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RUN OFF OF TRESTLE.

NARROW ESCAPE OF 22 PASSENGERS ON FREIGHT.

The Passenger Car and two box cars Went Down 15 Feet—Nobody Seriously Hurt.

Saturday morning the belated through freight train over the Keysville branch of Southern left Oxford about 9 o'clock with Engineer Watkins at the throttle. When he reached the Buggy Body Factory one of the wheels must have broken to a truck under a box car near the end of the train, and as it was down grade the engineer did not feel the jerk, and when the train reached the trestle two box cars and the passenger car left the track and rolled over in the ravine a distance of 15 feet, and were badly smashed up.

There were 22 passengers on the coach, including of the Warrenton High School baseball club, who were on their way to play Durham. While every seat in the coach was broken up, stoves, lamps and every description of furniture scattered over the car, only one man was hurt, having received only a slight wound about his arm, which was quickly attended by Dr. B. K. Hays. The contents of the two loaded box cars, which consisted of meat, canned goods and groceries, were scattered around the cars.

The accident caused considerable excitement in Oxford and several hundred people visited the scene of the accident and all wondered at the narrow escape of the people in the passenger car. One man happened to be in the closet at the time of the accident and the side of the car had to be broken into to get him out, but was not hurt.

A force of hands was soon at work on the wreck and in about five hours the mail train from Durham to Keysville passed over the trestle, leaving Oxford about 3 P. M.

The wrecking train did not reach Oxford until Sunday afternoon and quite a large number of people went out and witnessed the easy manner in which a wrecking train pull cars on the track.

A Handsome Booklet.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway has just issued their April folder, the cover of which is designed most appropriately with reference to the Jamestown Exposition. While naturally the cover advertising the fact that the Seaboard is the Exposition Route, aside from this, the workmanship, design and harmony of color are really strikingly handsome. On one side of the folder is an Indian Warrior's bust in all his savage war paint, and with typical beaded-leather ornaments festooned around him. On the other side, before a cluster of bows, arrows and tomahawks, is a sketch of an Indian girl with such a wistfully curious expression upon her comely countenance as demands more than a casual observation, the face is really a character study. The whole effect of the folder, with a rich orange background presents, certainly a most novel attractive appearance. A copy of this folder can be secured by applying to C. H. Gattis, Traveling Passenger Agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, at Raleigh, N. C.

Marshall Rowland Shot.

Raleigh Correspondent of the Charlotte Observer of Tuesday says:

Late last night R. D. Black, white, aged 16 years, was brought here and jailed without bail privilege for the mortal wounding of Marshall Rowland also white, aged 18 years, near Willow Springs at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Black was on a car at the railway station when a 12-year-old brother of Rowland came along. Black asked him where he could get some whiskey, and when the boy said he did not know, Black attacked him, knocking him down and treating him very brutally. The boy ran to the house of his brother, Marshall, and the latter went down to see what was the trouble. As soon as Rowland approached, Black drew his pistol and shot at him five times, two bullets taking effect, one in the head and the other near the spine.

Oxford Boys Will Do Well.

Our young friend and townsman, Dr. Edward Hobgood, has just been elected Resident Physician of the Polyclinic Hospital of Philadelphia, the next largest hospital in the city. His term will begin January 1, 1908. He will graduate from the Jefferson Medical College in June, having taken a two years' course there after taking two years in the Medical Department of the State University. He will enter on his profession with thorough equipment.

DOWN TO BIBLE TRUST.

Trusts Become so Common Everywhere you Turn you Meet It.

"Trusts" has become such a common word that we are not surprised to meet it anywhere and at any time. "Trusts," as used in the common, everyday sense means combinations of capital or capitalists presumably for the purpose of raising the prices of commodities. There's a trust in everything we eat—even if we can't get trust at the grocery store. We must ride on trust-controlled cars or in trust-made wagons, wear trust-made clothes, heat our houses with trust-controlled fuel and cool our water with trust-made ice, eat trust-cured hams and trust-killed beef—in short, we must trust to the trusts for everything despite the seeming indisposition on the part of the trusts to trust us for anything. As before remarked, however, we have grown accustomed to living under a trust regime and have begun to regard it as a matter of fact born of necessity. If we had any rights or opinions of our own concerning what we should eat or wear we didn't care to assert or express them. We were content to let it go at that," meekly accepting whatever was offered us and paying the prices asked, trusting to our own consciences for a reward in the Hereafter. While knowledge of that Hereafter might to some of us have been vague and indefinite even the most ignorant of us were confident of our ability to gain such knowledge without the aid or consent of any trust through the Holy Bible. Now, alas, that prop, the support upon which our consciences and hopes securely rested, has been knocked from under us, for there is a Bible Trust. The Bible Trust admits that it is—that it gives us scriptural reading in doses measured by its own hand and at its own prices and in the manner which it elects. Think of that, and then find consolation. if you can, in the fact that trust iniquity can go no further. It has reached the limit.

How to Kill Your Town.

Kick.
Keep kicking.
And don't quit kicking.
One pull one way and one t'other.
Go to other towns and buy your goods.
Denounce your merchants because they make a profit on their goods.
Knife every man that disagrees with you on the method of increasing business.
Make your own town out a very bad place, and stab it every chance you get.
Refuse to unite in any scheme for the betterment of the material interests of the people.
Tell your merchant that you can buy your goods a great deal cheaper in another town and charge him with extortion.
Keep every cent you get, and don't do anything of a public nature unless you can make something out of it directly.
When you say anything of your town say it in such a way that it will leave the impression that you have no faith in it.
Patronize outside newspapers to the exclusion of your own, and then denounce them for not being as large as the city papers.

Concert Tour.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum Singing Class of 1907 will start upon its eastern trip the first of May. The second or western tour will, probably, begin the last of July, after several weeks interval of rest by the Class at the institution in Oxford.

The excellence of these entertainments is known to the people of North Carolina.

The work of our orphans' homes appeals both to the heart and to the judgment. It merits our sympathy and support. Interest in this cause is already great and it is growing.

The patronage accorded these concerts each year has been increasing. They have been a true success and we bespeak for them even enlarged success this season.

An Announcement.

Dr. Coggeshall begs to announce that he has returned to Oxford and will continue here the practice of his profession.

He has taken offices in the new Dr. White building directly over the new postoffice where he will be glad to welcome those who may wish to consult him.

Office hours: 11 A. M. to 1 P. M. and 4 to 5 P. M.

Telephone call No. 23.

FOR Tomato plants and cuttings call on Mrs. R. T. Smith. 2t.

THE $100,000 BOND ISSUE

ONLY QUESTION BEFORE US IS MACADAM ROADS.

Mr. Wm. H. Harrison Discusses the Importance of Macadam Roads in Granville.

Mr. Editor: In the opinion of the writer the one great question before the people of Granville county at this time is the road question. True there are other questions of education and development along other lines that are always before us and are important, but the real question at present is the making of permanent roads. This question demands our consideration, and if, we do not settle it wisely at this time, then our good county, peopled with as good people as there are on earth, and possessing natural advantages equal to the best, must take a backward step. Our county cannot hold the enviable position it has held in the past, without improving its highways.

The failure of the present proposed bond issue means probably that road improvement would be checked for years to come, as whoever goes to the Legislature two years from now will hardly take any interest in road legislation of any kind if our people vote down the measure now before them.

It is needless for me to here speak of the general advantage of good roads—in saving time, in saving wear of vehicles, and in comfort, convenience and general utiltity. In my opinion, Mr. Editor, the following plan would do much towards making road work effective and also helping to carry the bond issue:

1—Let it be understood that only macadam roads are to be built out of bond money, as our people are already convinced that dirt roads, as a permanent improvement, are a failure.

2—Let there be an equal distribution of funds in each township in the county, which seems to be the only fair and equitable plan.

3—Let a highway commission be established by our Board of Commissioners such commission to be made up of representative men from various sections of the county who shall employ a man who thoroughly understands the making of macadam roads; and let the commission have the general charge of road building in the county.

We offer this as a suggestion to our able Board of Commissioners, knowing that they have the interests of the county at heart and will be glad to consider all suggestions looking to road improvement.

Yours for good roads,
WILLIAM H. HARRISON.

False Alarm of Fire.

About 8:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon a false alarm was turned in saying that the Oxford Seminary was on fire. Our fire boys turned out promptly rolled up at the Seminary in a few minutes, followed by a large crowd of citizens. Question now arises who was it that turned in the false alarm?

Falls and Breaks Her Hip.

The many friends of the aged and beloved Mrs. Lucy Russell in Granville will indeed be sorry to learn that she had the misfortune Sunday morning to fall and break ono of her hips. She is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Webb, on College street, and Sunday morning about 11 o'clock was going down the back steps, and owing to being very weak fell breaking her hip. She was discovered and carried into the house, and Dr. T. L. Booth was sent for, who did all he could to relieve her suffering. Although Mrs. Russell is 83 years of age she is quite cheerful under her misfortune, and is receiving every possible attention from her loved ones.

Died Away From Home.

Mr. G. W. Walter, a young man from Richmond, Va., who worked for Mr. J. F. Edwards, died rather unexpectly Saturday morning in his room on Hillsboro Street. The young man had been sick for several days, but was up and about the streets up to the day before he died. He was a good tinner and had been at work for Mr. Edwards several week. The good hearted Frank Edwards turned his body over to Undertaker J. R. Wood, telling him to nicely prepare the body for burial, and then went to the telegraph office to inform his people in Richmond of his death. They instructed Mr. Edwards to ship the body to Richmond for burial.

I can sell you the genuine Cyphers Incubator made by the Cyphers Incubator Co., Buffalo, N. Y., for cash or credit. W. H. Britt, Agt.

OXFORDS NEW POSTOFFICE

ONE OF NEATEST AND MOST UP-TO-DATE IN THE STATE.

Dr. E. T. White to be Congratulated Upon Erection of a Handsome Building and New Postoffice.

The progress Oxford has made in the past few years is a source of much pleasure to the editor as he has in season and out of season worked for the upbuilding of the grand old town through the columns of the Public Ledger, oftentimes under discouraging circumstances, but it well said that there is a silver lining to every cloud, and it is now shedding its bright rays upon Oxford. With the establishment of successful manufacturing enterprises the town took on a new life and continued to prosper until our post office, under the excellent management of Mr. Leak Peace, last year was placed on the second class list, bringing joy to the hearts of the people.

To add to this pleasure the government leased from Dr. E. T. White one of the elegant stores in the White Building, on Main street, which Dr. White converted into one of the handsomest and most attractive post offices in the State. He has put in the very latest and most up-to-date fixtures, both convenient and attractive, under the approval of the government, containing 400 combination lock boxes and drawers, all finished up in oak, and our postmaster and clerks are more than delighted with their beautiful and convenient home.

As to Dr. White he is one of Oxford's most honored and greatly esteemed business men, and has taken a great pride in the erection of his handsome building, which is an ornament to the town, as well as the equipment of the new post office.

It is a pleasure to the editor to extend to Dr. White warmest congratulations in his successful efforts to add so much to the looks of the business part of Oxford, and to furnish the people with such a handsome and convenient post office.

Smallpox at Wakefield.

We learn from the papers that there is a great deal of small pox in the Wakefield section of Wake county and there is complaint by the people of a lack of quarantine or of any care in preventing people sick with the disease coming and going at will. It has been some time among the negroes and now is spreading fast among the whites.

Making a Good Impression.

We are pleased to hear from some of our business men that Mr. Clifton, the new agent of the Seaboard in Oxford is proving a polite and accommodating official, which will be appreciated by our people. We could never understand wny an agent or his clerks thought they were the "whole cheese" and treat the patrons of their road with perfect indifference and oftentimes are discourteous. The public love to travel with a polite conductor and train crew, and come in contact with civil and courteous agents.

Death of Son of Capt. W. H. White.

We are sorry to learn from a Sacremento, Cal., paper of the death of Mr. Edward G. White, son of Capt. W. H. White, of Oxford. He died in that city on the 10th instant after a short illness with pneumonia. He leaves a devoted wife, and one sister Mrs. J. J. Nowell, of Atlanta, Ga., and one brother Mr. Roger White, of Manila, who is now on his way home, and dear father to mourn his death. He was in his 35th year, and had been living in California for a number of years. The editor extends much sympathy to the loved ones in the loss they have been called upon to sustain.

It would be a Crowning Act.

The abolishment of the first floor of the Opera House as a market as it gets tougher and tougher as the days roll by, and converting a part of it into an Armory for the gallant Granville Grays and a part for municipal purposes would go down in history as the crowning act of the Board of Commissioners in the interest of a trust bled people. We dare say no people was ever afflicted with a more hide-bound monopoly than the market house trust which has been skinning the people of Oxford for several years. It is a wonder the people of the town have submitted to it as long as they have as the tax on the housekeepers is enormous.

THOSE who are in need of good horse feed will be glad to learn that L. Thomas has just gotten in another car load of that excellent Timothy hay.

TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Editor Endorses What Mr. Harrison Says on Road Question.

In this issue we publish a communication on the road question from Mr. Wm. H. Harrison, of Oxford.

While we endorse his article, yet the editor wishes to go a step further and make another suggestion to our Board, which we believe is of importance, if we wish to carry the bond issue. The suggestion we make is this: Let politics be entirely eliminated in consideration of the road question and in the selection of a Highway Commission. We offer this suggestion because it is important that we enlist the support and co-operation of all our people, irrespective of party. We need the support of every man be he Democrat or Republican, prohibition or whiskey man, if we are to carry the bond issue, which we consider of greatest importance to our people at the present. The men selected should come from different sections of the county.

We believe the following gentlemen would make a most excellent Commission, and should be glad to see them appointed: A. W. Graham, J. H. Gooch, Graham Royster, Glaude Allen and Clinton M. Rogers.

We would also urge upon our excellent Board of Commissioners the importance of prompt action on this matter, as the time is short. We are sure that the Board must realize that a most important work now rests upon them—one upon which depends large-the future of our good county and we hope and believe they may be equal to the emergency.

Cutting Scrape Saturday Night.

Some of our colored people got rough and rowdy Saturday night about 10 o'clock, which resulted in a carving scrape. John Mallory, a rather bad character, and Sherman Thorp and a man by the name of Jones become involved in a quarrel and a regular fight ensued. After quiet had been restored it was found that Mallory had been badly cut about the face and on one arm by Sherman Thorp. Mallory was taken to the office of Dr. Watkins who dressed and sewed up his wounds, which are not of a dangerous character.

Sorry to Lose Them.

Henderson sustains a real loss in the removal of Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Coggeshall to Oxford. They came here about seven years ago and the Doctor soon established himself in a good practice and both in the high regard and affectionate esteem of our people. Cultured and scholarly, genial and companionable Dr. Coggeshall is a most engaging and agreeable gentleman and he and his excellent and accomplished wife added much to the social and literary life of the town. They came here from Oxford and as their only daughter has since married and lives there they decided to go back and make that place their home in the future. Henderson's loss is Oxford's gain.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

Deep Interest in Old Home.

The following letter from a young county man to the editor shows the deep interest he feels in his old home:

Pomona, N. C., April 20, 1907.

Dear Sir: From this week's Public Ledger I see that Oxford and old Granville are waking up, indeed are about to be wide awake. It is certainly a great pleasure to me to see the good-roads movement, and I sincerely trust our people (I say "our" because I am a Granville county man) will give this bond issue for good roads a a sweeping victory. This county (Guilford) has a good many roads macadamized, and is still at the good work. Of course everybody knows what a boon it is to have a good nice road instead of mud hub deep.

Then too I see you are going to vote for a sewer system.

Surely the old town is coming to the front, and I want to say, Hurrah for Oxford and Granville.

Yours truly,
O. J. HOWARD.

Now is the time to buy Incubator and brooder for cash or credit. W. H. Britt, Agt.

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.

Pure Bred White Leghorns and Barred Rocks, Pullets 50 cents, Roosters 60—in lots of not less than 4. For sale by J. C. Horner.

I want to sell you an Incubator and brooder. Cash or credit. W. H. Britt, Agt.

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.

In Chicago John Temple Graves in a speech at the twenty-seventh annual banquet of the Iroquois Club, declared that Roosevelt and Bryan are the two greatest men in the world.

In Chatham county a few days ago Walter Evans crushed the head of Wiley Smith with a rock, from the effects of which the latter died 24 hours later. Both colored. Evans is in jail.

A bill has been introduced in the Wisconsin Legislature to compel women of means to support their invalid husbands. All Legislatures should pass bills to compel mean husbands to support their valid wives.

An Indianapolis woman's club demands that the city employ chaperons in the public parks to prevent young couples from courting. The city can get all the chaperons it wants to, but it is not on record yet where any of them outwitted Cupid.

The earthquake on Friday in the Phillippines was felt in several provinces and was the severest in years, but no lives were lost; at Iliolo fire broke out and burned the native quarter, rendering from 8,000 to 10,000 people homeless: in Manila fire destroyed 1,100 Nipa houses.

More people will die in China of starvation, exposure and famine-bred disease within the next four or five months than were killed in battle or died from wounds or disease in the Napoleonic wars, the great civil war in the United States, the Boer war in South Africa and the late Russo-Japanese conflict.

"There are two ways of breaking up lawlessness. One is to convict and punish the lawbreaker. At best this is a poor method; but it is the best society can do for those trained for the commission of crime. Let the grand juries find true bills, let the petit juries find verdicts of guilty, let the judges impose adequate penalties and let them be suffered,

The satistaction on the part of the general public at the promptness with which the corporation commission has availed itself of its new and more extended powers under the various acts of the last Legislature is very marked. As a matter of fact the commisson has gotten right down to work and in ordering improvements of road beds, of rolling stock, of freight and passenger stations and of schedules it has certainly done well.

The report from Washington that the field is fighting Taft because Roosevelt is for him, and that "the reactionaries" are at the bottom of it to defeat the President's policies, looks like politics as it is worked by those White House people who are "no novices." The political programme at the White House is for the 1908 Republican National convention to meet and ratify the nomination to be made by President Roosevelt.

Announcement was made that John B. Bundren, who on April 1 was 101 years old, will be united in marriage to Miss Rose McGuire on her 100th birthday, August 26th, 1906, on Mr. Buddren's estate near Tatesville, Tenn. Mr. Bundren and Miss McGuire were sweethearts in Tennesse in their youth, but neither has been married. Miss McGuire's parents would not let her marry Bundren in youth and took her to England to live. Bundren went to California and acquired considerable wealth.

Secretary R. D. W. Connor, of the North Carolina Teachers' assembly, announces the completion of the program for the annual session in Durham June 11-14, presenting, he says, the most attractive array of speakers ever offered to an educational gathering in North Carolina. The program is filled with a varity of subjects of interest not only to teachers but to the general public as well. Besides all the prominent educators of this state there will be a number having inter-state and national reputation, including P. P. Claxton, University of Tennessee; Dr. O. T. Corson, Ohio; Miss Martha Berry, of Rome, Ga.; Dr. Chas. W. Kent, University of Virginia; O. J. Kern, of Illinois; C. B. Martin, superintendent of schools is South Carolina.

FOR Sale—Fine gray mare; 7 years old; in foal to Gregory Jack. A. F. Dresel, Nelson, Va., Route 1.