

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.

Mr. Butler finally went back on the populist party but he stuck to it longer than did some other gentlemen who were equally guilty.—Durham Herald.

The New York Sun shies its castor into the ring by declaring that it is difficult to define a Republican as it is to answer the question, "What is a Democrat?"

There is a statement going the rounds that 7,000 dogs were killed for food in Germany last year. The more thought of food like that will start up the newspaper wags.

Says the Washington Post: "Nothing on wheels can ever catch up with the popularity of President Roosevelt, is the opinion of John Temple Graves. Then it is also a hopeless task for anybody with wheels."

An Ohio paper is such an enthusiastic Taft boomer that it declares his election would mean "four more years of fatness." But it takes something more than a fat president to make prosperity.—Durham Sun.

It is a good sign to see several able and true men coming out for Governor. This will put party workers to work and the old North State still stands at the top with the best men seeking the highest honor, to be her great Governor.—Kensville News.

Adam Smith, nearly 84 years old, living near here, has cut over 300 shocks of wheat and oats this season. Mr. Smith offered \$2 per day for cradlers, but found none, so he did the work himself. Who can beat that record?—Siler City Grit.

It is said there are three candidates for the nomination for governor who have not yet announced themselves. If they are waiting for the office to seek them each one is mighty apt to be disappointed. That is one nomination in this state that is not going begging just at this time.—Wilmington Messenger.

In one month in Topeka, Kansas, 21,323 persons got liquor from the twenty-five drug stores in town for "sickness." The Kansans have an idea that red eye is good for "stomach trouble," "indigestion," "kidney disease," "biliousness" and "rheumatism," according to affidavits filed when the booze was bought.—Everything.

They must have some modern Shylocks down about Fuqua Springs. They charged the Durham Presbyterian Sunday School for a few boards they picked up around there to make a table out of, and actually charged for a broom to sweep off the boards. A dollar down that way is bigger than brotherly love.—Durham Sun.

The Rural Critic: "Who were all those young chaps with guitars and mandolins?" asked the old farmer who had spent the night in the big city hotel. "Oh, that was a college glee club," replied the clerk. "Quite a string team, too." "String team, eh?" "Oh, yes; as they all played string instruments it was a string team." "Thought so, by heck! They made more noise than my string team of mules when they all start braying for rain."—Ex.

New Companies Chartered.

The Secretary of State has chartered the Creedmore Brick & Lumber Company, Creedmore, to manufacture brick and lumber; the authorized capital is \$25,000, with \$3,000 capital paid in. Officers, I. E. Harris President, L. H. Longmire Vice President, T. O. Pomeroy Sec. and Treas. Also Dove, Keith & Connelly Company, of Northside, to manufacture and wholesale lumber, to deal in general merchandise; authorized capital \$50,000; paid in capital \$12,000. Incorporators G. H. Dove, J. H. Keith, W. B. Connelly, Northside; I. E. Harris, B. G. Rogers, S. C. Lyon, Creedmore.

WOULD you buy a nice monument or headstone? Doubtless you would if you knew what low prices I am making just now. During the last 8 years I have sold 95 per cent of all the monumental work furnished in Oxford. Why is this? Good work and reasonable prices is the answer. It matters not where you are, if you will write me or see my agent, Robert Wood, we will give the matter all attention.

Yours for low prices and fair dealings, T. O. SHARP, Durham, N. C. 2t.

THE FOURTH DAY OF JULY.

Some of the Many Things That Occurred on This Day.

This Thursday the country is celebrating its independence birth day. The Fourth of July is an historic day in our great trust burdened country. This of course is a truism. Every American says this because the Fourth is the natal day of the Republic. But the Fourth of July has a peculiar place in the calendar of American history independent of its character as the national birthday.

The Wyoming massacre took place July 4, 1778. On June 30 in that year a military force of four hundred Tories and seven hundred Seneca Indians, commanded by Col. John Butler, invaded the Wyoming Valley, and were met by 300 of the valley men, commanded by Col. Zebulon Butler. On July 3 the valley patriots were defeated with a loss of two-thirds of their number, and took refuge in Fort 40. On July 4 this fort was taken, and the wounded and other survivors were slain. Then the valley was ravaged.

July 4 is the birthday of the American tariff. On this day, 1789, the first national tariff law was adopted. It was called the Hamilton tariff, after the Secretary of the Treasury who was identified with the preparation of the bill. July 4, 1804, was the birthday of the Middlesex canal connecting Boston harbor and the Concord River, and July 4, 1817, was the day on which ground was broken for the Erie canal. Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, and John Adams, a member of the committee to draft and report the Declaration of Independence, both died on 4th of July, 1826. The resolution of annexation of Texas to the United States was approved by the Texans in convention July 4, 1845. James Monroe, who had been a law student under Jefferson, died July 4, 1831. John C. Fremont, the pathfinder, declared the independence of California at Monterey July 4, 1845.

It was July 4, 1848, that the corner stone of the Washington monument was laid with impressive ceremony.

On July 4, 1861, the 37th Congress was convened in extraordinary session by Abraham Lincoln, and this Congress made an appropriation of \$400,000, 000 on the strength of which appropriation the President called for 40,000 volunteers in addition to the 75,000 called for April 15, 1861. On July 4, 1863, General Pemberton surrendered and Vicksburg was yielded to federal troops. The battle of Gettysburg, fought July 1, 2 and 3, 1863, came near being another of the Fourth of July events of the Union. On the 4th of July, 1866, general amnesty was proclaimed to all "late rebels not under presentment or indictment in the United States Supreme Court." The site of the exposition building in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, was turned over to the centennial commission July 4, 1873, and the Eads bridge over the Mississippi river at St. Louis was opened July 4, 1874. Hannibal Hamlin, ex-Vice President, died July 4, 1891.

The naval battle off Santiago came near being a Fourth of July fight, and the victory over Cervera's squadron was referred to by Admiral Sampson as a "Fourth of July present."

"Let Me Down Easy."

A press dispatch tells that at a negro funeral at Denton, Md., Sam Johnson, a colored individual who has the gift of a ventriloquist, "threw" his voice into the grave as the corpse was being lowered and said: "Let me down easy." The mourners and pallbearers fled, but later the mystery was explained and Mr. Johnson was called to answer in the "cote." If this was a genuine case it would have been worth the price to have seen the exit from that grave when the request for easy handling came from below. One can imagine that they stood not on the order of their going.

Judge Loving Case.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch remarks: "The acquittal of Judge Loving is enough to alarm the State. If this trial and verdict establish a precedent in Virginia, hereafter when a woman charges a man with an offense against her honor, and relates it to a male member of the family and so inflames his passion as to cause a 'brainstorm,' such a man will be justified in slaying the person accused. It will matter not whether the woman's story be true or false; whether it be an exaggeration or a pure invention." All so, but it is calculated to lessen the popularity of drinking whiskey during buggy rides.

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PROMINENT CITIZEN DEAD

MR. J. S. BROWN NOW SLEEPS IN PEACE.

He Passed Away Friday Morning after a Long Illness—Funeral and Burial.

It becomes the sad duty of the editor to write of the death of Mr. J. S. Brown, one of Oxford's best known business men and citizens, which occurred Friday morning at his home on College Street after several months illness.

For many years Mr. Brown was one of our most prominent and successful business men, and was interested in a number of our enterprises. When his health began to fail so rapidly last year he retired from the grocery business, and spent most of his time quietly at home. He was a member of the Methodist church and contributed largely of his means for the support of the gospel and of the building of the handsome new church in Oxford. He was a member of the Board of Steward and took a deep interest in all church work. His last words were expressive of peace in God and a willingness to depart and be at rest with Him. His devotion to his family and kindness shown in many ways will long linger as a fragrant memory in the home which his presence brightened and which death has now darkened. His life was gentle, but like the still water it ran deep. In his heart of hearts he carried those he loved, and his hand was never weary, his step never failed in caring for and administering to those who were in any way dependent upon him.

It is sad at any time to stand beside the bed of the dying and watch life's ebbing tide drifting the loved one slowly, perhaps, but surely into the great ocean of eternity, but when there comes whispering from parched lips: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me; it brings a balm to the wounded heart. Thus closed the life of one of our best citizens and his family and relatives who sit in sorrow where his footsteps shall never again find echo, we extend the deepest sympathy. When they have drained the cup may the peace that passeth all understanding come to them from One who cares for each little sparrow that falls.

The funeral took place at his home on College Street Saturday afternoon at 11 o'clock conducted by his pastor, Rev. F. M. Shamburger, assisted by Rev. A. B. Dunaway and largely attended, and the interment in the neat family lot in Elmwood Cemetery.

The active pallbearers were: Messrs. E. T. White, J. G. Hunt, A. A. Hicks, H. G. Cooper, John Paris, Z. W. Lyon, John Hall and John H. Bullock.

Floral Bearers were: Messrs. J. M. Currin, J. B. Roller, J. F. White, J. A. Webb, R. L. Brown, L. B. Turner, W. H. Hunt, R. W. Lassiter and Dr. A. B. Dunaway, and the undertaker was Mr. Robt. Wood. The floral offering were profuse and very beautiful and completely covered the sacred mound in the silent City of the Dead.

Fighting For Liberty.

Oxford splendid Amateur Company under the skillful direction of Mrs. Kate Hays Fleming admirably played at the Opera House Tuesday night. "Fighting For Liberty" was well staged and each character was well sustained with great credit and the play was a decided success, and met with a warm reception at the hands of the audience.

It was given for the purpose of securing money for the purchase of a piano for the Graded School and quite a neat little sum realized.

Notice to Taxpayers.

The Board of Equalization of the county will be in session Monday, July 8th, 1907, to hear complaints of the valuation of property (both real and personal) as returned by the List Takers and Assessors from the various townships. Parties feeling aggrieved and having complaints to make, will take due notice. E. C. HARRIS, Chm'n. Bd. Co. Com'rs.

New Cultivator Man.

Mr. Frank Beasley, of Lyon, patentee of a useful and up-to-date cultivator, which is now in use Granville county, has gone to Richmond to have them manufactured for use the next season. He will be away about three months. He was raised on the farm and knows the needs of the farmers, and is one of the county's best young men. He is a hard-worker and deserves success.

DUE CREDIT GIVEN US!

OXFORD'S FIRE DEPARTMENT AMONG THE BEST.

Editor Manning Pays it a Very High Compliment along with its Management.

Accepting an invitation from our young friend Mr. Wade H. Britt, son of the "old man," and main stay of the Public Ledger force, we visited the fire department and inspected the same. We had no idea that Oxford boasted such a modern fire department. They have a \$4,000.00 equipment—everything first-class and up-to-date—nothing better to be found in any of the larger cities. With sufficient natural pressure to throw a stream over the tallest building in town they do not need a steamer, but the wagon, hose and other apparatus are of the best. They have two splendid horses, well trained, and have made some record breaking time in reaching fires and getting water on. A regular salaried man, (Mr. Johnson, courteous and ever ready to receive visitors and show them around) is on duty all the time, and no alarm of fire goes long without his presence with team and wagon, hose ladders, and other apparatus, and the consequence is property owners and insurance companies feel reasonably safe from fire in Oxford.

Mr. Wade Britt is foreman of the department and feels a pardonable pride in the splendid equipment which the town has provided and the excellent work done by his men.

As fine equipment as it has Oxford does not have a paid fire department. The membership is composed of volunteers—numbering some of the best young men of the town—but they are encouraged and supported in every reasonable way by the authorities and citizens and nothing they ask is withheld. Hence they have an equipment that would be a credit to any city, and are in condition to combat fire and protect property, and the people of Oxford consider it money well invested.—Herald.

Looking After Diseased Cattle.

The United States Agricultural Department has six gentlemen now in Granville inspecting the cattle with a view of changing the quarantine line. This inspection is made for the purpose of locating farms infected with the cattle tick, a certain kind of tick which causes disease among cattle. It is hoped our people will extend these gentlemen every aid possible in their good work for the benefit of all interested in raising cattle.

This is the most important work the Agricultural Department is now engaged in, and the men engaged are graduates in veterinary medicine and in agriculture.

The Women's Institute.

The Women's Institute for Granville county will be held in Oxford, Friday, July 19, 1907.

Those not familiar with the purpose of the institutes being held by our State Department of Agriculture for the benefit of the women in the farm homes may be interested in knowing something of the class of subjects discussed at these meetings. Any or all of the following may be discussed if those present desire:

The farm fruit garden, the farm vegetable garden, farm poultry, farm butter making, beautifying the home surroundings, home conveniences, literature for the farm home, home making, home nursing, cooking meats, vegetables, etc., bread making and educating the girls on the farm.

These are a fair sample of the questions that may be discussed at these women's institutes; and surely they are practical subjects and an intelligent discussion of them cannot fail to be of much benefit to those who attend. If sufficient interest is manifested by the women of this county in these institutes it is the purpose of the Department of Agriculture to make them regular features of the annual Farmers Institute for this county. It will benefit every woman in the county to attend this institute. She may hear facts that will be of value to her in her work, but if she does not she will be benefited just the same, for she needs the day's outing. We hope there will be a large attendance at this institute.

During the summer kidney irregularities are often caused by excessive drinking or being overheated. Attend to the kidneys at once by using Fol. Ys Kidney Cure. J. G. Hall.

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.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Met Monday and Transacted Routine Business.

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday with Chairman E. C. Harris, F. H. Gregory, Ralph Currin, W. L. Taylor and W. P. Wilkinson present.

Road Superintendent Wheeler was directed to rebuild the bridge over Ford Creek, near R. E. Strother's, Brassfield township.

W. L. Taylor was appointed to repair bridge in Sassafras Fork township. W. P. Wilkinson also appointed to look after the bridge at Pool's Mill.

It was ordered that after the North-orn Granville Road force finish working road to Mt. Creek bridge commence at Oxford and work to Oak Hill by way of the Kinton Fork.

Several rebates were allowed. The compensation for Assessors was put at \$2.50 per day.

Messrs. E. C. Harris and T. M. Waller were appointed a committee to settle with the sheriff.

The report of Messrs. E. C. Harris and B. S. Royster, committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer, made their report which was accepted.

Ordered that the Superintendent of County Home be elected at the August meeting and all applicants are requested to put in their applications by that date.

After allowing a large number of claims the Board adjourned.

Fire at Pine Beach.

An early morning fire Friday at Pine Beach, just outside the grounds of the Jamestown Exposition, destroyed 50 hotels, restaurants, stores and places of amusement, involving a loss of \$200,000 to \$250,000 with only 20 per cent insurance; five persons were burned to death, and it took hard work to keep the flames from the Exposition grounds.

New Agent of the Seaboard.

Mr. Will Pegram, who for several years was an obliging clerk in Southern Railway office, has returned to Oxford and becomes Agent of the Seaboard Road to the pleasure of our people. He is accommodating as well as polite and will win friends for the Seaboard, and the Public Ledger extends to him and his good lady a cordial welcome to Oxford.

Wilborn-Shanks.

A beautiful marriage was celebrated at Island Creek Baptist church, Vance county, June 27th, 1907. The contracting parties were Mr. James Bailey Wilborn, of Virgilina, Va., and Miss Zulene D. Shanks, of Vance county. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Stradley, assisted by Rev. H. T. Stevens.

Col. Ballou back from England.

Colonel W. B. Ballou, the splendid manager of the Oxford Branch of the Imperial Tobacco Company, reached home Monday afternoon from a pleasant trip abroad. He went to England in the interest of the company he so faithfully represents, and was accompanied by several other buyers of the company. Although his trip was a business one he had time to devote to sight seeing. The Colonel is looking well and reports having had a delightful time.

Death of Aged Lady.

Mrs. Rebecca Roberts, aged 79 years, died Tuesday night of last week at 11 o'clock. At the time of her death she was living at the home of her son, E. T. Roberts, No. 1411 East Main street. Mrs. Roberts had been sick for about eight months and her death was not a surprise to the friends and relatives who had watched the sick bed says Durham Herald.

Mrs. Roberts was born in Granville county in 1828 and in that county she spent the greatest part of her long life. For the last eight years, however, she has made Durham her home. Seven children survive her. There are 77 grand-children and 42 great-grand-children. Two of her sons, Messrs. W. P. and E. T. Roberts and their families live in Durham.

Mrs. Roberts was a consistent member of the West Durham Baptist church. The body was taken to Stem for interment, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. G. H. Church, pastor of Edgemont Baptist church.—Durham Herald.

LOST—Brown coat with light straps, between R. I. Newton and West Jones, and finder will be rewarded if returned to R. I. Newton. S. T. Newton. It pd.

HAVE WE STATE'S RIGHTS

JUDGE PRITCHARD IS BIGGER THAN THE STATE.

Grants Southern Railway's Injunction and Suspends the 2 1-4c Rate Law in State.

Asheville, N. C., June 29.—This was the most interesting day of all in the hearing before Judge Pritchard of the suits brought by the Southern Railway Company and other railroad corporations to enjoin the corporation commission of North Carolina from printing and putting into effect the new freight rate and passenger fares law passed by the legislature of 1907.

At the conclusion of the argument this morning by Walter B. Daniel for the defendants in the suit of the stockholders of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway against the Corporation Commission Judge Pritchard announced his decision in the case of the Southern Railway Company against the Commission which was concluded Thursday afternoon. The court continues the restraining order pending a final hearing and refers the matter to Judge Montgomery, standing master for the Eastern district, to take testimony and report his finding of facts and conclusions of law to the court at Asheville the latter part of September. In short the status quo of the cases is maintained and the new rates promulgated by the legislature will not go into effect Monday, July 1st.

The case of the Atlantic Coast Line was disposed of in similar manner this afternoon. The Coast Line reference was also made to Judge Montgomery, who will report to Judge Pritchard this case the first Monday in December. The Southern case will be heard the first Monday in October, and the Atlantic Coast Line the second Monday in January. The Atlantic Coast Line was required to give bond in the sum of \$175,000, and the Southern in the sum of \$325,000.

In signing the order continuing the injunction Judge Pritchard made provision to protect the traveling public. On and after Monday and until the controversy is settled the Atlantic Coast Line and the Southern will give to each passenger a receipt for the difference between the present rate and what the new rate would have been. The railroads will deposit with the clerk of the United States Court at Raleigh a sum sufficient to cover these receipts or "due bills" in the event the suits finally go against the railroads.

DIED SUDDENLY ON FRIDAY.
Oxford's Oldest Blacksmith Victim of Heart Disease.
On Friday morning "Uncle" Sandy Parham, one of Oxford's oldest and best colored citizens, was found dead at his home by a member of his family which brought sorrow, not only to his family, but his numerous colored and white friends. He had not enjoyed good health for about a year, and was a victim of heart disease. He was a typical old-time Southern negro, always courteous and polite, and most highly esteemed by all who knew him. In fact we might say he was the most favorably known colored man in Granville county as he conducted a blacksmith shop in Oxford for half a century.

"Uncle Sandy" was an honorable, quiet citizen, and attended strictly to his own business. He was 75 years of age, and a devout christian as he put his faith in Christ many years ago, and was no doubt ready when the Master suddenly called him to "Come up higher and rest under the Shade of the Trees." The funeral was largely attended and the interment was in Oakwood Cemetery. Peace to this good old man's ashes, and may the Lord comfort the bereaved family.

Important to Teachers.

The legislature of 1907 appointed a State Board of Examiners and gave them authority to issue a State certificate. This certificate is good for five years; entitles the holder to teach in any county in the State, and command a minimum salary of \$35 per month.

All who wish to take this State examination must apply to Supt. J. Y. Joyner before July 11th. No applicant will be examined by the State Board unless her application is accompanied by a written statement from a county superintendent that she holds a first grade certificate and has taught successfully at least one year.

This examination will be held at Oxford Thursday, July 11th, at 9 o'clock. Respectfully,
R. G. KITTRELL, Jr.