

OBJECTION TO BOND ISSUE

A FEW SUGGESTIONS TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Let Them Remove all Objections by a Few Timely Resolutions Which Will Make Votes.

Gentlemen of the Board: Granville County must have good roads. We have reached the limit of progress with bad roads. Good work has been done on our roads, but they are still dirt roads, and the teeth of time will soon destroy them. We need macadamized roads. To get them we must have money, and to get the money we must issue bonds.

The last Legislature provided by statute for the issue of \$100,000 in bonds subject to a vote of the people. We take it you are in favor of that issue, and will do all in your power to secure a majority of the registered voters in its favor. The Public Ledger believes a majority of the voters of the county are in favor of this measure, provided a few objections thereto can be removed. We believe that you can remove these objections and thereby ensure the passage of the bonds. By so doing you will associate your names with the greatest improvement in the history of the county.

The law provides that you may in your discretion appoint a Highway Commission consisting of five men selected from different sections of the county. Many good citizens will vote against bonds unless they are assured that you are going to appoint this commission. Your word that you will appoint five representative men to superintend the construction of the roads will settle that question and make votes for the bond issue.

Others want to be assured that the money from the sale of bonds shall not be put on dirt roads, but shall be expended on building permanent macadam roads. And they are right. Taxes which will last for years ought to be spent only on permanent improvements.

Again, some are fearful that the funds will not be equitably distributed among the different townships. If you appoint a commission the distribution of the work will rest with them, but you can remove this objection largely by announcing that you will appoint a commission of representative men.

We therefore urge that at your next meeting you pass resolutions to the effect:

- 1. That you will appoint a Highway Commission of five representative men.
- 2. That the funds arising from the sale of bonds shall be used only in constructing macadam roads.
- 3. That each Township shall receive its equitable share of road improvement.

Great Game of Ball.

There was a rich game of base ball played Wednesday afternoon at Horner Park between the Horner School nine and the town's crack team composed of Messrs. Frank Pinnix, Robt. Wood, T. Lanier, W. A. Devin, Tommie Howell, McRae Donald, Frank Johnson, Ernest Allen and Moses King. It was a great game and greatly enjoyed even if the Oxford boys do feel quite sore over the game. The score was 28 to 8 in favor of the Horner boys.

How's This Boys?

"She drew nearer, swaying toward him with a movement of indescribable grace. The beguiling sweetness of her melting eyes; the tender appeal of her outstretched arms stayer the breath on his parted lips, crimsoned his brow with a bursting gush of blood from his heart and smote him with partial blindness. In an instant she was clinging about his neck, shaken from head to foot with a passion of blissful weeping."

Old Lewis Residence Burned.

Last Thursday the old time residence of Mr. Charles Lewis, near Oxford, was burned to the ground. The building was quite old, and a spark from the chimney caught the roof and as there were no men around that afternoon the flames gained such a head way before assistance arrived the building was entirely consumed. Mr. W. L. Lumpkins and family occupied the house and Mr. I. P. Breedlove had all his furniture stored up stairs, which was destroyed. Mr. Lumpkins only saved a part of his furniture, and the loss falls very heavy upon both of these gentlemen. The house was insured for \$1,000.

Young Men Wanted.

To employ several good steady sober young men to work in Buggy Factory. Apply to Taylor-Cannady Buggy Co.

MUST BE FRIGHTENED.

Mr. Kitchin Has the Right to Aspire to be Governor.

There has been a good deal of "hot air" published upon a combine in the Fifth District, and it is a sweet morsel that some over anxious people roll under their tongues to keep up a prodding of Hon. W. W. Kitchin. We know nothing about such a combine and have paid little attention to the wild imaginings, especially of Republicans who seem as if they will die in a fit if they do not keep up a fire at Mr. Kitchin, but we will say this much—if Mr. Kitchin aspires to be governor he has that right, and he has the ability and the learned acumen sufficient to make a governor the State would be proud of—and we will take him in preference to any one the officious Republicans could name from now until Gabriel blows his trumpet. They can just keep on popping their pop guns at "Bill" Kitchin, but their paper wads have about as much effect on the people who love him, endorse his course, and will stand by him, as it does to throw pin darts at a brick wall. William W. Kitchin has a clean, clear cut record for honesty, boldness, straightforwardness and ability, and that is more, probably, than some can say who have taken him as a target at which to throw peanut hulls. A shining light always attracts moths and bugs—especially the hum-bug variety. The truth is the Repubs are afraid of Kitchin. The mention of his name scares them into conuption fits—Durham Sun.

Little Talks On Advertising.

And it came to pass that after he had advertised his goods, there came unto him great multitudes from all the regions round about and did buy of him. And when his competitors saw it they marvelled among themselves, saying: "How be it that this man is busy while we loaf idly about our doors?" And he spake unto them: "In this fast age of push and rustle it is easier for a camel to enter the eye of a needle than for a man to flourish without advertising."

Career of North Carolina Triplets.

Fayetteville Correspondent of Charlotte Observer says: In the year 1839 Mrs. J. F. Price, of Cumberland county, gave birth at one time to two boys and one girl, who grew as fast and as hastily as other children, took the measles and the whooping-cough just as naturally, and recovered from them just as speedily. At the breaking out of the civil war the triplets were 22 years of age, and one or both of the boys went into the Confederate service. Shortly after the close of the war the family, parents and children, left this county and settled in Smith county, Mississippi, on a good farm which they purchased. The father and mother have passed away, but the triplets are living in good health, aged 68 years and claim to be the oldest triplets in the United States. One brother, J. F. Price, has been a popular hotel proprietor at Jackson, Miss., since 1885. He and his sister, who is now Mrs. Nancy Phillips, of Calhoun county, have been married for many years, and have children and grandchildren, but Henry Price, who lives in Jackson, is an old bachelor. The family reunion, which occurs every year, took place a few days ago.

Took in the Clansman.

Oxford was certainly well represented at the Clansman in Henderson Tuesday night and all greatly enjoyed the play, and the trip. The following persons went over:

Misses Alene Cooper, Irene Hines, Lillie White, Lizzie Pearson, Mary B. Williams, Annie Crews, Fannie Gregory, Julia Winston, Net Gregory, Jannet Gregory, Antionette Taylor, Helen White, Ione Yancey, Miss Fisher, Miss Durham, Col. and Mrs. R. O. Gregory, Capt. and Mrs. Chas. Elmore, Mrs. Ed Osborn, Mrs. John A. Niles, Mr. and Mrs. John Paris, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Haubold, Mrs. Ella Peace, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Britt, Mrs. E. K. Howard, Mott Pinnix, Dr. L. V. Henderson, Prof. D. H. Brand, Marion Taylor, Lennie Smith, Baldy Williams, Ernest McCall, Claude King, Jack Blalock, C. A. Taylor, Dr. G. A. Coggeshall, Lee Taylor, Gibson Howell, A. F. Morris, Robt. Moore, Tommie Howell, Crawford Cooper, P. W. Knott, C. W. Knott, L. H. Knott, R. L. Hamilton, J. F. Meadows, Thos. Pruitt, Leak Peace, J. H. Cunningham, Brooks Parham, Prof. Hay, Major Smith, A. Zollicoffer, J. A. Zollicoffer, Ernest Taylor, Willie Steagall, J. H. Waller, J. G. Hall, Clifton Robards, Frank Lyon, J. B. Graham, C. A. Stacy, E. B. Grady, Robt. Bullock, Melville Bragg, Ernest Bragg.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

CULLED FROM THE VARIOUS PAPERS OF THE STATE.

Tar Heel Items for Tar Heel Readers—Some Happenings in Old North State.

State Auditor B. F. Dixon will deliver the Memorial Day address May 10 at Reidsville, having accepted an invitation from the Ladies Memorial Association there to do this.

North Carolina week at the Jamestown Exposition will be from the 12th to the 19th of August, and this is the reason that date was suggested for the encampment of the National Guard there.

Grand Secretary Woodell, of the grand lodge of Odd Fellows, says that order continues to grow. Five petitions for new lodges are on file. There is to be a new lodge at Lewiston, in Bertie county.

Prof. J. A. Jones, superintendent of the Fayetteville graded schools, has been elected instructor in mathematics in the Inter-State Normal and Sociological Congress, to be held in Norfolk this Summer in connection with the Jamestown Exposition.

Following the killing of a negro man in Greensboro Tuesday and another Wednesday night a negro woman named Mary Wharton came into fashion last night by getting her throat cut. The doctor took six stitches in the gash and thinks the woman will recover.

The other day, near High Point, a picnic representing four generations was held. There were present, Mr. J. V. Burton, and his son, and his son's son, and his son's son's son. A very rare occasion, indeed. The eldest of the quartette is eighty-seven years and the youngest three months.

Last year the house which stood in Raleigh and in which President Andrew Johnson was born was purchased through a gift made by Mr. George Foster Peabody, of Virginia, moved to Pullen Park and there very carefully restored. It is the plan to make it a museum of relics of the President.

The home of M. C. Quinn, in Salisbury, was discovered to be on fire about midnight Thursday night and parties who broke the door down to get in, found Charles McCormick, a negro, secreted in the kitchen. He was arrested for setting the building on fire and it is expected that he will be tried for arson.

A pathetic death scene was witnessed at High Point, Friday when Mrs. J. G. Lawson and her six-months-old baby lay dead at their home on Willis street. The child died only a few hours in advance of the mother and both were buried in one coffin, the babe resting on the bosom of the mother that had nursed it.

North Carolina furnishes some notable instances of longevity. Rev. George Bromsfield, who died at Huron, Ark., a short time ago, aged 108 years, was born in this State in 1799, and went to Arkansas when 24 years old, and was in the Methodist ministry nearly all his life. He left 14 children, 50 grandchildren, 87 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

W. C. Lynley, of Powder Springs, Ga., and Lloyd Andrews, of Seven Springs, N. C., both young men employed at Wilmington several months as industrial insurance solicitors, are believed to have been swept out to sea and drowned in a fifteen foot launch which was found stranded on the beach near Middle Sound, twelve miles below Wilmington.

It is learned that on Saturday after the baseball game at Wake Forest College between its team and that on the A. & M. College there was a pretty lively fight between several students of the two colleges at the railway station, the origin being the carrying of a red umbrella, to the top of which a white handkerchief was tied by one of the A. & M. students. Things were quite lively for a few minutes, but nobody was seriously hurt.

A. B. Breese, a flagman, of Selma, was robbed in Benson last Friday by two negro laborers on a Coast Line work train. The robbers secured only a pair of shoes and some clothing, though Mr. Breese had a hand grip, said to contain \$300 in cash. He was knocked down and severely but not seriously injured. The negroes were promptly taken and given a preliminary hearing before the Mayor of Benson. In default of bonds they were committed to Smithfield jail to await trial.

GIVE BRASSFIELD JUSTICE

THAT IS WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE CRYING FOR.

Mr. Glaude L. Allen Speaks Plainly on the Road Bond Issue and Working the Roads.

The greatest question before the people of Orange county at this time is the bond issue for road improvements. I am a firm believer in good roads, and I believe the only way to get money enough to do much road building is by a bond issue. I don't think it wise for an individual or a community to go in debt for running expenses, but some times it is good judgment to go in debt for permanent improvements; and I look upon building good roads as such improvements, and one that will be worth a great deal to us as well as the rising generation. While I am in favor of good roads I am also in favor of justice being done to every section of the county in the building of roads, and of all the money spent in the county in building roads Brassfield township has never got a penny's worth; in other words the road force has never done any work in this township, and the only reminder we have that there is a road force at work in the county is when we are called upon to pay our road tax.

I was informed by one of the Commissioners a few weeks ago that when the road force finished the Kimball Turnpike they would be sent to Brassfield, but from the proceedings of the last meeting of the Board of Commissioners it seems that if that was ever the plan it has been changed. Speaking of the Kimball Turnpike reminds me of what I heard a gentleman say a few days ago: "that the Kimball's out figured the Commissioners in that deal." That reminds me of the old negroes idea of figuring when he said: "An 0 for an 0 and a figer for a figer, All for the white man and none for the nigger."

It seems in that case it was all for the Kimballs and very little for the people, and in the road figuring so far Brassfield has not got a penny's part.

I understand that the road force is to be sent to Brassfield and work on J. W. Floyd's and then move to Denton, N. C. Will some one who is in authority please tell the people of Brassfield why that is, and if the work done from Denton to J. W. Floyd's is to be credited to Brassfield township when only one and one half miles of the road is in Brassfield. How is that? If the object of working the Denton road is for the benefit of Brassfield why is it that they do not commence at Gordons and work by the Iron Bridge to Brassfield Church, or on to Grissom, as four fifth of the heavy hauling done from Brassfield to Oxford is done over the road by the Iron Bridge. One dollar spent on that road would be worth five spent on the Denton road to Brassfield township.

I am in favor of the bond issue, but from what I have heard from some of the people in Brassfield I believe before the election can be carried here the people will have to have some assurance that their part of the bonds will not be the old niggers part, as it has been in the many thousand dollars spent on the roads in the county for the past few years.

Yours for good roads and justice,  
G. L. ALLEN.

Announcement.

I have moved my law offices to the New White Building, on Main Street, first door to the right over the New Post Office, where I will be pleased to see my clients and friends. I now have plenty of room and entire privacy in transacting business.

Every person in the County is cordially invited to call and see me. I want you to know where I am and learn the way to my office, whether you have business for me or not. I am giving my entire time and attention to the law, and offer my services to the public in all civil and criminal cases and Special Proceedings, in the Settlement of Estates and in all Legal Consultations. I am also prepared to give all court bonds for clients.

Very truly,  
HENRY M. SHAW.

Enters Real Estate Business.

Mr. J. A. Niles has entered the Real Estate and Insurance Business, and has opened an office up-stairs in the White Building, Main Street, and you are invited to read his advertisement in another part of this paper. Mr. Niles is one of Oxford's reliable young business men and will be glad to serve you at any time.

THE SEWERAGE ACT.

We Urge Citizens of Oxford the Importance of its Adoption.

We publish elsewhere in this issue the full text of the Act of the last Legislature authorizing the town of Oxford to vote on an issue of bonds for sewerage.

We cannot urge too strongly upon the citizens of Oxford the importance of seeing to it that this measure is carried at the election on May 7th. To defeat this important improvement would mean a serious blow to the town, a turning back from the splendid progress that has been made here in the last four or five years. A town cannot stand still. It must either go forward, or backward. We have arrived at that stage of the town's growth where sewerage has become a necessity. The town needs sewerage, not only as a public improvement, but in the interests of health and cleanliness. Sewerage is needed to carry off the surface water, and to prevent stagnant pools and ditches. Sewerage is needed to carry away unclean matter from the residences and buildings. Sewerage is needed as a preventive of disease which has so fruitful a source in these things.

We need Sewerage because our water system is incomplete and of little real advantage (save for fire protection) without it. We cannot use the water freely without providing for the carrying off of the water after it has been used.

So important a measure for the health, comfort and convenience of the people of Oxford should enlist the hearty support of all, and we trust but few, if any, will vote against it.

The Water Company has contracted to furnish the water, and it has invested too much money here to fail to provide a sufficient supply. No uneasiness need be had on that score.

The cost has been carefully estimated by the engineer who made the survey and drew plans at about \$36,000. Bonds can be issued for that amount at five per cent, and the interest on bonds and sinking fund requirements met without adding one cent to the tax rate or reducing the expenditures for other improvements, for it is conservatively estimated that the taxable property in Oxford this year will amount to \$1,500,000. The increase in taxables this year, with same rate, will more than take care of interest and sinking fund on bonds.

So that the town is financially able to put in this great improvement.

The registration books for this election will open April 16th at the office of J. K. Wood, Esq., the registrar.

Don't fail to register, and don't fail to vote for Sewerage.

The Royal Arcanum.

The grand council of the Royal Arcanum, in session at Raleigh last week, elected the following officers: Grand regent, S. M. Brinson, New Berne; grand vice regent, H. E. Bonitz, Wilmington; grand orator, F. W. Hancock, Oxford; grand secretary, Dr. J. Howell Way, Waynesville; grand treasurer, A. M. Powell, Raleigh; grand guide, H. C. Chedester, Asheville; grand chaplain, J. T. Hedrick, Lexington; grand warden, J. M. Norwood, Raleigh; grand sentry, W. S. Floyd, Reidsville. A. J. Evans Statesville, was elected a grand trustee, and H. C. Dockery, Rockingham, and D. M. Miller, Salisbury, representatives to the supreme council. The next meeting will be held at Winston-Salem.

The Royal Arcanum appropriates \$1,200 for the extension of the order and for visits by the grand officers to all the subordinate councils. There are now 2,900 members in the state, a gain of nearly 300; two new councils have been formed during the past year. For awhile after the increase in rates, made a few years ago there was a decrease in membership but now there is a gain. A very fine address was delivered by C. E. Hoadley, of Connecticut.

Reunion of Confederate Veterans.

The Confederate Veteran of Granville County will meet in the Court House in Oxford on Wednesday May, 1st, to elect officers and make preparations to attend the Reunion at Richmond from May 29th to June 3rd. A full attendance is requested. Every veteran who expects to go is requested to send in his name before the date to James K. Wood, Adjutant, as the authorities in Richmond wish to know how many to prepare for.

The rate will be one cent per mile including the trip to the Jamestown Exposition.

A. W. GRAHAM,  
Commander.  
J. K. WOOD, Adjutant.

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.

Naturalists tell us that only 10 per cent. of all the animals on earth have backbones. That is about the same proportion of men who've got 'em.

Mr. Roosevelt stands pat on the railroad, but they say his pats are jolts, and not only hits their tenders bell cords but they cannot stand for his bumpers.

At Church's Ferry, South Dakota, a judge ordered the Great Northern Railroad's depot closed for a year, because it permitted the storage of beer in violation of the prohibition law.

A Dakota man, aged sixty, has married a girl of twenty while his son married the girl's mother, aged forty four. People with nothing else to do can busy themselves with this latest relationship puzzle.

Mrs. Ruth Clayton, 100 years old, of Hancock county, Ind., had a spell of sickness recently and all her gray hair came out. Last week a new growth began and it was black. Mrs. Clayton is planning a horse back ride on her 101st birthday.

Moore county has joined the good roads movement. The Carthage News says: The ordering of an election on a proposition to issue \$200,000 of bonds for the building and improving of the highways of our county is an important step in the direction of progress and prosperity.

According to the figures compiled by the census bureau at Washington a divorce suit is filed every five minutes during working hours of court officials and a divorce granted every three minutes in the United States. This has been the average for the last twenty years, and census officials say the number is increasing at an alarming rate.

Simon Dresher fell ten stories down an elevator shaft in New York, and wasn't hurt. His only complaint was when a workman arrived to pick him up a corpse, that he had caught cold coming down. "Here I have gone all winter without catching cold, and now just because I move a little too fast down the shaft, I got a cough. Wouldn't that jar your slats?" That really wasn't hurt much.

Elmore Sheppard, known as Big Eno, 17 years old and weighing 640 died at Appleton, Wis., last week, of fatty degeneration of the heart. He was the biggest boy in the world and was gaining a pound a week. Last winter he gained 40 pounds. Two years ago he could no longer enter a railway coach. The body was so big it had to be prepared for burial and put in a special coffin out of doors.

When some newspaper men publish things that some people do not like to have in print, the scribe is called a cur. When he refuses to publish some things he is called a cowardly cur. Some people's idea of the newspaper business is that the newspaper man should cur-ry favor with them. Hardly a day passes in a newspaper shop that does not require exacting and discriminating judgment in handling matter for publication.

Harry K. Thaw is greatly distressed over the mistrial in his case in New York, and when his wife visited him at the Tombs prison she completely broke down; his attorneys will apply for bail and will confer this week as to their programme; District Attorney Jerome will strongly resist bail and will insist that the slayer of Stanford White be held for murder in the first degree; a rumor that Thaw has changed his counsel is denied; one of the Thaw jurors has created a sensation by publishing over his signature the proceedings in the jury room.

E. H. Harriman appeared at the Tombs police court in New York to prosecute his former stenographer Frank W. Hill, for selling to a newspaper from his stenographic notes his famous letter to Sidney Webster which letter caused President Roosevelt to denounce Harriman as a falsifier; newspaper man testified that Hill made oath to his stenographic copy of the letter and offered it for sale in various newspaper offices.

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