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CULLED FROM THE VARIOUS PAPERS OF THE STATE.

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

Up to Wednesday 290 students had matriculated at Davidson College, 120 being new men.

An Alamance county man 35 years old has entered school at Whitsett Institute along with his two boys, 10 and 12 years of age.

Mr. Sam S. Brown and Mrs. Helen G. Brown, of Greensboro, who were divorced four years ago, were remarried in Danville Tuesday.

It is reported from Asheville that a construction boss on Pigeon River railway, being built from Canton to Sunburst, was killed Wednesday by an employe named Shelton.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction is notified by County Superintendent J. D. Ezzell, of the Harnett public school, that three elections for local tax districts have just been carried in the county.

Some time Tuesday night Rand Bodenhamer, 35 years old, who lived at Abbott's Creek, nine miles from High Point, committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn. A family survives. The only reason assigned is that he was involved in a lawsuit about a horse.

On Monday Uncle Picket Gibbs while on his way to Bayboro, met a very large rattlesnake in the main road, which showed that he was not afraid of a man, and waited until the old man secured a club and they had it, but Uncle Picket got the best of the scrap. He killed the snake which had fourteen rattles and a button.—Bayboro Sentinel.

There have been twenty-one deaths at Buckhorn since work was begun on the power plant there. The Sanford Express says: "Four were drowned in June, seven killed by lightning last week, and the others died at various times from diseases. It is feared that W. J. Kelly, one of those injured by the lightning, may not recover. His feet are terribly burned."

The great stone dam thrown across the Yadkin river near Salisbury, is an engineering feat of highest importance. The dam is 31 feet high and 917 feet long. The minimum flow of water will give 46,000 horse power, which is said to be second only to Niagara Falls in source of available electrical energy. The power is to be distributed by wire to mills within a radius of 40 to 50 miles.

The Shelby Star says the white woman who perished in the Cleveland Springs hotel fire registered there on Sunday as Mrs. Cora E. Smith, of Ellensboro; that she was changed from the second to the third floor at her own request, and the management claims that when he was arousing his guests he knocked on her door and she responded, but she was not seen afterward. This version differs materially from that sent out by the press dispatches.

At Black Mountain about 10 o'clock Saturday night the balcony of the McCoy building, which is occupied as a store and a hotel, fell to the ground and with it two young men and two young ladies, who were on the balcony at the time. The young men were seriously hurt but the young women escaped with slight injuries. Mr. Jas. McCoy, helpless from rheumatism, was in an invalid's chair on the sidewalk, but fortunately was not caught by the balcony. The loafer's bench under the balcony was mashed to splinters but no loafers were on it at the time.

The Woman's Literary Club.

The Woman's Literary Club held its first meeting for the season on Tuesday, September 10th, at the home of Mrs. R. L. Brown, with seventeen members present.

The papers read were well prepared, making a fitting introduction to the study of Shakespeare's drama at the next several meetings.

The Club Record shows six year's study of history; the work for the ensuing year is to be the study of English poets. The program is tasteful and attractive, promising an interesting series of meetings.

The ladies of both the Woman's Literary Club and the Shakespeare Club are deeply interested in the improving and beautifying of the town, and there is a co-operative movement under discussion looking to the organization of a Civic League for this purpose.

DEATH OF MRS. MARY TRAVIS.

A dear Mother Beyond the Smiling and the Weeping.

The death of Mary C. Travis, which occurred Friday afternoon at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Norman Burwell, on Broad street brought sorrow to her devoted children and many dear friends in different parts of the State. She made her home with her children, and was spending a while in Oxford when she fell a victim to fever, and in spite of the efforts of her physician and the tireless, unwearied watchful care day night of her devoted loved one the end came.

She was 64 years of age and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, faithfully serving her Master until she was called up higher to "rest under the shade of the trees." The influence of her pious example, her kind care and love for and success of her children, her devotion to her church and christian duty, will be remembered and felt long after her body has turned to dust.

The seven children, Hon. Edward L. Travis, of Halifax; Mr. Stamford Travis, Miss Annie Travis and Mrs. Wm. Smith, of Weldon; Mrs. Bettie Umstead, of Durham county; Mr. Paul Travis, of Richmond, and Mrs. Norman Burwell, of Oxford who are living and doing well their part in life, are monuments to the true worth and esteem name of their glorified mother. Today they rise up and call her blessed, and so long as life shall last the sweet memory of their beloved mother will keep them in the way of righteousness.

The remains were taken to Halifax Saturday afternoon accompanied by members of the family and Rev. F. M. Shamberger.

The pallbearers to the Seaboard train were: A. A. Hicks, R. L. Brown, John Bullock, John Hall, Joe Webb, John Stedman, John Paris and James Powell, accompanied by many Oxford friends.

The funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon in the Methodist Church by Rev. F. M. Shamberger and very largely attended by loved ones and old friends. The interment was in the church yard, and floral offering, which were profuse and beautiful, completely covered the sacred mound.

The editor extends deep sympathy to the family, and may the mantle of grief pass from the bereaved children as they indulge the fond hope that their dear mother, with rapt vision and free from pain, "walks amid the perfect beauties of the green gardens of God."

Card of Thanks.

To the kind friends and neighbors who so willingly assisted us during the sickness and death of our beloved brother we wish to express our heartfelt thanks. May the Lord bless you all and spare you such sorrow is our sincere wish.

A. P. Hobgood and wife.

Tobacco Selling High in Oxford.

The Oxford tobacco market was a regular hummer on prices Tuesday, and fine average were made. We talked with a number of farmers after the sales and they were greatly pleased with the prices. One of them said: "I wish I'd had all my crop stripped and on the warehouse floor today as it sold so well." If our farmer friends will sell their crop in Oxford this season they will reach the high-water mark in averages as our "well-heeled" buyers must have tobacco to fill their large orders.

Fine Display of New Goods.

The two stores of Messrs. Landis & Easton are now quite attractive places to visit as they are overflowing with beautiful up-to-date fall and winter goods for both the ladies, men and boys, which must be seen to be appreciated. A cordial invitation is extended to you to call and supply your fall needs at the lowest possible prices. The millinery department is a scene of beauty, and is in charge of Miss Blanch Creswell, an artistic milliner of Baltimore, and Miss Maud Parham, of Oxford, who has just returned from that city, where she also posted herself in the millinery art. Read their large advertisement on the 5th page and see what they have to say.

MILLINERY.

Mrs. T. Lanier (Miss M. B. Gregory) has returned from the northern markets where she has been for the past two weeks buying her fall and winter stock of millinery and notions, and is now prepared to show a larger and more select line of these goods than ever before. You will save money by paying her a visit before making your fall purchases.

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB!

JUST THE THING NEEDED TO BUILD UP OXFORD.

It will be Organized this Thursday Night in Court House and be Certain to Be on Hand.

We are glad to know that Oxford is to have a Commercial Club, an organization which the editor has always favored, and one which we should have had long ago. A movement is now on foot which assure this Club, and a meeting of the citizens is called to meet in the Court House this Thursday night and don't forget to be there. Many others of the larger towns of the State have organized these clubs and they have proven important factors in their progress. Why should not Oxford, now in the midst of a substantial growth, have such a business organization?

The objects of such a Club are to push forward the town's growth through organized effort, to seek its general development, to induce capital within its borders, perfect the organization of new enterprises, and to foster public spirit and enterprise. Already there are several new enterprises in sight, and we believe the Oxford Commercial Club will be the means of launching others.

We are informed that another cotton mill, larger than the old one, is now a certainty, the Oxford Cotton Mill Co. having already decided upon its establishment and the contract for about one million brick has been given out. We are noted as a Bugy Manufacturing Center, and now we are coming to the front as a cotton mill town.

Among the smaller enterprises just now much needed in Oxford is a first class steam laundry. Will not our business men give this their consideration? Let the Club when organized turn its attention to this matter. It is not alone a question of profit in such matters, but the establishment of every such enterprise carries forward the town's growth and keep our money at home.

We hope our people will turn out this Thursday night and make the Commercial Club a success from the start. Let our business men—young and old—give this organization their earnest support. Its success certainly means much for the town.

Sudden Death Tuesday Night.

The relatives and friends of Mrs. Sanford Walker were shocked Wednesday morning to learn of her sudden death, which occurred during the night before from child birth. Indeed her death is a sad one, and great sympathy is expressed on all sides for the suddenly bereaved husband and children, aged mother, brothers and sisters and other relatives. She was a devoted wife and mother, good neighbor and devoted daughter and sister, and will be greatly missed by her loved one. May the Blessed Redeemer sustain the bereaved family in the trying hour.

The funeral services were conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock by Rev. F. M. Shamberger, and the interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Henry Shaw, Wm. Landis, Willie Mitchell, C. A. Carroll, Charley Bryan, I. H. Davis.

"The Girl of the Sunny South."

As sweet as magnolia blossoms and as pure as the driven snow is the story of the latest of successful romances, "the Girl of the Sunny South." There is a breeziness that is most refreshing to the jaded palate of the theatre goer in witnessing a performance of such intrinsic merit. The play is interspersed with many new and up-to-date specialties and the plantation revels by famous Cotton Blossom Quartette are a feature in themselves.

The scenery is most adequate and very picturesque and taken in all "the Girl of the Sunny South" is one of the most acceptable offerings of the dramatic season. It comes to Oxford Opera House on September 20th

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.

Lost and Found.

Lost, between 9.30 p. m., yesterday and noon today, a bilious attack, with nausea and sick headache. This loss was occasioned by finding at Hamilton's drug store a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills, the guaranteed cure for biliousness, malaria and jaundice. 25c.

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COL. L. C. EDWARDS DEAD.

ABLE LAWYER, ELOQUENT ADVOCATE, FINE SCHOLAR.

End Came Tuesday Afternoon, Funeral Largely Attended—Burial in Elmwood Cemetery.

Col. Leonidas Campton Edwards died at his home in Oxford on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 17th, at the advanced age of 83. His death was not unexpected, as he had been declining rapidly for the past several months.

He was a native of Person county, but moved to Oxford shortly after he entered upon his professional career. After attending preparatory schools in his native county, Col. Edwards entered the University of North Carolina where his education was completed. The late James H. Horner, L. L. D., and the late Jos. B. Batchelor, and Thomas Ruffin, Jr., were classmates of his. Generals Pettigrew and M. W. Ransom were his college mates, though not in his class. It is doubtful if the State ever furnished the University men more distinguished in their several callings. Prof. Horner, the peerless educator; Gen. Pettigrew, accomplished scholar and brilliant military genius; Gen. Ransom, eminent lawyer, soldier and statesman; Dr. Batchelor, profound lawyer, scholar and polished Christian gentleman; Thomas Ruffin, Jr., eminent lawyer and judge; Col. Edwards, eloquent advocate, accurate lawyer and a ripe scholar. After graduating with distinction he attended the famous law school of Judge Pearson where he prepared himself thoroughly to meet the Giants of the North Carolina Bar, and the equals of any lawyers of the nation. When Col. Edwards first came to the bar of Person and Granville he met Mr. Badger, Gov. Graham, Mr. Yancey, Mr. Miller, Judge Read, General Bragg and other distinguished lawyers. He admired them as men and their great abilities as lawyers made lasting impressions upon him.

In the preparation of his cases for trial he was painstaking and thorough and his presentation of the law to the court was lucid and forceful, and his argument to the jury clear, logical and eloquent. His client's cause was his own, and all honorable means were employed to win. For elegance of expression, logical reasoning and forceful presentation of the law and the facts of a case, no man in the State could surpass Col. Edwards.

He was Reading Clerk of the Secession Convention and in this capacity had the privilege of knowing such master minds as Badger, Governor Graham, Chief Justice Ruffin, Weldon N. Edwards, and other like characters. Perhaps no assemblage of men in the State has ever equaled this Convention, and Col. Edwards always regarded his associations with them as an exceedingly fortunate experience of his young manhood. As a member of the Senate during the impeachment trial of Governor Holden, Col. Edwards took a prominent part and his speech was pronounced one of the ablest arguments during this famous trial.

He lived for a short while in Raleigh, where he was associated in practice with the Hon. Joseph B. Batchelor, but preferring the people of Oxford and Granville he returned to Oxford and made his permanent home here.

He enjoyed an extensive practice, not only in the State Courts of Granville and adjacent counties, but also in the Federal Courts, where he appeared in nearly all of the important cases from this section. In many of his cases in the Federal Court Governor Graham was associated with him, and it is needless to say that the causes tried by these two able lawyers were handled with great ability.

For more than 30 years Colonel Edwards was one of the leaders of the Granville Bar. From 1890 to 1898 he was associated with B. S. Royster, but realizing that he could no longer do his full share of the work he voluntarily retired from practice in 1898. Besides being a strong lawyer and devoted to his profession, he found time to devote to literature and the classics. With a well trained and accurate mind he combined industry and application. His fund of information and learning was far beyond that of the average man and lawyer. He always prided himself upon his knowledge of men and affairs in North Carolina, during the Reconstruction period, and his reminiscences of these times were interesting and instructive.

Col. Edwards was twice married, his first wife being Miss Frances Cooper, daughter of Mr. James C. Cooper, a prominent planter and business man of Granville, and his second wife was Mrs. Mary Cannady, daughter of Dr. P.

MORE ROOM GRADED SCHOOL.

The Building is Overrun With Bright Children.

The increase in the number of children in the Graded School from year to year and the overcrowded condition at the present time demand enlarged facilities. There are about a hundred more children of school age now than there were on the last census. The building is inadequate to accommodate the number attending this session. There are not seats enough for all in the chapel and some of the recitation rooms are uncomfortably crowded. Since our population is growing it is evident that the number of children to be cared for at the school will be larger every session.

Everybody is agreed that we must educate all the children, nobody will tolerate a backward step in public education, there is need for more room now and there never will be need for less than there is now; therefore now is the time to devise ways and means to relieve present conditions and provide for the future.

The Public Ledger knows of no other suitable location for a school besides the one we have. We must add to the building we have, and to do that we must have more land. Why not buy the vacant lot next to the Graded School? There is nothing else to do, and it seems to us that now is the time. We respectfully urge the trustees to take the necessary steps at once.

The Merchants Organized.

We are always glad to note anything that tends to help old Oxford, and we are therefore very much gratified that our merchants are fully organized, not only for the protection of their own interests but for the promotion of every interest of Oxford. On last Monday night there was a large meeting, and the best feeling and good humor prevailed. They are taking active steps to rid themselves of the numerous barnacles that for so long a time have been clinging to our merchants with death like tenacity, and ere many weeks every one of them will be fully known at his real value. This is but right. In every community, there are those who make a business of going from store to store, like the treacherous mule, by being good for a season, gain the merchants confidence in order that they may give him a kick.

On last Monday night quite a large number were placed on the delinquent list, and unless they bestir themselves for the next ten days they will have to pay cash for all that they buy, or go without.

Delighted with the Treatment.

"Let me kiss those tears away!" our "devil" begged tenderly of a sweet girl. She fell for it, and he was busy for the next 15 minutes. And the tears flowed on. "Can nothing stop them?" he asked breathlessly sad. "No," she murmured, "but go on with the treatment."

W. Young, Oxford's beloved and celebrated physician.

As a neighbor, Col. Edwards was generous and kind, as a friend he was faithful and true, and as a husband affectionate and indulgent.

One more of Oxford's distinguished citizens has passed to his reward. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the Episcopal Church, of which he was a communicant, conducted by Rev. F. T. H. Horsfield, and the interment was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Those from a distance attending the funeral were: Messrs. C. J. Cooper, of Fayetteville; D. Y. and James Cooper, Mrs. Jane Young, A. C. Zollicoffer, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hunt and Al Daniel, of Hedderson, and Mrs. T. L. Daniel, Berea.

The Honorary Pallbearers were: Drs. N. M. Ferebee, L. C. Taylor, G. A. Coggeshall, S. D. Booth, Judge Graham, Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Col. R. O. Gregory, Dr. H. C. Herndon, Rev. R. H. Marsh, Dr. J. P. Stedman, and Messrs. R. S. Usry and Frank Edwards.

The Active Pallbearers were: James Paris, S. H. Brown, Luther Stark, Gen. B. S. Royster, Dr. I. H. Davis, H. M. Shaw, Wm. Landis, and A. S. Hall.

The Undertaker was Robt. Wood.

Prices Are Higher at The Farmers Warehouse. In the next ten days we are going to hit some hard licks. Every day a special sale day. Come with this load and we will bid for your next. Remember the next ten days. J. F. Meadows & Co.

AUGUST TOBACCO SALES.

SALES OF TOBACCO IN THIRTY-ONE TOWNS.

Tobacco Warehouses Sold for Producers 7,827,855, With Resales Total Amounts to 8,766,096.

The first of the monthly reports of the sale of leaf tobacco in North Carolina at the various warehouses has been made to the Department of Agriculture as required by the last Legislature.

The report has in it some surprising figures, but it is to be remembered that tobacco is ready in the east before it is in the central and western parts of the State.

This shows that during the month of August, the first month of the tobacco season, when all the markets are not open and those in some sections just getting the edge of the crop the sale for producers at first hand amounted to nearly eight million pounds, the exact figures being 7,827,855. In the way of sales to be added to this are the resales, the pounds sold for dealers amounting to 212,904 and the pounds sold for warehousemen or warehouses, amounting to 725,337, making the total sales reach the 8,766,096. The average prices are not furnished, but if this reached 12 1-2 cents a pound it amounted to \$1,095,762, which is a tidy sum to be turned loose the first month of the tobacco season, with printings being sold.

In the sales for August the first reported to the Department of Agriculture, and this under oath, Kinston takes first place with its total sales at 1,773,728 pounds, the sales from the producers being 1,674,017, and the resales 99,711 pounds. Wilson is second with total sales of 1,421,200, of which 1,351,123 pounds was from producers and 50,152 pounds from resales. The third is Fairbluff, Columbus county, 928,514 being from producers with Fairmont Davidson county fourth with total 602,347 lbs. of this 487,617 being from producers, and Smithfield is fifth with its sales making a total of 445,436 pounds, of which 411,371 pounds, of which 411,371 pounds is from producers.

The full report of the sales made in thirty-one towns of the State at the tobacco warehouses is given below, the number of pounds sold for dealers and for warehouses to be obtained by subtracting the number of pounds sold at first hand for producers from the total sales, which include the resales, the pounds sold for producers showing the number of pounds placed on the market by the men who raise the tobacco. The table of sales is as follows:

Towns	Pounds Sold for Producers	Total Sales
Kinston	1,674,017	1,773,728
Wilson	1,351,123	1,421,200
Fair Bluff	928,514	1,241,867
Fairmont	487,617	602,347
Smithfield	411,371	445,436
La Grange	408,767	496,447
Farmville	285,074	292,965
Goldboro	253,115	253,033
Rocky Mount	272,963	291,060
Williamston	242,173	242,173
Robersonville	207,125	227,629
Oxford	188,115	194,777
Winston-Salem	168,217	218,369
Greenville	137,218	150,928
Lumberton	99,474	130,055
Henderson	96,311	99,576
Warsaw	90,111	100,748
Reidsville	60,484	60,483
Enfield	52,623	55,121
Clarkton	50,577	50,577
Dunn	48,489	48,894
Clinton	48,476	48,476
Louisburg	47,099	47,693
Greensboro	23,861	24,441
Apex	22,850	23,424
Raleigh	22,312	23,369
Durham	19,278	21,466
Spring Hope	8,288	10,007
Creedmoor	5,604	5,604
Youngsville	1,798	1,798
Roxboro	1,642	1,642

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