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MAJOR STEM NOMINATED MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION

All Members of the Old Board Were Chosen By the Convention Except Mr. L. F. Perkinson, Who Was Defeated By One Vote.

The town convention held in the Court house Tuesday evening was a good-natured, enthusiastic gathering. There was a little flurry in the afternoon when it became known that neither Mayor Mitchell or Major Stem were candidates for mayor. This left the gate open to two younger giants of the town, namely, Messrs. F. W. Hancock, Jr., and B. W. Parham. Both of them had a good following when they entered the convention hall, and there is no telling which one of the two would have captured the plum if things had not taken a sudden change.

In a political convention big things are generally discussed in a whisper, and there was no exception to this rule Tuesday night. Little knots of men got their heads together here and there about the convention hall and talked about Bellicourt, the Argonne and the strong fortress at Metz, and in their talk they saw a vision—the magnificent form of Major Thad G. Stem riding on top of a sun-kissed cloud. This meant death to all aspirants, and Mr. Parham would not permit his name to be before the convention, and Mr. Hancock was equally as quick to withdraw his name.

As mayor of Oxford, Major Stem purified and redeemed the old town before he handed the office over to Mayor Mitchell and asked him to manage affairs while he was making the whole world a fit place in which to live. The people remembered all of these things and they nominated him with one glad acclaim.

Board of Commissioners

The ballot for commissioners resulted as follows:

W. T. Yancey	102
John A. Williams	102
W. A. Parham	76
W. A. McFarland	76
C. D. Ray	69
W. H. Fleming	56
S. H. Pritchard	58

Old and New Board.
T. Lanier, H. G. Williams, A. A. Chapman, J. J. Medford and L. F. Perkinson were also placed in nomination. Those receiving the highest number of votes were declared elected. The new board is practically the same as the old board, the difference being the retirement of Mr. Perkinson from the old board, who was defeated by Mr. Pritchard by one vote.

Harmonious Convention.
Everything moved along nicely and the results left a good taste in the mouths of everybody, which seems to imply that the war had a tendency to cement the ties that bind, and that there is a determination to fraternize, cooperate and build up and strengthen the resources of the town and county.

The Town Election.
The town election will be held next Monday, May 5th. The nominees of the convention are as good as elected, but the voters should go to the polls and pile up the usual majorities and make our public servants feel that we appreciate their efforts to perpetuate the noble traditions of the best town in North Carolina.

Dem. Ex. Committee.
General B. S. Royster, presiding, named the Democratic Executive Committee of Oxford as follows: Major Will Landis, chairman; Dr. N. C. Daniel, A. A. Hicks.

RELAX DISCIPLINE IN ARMY

Privates and Brigadier-Generals on Equal Footing in the American Legion Society.
Washington, May 1.—The rigid discipline of the American Expeditionary Force in France was relaxed during the formation abroad of the American Legion, the proposed organization for veterans of the army, navy and marine corps, says Lieutenant Colonel Eric F. Wood, the temporary secretary. It was agreed that all rank should be laid aside in the meeting room. Generals forgot their stars in the presence of privates, corporals engaged in heated debates with colonels and sergeants greeted majors with terms of affection.

NOTICE.
The circular driveway in the grounds of Oxford College is for the use of visitors and of those who have business, and not for the use of joy riders. The parents of boys under age are requested to note this legal warning.
These grounds are private and my rights must be respected as those of any other citizen of Oxford.
F. P. HOBGOOD.

TOBACCO WILD-FIRE IS SPREADING IN GRANVILLE

Farmers Are Urged to Take Every Possible Precaution Against The Disease.

Reports reach the Public Ledger that tobacco wild-fire has broken out in different sections of the county. This is the same disease that did such tremendous damage to tobacco crops in Granville two or three years ago.

Disease Contagious.
Farmers are familiar enough with the destructive power of this disease to exercise all precautions possible to prevent its spread. Visiting and walking on neighbors plant beds that are diseased should be avoided. Last season a farmer in the county walked over a diseased plant bed belonging to his neighbor, and then walked over his own. In a few days he noticed that around each place he stepped on the bed the disease was spreading. The germs are easily carried from one bed to another on the feet.

Avoid Diseased Plants.
If there is any possible way to avoid planting diseased plants, this should be done. If absolutely healthy plants are set in the field, and the disease is not carried there later from a diseased field it is believed that the tobacco will not wild-fire. This does not mean that plants that have no spots on them when set will not wild-fire; for the germ may be on the plant, but has not developed the spotted appearance.

Wet Weather Damaging.
The history of the disease shows that moisture must be present, or the wild-fire will not spread, says a well-known authority. Farmers noticed last year that their plants in the field were apparently free from disease, but as soon as rain came the disease would begin to develop. If the rainy season had been prolonged for a week or more those fields that had the disease in them would have been destroyed.

HISTORY OF 119TH IS NOW BEING WRITTEN

Colonel Metts Hopes to Be Able to Present Former Members With Copy Free of Charge.

A 200-page history of the 119th infantry, 30th division, in the recent war, will be presented to every member of that regiment and he will not have to pay one cent for it. Col. J. Van B. Metts, who led the boys of the regiment in their fighting, has made the above announcement.
Photographs of Bellicourt and many other towns occupied by men of this regiment will form a part of the history as will different scenes of actual fighting of the regiment. The signal corps had photographers on the front lines, and it is understood they have several pictures of the 119th regiment in action. These photographs will be secured of the officers and men of the regiment.
It is not known by Colonel Metts just when the history will come from the press; however, he says, that it should only be a few weeks. He has hopes of being able to have a sufficient quantity printed to present one to the different libraries of the State and to all the newspapers.

**LEAGUE MAY MEET FIRST
IN WASHINGTON THIS YEAR**
(Paris Special.)
A proposal is on foot to hold the first meeting of the league of nations in Washington during the present year. Should the assembly meet first in Washington, it is said President Wilson doubtlessly would be asked to become the first president of the league.

COMMENCEMENT AT OXFORD COLLEGE JUNE 4TH

Dr. Luther Little, of Charlotte, Will Preach Baccalaureate Sermon.
Dr. F. P. Hobgood, president of Oxford College announced that Dr. Luther Little, pastor of Tryon street Baptist church, Charlotte, will preach the baccalaureate sermon June 4th.
Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, former pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, who is now the pastor of the First Baptist church, Winston, will deliver the address before the literary society on the morning of June 6th.
There are not two more eloquent preachers in North Carolina, says President Hobgood.

\$50,000,000 LOAN TO FRANCE

Credits to the allies were announced last week by the Treasury as follows: France, \$50,000,000 and Roumania, \$5,000,000, making a total for France to date of \$2,752,477,000 and for Roumania \$25,000,000 and a total for all allies of \$9,118,829,000.

GRANVILLE COUNTY MUST GO OVER TOP.

"Are you going to permit some other county to pay your part of the debt for you?" Would you countenance such a proceeding in a personal matter?

As individual citizens, you have rendered valuable aid in floating eighteen billion dollars in Liberty Bonds. I believe you are going to do your duty again, so all together for Victory.

Remember the time expires on May 10th, so call at your bank and make your subscription.
Back of the Victory Loan stands the Treasury of the United States—the vast wealth of a great and powerful nation—that makes it safe.

Back of the Victory Loan is the call of duty—that makes it patriotic.
Back of the Victory Loan is Government interest. That makes it a good investment.

The allotments to each of our banks and the amounts subscribed to date is as follows:

National Bank of Granville	148,200	47,000
Oxford Savings & Trust Co.	30,200	10,000
First National Bank, Oxford	118,900	33,950
Union Bank & Trust Co.	12,400	5,800
First National Bank, Creedmoor	36,550	500
Bank of Stem	9,850	9,850
Bank of Stovall	7,450	8,300

W. B. BALLOU, Chairman.

EITHER JUDGE PRITCHARD OR JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES WILL COME TO OXFORD

In Any Event Oxford Is To Have a Heavy Weight Speaker.

Col. W. B. Ballou, county chairman of the Victory Loan campaign, received a wire yesterday from Hon. R. D. W. Connor, State chairman of speaking bureau, stating that in the event sickness in the family of Judge Pritchard is such on next Tuesday, May 6, to interfere with his speaking in Oxford on that date, Hon. John Temple Graves will fill the appointment.
John Temple Graves in Oxford! Think of it. The Court House will not begin to hold the crowd.

HERE IS THE FARMER'S SIDE OF THE CONTROVERSY

High Prices Paid For Tobacco Enabled Him to Pay High Prices For What He Purchased.

To be sure, the farmers got good prices for everything they sold during the past two years, but it is only just that the people recognize the fact that he paid good hard earned money for everything that went into the making of the crop.

While the farmer bit off a chew of tobacco in 1918 from a plug that cost him 71 per cent more than 1914 he wore a flannel shirt that cost 130 per cent more in 1918 than in 1914; a felt hat, 70 per cent more; shoes, 76 per cent more; and a suit of clothing, 96 per cent more.

Binder twine cost the farmer 150 per cent more in 1918 than in 1914; barbed wire, 99 per cent; barrels for apples, 104 per cent; half-bushel baskets, 45 per cent; buggies, 57 per cent; double wagons, 71 per cent; harness, 66 per cent; horse blankets, 96 per cent; Paris green, 123 per cent; grain sacks, 182 per cent; nails, 87 per cent; wire fence, 92 per cent. These are averages for the United States.

Farmers throughout the United States paid for mowers in 1918 prices that were 72 per cent above those of 1914, when the war began, and similarly above the former prices for other articles as follows: Harrows 126 per cent; plows, 90 per cent; tadders, 81 per cent; axes, 93 per cent; churns, 76 per cent; corn knives, 97 per cent; cream separators, 50 per cent; hoes, 78 per cent; 10-gallon milk cans, 133 per cent; milk pails, 104 per cent; pitchforks 85 per cent; scythes, 60 per cent; shovels, 92 per cent.

VETERANS OF THE WAR PLAN TO ORGANIZE

New York, May 1.—The American Legion, the proposed veterans association for men of the army and navy announced that temporary state secretaries of that organization had been appointed in most of the states throughout the country. The secretaries have been instructed to arrange for state caucuses to be held for the election of delegates to the national caucus which is to be held in St. Louis May 8, 9, and 10. The number of delegates from each state is to be twice its congressional representation with a similar number of alternates.

The list of state secretaries as announced included, for North Carolina, Lieutenant R. W. Glenn, Greensboro.

FLU DEADLY IN GERMANY

According to estimates made in an article published in the German Medical Journal of recent date, 400,000 deaths were caused by Spanish influenza in Germany in the last eighteen months.

ANNEX TO THE COVENANT

Original members of the league of nations.

Signatories of the treaty of peace.
United States of America, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, British Empire, Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Heijaz, Honduras, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Servia, Siam, Uruguay. States invited to accede to the covenant.
Argentine Republic, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Persia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Venezuela.

A COLORED WOMAN'S PLEA FOR A HOSPITAL

(MARTHA B. SPENCER.)
Registered Nurse, Graduate Lincoln Hospital, New York City.

Dear Friends:—I have decided to establish a hospital in Oxford for colored people. From my experience as a nurse, both North and South, I have seen the necessity of such an institution. To make the hospital a success it will take the combined help of all people, rich and poor, particularly of Granville county. There was so much suffering among the people and the ravages of the Spanish influenza convinced me of the wisdom of such a step. During the epidemic here, I have seen whole families die for the want of care and hygienic surroundings, and since we do not know when we shall have another epidemic, I appeal most earnestly to the sympathies of those whom God has blessed with this world's goods to contribute most liberally to this worthy cause. Men of means, I hope will give as they have given to other worthy causes and the masses of the people must have a hand in the task. The beginning may seem hard but with all forces united in sacrificial giving success is certain.

Not only am I appealing to Granville county, but to the whole human race of the State of North Carolina, for in the words of Kipling: "It ain't the individuals nor the army as a whole but the everlasting team work of every blooming soul."
If some one longs to do a worthwhile piece of work they could find no better field than helping this worthy cause. We all should remember that worth while and permanent results are reached only gradually and in work of this kind one has to remember not only that Rome was not built in a day, but also that Rome would never have been built at all had there not been a beginning.

And to my race, let me urge above all else a cultivation of open mindedness and willingness to cooperate for we should not permit any wariness of thought or jealousy to overshadow our opportunities for this much needed place to care for the sick. Checks may be made payable to Rev. J. C. Rush, secretary; Rev. Henry Jenkins, treasurer; T. Lanier, legal advisor. All checks will be countersigned by Mr. T. Lanier.

**PROGRAM OF LABOR ADOPTED
Equal Pay For Men and Women
and Right of Association For All
Lawful Purposes.**
Washington, May 1.—The nine clauses proposed by the commission on international labor legislation for insertion in the peace treaty as adopted by the peace conference in plenary session include the following:
Among the principles incorporated are a standard eight hour day, a weekly day of rest, the abolition of child labor, equality of pay for men and women and workmen's right of association for all lawful purposes.

MAILS ARE FILLED WITH BOMBS SENT TO PROMINENT MEN

A Warning Sent Out to Postal Employees to Be On Watch Out.

New York, May 1.—Forty bombs have been delivered to the mails or intercepted in various cities of the country. All are said to be of the same make.

A Warning Sent Out.
Washington May 1.—Every official and employe in the postal service in the United States is on the lookout for suspicious packages which might contain infernal machines.

Bomb Sent To Hardwick.
Atlanta, Ga., May 1.—The infernal machine which exploded in the home of former Senator Thomas W. Hardwick here late Wednesday, seriously injuring Mrs. Hardwick and a negro maid. The package containing the explosive had been mailed from New York city to Mr. Hardwick at Sandersville, Ga., and forwarded to Atlanta.
Wrappers bearing the name of Gimble Bros., of New York city, and marked "sample," enclosed the machine and postal authorities link the occurrence with a similar attempt Monday on the life of Mayor Ole Hansen of Seattle, Wash.

Overman Gets a Bomb.
Salisbury, May 1.—The bomb discovered in the mail here for Senator Overman was enclosed in wrapping paper bearing the name of Gimble Bros.
A postoffice inspector took the bomb out into the country for a test this afternoon, where it was buried deep in the ground and the fuse was fired. An explosion followed and it was found that the bomb had been arranged so that in breaking the wrapper it would be matched off.
Senator Overman has been active in probing the affairs of the I. W. W. and is said to have unearthed some startling facts in the case. It is presumed that this induced the sending of the bomb.

**OXFORD SOLDIERS AND SAILORS
ENTERTAINED BY YOUNG LADIES**
Banquet Followed By Dance At the Armory.
The young ladies of Oxford, about twenty-five in number, entertained the soldiers and sailors of Oxford at a banquet and dance Thursday night. The Red Cross room on Court Street, where the banquet was held, was radiant with the national colors and the subdued glow of trench candles. It was a beautiful scene and the mellow strains of a five-piece string band from Wilson lent a charm to the occasion.
After the banquet, the young ladies and their guests retired to the armory, where everything was neatly arranged for the dance. Here, too, the national colors, ferns and flowers were beautiful and inspiring.

Miss Mary Royal Hancock was the directing head of the entertainment and it was one of the prettiest, most pleasant and timely social events witnessed in Oxford in many years. The gallant young men thoroughly appreciated the honor conferred upon them by the young ladies and felt as if they were repaid for all the hardships they endured on the battle field, the high seas and in the cantonments.
An invitation was extended to the public to attend the dance in the armory, and quite a number looked in upon the happy scene.

GERMANY LOSES.

Paris, May 1.—The terms of the peace treaty will be represented to the German delegates on Monday.
Germany by the treaty loses 70 per cent of her iron ore and one-third of her coal, and 20 per cent of her potash output. Germany further loses between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 of her inhabitants, and all her colonies.

**MAJOR GENERAL READ TO
COMMAND CAMP JACKSON**
The War Department announce the assignment of general officers as follows:
Major General Samuel D. Sturgis to command Camp Gordon, Georgia, and Major General George W. Read to command Camp Jackson, South Carolina.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER.

Mr. William Cherkas, the tailor, has purchased from Mr. Elbert Crews a handsome building lot on King street, Ridley Park.
Mr. I. Wolf has purchased the home of Mr. Leak Peace on Rectory street.

COL. SIDNEY W. MINOR MAY ENTER THE RACE AGAINST MR. OVERMAN

Winston-Salem Anxious For Gov. Bickett to Locate There and Enter The Race—All Kinds of Slates Are Being Made and Smashed.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News throws Col. Minor into the pit with Senator Overman and expects the soldiers to whip one of the very best statesmen of the country to a finish. There are a whole lot of people in North Carolina that would rejoice to see Col. Minor throw his hat in the ring and do a dozen or more candidates for Governor to a finish.

Take our word for it, Col. Minor is true blue and he has no desire to run against Overman, who is regarded by President Wilson as being one of the wisest and best and truest men in the Senate.
The following is an extract from the Greensboro News:
Minor vs. Overman.
"When Lee S. Overman, of Salisbury, in 1920 asks for re-election to the United States senate, he may and himself opposed by a military man who has attained a most enviable record while making a new map of the world as a result of his Hindenburg line-breaking proclivities. Allusion is to Col. Sidney W. Minor of Durham, lately commander of the 120th infantry regiment and who more recently commanded the 60th brigade, both being valorous units of the famous 30th division.
"True, no definite announcement as to the Minor plans is yet available but it is known that the colonel has been and is being urged to enter the political arena.
Ready to Start Minor Boom.
"So the discussion of Minor for public office persists. People in Durham and in other North Carolina municipalities are ready to start a Minor boom at a moment's notice. They become so enthusiastic that their zeal is very infectious. What chance, they ask, would Senator Overman have against Sid Minor, hero of the hardest fighting of the war? With his command he broke the Hindenburg line and that would be a talismanic cry of the campaign, one gathers. As a vote-gatherer it would be very effective, according to the prophets.
Minor For Governor
"On the one hand, one hears the suggestion that Minor may enter the race to succeed Governor Bickett, while others predict that 1924 would be a more propitious time for a Minor boom for governor. At present the gossip concerning the senatorial toga seems to contain a greater element of plausibility, however.
Cox For Governor.
"As to military candidates, it is not difficult to find political observers who predict that Col. Albert L. Cox, who returned the other day from France, where he commanded the 113th field artillery, will enter the gubernatorial race soon after the close of the victory loan campaign.
Brooks For Senate.
"Aubrey L. Brooks, of Greensboro, it has been suggested, may be a candidate against Senator Overman next year. Then there has also been a suggestion of Solicitor S. Porter Graves, of Mount Airy, in this connection.
Winston Wants Bickett.
"Yet another rumor is to the effect that Winston-Salem people have indicated an earnest desire that Governor Bickett become a citizen of that municipality, with a view to his entrance into the race for the United States senate when Overman seeks re-election."

WHY MEXICO WAS OMITTED FROM THE LEAGUE

It Has Failed to Fulfill Its International Obligations.
Washington, May 1.—Failure of the allied powers to include Mexico in the league of nations is attributed here to the clause which deals with intent of nations to fulfill their international obligations.
It is pointed out that Mexico has paid no interest on her national debts since 1913.
The Mexican government has seized national railroads the Mexico City Tramways and the Telephone and Telegraph services, owned in large measure by foreigners. There has been no report on the operation of these utilities. It is said that they are operating at a deficit of 95,000,000 pesos a year and that no interest is being paid on debts.
Four-Minute Speech
Major Thad G. Stem will make a four minute patriotic speech at the Orpheum tonight.