

The Oxford Public Ledger.

MR. WASHINGTON DEAD.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED THURSDAY OF LAST WEEK.

Deceased was One of Community's Most Prominent Citizens—Was in 5th N. C. Cavalry.

The death of Mr. Sam P. Washington, of Stem, which occurred last Thursday night just after dark, removed from his community, one of its most prominent citizens.

Mr. Washington, just after dark on that night, mounted his horse and rode two miles to the house of Linn Lyon, colored, for the purpose of getting Linn to do some work for him. Arrived at the house, Mr. Washington dismounted, left his horse, and went in for five minutes conversation. When the business was concluded, he went outside and just what happened is not known. The horse evidently became frightened, for almost immediately Linn heard Mr. Washington call for him. Rushing to the outside, the colored man found Mr. Washington on the ground unable to get to his feet. "My back is broken. I am done for," were the words that the wounded man first spoke. Linn helped him to arise, but being unable to stand, he fell back in Linn's arms. He was then carried in the house. Leaving him there, Linn mounted the horse and called on Mr. Jack Overby who immediately responded. He then rode at full speed to Mr. Washington's home and hurried Mr. Chas. Washington to his father's assistance. In a very short space of time, a great number of neighbors had gathered at the darkey's house, there being among the number who helped to carry the deceased to his home: Messrs. H. F. Moore, Jack Overby, W. H. Whitaker, Mack and Milton Bragg, W. T. Farabow, and W. B. Cash. Mr. Washington died about 35 minutes after the fatal accident.

The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, the services being conducted by the Rev. A. C. Sherwood, and the Rev. Joe Blalock, the pallbearers being as follows: Messrs. W. H. Jones, W. S. Gooch, S. A. Green, W. S. Daniel, Robert Averett, J. C. Hopkins, J. M. Farabow, W. D. Thomason, W. S. Dixon, W. A. Stem, W. T. Farabow, and Lee Minor. The last rites were witnessed by an unusually large attendance, and the funeral sermon was most impressive. The Rev. A. C. Sherwood stated that Mr. Washington's useful, faithful, Christian life was more of a sermon than the sermons that had been preached in Tally Ho Baptist church, of which the deceased had been a member for many years.

Mr. Washington's surviving family is his wife, nee Nance, and the following children: Messrs. Charley H., Crocker, Frank, and Milton Washington, Mrs. Eliza Jones, Misses Etta and Maggie Washington.

Mr. Washington, who was about 70 years of age at his death, was noted as being a pious man and consistent church member. It was said of him that he once remarked that when his time came he wished to die quietly and without pain, and in such manner that no lingering illness would make him any trouble or anxiety to his family. He said that he always wanted to live so that he would be prepared at any moment, to answer his Creator's call. It seemed to have been the purpose of his Creator to answer his request, for he died quietly, painlessly and unafraid.

Mr. Washington rendered valiant service to the Southland during the Civil war, he having been a member of Co. T, 63rd North Carolina regiment, which was the 5th N. C. Cavalry. In all his life, he has had the respect and affection of his neighbors, each one of whom feel that his death has been a personal loss to them.

New High School.

At the election held at Stem on the 17th for the purpose of determining whether the public schools in Stem and Washington districts should be consolidated or not, the question was decidedly favorably by a vote of 34 to 10. This insured a High School for Stem and, when instituted, will make the 4th High School in Granville county.

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WATER AND LIGHT AFFAIR

VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY-TREASURER IN TOWN.

Mr. Ralston and Mr. Slemman Appear Before Light and Sewer Committee Threshing over Matter.

Messrs. Ralston and Slemman, respectively vice-president and secretary-treasurer, of the Oxford Water and Electric Company, came down from Washington Saturday to appear before the light and sewer committees and adjust the differences existing between the Board of Commissioners and the Company. Many citizens were invited to be present at the conference, and a few accepted the invitation.

The first meeting, which was to take up the light question, was held in the mayor's office at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Mr. Horner, in whose name the suit that has been ordered will be brought was present and took a prominent part in the discussion. While the arguments on both sides were made with much warmth, and while neither side retreated from its former stand, the conference throughout was signalized by its friendly nature. In the event of no agreement being reached, the Company through its officers present, made an offer to sell the plant to the town or to private citizens at the cost of installation. So far as the light matter, there is no change in the situation. The town is making preparation to bring the suit, and the Company announces its intention to contest it.

On Saturday night, Messrs. Ralston and Slemman, with the local representative, Mr. Carbutt, appeared before the sewer committee to discuss the water question. Heretofore, the Company has been required to keep the water tank full.

The capacity of the tank is 100,000 gallons. When the tank was less than full or has in it less than 67,000 gallons, the Company has been penalized to the extent of the hydrant rental which is \$6 per day. Claiming that this penalty was unjust, the Company asked for a reduction. Much figuring and argument was then resorted to, after which the committee was authorized to make an agreement which is to be submitted to the Board at its next regular meeting. The penalty for not keeping the water in the tank up to requirement of 67,000 gallons was changed in the following manner: When the amount of water falls below the limit, but does not fall below 60,000 gallons, 1/3 of the rental is to be forfeited; when water falls to 55,000 gallons, the forfeiture is 2/3 of the rental; when it falls to 50,000 gallons or less, the rental is entirely forfeited.

Under the contract, the town has been allowed to flush the sewers without charge from the nozzle, but not from the flush tanks. The agreement allows 150,000 gallons of water to be used from these tanks, and any excess of this amount is to be charged for at a specified rate.

Fiddler's Convention.

About 100 people were present to witness the fiddler's convention held at Creedmoor, in the Banner Warehouse, last Friday. It has been reported that the occasion was one of much merriment.

The prizes awarded were: Best fiddler, Mr. R. A. Longmire; second, L. C. Daniel; best banjo, Mr. Arthur Tingin; second, Mr. D. E. Haskins; best dancer, Mr. Leon Lyon; second, Mr. Whitaker. The prizes ranged from \$2.50 to \$1.00.

Rural Free Delivery.

To the authorities of the public roads and to the patrons of the R. F. D.

Dear Friends: Our roads have to be and have been reported to the Department. It is not the policy of the Department to maintain rural delivery on highways which are not kept in such condition that they may be traveled with celerity and facility at all seasons of the year. We hereby appeal to you all to do something for the betterment of our roads. Unless the bad roads and mail paths on Route No. 5 are properly improved at once, serious consideration will be given the question of withdrawing the service therefrom. It remains for you to act now, or the service will go gone from you for life. Carrier of Route 5.

THE Marvel Theatre Company is exhibiting a fine series of pictures. Changes are made nightly, the program for Thursday night being "Pleasant Thoughts," "Red Riding Hood," and "Making Love to the Coal Man's Wife." The show is absolutely clean and the series will be excellent. Price of admission is 5 cents to everybody. You can't afford to miss the show.

MR. WILLIAM A. BLACKLEY

PROMINENT IN GRANVILLE FOR MANY YEARS.

Sketch of His Life and Works by Judge Graham—Wife Expires Few Day Later.

Again has Granville county been called upon to mourn the loss of one of its best and most influential citizens. William Alexander Blackley was born September 11th, 1835, and died at 10:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning, the 5th day of February, 1908.

He was married to Eugenia Lou Minnis January 1871, and no more devoted couple could be found in any community. As they were rarely separate in life, so death did not long keep them apart, for she followed him to the brighter land within three days, dying at 6 o'clock, on the morning of Saturday, February 8th.

Mrs. Blackley's maiden name was Eugenia Minnis, daughter of Wright Minnis, who died in Missouri. When she was very small, Z. A. Minnis, her brother, went to the west and brought the two little children to his home in Granville where they remained until Frank gave his young life to the cause of his country and, when Mrs. Blackley was married, Mr. Minnis came to her with them, and they gladly repaid the many acts of love and kindness shown the orphan children and, now, at the age of 88, he mourns having seen all his loved ones laid to rest.

Together with all other noble young men of his neighborhood, Mr. Blackley quickly responded to his country's call in 1861 and joined Company E, 15th Regiment, which belonged to Cooke's famous brigade, and was a worthy comrade of those who on so many battlefields shed lustre on the name of North Carolina. Patient, self-sacrificing, persistent and brave, he made the ideal soldier, and his conduct in war was but indicative of his whole course in life. Never sensational, never timid, always cheerful, attentive to duty, industrious and firm in his adherence to principle, he became a bulwark of defense to the cause in the dark days of reconstruction and a faithful counselor and leader for his party in the days of their prosperity. It has been vouchsafed to few men to wield more influence in his neighborhood and section than to W. A. Blackley, and it is a proud and comforting thought to his children and grandchildren that that influence was always for righteous living, whether in the family social circle or in his relations to his church and his country.

For many years, Mr. Blackley was a justice of the peace and his advice and counsel was sought by the rich and poor alike; everybody having confidence in the accuracy of his judgment and his sterling integrity.

Mrs. Blackley joined the Methodist church at Wesley when a little girl and after her marriage she and her husband transferred their membership to Franklinton and when they settled in their new home near Wilton 26 years ago, they joined the church at Bank's Chapel and continued there until they were called to the church triumphant. The many deeds of kindness, acts of charity, love and sympathy of Alex. Blackley and his wife (for to mention one was to recall the other) will be remembered and cherished for years to come by people of that section of the county; ever ready to respond to the call of the needy whether for counsel and consolation in times of distress and sickness, or for assistance in time of want, they endeared themselves to all with whom they came in contact. And they have left an example that must have its good influence upon their community for years to come.

Mr. Blackley was a devoted Mason and was buried with Masonic honors by Franklinton Lodge on the 7th of February at Howell Cooke's family burial ground, and his devoted wife was laid by his side just two days thereafter, their beloved pastor Rev. N. E. Coltraine officiating.

They leave surviving them the aged uncle, Z. A. Minnis, and six children; Frank M. Blackley, Rufus B. Blackley, Mrs. Kate M. White, wife of W. P. White, Jr., Mrs. Allie C. Fuller, wife of Oscar Fuller, and twin daughters Misses Ozie and Dozie Blackley, and fifteen grandchildren.

A. W. GRAHAM.

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I have over bought on California Evaporated Peaches—best quality—Selling at cost. L. Thomas. 2t.

EXPLANATION BY MAYOR

REGARDING CONTROVERSY BETWEEN TOWN AND LIGHT CO.

Action Taken by Board not to Fight Individual Battle, but to Get Construction of Contract.

Lest there be some misapprehension on the part of citizen as to the action of the Board of Commissioners of Oxford in authorizing a suit against the Water & Electric Company, I deem it proper to state briefly the purpose of that action and the facts upon which it was based.

The contract between the town and the Water & Electric Company, which runs for thirty years, provides, among other things, that the Company shall not charge more than a certain amount for electric lighting on the meter rate, nor more than a certain amount on the flat rate. The town had understood from the beginning that the option as to a meter or flat rate was with the consumer, nor do I think it has ever been denied by the Water & Electric Company until recently. But now the Company claims that it has the option as to whether it will give the consumer a flat rate or meter rate.

So, a controversy had arisen involving the construction of a contract made by the town for the benefit of the citizens. Some time thereafter complaint was made by a citizen, Mr. J. C. Horner, and others that they had demanded a flat rate for electric lighting from the company and been refused. The only way an authoritative interpretation of the provisions of the contract could be obtained was through the courts, and as the courts will not interpret a contract unless there be a bona fide suit, it was deemed advisable by the Board of Commissioners to use the opportunity presented by the controversy between a citizen and the company to obtain an interpretation of this contract as to this point.

This was done, not for the purpose of aiding any individual, nor with hostile intent towards the company, but simply and solely for the purpose of obtaining a construction by the courts of a contract under which both this and the succeeding generation will have to obtain its electric lighting, and to which the town was a party.

Not only was it deemed of importance to the citizens and taxpayers of the town, but, this contract having been made by the town, the Commissioners considered that the duty rested upon them to see to it that the provisions of such contract as to maximum rates for electric lighting should be complied with; if the meter rate is higher than a flat rate, then a rate is being charged higher than a maximum set out in the contract, and therefore in violation of the terms of the contract.

While the suit may be in the name of J. C. Horner, plaintiff, in form, it is really an action between the town of Oxford and the Water & Electric Company for the sole purpose of obtaining a judicial interpretation of a contract. W. A. DEVIN.

Jones—Gee

Last Saturday our foreman, Sidney Jones, wore a mysterious smile, and at dinner time announced the fact that he was going to spend Sunday in Henderson. On the same Sunday Miss Sadie Gee for some unaccountable reason happened to be in the same town. The two went before Squire Josie Jones, and there is no longer any Miss Sadie Gee. She is Mrs. Sidney Jones.

The Military Company.

Captain J. Robert Wood hailed a Ledger man the other day, and reported with a three-inch grin on his countenance, that he had added the following members to his company: Messrs. F. M. Dorsey, Jno. W. Morton, D. K. Taylor, E. E. Fuller, Ernest J. Taylor, E. L. Parham, O. B. Breedlove, T. G. Stem, J. M. Bragg, E. M. Lewellyn, E. N. Bragg, Cortez Wright, R. D. Howard, L. C. Taylor, Jr., O. D. Lyon, L. V. Henderson, S. M. Farabow, and S. M. Wheeler. With these new members, the Company now has 52 officers and men.

At the meeting which was held last week in the rooms of the Vileford Club, Col. H. G. Cooper, made an interesting and effective talk that created greater interest in matters military.

When asked about the new building, the Captain said that it would be up in a few months, adding that it was not going to cost as much as is generally supposed. Bids have already been received, and the beginning of work is not far away.

Why get up in the morning feeling blue, Worry others and worry you; Here's a secret between you and me, Better take Rocky Mountain Tea. J. G. Hall.

DEATH OF MR. BOBBITT.

SON OF MRS. M. E. BOBBITT OF GRANVILLE COUNTY.

Moved From Oxford in 1876—Has Been Living in Baltimore—Acute Indigestion Cause of Death.

There died in Baltimore on Friday evening, the 22nd, Mr. T. T. Bobbitt, son of Mrs. M. E. Bobbitt, and brother of Col. W. A. Bobbitt, of Kinston; Mrs. T. C. Rogers, of Wilton; Mrs. J. G. Hunt, of Oxford, and Mr. R. S. Bobbitt, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Bobbitt who had been a travelling salesman for many years, was suddenly seized with an attack of indigestion while on his way to his office Friday morning. He returned to his home and was put to bed and a physician sent for. The physician informed the family that Mr. Bobbitt was not seriously sick, and that he would be in good condition by night. He was again seized with the trouble just in the late afternoon and died suddenly at 5:30.

Mr. Bobbitt, who was in his 55th year, was born on December 20th, 1853, near Wilton, his parents being the late Rufus Bobbitt and Mrs. M. E. Bobbitt, his mother still surviving him. He left Granville county in 1876. He has been twice married, each time to a Miss Freake, of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, his last wife dying about four years ago. In addition to his mother, brothers and sisters he leaves a son and daughter by his first wife, and two sons by his last wife, surviving him.

Fire at Mr. Dorsey's.

A few days ago, the carriage house of Mr. Howard Dorsey caught fire from an unknown cause and was burned to the ground. For some time the house had been used for poultry. It was situated but a few yards from the dwelling, which would have been lost had the wind been blowing in that direction. The loss amounted to about \$400.

The Clansman.

Oxford people will have an opportunity to see The Clansman which appears at Henderson, March the 2nd. A train will be made up here, leaving at 7 o'clock and returning the same night immediately after the performance. The fare for the round trip is 60 cents, and reserved seats are sold for \$1.50. Tickets can be secured at Hamilton's Drug Store, or from Mr. M. C. Taylor.

This is the last visit of The Clansman through the South. When its itinerary shall have been completed, the Company leaves in June for a tour around the world.

A good crowd from Oxford will witness the performance.

Almost a Serious Accident.

Miss Frances Hays met with a dangerous adventure at the graded school last week during first recess. Misses Frances Hays, Mary Shaw, and Norma Burwell, who had been walking up and down the porch, stopped and sat on the banisters to talk when some one came by, pushing them so that they fell to the ground. The girls standing around were so frightened that they were unable to lend assistance. In falling, the girls tried to catch hold of the banister. The teachers ran to their assistance and found that Miss Francis Hays was the only one hurt. Miss Hays fell on her head knocking against some bricks, but it is good to learn that the injuries were not of a very serious nature. However it was a very narrow escape for the young ladies.

The pushing was, of course, accidental and unintentional.

Roll of Honor.

The following pupils were placed on the Honor Roll of last week: Ninth Grade—Fleda Lyon. Eighth Grade—Freda Bragg, John Rogers, Sadie Bragg, Pearl Beck, Harvey Sanderford, Leon Lyon. Seventh Grade—Lottie Bragg. Sixth Grade—Mamie Bragg, Florence Jones, Kathleen Moss Fenner Sanderford, Carmen Rogers. Third Grade—Annie Garner, Zela Tingin. Second Grade—Ethel Whitfield, Floy Tingin. First Grade—Woodie Evans.

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THE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

HAPPENINGS IN OXFORD DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Mrs. Niles, Mrs. Devin, and Miss Parham Entertain—Shakespeare Club Meeting.

Last Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Devin invited a few friends for an evening at Bridge. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Niles, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Howard, Miss Irwin Stark, and Mr. F. M. Pinnix.

Last Friday night, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Niles entertained a few friends at Bridge Whist. These were the guests present: Capt. and Mrs. W. A. Devin, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robards, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell, Mrs. B. K. Hays, Miss Annie Taylor, Mr. B. K. Lassiter, and Mr. F. M. Pinnix.

The Social Club was entertained by Miss Maude Parham February 18th. The star pin was won by Miss Julia Winston and the Club pin by Mrs. B. K. Hays. Miss Margaret Currin served at the punch bowl. The following visiting ladies were present: Mrs. A. H. Powell, Mrs. E. T. Rawlins, Mrs. H. G. Williams, Mrs. G. A. Coggeshall, Misses McGuire, Margaret Currin, Alma Jones, Johnnie, Flora Hunt, Jeanette Biggs. The members present were: Mrs. Crenshaw, Mrs. Cannady, Mrs. Devin, Mrs. Niles, Mrs. Robards, Mrs. DeLacroix, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Hays, Mrs. White, Mrs. Peace, Misses Fannie Gregory, Julia Winston, Annie Crews, and Antoinette Taylor.

The Shakespeare Club was delightfully entertained by Mr. H. M. Shaw on Thursday, February twentieth. The members present were: Mrs. Coggeshall, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. DeLacroix, Mrs. Dunaway, Mrs. Hays, Mrs. Horsefield, Mrs. Niles, Mrs. Pinnix, and Mrs. Shaw. The visitors present were Miss DeLacroix and Mrs. Moneypenny.

Two very fine papers were read—the one by Mrs. Dunaway upon "The Wooing of Katharine and Bianca", the other by Mrs. Horsefield upon the subject of "Servants". The Club thoroughly enjoyed both papers, after the reading of which delicious refreshments were served. The Club then adjourned, to meet with Mrs. H. G. Cooper on the following Thursday, February 25th.

Art Exhibit.

An interesting event will occur at the Seminary on March 18-21, when an Art Exhibit of famous pictures will be given.

The exhibit contains 200 pictures representative of ancient and modern art. They include the finest brown prints, carbons, engravings, etchings, photographs and color facsimiles, exact copies of the originals in drawing and color; so that one visiting the collection sees many of the most famous masterpieces as they appear in the great galleries of the world.

The object of the exhibit is to give students, school children, and all persons interested in education, an opportunity to become acquainted with the names of great artists. To this end, the price of admission is made almost nominal, being ten cents for children under fourteen, and twenty cents for older people. 3t.

Letter to J. B. Mayes, Stem, N. C.

Dear Sir: Say milk is worth 8c a quart.

If 1/2 water and sold at 8c, the milk in it fetches 12c a quart.

If 1/3 water, 16c.

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If 1/5 water, 32c.

That's rather too stiff for milk; but watered paint is sold in all those proportions.

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"Paint" at that price and 1/2 white-wash fetches \$2.62 a gallon for the paint part of it.

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