church takes the money and the Deffenbaugh shade should happen to drop into a meeting of the trustees the quorum would get cold feet.

A comment is made by some of the ablest members of the legislature that a steering committee is needed to look over the state's needs and arrange bills to cover these and to see that these bills are promptly put together. There are many bills before the legislature which need never have come before it and which could be disposed of elsewhere. Of course there are not so many of these as in past years, but some members will persist in sending them in.

A New York man left \$20,000 to be paid to his wife when she marries again. That's the kind of man the women have been waiting for ever since civilization began and this is the first time he has shown up. Many men have left fortunes to their wives on condition that they remained widows, but never to encourage them to remarry. Now start a guessing contest as to how long it will be before the newly made widow puts herself in shape to claim the \$20,000 legacy.

GOOD ROAD QUESTION.

Rev. J. A. Stradley Discusses Roads and Dispensary,

I am glad so much interest is being manifested in this important matter. It awakens hope for the future prosperity of Granville county. Judge Graham deserves thanks for the interest he is taking in this matter. I like the plan he has figured out for the issue of \$100,000 in county bonds with one exception, I am opposed to and out to relying on Oxford and Creedmoor Dispensaries to pay the interest on these bonds. I am in favor of the bonds being issued and road work being rapidly carried forward. It would take only a very small tax to pay the interest on the bonds, and gradually pay off the principal. The improved roads would more than pay the tax so that no one would feel the burden. I do not want any whiskey money in the business. I want it to be a clear high-toned, honest deal by the good people of Granville county.

To depend on dispensaries for tax is to lean on a rotten slab that is cracking and will soon break.

Creedmoor ought not to have a dispensary, I hope the good people of the town and township will take a second sober thought and decide not to take a backward step, and not bring a blight on their prosperous young town. A writer in the last issue of the Public Ledger puts it well when he says: "That if the people of Creedmoor would work as hard to enforce prohibition which they have, as they do to get a dispensary blind tigers would be killed out and their skins hung out to dry." That is true. But if Creedmoor gets a dispensary the profits from that and the Oxford Dispensary will not pay the road tax very long. It will only be a few years until State prohibition will wipe them out. My friend Judge Graham speaks of State prohibition as a rather forlone hope.

I think his hope for revenues from dispensaries betrays his vision of the tremendous temperance movement in North Carolina. In the great State Temperance Convention held in Raleigh a few weeks ago the prevailing sentiment was in favor of a vote at once on State prohibition. But some of the strongest prohibitionist thought it best not to force the issue just now. We have some new temperance laws, that need to be tried and show the people their good results.

When the stock law was first passed the people were furious against it, but when it was tried they saw it was the best thing the Legislature ever did for them. So when the people have time to see the good results of our new temperance laws, opposition will change to approval. County after county is asking the Legislature to give them county prohibition. Prohibition is a swelling, rushing tide. It will sweep over the State and will drive out the last distilling grogshop and dispensary, so it will not be very safe to bank too much on the revenues from dispensaries to pay road tax.

I want to say that I do not regard dirt roads as an entire failure. The roads that have been worked up by convict labor have been much improved. With a little more work filling up holes and putting on a coat of soil on some places that easily get muddy, these roads would be good compared with the rocks and roots and gullies and mud holes of the old roads.

Prohibition, education and good roads are growing in favor with the people. Our future is more hopeful.

J. A. STRADLEY.

Persons whose eyesight is defective and who may need glasses will be interested in the announcement of Dr. Rapport, who will be at the Exchange Hotel Tuesday, March 5th.

Files get quick relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment. Remember it's made alone for Piles—and it works with certainty and satisfaction. Itching, painful, protruding, of blind piles disappear like magic by its use. Try it and see! J. G. Hall.

If you want to secure good seats for Senator Tillman's lecture March 13th you can secure your tickets now from Dr. J. G. Hunt or W. E. Massenburch.

LETTER FROM CHOCTAW.

THE PROGRESS OF TWO PROGRESSIVE TOWNS.

Capt. Clement Writes Interestingly of his Visit to Salisbury and Spencer.

Having lately visited Salisbury and Spencer, two of our progressive towns located on the main line of the Southern Railroad, was so much delighted with my visit, cannot refrain from giving a few of my observations and impressions.

Salisbury is an old town, many of the soldiers of the late Civil war well remember its red mud streets, its dilapidated and contracted buildings. What a change has gone over the place since that time, in fact during the last few years. The same Heavens are above our heads, the same salubrious air surrounds us, the same beautiful Yadkin not far away still winds its way among the hills along the border line of Rowan and finally losing itself in the Great Peedee, but all else has changed.

The old mud streets are fast disappearing and in a few years they will be a thing of the past. Stone, brick, cement and other street building materials will soon hide their red mud, be daubed visage. Many, may I say all except a few of the old, have been replaced by good substantial buildings. The vacant lots are fast being filled with good houses. The town is being extended in every direction and all around the town you can see scores of new houses built and being built, to such an extent that as many live outside the corporate limited as in. The old rattle trap railroad has given place for a splendidly equipped road. Cotton mills, electric lights, gas plant, veneering plant and other enterprises go to show the energy and thrift of its people. Street cars run from the park through Salisbury to Spencer (a distance of 3 or 4 miles. All along this line houses dot both sides of the road. Many of its streets are beautiful and many handsome and costly dwellings may be seen in various parts of the town. Good churches speak well of any town; the writer attended services at one of the churches and was delighted with the building, its surroundings and the decorous congregations. I have told you what I saw, now for the impressions—Salisbury has very many good people as evidenced by the good order of the town, the push and energy exhibited everywhere, its attractive buildings, its nice churches and their courteous manners.

Now Mr. Editor before I leave Salisbury I wish to give Fulton Heights a passing notice on account of its attitude, its nearness to the park, in full view of the passing trains, it being on the street car line, the fine view of the distant hills rising one above the other, the healthful breeze, which comes over the fields and hills, laden with freshness and invigoration. It was there the writer spent most of his visit. It is a spot I feel special interest in, because of some of its residents.

THOMAS D. CLEMENT.

Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield.

The diocese suffers a real loss in the resignation of the Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield, rector of St. Stephen's, Goldsboro. Mr. Horsfield has also for two years past been dean of the Convocation of Wilmington, in which capacity he has won in no small measure the admiration and affection of his brethren of the clergy. Besides the charm of his fine personality he has a depth of spirituality and a rare gift of original thought and expression that unite to make him a preacher of unusual ability. He has accepted a call to Oxford diocese of North Carolina.—Southern Churchman.

IF YOUR watch has gone on a strike and your clock has quit striking why bring them to W. D. Stinson and he will adjust the matter promptly and properly. Located at Paris Dry Goods store.

PASSENGER RATES REDUCED.

Gen. B. S. Royster Champions the Editors Cause.

The House of Representatives set itself square with the people of North Carolina, and fulfilled on its part the promise of the Democratic party in its platform for a material reduction in passenger traffic rates. The substitute rate bill, drafted by the chairman of the House committee on Public Service Corporations. Mr. Manning, of Durham, was passed by the House with a large majority, the vote being 83 for the bill and 28 opposed to the reduction in rates. All the amendments, except that of Mr. Royster, permitting the newspapers to exchange advertising for transportation, were voted down, and the House would not permit the will of the great mass of people of the State to be defeated by the adoption of any amendments which would have destroyed or impaired the real merits of the bill. There was a long and vigorous fight, but the wisest representatives of the people and the adherents to the Democratic party's platform were victorious. The action of the house on this bill is the happiest and most appreciated news the citizens of North Carolina will have received from this Legislature.

The principal provisions of the bill are as follows: A rate of two cents per mile on all railroads whose gross passenger earnings are \$1,550 per mile. A rate of two and one-half cents per mile on railroads, whose gross earnings are less than \$1,550 per mile but in excess of \$1,000 per mile, on all railroads whose gross earnings are less than \$1,000 per mile of road, a rate is prescribed not exceeding three cents per mile to be fixed by the North Carolina Corporation Commission. The bill requires first class cars, abolishing the second class fare, and provides for interchangeable mileage.

Mr. Royster was recognized after Mr. Justice and declared he believed the democratic platform meant what it said when it declared for a reduction in passenger rates. If the roads could afford to carry some of the people for two and a half cents on mileage books, they could carry all for two and a half cents.

Mr. Royster spoke vigorously in favor of retaining the second class fare. He was opposed to forcing ladies to suffer the indignities they would be subjected to if there were only one class.

As to his amendment that the section regarding newspapers be stricken out, he opposed imposing any hardships upon the best friends the democratic party ever had, the editors, who had done more than any other agency to make North Carolina's position one of pride. He agreed with the gentleman from Iredell that the editors were not men to be corrupted and subsidized. He proceeded to pay a high tribute to the editors of North Carolina, saying they stood for everything that was best in our citizenship.

Miss Florence P. Landis.

The many friends of Miss Florence P. Landis will be delighted to hear that she has been elected president of the Sophomore Class of the State Normal and Industrial College. The Sophomore Class is one of the largest and most influential at the Normal and it is naturally considered an evidence of especial merit and popularity to be chosen its president.

As a pupil of the Oxford Graded School Miss Landis was very popular and maintained a high class standing, winning the Davis Scholarship Medal in her senior year. This was prophetic of her later success at the Normal where so many of our brightest women gather. She is making a most enviable record and her recent election as president of her class attests to her great popularity.

We heartily congratulate Miss Landis upon her success. We feel that Oxford is honored in having this honor so worthily bestowed upon one of our most deserving and popular young ladies.

CREEDMOOR HAPPENINGS.

ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED BY REGULAR REPORTER.

Personals, Honor Roll of School, Pleasant Entertainments at Various Places, etc.

Miss Emma Peace, of Bennahan, was in Creedmoor Saturday.

Miss Ethel Holmes spent last Saturday with Miss Hazel York.

Miss Hallie Peed, of Durham, is visiting relatives in Creedmoor.

The Creedmoor teachers were glad to have Prof. Kittrell visit the school one day last week.

Miss Oza Mangum and Mrs. R. W. Allen are spending some time with relatives in Durham.

Mrs. G. T. Sikes, of Grissom, is spending some days with her daughter, Mrs. Devare Mangum.

Miss Lella Lyon, of Lyon, is this week visiting the popular Misses Kate and Mary Fleming in South Creedmoor.

Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Sherwood visited friends in the Brassfield section a few days ago and report a very pleasant trip.

The home of Mr. Thad Cannady was the scene of a merry party on the evening of February 16th. Pitching bags of beans for a prize seemed to be the order of the night.

Miss Mamie Gates, the popular young teacher of the Brassfield school, has issued invitations to the entertainment to be given at the closing of her school, March 1st, from 8 to 10 o'clock P. M.

Since the breaking up of the seriously rough weather, the health of our people is not so good. No serious illness is reported, but numbers are complaining of colds and grip and threatened pneumonia.

Mrs. Walter Aiken entertained the children of Creedmoor at her home on the evening of February 14. They greatly enjoyed pitching beans, tailing the donkey, eating candy and comparing valentines and think children's parties are the thing and Mrs. Aiken a model entertainer.

Friday morning it was discovered that the store of W. R. Jones had been robbed the night before, the robber or robbers carrying off a considerable portion of the stock of goods. As this was the third time this store had been robbed the proprietor was so exasperated that he wired Raleigh asking that blood hounds be sent him if there were any to be secured.

The names of the following good students of the higher and intermediate grades in Creedmoor school were last week written on the roll of honor: Lois Rogers, Freddie Bragg, Sadie Bragg, Pearl Curl, Pearl Moss, Elsie Hester, Roy Mangum, John Rogers, Davie Fleming and Alex Fleming, Burma Hester, Florence Jones, Fener Sanderford, Lottie Bragg, Mamie Bragg, Louise Jeffreys, May Moss, Iris Chappell and Ruth Fleming. The school closes after three weeks more. The special tax lengthened the term from four to six months and it is hoped an eight month term will be taught next session.

Mrs. Lena Chappell entertained a few of her friends at the home of Mr. J. R. Neathery on the evening of Feb. 15. Those present were: Misses Hazel York, Mabel Cozart, Myrtle Peed, Mamie Lyon, Kate and Mary Fleming, Berma Sanderford, Minnie Winston, Ethel Holmes and Mary Hardy. Messrs. H. H. Bullock, O. B. Allen, M. D. York, I. W. Mangum, T. R. Fleming, Caephas Allen, Sam Bullock, Hubert Sanderford, Pender Cozart. Mr. and Mrs. Mangum and Mr. and Mrs. Aiken. The parlor was beautifully decorated in green, pink and white, the color scheme being perfect in both decorations and refreshments. Altogether it was a scene of beauty and on memory's wall it will remain as a joy forever.

ANONYMOUS.

"DE WUST CRIME UV ALL."

Two Colored Men Pass on Important Matters of State.

"Lem' me tell you somefin' nigger?" said Rastus to Sambo, at the corner of Easy street and Sunshine avenue, yesterday: as an Observer man passed along.

"What is it nigger? Tell it!" quoth Sambo.

"Ef you git rough don't sell no liquor, but kill er nigger?"

"Kill er nigger?"

"Yep, kill er nigger, but don't sell no liquor fur de Lawd's sake."

"Come on down nigger, an' 'splain' yosef! 'Splain yosef!"

"Dere ain't no 'splainin' to do. Ain't you been 'tending cote here fur de las' two years? Don't you see de diffance in killin' er nigger an' sellin' liquor?"

"Ef you ain't I kin show you. You know dat nigger Henry Freelan dat told dat nigger to jump down here at Ross' stable an' den shot him in de abdomen an' kilt him?"

"Cose I know him, cause I was workin' on Foth street when I seed him go by des arter he shot John Dudley. What about him?"

"Well dey sent dat nigger to de roads fur two years."

"Is dat all?"

"Yes, dat's all, an' dey sent Jim Belk up fur er year an' fined him \$100 or mo' fur sellin' liquor."

"No, sir, it aint half as bad to kill er nigger as it is to sell liquor. An' den de niggers hav' mo' spect fur you after you git out of you use yo' gun."

"All yer gut to do 'bout killin' er feller is to run away er while an' den come back an' des sumbit."

"Ef you sell er drap uv liquor dey'll put de blood hounds on yo' track an' follow you to der grave. I's seed ernuff to know dat.—Charlotte Observer.

To Prevent a Flood.

A well-known Philadelphia rector, having a parishioner of great fluency of speech and also somewhat addicted to profanity, considered it his duty to talk to the man about his fault. The man listened for a while respectfully, and then replied seriously: "I know it is a bad habit, but, you see, my words flow so rapidly that I have to throw in a 'dam' now and then to prevent a flood."—February Lippincott's.

A Great Day for the State.

The Bickett bill, or, if you please, the substitute for it, is a law, the Senate having passed it yesterday with amendments which the House readily accepted. The passage by the General Assembly, by a unanimous vote in both houses, with few remarks and no debate, of a bill carrying an appropriation of a half million dollars, is a most extraordinary occurrence and a crown of glory for the body. It is the highest evidence it could afford of its right-mindedness and of the fact that upon this point, at least it is truly representative body; for upon the subject of care of the class of darkened intellect, at whatever cost, the people are united.—Charlotte Observer.

Good Roads Needed in Granville.

Are you interested in your county's property? Then stand by and support the bond issue for macadam roads. Are you anxious to see your lands advance in price? Then support by your vote anything that will give good roads. Are you in favor of more new comers of the right class? Then support the good road movement, which is the chief thing to draw a good class of population to our county. Are you desirous to save large amounts in the wear and tear of vehicles and road gear? Then stand for good roads. Are you, in short, interested as a patriotic citizen in your country's welfare? Then help push forward the road movement.

A tissue builder, reconstructor, builds up waste force, makes strong nerves and muscle. You will realize after taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea what a wonderful benefit it will be to you. 35 cents Tea or Tablets. J. G. Hall.