Saw the Big Fleet.

Prof. F. P. Hobgood came in from Ledger office, he asked:

the fleet?'.

You went down didn't you?"

gone down. The fleet of 16 battleships very rigid desciplinarian. have steamed all around the world The personnel of the Granville Grays

ers and go in about the fleet. He got fortunately, within a stone's throw of the Maybeing of the sombre battle grey,

"It was wonderful," said the pro- is expected of them. fessor, "wonderful, wonderful."

Mr. Webb Has a Wet Trip.

J. F. Webb in front of the post office. The Superintendents overcoat was maddy and bedraggled, so the reporter yelled out:

"Where in thunder have you been't Look's like somebody had pushed you in the mud. Come over here in the office and tell me about it."

"Well," said Mr. Webb when he and the reporter had come in out of rain, "I've been on a two days trip through Brassfield and have just got

"Whats going on in Brassfield?"

"The people of Grissom are planning to put up a nice two-story school building. Messrs. Howard Garner and W. T. Hockaday and Dr. G. T. Sykes are interesting themselves in the work for a new building. The fact that neither of these three gentleman have children to send to school furnishes sufficient evidence to prove that educa tional activity is good from a business standpoint. It shows that the people are convinced that money spent in this way, even by those who are not directly benefitted, is worth all it costs. It develops the country and increases the value of property."

The new school building at Mount Carmel church has just been completed. I was out there Monday and saw it."

"How are the roads?"

"Whew, muddy, muddy," replied the superintendent as he started to cross over to the post-office on his way home.

Notice to Tax Payers.

The law provides that the taxes shall collected and settlement had by June. I shall endeavor to comply strictly with the law. The books will be given to the township collectors by March 15th, 1909, and those not paying before that date may expect to have cost to pay. All taxes not paid by April the first will be advertised as provided by law. If you do not wish to see your name in the paper as a delinquent you had better get busy. S. C. HOBGOOD,

Coming Attraction.

Tax Collector.

Howard & Osborn, Managers Opera House wish to announce that ihey have secured the Roney Boys Concert Co., March 2nd, This attraction is certainly beyond a doubt one of the finest ought to see it come to pass in their musical concerts in the South. Let everybody come out to hear the boys. The Roney Boys have twice been invited to the White House to give one of their famous concerts.

Don't forget the date.

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 prompty and properly. Located at Paris Dry Goods store.

Oxford needs citizens who will TALK Oxford.

Grays to be Inspected.

On March the 2nd an army officer Norfolk Tuesday morning. He had will be in Oxford for the purpose of much gratified upon seeing him back mgs will be stopped until the forty where have you been?" a reporter ask- tor of freakish quadrupeds and other enjoy the festivities. Dropping in the behooves every member of the com- came from Richmond Saturday, he during the week were as follows: pany to be present. Those failing to having been in that city under treat-Why didn't you go down and see answer the roll call of the company on ment for stomach trouble. that important morning will find his Mr. Long went North Tuesday to "It is too wet to walk. Professor. name posted as a deserter. No kind buy the spring stocks for Long, Bla- of Baltimore, and Miss Mattie Basker-"Yes, and it was one of the great say in an absent members behalf could spring trade and will buy to meet the ing delicious refreshments were served world events. You ought to have help him much for Uncle Sam is a expected conditions.

45,000 miles and had only 45 deaths is a thing to be proud of; Captain in that great number of men. Four Hugat, U.S. A., who inspected the Norwood, who lived just across the other battleships, five big cruisers, company last year was greatly pleased Vance county line, died, his death folcolliers, etc., were there with the ships. with the boys as individuals. He de- lowing a stroke of paralysis receiv-Just think of it, there was not an acci- cidedly approved of the personnel. But ed sometime ago. The deceased was in dent and the fleet steamed in on time." he got right after a couple of the boys his 70th year. The funeral services The sight left a deep impression up- who were absent. It looked like a bad were held on the following day and Prof. Hobgood. He was lucky thing for the absentees at one time, but the interment was made at Rock Isenough to get aboard one of the steam- everything moved all right for them land church.

flower, the president's ship. The flag- company for the condition of their guns having married the latter's sister, ship, the Connecticut, the professor and their quarters. This year how- Mary Jane, by whom he was the faththinks is the greatest ship of all. The ever the guns will be in good condi- er of six children; Mrs. Callie Smiley, sixteen ships that nade the world's tion, and it is unnecessary to say that of Virginia; Mrs. Ada Chestnut, of tour were painted snowy white and the new armory will pass the severest Vance; Misses Sue and Effie Norwood, trimmed in yellow, the other vessels test. In fact, there is nothing amiss of Vance; Messrs. Lex Norwood, of with the boys, and a fine examination Sassafras Fork township, this county.

company that antedates the civil war. a widower at the time of his death, his Many of Oxford and Granville's most wife having died about nine years A reporter ran into Superintendent distinguished citizens have been memago bers of the organization, which has an envious record in the Confederate citizen of Vance. He was an old service. The standard has been a Confederate, having entered the service high one and the company has always under Col. (then Capt.) Cheek, who been a credit even though at times in was his company commander and beits history its discipline has been too longed to the cavalry arm of the ser-

Captain	J. Rohert Wood
1st Lieutenant	J. A. Williams
2nd Lieut.	E. M. Lewellyn
1st Sergeant	S. M. Wheoler
Q. M. Sergeant	F. F. Lyon
ergeants:—	
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J. I, Stegall R. L. Gill J. M. Bragg T. G. Stem Corporals:-E. N. Bragg R D. Howard R. H. Butler L. V. Henderson C. L. Wright B. L. Wilson

Musicians:-John Booth L. C. Taylor Cooks:—

H. F. Bradsher F. A Crews Privates:-

Averett, H. B. Booth, S. P. Boyd, J. M Bynum, Leo Bradsher, F.B. Breedlove, O.B. Blackwell, W.H. Buchanan, R.T. Daniel, H. W. Dorsey, F. M-Fuller, E. E. Farabow, S. M. Gill, Fred Grissom, J. M. Kittrell, A. J. Howard, E. C. Mize, J. A. Morton, J. W. Overton, W. E. Parham, W.A. Parham, E. L. Peed, Fred Piper, J. G. Tate, W. P. Taylor, E. J. Taylor, B. K. Wilson, J. B. Wilson, J. W. Wilson, J. S. Williams, J. D. Walters, Connie White, J. L. Knott, L. D.

Confederate Monument Fund.

The following contributions have been made to the Confederate Monument Fund since the last announcement. The people are taking more interest in the movement and the first thing we know a handsome monument will be raised. The old soldiers are go ing now and they will not be with us much longer. It is singularly fitting of Chicago, to appear at Opera House that some recognition should be given their valor and patriotism. And they

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	The cash contributors are:	
	Milton B. Hobgood	\$2.50
	Miss Eva Minor	50
	W.P. William on	50
1	Harry Biggs, Williamston, N. C.	50
	Mrs. Jas. Staton, Williamston.	1.00
ı	Charlie Pearson	CO. 1 CHILD
	Master C. Francis	
	Mrs. Frances Hilliard	
	Mr. Holman, Baltimore, Md .	5.00
	Total	\$18 00

Oxford needs a first class Steam

Mr. W. J. Long Returns.

The friends of Mr. W. J. Long are Lent is now on and social happer-

Mr. R. I. Norwood Dead.

Last Sunday afternoon Mr. R. I.

Mr. Norwood was a brother-in-law Captain Huget last year scored the of Squire B. I. Rreedlove, of Salem, and Herbert Norwood, of Mecklenburg The Granville Grays is a fine old county, Virginia. Mr. Norwood was

The deceased was a very prominent vice. Col. Cheek once said of him No similar body in the State has a that he was one of the finest soldiers finer personnel as the following roster he ever saw. His Company was put in the 1st North Carolina Cavalry which served under J. E. B. Stuart, the great cavalryman. He saw service during the whole war period and did not come out until after the surrender.

He was said to have been an exceedingly handsome man and the only fault to have been found with him was his being so heavy that it was found hard to get a horse stout enough to carry him well.

Sam Wheeler University.

Wednesday morning a certain scribe who shall be nameless was about to ran into a great gathering and commo- Bridge Club. Her guests were: tion. Sam Wheeler, Connie Walters, Mesdames:-John Booth, in their shirt sleeves were evidently up to something. In the middle of the floor was an object like a long spring board or shoot-the shoots contraption. Superintendent Webb, Clerk Shotwell, and a number of bystanders were watching the proceedings. A. A. Chapman, quarrelsome as usual, turned up his nose and began to abuse the scribe as might have been expected. "What in the deuce is all this row

about?" the newspaper man asked. "Sam Wheeler's University," said the Superintendent pointing to a new pine board that had just been tacked on the northern wall, and the newspa per reporter very brilliantly figured out what the piece of carpentry on the floor was to be used for-another board for the Southern wall,

"Yes," continued, Mr. Webb, "Sam Whee'er and Jim Powell are putting up a university."

Just then 'Mars' Roger' came by and with that grim humor of his said: "Um huh. I see. Here is a batch of folks and every one will have a bill

against the county. Here let me hold

something. I want to get in it too." We wish Dr. Wheeler all sorts and all kinds of success with his university, but we must insist upon his pupils being kept from abusing innocent vis- date for Mayor subject to Democratic itors. Another thing, he has no busi' primury.

Want to Keep Comfortable?

ness smoking in school hours.

C. D. Ray has the right kind of coal-Wood too. Cut ready for use or in cord lengths. See ad in this pa-

Oxford should encourage the Improvement Society.

Social Functions.

been down to see the fleet come in and inspecting the Granville Grays, and it home so much improved. Mr. Long days have passed. The entertainments ed Mr. S. H. Smith as he found that varmints that have a tendency to dif-

Mrs. E. T. Rawlins entertained at Bridge Wednesday afternoon of last week in honor of Miss Jenny Frances word that Captain Bob Wood would lock & Haskins. He anticipates a fine ville, of Richmond. During the even-The guests were:

Mesdames:-

G, Carr Randolph Marshall of Durham of Lynchburg Dudley Bonitz of Chicago A. H. Powell A. Landis H. Hunt H. Cannady J. A. Niles Kate White W. Phelps W. Landis A. Chapman A. Williams J. Cannady E. H. Crenshaw Misses:-

Elizabeth Borden of Goldsboro Margaret Currin May Carbutt Flora Hunt Mary B. Williams Belle Cooper Lizzie Hilliard

party on Saturday afternoon in honor his working for such measures. of Mrs. Bonitz, of Chicago, and Misses Margaret Currin's guests, Misses Baskerville and Borden. The score cards were hatchets with cherries. Punch can have the delivery if they want it,' was served by Misses Borden and Mr. Brown said. "But I am not go-Currin. Refreshments in two courses ing to do anything about it. The move heart disturbances superinduced by were gracefully served by little Misses | must come from the people. They can | the excitement and strenuosities inci-Souvenir baskets of bon bons were haven't got anything to say in the presented each guest. Those present matter."

Mesdames:-

T. L. Booth A. H. Powell E. H.Crenshaw N.H. Cannady S. H. Smith L. W. Stark Kate White J. B. Powell Josiah Cannady J. C. Rebards A. A. Chapman John Booth E. T. Rawlins H. Williams Misses:—

Fannie Gregory Net Gregory Janet Gregory Margaret Currin E. Borden Kate Fleming Annie Crews Julia Winston Belle Cooper Flora Hunt Jeannette Biggs M. B. Williams

Last Thursday night Miss Irwin Stark entertained a few friends at her home on College Street when delightful refreshments were served.

On last Friday afternoon Mrs. J.A. pass through the court house when he Niles charmingly entertained the

> S. H. Smith J. C. Robards A. H. Powell A. A. Chapman E. H. Crenshaw B. K. Hays L. W. Stark E. T. Rawlins Josiah Cannady H.G. Williams N. H. Cannady Dudley Bonitz of Chicago

Misses:--

Jeannette Biggs Fanny Gregory Margaret Currin M, Baskerville E. Borden Net Gregory

Miss Nett Gregory entertained the Thursday Afternoon Bridge Club at its regular time of meeting in honor of Mrs. Dudley Bonitz, of Chicago. Delicious refreshments were served Those present were:

Mesdames:—

Josiah Canuady J. C. Robards S. H. Smith J. A. Niles B. K. Hays A. A. Chapman L. W. Stark A. H. Powell W. H. Hunt N. H. Cannady E. H. Crenshaw W. W. Phelps Dudley Bonitz of Chicago Misses:-

Fannie Grgory Jeannette Biggs Annie Crews Margaret Currin Mattie Baskerville E. Borden of Virginia of Goldsboro

I hereby announce myself a candi-L. R. HUNT.

Are You Going to Bulld? C. D. Ray can furnish you the material from foundation to finish See

ad in this paper. I am prepared to put on slate roofing and do repair especially. A. B.

jan. 22.tt.

Oxford needs a Building and Loan Association.

Spencer, Sr.

Mr. Smith Takes Trip.

gentleman on Hillshoro Street. been down to Jacksonville, Savannah, Way Cross, Thomasville, Valdosta or five days and staid two weeks."

"About your business-is it-ernone of mine?" was the feeler the reporter poked at Mr. Smith.

down there and it is doing very well."

Mr. Smith is the president of the in-"What's the trade outlook?"

back slowly."

Do we want Free Delivery.

In a talk with Postmaster Brown last Tuesday night, he was asked about the prospects of free city delivery. The Mrs. Henry Hunt gave a Bridge regulations of the department forbid

"Will the receipts be large enough for free delivery."

"They will by April, and the people

If Oxford citizens can get a little spare energy in motion, they may some morning before many more months elapse have the pleasure of seeing a grey uniformed man pecking on the front doors with mail in his hands.

In Latin there runs an old saying, verbum sat sapienti, which translated into pure classic American means "Get Busy." It's up to the citizens.

New Show Coming.

A reporter was told that a new mov ing picture outfit would be brought to Oxford, and that the performances would be given in the Opera House. Henry Osborne, one of the managers of the Opera House was seen and ask

"Not so as you'd notice it," he repli-

"Well, where are they going?" "I don't know, but they can't get the Opera House because we've got it leased for a year. The Opera House is too big for a moving picture show. Won't anybody go up there."

question, as Mr. Osborne says, the show will probably get a location elsewhere. With a couple of good shows running here daily, the public can have many pleasant hours to spend.

These shows are of great educational value when the scenes are enacted by actors of talent and the proper historic settings are carefully looked after. They are getting to be instructive as well as entertaining and are absolutely free from objectionable features. Let them come on. The more, the merrier.

Last Call for 1908 Taxes!

The last go-round will be made in accordance with the requirements of law. You are expected to meet me on the following days and settle 1908 taxes in full.

Dexter-Monday, March 1st. Dickerson-Tuesday, March 2nd. Grissom-Wednesday, March 3rd. Wilton-Thursday, March 4th. Creedmoor-Friday, March 5th Creedmoor-Saturday, March 6th. Stem-Tuesday, March 9th Walnut Grove--Wednesday 10th Wilbourns Store-Thursday 11th. Bullock-Friday, March 12th. Stovall-Saturday, March 13th.

The books will be kept open at Oxford on the above days also. All persons owing taxes are request-

ed to settle the same promptly. On March 15th the books will go and collection by distress and levies will be made in all cases where the tax is not paid.

This the 10th day of Feb., 1909. S. C. HOBGOOD, Tax Collector.

Oxford badly needs a live Com mercial Club.

The Granville Hogenbeck.

fer from others of their kind, is now "Got back Saturday. Oh! I've out with two new monstrosities which he calls his "great Camel Cow." and "wild deer." Mr. Moore is making and all about. Went out to stay four preparations to exhibit these animals in Richmond park. We are not exactly clear in our mind as to the reason Mr. Moore advertises his deer as a wild one because wildness is the 'No, I went down on business con- chief characteristic of the varmintnected with the Savannah Buggy Most any deer, if he hasn't got strings Company. We've got a nice concern tied to him is about 9 times as wild as the Northwestern end of the tail of a Kansas cyclone on the rankest day of stitution and his trip was in its interest any March at 6:02 in the morning. We suggest that Mr. Moore call his "Why people seem to be hopeful. deer, the "wildest" deer; then someho-Confidence and business is coming dy will have to invent, create, or otherwise come into possession of a dodo, megatherium, melanolestes picepes, ichthyosaures, or something of the kind to beat him to the public with its nickles and dimes.

Mr. Moore is the gentleman who sometime ago contested with Mr. Cozart for honors in hog-culture, both having raised the biggest hog the state has ever produced. As to the hogs, it is very sad to relate that both of those distinguished porkers have passed over the river, succumbing no doubt to Katherine Lassiter and Janie O. Hunt. petition and get it, but as I say, I dent to the vicissitudes of their public career. All of which translated into English and put in vulgar parlance means that the hogs simply laid down and died.

Take Care of Birds.

"Tell me something about the birds," game warden Royster was asked the other night.

"There ain't any birds. They are about killed off. If something ain't done there won't be any left. Something ought to be done. You ought to say something in your paper about

"What plan do you recommend?" "I recommend the plan to stop hunting for one year," was the reply to the inquiry.

"How much licence fees have been taken in?"

"Something like between \$300 and \$400—a great deal less than has been taken in in a long time. They tell me that before I was warden they took in something like \$800 I'll tell you another thing. The dogs ought to be confined in the season in which the birds are nesting and hatching. The If the Opera House is out of the dogs break up more nests than anything else."

Ladies Give Supper.

Last Friday night the ladies of the town gave an oyster-chicken saladand all sorts-of-good-edible-supper ic the benefit of the Granville Gray The weather was very bad and ever thing looked inauspicious about twi light, but the good citizens of Oxford ignored the weather and came down and ate up nearly ninety dollars worth of the good things. Had the weather been fair and crisp there is no telling what havoc might been played with the viands. The proceeds will be utilized in fixing up the interior of the armery. About forty or more ladies from all denominations assisted, but these we

the committees in charge: Reception Mrs. W. H. White Reception Mrs. E. T. White Methodist Mrs. R. L. Brown Methodist Mrs. Katie Fleming Baptist Mrs. C. D. Ray Mrs. H. M. Shaw Baptist Episcopal Mrs. F.H.T. Horsfield Mrs. Wm. Landis Episcopal Presbyterian Mrs. W. I. Howell Presbyterian Miss Belle Cooper

Wanted .- All subscribers of the News and Observer to save their daily allot coupons for Mrs. J. D. Brooks, and have them ready on Saturday of e c'ı week.

We are prepared to refinish your old furniture. Smith & White. Phone feb. 12.3t.pd. No. 27th.

Oxford needs a new Craded

School Building.