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INTERESTING LETTER FROM DOCTOR B. K. HAYS

Editor Public Ledger:

To the man or woman away from home nothing is of more interest than the daily mail. To an Oxford man, whose labors have called him to a great distance, no mail is of more interest than the Public Ledger. It faithfully records the acts, the thoughts, the hopes and the aspirations of those who are nearest and dearest to us. Unfortunately, during the two years that I have been away from home, it has too often been required to record the death of loved ones. So frequently has this been the case that more than once, during the epidemic of influenza, I have held the unopened paper in my hand and wondered if it would tell of some dear friend who had passed to the great beyond; wondered if the name of some strong man or helpful woman with whom I hoped to exchange greetings upon my return would be listed with those whom I shall see no more. But when I have returned to Oxford for brief visits it has been, not to find evidence of mourning upon the streets, but a new generation of young men and maidens, who like John's gourd, have developed in a single night.

Just how soon a man is forgotten has been impressed upon me by hearing of the discussions which have taken place in Oxford as to whether my home place should be used for the erection of a high school or for a hospital.

In thinking of the men and women of Granville, whose labors have counted largely in the uplift and advancement of the people, my mind goes most frequently to Prof. F. P. Holbrook. In what home has his influence not been felt? How many women has he not inducted into a life of greater usefulness? Women who, had it not been for him, would have been compelled by the shackles of ignorance to lead a life of drudgery? And now it is his privilege to see the sons of these women in places of responsibility and influence; to see them stand with "The applause of listening senates to command where would these men be, what would they be doing, had their mothers not been educated? Long life to you Professor. I only wish you were as sound in theology as in education.

My mind dwells continually upon the public health movement in Granville. The County was most fortunate in being able to secure the services of such a man as Dr. J. A. Morris. His letters in the Public Ledger I have read with interest and only regret that there are not more of them. Granville County is paying an annual tax of two hundred thousand dollars for unnecessary sickness. We cannot appraise, in money, the unnecessary deaths. This great drain can be stopped in only one way. Not by legislative enactment; not by quarantine; not by vaccinations against disease; though all of these methods are of value and should be enforced. But the root of the evil can be reached only by the education of the people in public health laws. Ninety five per cent of a health officer's duties are educational. Our knowledge of preventive medicine is only a few years old. Our parents did not possess this knowledge nor does the middle aged man of today no matter how intelligent he may be, possess it unless he has made it a special study. A single illustration should make my meaning clear. Take the habit of promiscuous spitting. Thirty years ago it was not thought of as a cause of disease. Today we know that the habit is responsible for untold sickness and death. Yet the habit goes on. If some one in a crowd gives the cry of "mad dog" there is a panic. Men go for their guns and children are kept indoors until it is known that the dog is dead. And yet there is more danger to every child who walks upon the streets of Oxford from the sputum upon the pavement as it exists today than there would be from a rabid dog running at large through the town. After all it is only the germs in the saliva of the dog in which there is danger. And yet we permit children to wallow and play in streets beamed with human sputum. And this sputum is seething with germs just as deadly as is the saliva of the mad dog.

Other illustrations might be given. The fly nuisance, open wells, surface privies, the common drink cup, dirty milk, diseased coals, filthy hotels, restaurants, lunch counters and drinking fountains. The point is that correction of the evil is to be found only in the education of public opinion. Until this is done our loved ones will continue to be sacrificed upon the altar of ignorance, or what is worse, indifference. Our County has a health officer who is thoroughly alive to the facts in the case and it is to be hoped that all right minded people will give him the support which he deserves.

My purpose was to write of army regiments. But as Sidney Smith said: when a woman compared him to a flea:

"A woman will talk of what runs in her head." Oxford runs in my head and having said so much about it a description of the hospital and

ELECTION BOARD IS NAMED FOR GRANVILLE

It Is Composed of A. W. Graham, Jr., Charles R. Gordon and J. H. Gooch.

The North Carolina Board of Elections met in Raleigh last Saturday and named county boards of elections for the 100 counties in the State to receive and review ballots cast in the coming statewide primary set for the first Saturday in June, and the returns from the general election to be held in November.

The list of appointments for Granville County is as follows: Messrs. A. W. Graham, Jr., Oxford; C. R. Gordon, of Corinth, and J. H. Gooch, of Stem, the first two being Democrats and the latter a Republican.

The board of elections will be the local authority for matters pertaining to the primary and the election. They also arrange for each election, fixing the ballot boxes at each precinct and distribute registration books and tickets. During the election the board is one of the business organizations connected with politics.

Both Messrs. Graham and Gordon are well known as active Democrats, and Mr. Gooch is one of the most regular attendants at Republican conventions. It is customary for the election board in each county to be made up of two Democrats and one Republican.

BROOKS CERTAIN TO RUN FOR THE SENATE

Will Oppose Senator Lee S. Overman, Says Mr. Brawley.

The Durham Herald says Sumpter C. Brawley, Chairman of the Durham County Democratic Executive Committee, predicts that A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, will run for the United States senate in opposition to Senator Lee S. Overman. Mr. Brawley asserted that it is a certainty that Mr. Brooks will make the race for the senate if the Delaware legislature ratifies the equal suffrage amendment.

Mr. Brawley stated that he had a conversation with the prospective candidate while en route to Durham Friday afternoon from Rocky Mount. He says that Mr. Brooks will probably make the race even should the amendment fall short of ratification by the Delaware law makers next Thursday.

RALEIGH WOMEN PARTICIPATE IN PRECINCT MEETINGS

Authorized to Sit As Delegates in County Convention Next Saturday.

With the right of North Carolina women to vote in the June primary hanging in the balance in Delaware, Raleigh women appeared, according to a generally pre-arranged plan, at all Democratic precinct meetings Saturday night and asked for a voice in the councils of the party.

In two precincts, women were elected members of the precinct committee and authorized to sit as delegates in the county convention next Saturday. In another they were invited to sit in the convention as delegates.

FLYING PARSON COULD NOT LOCATE ASHEVILLE

Crossed the Blue Ridge and Lands At Morganton.

Lieutenant Maynard left Knoxville, Tenn., at 2:30 o'clock last Saturday afternoon for Asheville, and failing to locate that city landed at Morganton, 35 miles east of Asheville, at five o'clock. Over 10,000 people awaited throughout the afternoon, in a field on the Blumore estate at Asheville, to greet the "flying parson." Maynard wired back from Morganton that he had over-shot Asheville. The aviator stated that he was flying high to avoid the mountains and unintentionally flew over Asheville.

IN THE WORLD OF TOBACCO

Wilson Led In Pounds and Youngsville In Price.

Raleigh, March 29.—Crop Reporter Parker finds that the state has sold 323,559,634 pounds of tobacco during the past season at an average price of two-tenths of a cent less than half a dollar a pound. This is the highest average ever paid for tobacco sold during the past season with 32 1-2 million producers and nearly 43 million dealers. Winston-Salem came second with nearly 27 million first hand and 35 million re-sales.

Greenville, Kinston, Oxford and Henderson markets follow in order. Youngsville had the highest average for the season selling its total crop for an average of \$60.99 per hundred pounds, a fractional part of a cent above that of Oxford.

IS YOUR NAME THERE?

Any one living inside corporate limits of Oxford not enumerated in the census recently taken please fill out and sign and return to the Public Ledger office:

Name _____
Street _____
Age _____

of the treatment of the sick soldiers must be reserved for another letter. BENJ. K. HAYS, U. S. A. General Hospital No. 21, Denver, Col.

EASTER'S LESSON.

From the stars of the night and the dewy grass of the spring mornings, in the notes of the birds and the music of little rills, through all of the myriad voices of nature, there comes the healing touch of patience, the consciousness that vast eternal forces go on their majestic way quite untroubled by the ferment of human brains and the hot impulses of human hearts. Men and women are inspired and calmed by the spectacle of the wonderful resurrection which every spring brings to renew their faith in ultimate good.

KIDNAPPED BOY IS FOUND IN ROOM OF LEXINGTON HOTEL

But His Father Had Placed \$25,000 Ransom Demanded in Trash Can Thursday Evening.

(Lexington, Ky., Leader.) Paul Little, 12-year-old son of E. R. Little, Lexington capitalist, who was held for ransom by kidnapers, was found Saturday morning locked in a room at a local hotel.

The boy disappeared from in front of the Lexington post office Wednesday afternoon where he was seen in conference with a man.

The kidnapper demanded \$25,000 for the return of the boy. Mr. Little gladly complied, and at the appointed hour, 7 o'clock Friday night took a package supposed to have contained the money and dropped it in a down-town garbage can. When he returned a half hour later the package remained intact. Believing the kidnapper failed to show up, for fear of being "double-crossed," Little pocketed the money and went home.

Mrs. Katherine Sartain, maid on the sixth floor of the hotel, said she had not been able to get in the room for two days, or since the boy was kidnapped. A sign was found in the room printed like the letter to Mr. Little in which the demand for the \$25,000 ransom was made. The sign read:

"Do not disturb me. I am sick."

WHERE DO THEY STAND?

Mr. L. L. Crews Wants To Know What Senator Currin and Representative Brummitt Will Do About It.

Editor Public Ledger:

Inasmuch as Senator Currin and Representative Brummitt favored the Revaluation Act without submitting the question to the people, would it not be well for them to play fair and tell the public where they stand on the woman suffrage question? Would it not be better for the people to have a chance to express their views on the proposed Nineteenth Constitutional amendment than for our representative to take matters in their own hands and vote for the measure in face of the fact that there are not a dozen voters in the county who are in favor of suffrage? The women of our county do not see the necessity of women voting.

REPUBLICANS LEAD MERRITT TO THE SLAUGHTER PEN

It Is Up To Congressman Charles M. Steadman To Decapitate The Young Man.

Mr. William D. Merritt, of Roxboro, has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for congress in this fifth district, and will go before the convention in Durham on the afternoon of the 10th of April.

Mr. Merritt is a lawyer and comes from a family that has been active for a number of years in Person County. His father, the late Dr. Merritt, was one of the best known figures in this section of the state and represented his county in the general assembly several times.

William D. Merritt is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and played end for Carolina and was for four consecutive years picked as an end for the all Southern team. After leaving college he began the practice of law at Roxboro.

TEN WANT TO BE SHERIFF OF JONES CO.

A traveling man who made a trip to Jones County last week informs the Public Ledger that he found the people down there much interested in politics. The county officers are still on the fee basis. It is reported that there are ten candidates for Sheriff of Jones and the office will pay about three thousand dollars per year.

AT CORNWALL SCHOOL HOUSE

Ten Nights In A Bar Room To Be Presented Saturday Night, April 3rd.

The play, "Ten Nights In A Bar Room," which was recently presented at Cornwall school house and other places, gave such genuine satisfaction the same cast will present the play again at Cornwall school house at 8 o'clock next Saturday evening. There will be a large delegation from Oxford, Clarksville and Virginia. The admission will be 50 and 25 cents.

The Harris-Mitchell Co., the new clothing store on College street, will have their initial opening on Thursday morning next. Their very handsome display has arrived.

THE MAYOR OF OXFORD ISSUES PROCLAMATION

The Week Beginning March 28th Is Hereby Set Apart As A Special Clean-Up and Fire Prevention Week, Applying Only to the Business District Of Oxford.

The business men are hereby urged to help make this Clean-up and Fire Prevention week well worth while by their active co-operation in this matter. They can do this by thoroughly cleaning the interior of their business places, getting rid of all trash and rubbish with which their premises may be littered, which will serve the purpose of reducing fire risk and will greatly improve their premises from the standpoint of sanitation and sightliness. When this inside work has been thoroughly done we desire that our back lots and alleys be thoroughly cleaned.

Put all trash and rubbish in boxes or barrels located at places where they can be reached by the wagons.

Let's get busy and do the job thoroughly. An inspection will follow the Clean-up Campaign.

This 27th day of March, 1920.
T. G. STEM,
Mayor of Oxford.

HOW DOES THIS STRIKE THE AVERAGE MAN?

Where Are We Drifting?—Colored Women Elected Delegates In Kentucky.

Lexington, Ky., March 27.—Anne Simms Banks, Negress, of Clark county, Kentucky, as a regular accredited member of the Clark county delegation of the Seventh Congressional District, Republican convention at Lagrange, Ky., held prior to the State convention at Louisville, took part in the deliberation of the district convention and was made a member of the Resolutions Committee.

RECOVERY OF A LOST PIN

Miss Wilhelmina Thomas, of Milton, Lost It In Oxford.

The following advertisement appeared in the Public Ledger Friday, March 19: "Found near the Oxford Methodist Church Monday afternoon a gold pin. Owner may get same by describing pin and paying for this advertisement."—Mrs. J. D. Brooks, Oxford, N. C.

On March 25th, Miss Wilhelmina Thomas, of Milton, N. C., in a letter to Mrs. Brooks, said:

"I saw your announcement in the Public Ledger about some one finding a gold pin near the Methodist Church. I have been teaching in the Providence school, near Oxford, this year, but on account of sickness I was called home. While the evangelistic services were in progress at the Oxford Methodist Church I attended services with Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Daniel, and while in the Church I discovered I had lost the pin. It was a medium size pink cameo pin, with some black marks on the inside of the cameo, and had a small ring at the top so it could be worn as a necklace. I value the pin very highly as it was a birthday gift to me last fall."

Mrs. Brooks sent the pin by first mail. Thus it will be seen that it pays to advertise in the Public Ledger.

BED-SHEET AND COFFIN FLY THROUGH THE AIR

(Statesville Landmark)

Five citizens of Sharnesburg township—Messrs. C. H. Horne, C. P. Ham, W. A. Lambeth, S. R. Wilson and A. L. Wilson—are authority for the following statement:

"Monday evening, March 15, they were at the home of Mr. Moses Weber, who had been killed that afternoon by a falling tree, and had finished preparing the body for burial. They stepped out of the house, into the darkness, and looked toward the heavens. There was coming from the west, something of about the size and appearance of a bed-sheet, except instead of being white, it was blood-red! It passed swiftly over them, about 75 feet above, and disappeared in the east. In a few seconds it reappeared and crossed to the west, disappearing there. In a few seconds more it returned from the west to the east, but when it was over the house, instead of continuing to the west, it turned to the south. But with the change of its course from west to east and east to west to south, it changed its appearance from that of a sheet to that of a casket. After two trips south and one north, it disappeared in the north and was seen no more. It was observed that when the object first appeared from the west, it was very deep red, but grew dimmer each time."

The Public Ledger offers no suggestion as to what the men saw, but those who drink "mountain dew" have visions.

The Confederate Monument. The Daughters of the Confederacy are very much worried because the idlers have adopted the Confederate Monument at the head of Main street as a place to loaf. The grass has been trampled down and the base of the monument smeared with tobacco spit. It is one dollar fine to mutilate the monument or plot, and the Daughters have requested the Mayor to enforce the law.

TORNADO SWEEPS SOUTH AND WEST; MANY ARE KILLED

Damage To Property Estimated In Millions; 36 Known Dead With Hundreds Killed In Alabama and Georgia; Thousands Of Persons Made Homeless In West; Property Loss At Elgin, Illinois, Alone \$4,000,000.

(Associated Press Report)

The storm that gathered in the West Sunday and swept down through Illinois, Ohio and Alabama, was the severest at Elgin, Illinois, thirty miles West of Chicago, where eight persons were killed and \$4,000,000 damage to property.

List Of Known Dead.

The Chicago district, with 29 deaths was the heaviest sufferers. West Liberty, Ind.; Fenton, Mich.; Zulu, Ind.; 5; Nashville, Ohio; 4; Greenville, Ohio; 4; Geneva, Ind.; 3, and one each at Monroeville, Ind.; Townley, Ind.; Hart, Mich.; East Troy, Wis., and St. Louis, Mo.

In The South. Estimated dead in Alabama and Georgia is placed at seventy. LaGrange, Ga., and West Point, Ga., were the hardest hit points, the former place reporting probably fifty killed and 21 bodies recovered, while West Point's death list reached ten.

VIRGINIA CASHIER HAS SURRENDERED HIMSELF

Roscoe Conklin Tuck, Charged With Embezzlement Of \$45,000, Is Under Bond.

(Special to Public Ledger)

Virginia, Va., March 29.—Roscoe Conklin Tuck, charged with embezzling \$45,000 funds of the Citizens' Bank of Virginia, and whose whereabouts have been a mystery to the Halifax county authorities for nearly a month, surrendered Monday afternoon at Houston.

He walked into the courtroom with friends from his home and was released on \$5,000 bail almost immediately. Judge Berksdale let it be known over a week ago, when it was rumored that he was ready to come in that this would be his bond, and relatives were present to go security.

Tuck, who managed to elude the authorities, although his presence near Virginia has been frequently reported during the past week, declined to make any statement when approached, neither would he say where he has been hiding.

LUMBER SUPPLY IN THE STATE IS DIMINISHING

The Supply Will Be Entirely Exhausted In A Few Years.

Joseph Hyde Pratt, director North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey, Forestry Division, with headquarters at Chapel Hill, sends the following warning to lumbermen and others:

"We, in North Carolina, have at least come to the point where the lumbermen, the lumber users, and the general public are pretty much agreed that something must be done if our forest industries are to be carried on longer than the next ten or fifteen years. A recent questionnaire filled out by a large number of the furniture and other wood-using industries of the State emphasizes the point that our own supply of timber is becoming exhausted. In other States, the same thing is happening; so that the only sensible thing to do is to look the issue squarely in the face and plan to raise our own timber in our own region. I should be glad to hear from you in regard to the matter at your convenience."

ENLISTMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY

Many Reservists believe that because they did not transfer to the Regular Navy on the date of release from active duty or within four months of that date that they are too late to change over. The new order is as follows:

1. Four months pay in cash or check on the day you change over to the Regulars.

2. Second cruise pay for the remainder of your enrollment (amounting to about \$7.00 per month more than your old pay).

3. Thirty (30) days leave of absence on the day you transfer to the Regulars.

4. The choice of the receiving ship to which you will be sent for detail.

FINE OXFORD GIRL

Miss Myrtle Renn Becomes Director Of Community Service Work.

Miss Myrtle Renn, of Oxford, who has had charge of the department of English at the Monroe High School for the past three years, has tendered her resignation to become director of community service work in Montgomery County.

All Roads Lead To Corinth.

"Uncle Josh" will give an entertainment at Corinth school house Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The admission is only 15 and 25 cents, the proceeds to be devoted to school purposes. All roads lead to Corinth, and all those who wish to be entertained for two hours will find Uncle Josh strictly on the job. (adv)

Perkinson-Green Company announce to the ladies a shipment of fetching pattern hats received since their millinery showing. These very Easterly hats are delightful, bewitching affairs and the ladies in charge of the millinery department will take pleasure in fitting mil-lady with a becoming hat. (adv)

A QUESTION OF GRAVE CONCERN IS THAT OF SPEEDING.

Danger Increases In Proportion To The Number Of Automobiles.

The increasing number of automobile accidents in North Carolina, with many fatal results, is a cause of grave concern. Many of these accidents are caused by speeding. How to stop speeding is a problem which comes under the laws of the State. The following paragraph taken from a recent issue of the Sampson Democrat, shows how the Mayor of Clinton deals with speeders:

"Mr. Dennis Turlington was up before the Mayor the second time for speeding Saturday and for this second offense was fined \$50 and costs. The third offense—well, the standard of prices has not been fixed above the second offense, but it would probably be enough. If all speeders on the county roads were caught and similarly fined, the school treasury would overflow."

If those who have in charge the execution of the laws would grip the situation with an iron hand there would soon be seen a lessening of the number of accidents and a saving of life and property. When a speedster runs over and kills a child, parent's hearts are broken and homes made sad. The law cannot restore a life or heal a broken heart, but if there were strict application of the law in all cases of speeding it might be the means of making people more thoughtful in driving cars.

RAKES, HOES AND BROOMS ARE IN EVIDENCE HERE

Clean-Up Week Is A Good Thing When All Observe It.

This is clean up week, and rakes, hoes and brooms have been much in evidence during the week. The odor of burning trash, piles of tin cans and non combustible refuse conveniently placed for the garbage wagon tell the story that Oxford is cleaning up. Newly planted lawns, freshly plowed garden spots greet the eye here and there, and coats of white wash on trees contribute toward the general air of sprucing up. Only a few more days remain for the delinquent ones to put their lots in order during the week set apart for this purpose.

Without doubt this remaining time will see Oxford begin to get clean through and through. The campaign this week will have its effect in more ways than one. It will impress strangers within our gates to find things neat and beautiful. It will benefit us as citizens to have clean, attractive surroundings. And the health of the town is bound to be better because flies and mosquitoes will be fewer. This "clean up campaign" is a mighty good thing, especially when we all observe it.

EDITOR P. T. WAY DEAD

Remains Laid To Rest In Henderson Sunday Afternoon.

Preston Taylor Way, editor and manager of the Henderson Daily Dispatch and the Henderson Gold Leaf, and principal stockholder in the Gold Leaf Publishing Company, died at Sarah Elizabeth hospital Friday afternoon at 5:25 o'clock, as a result of a stroke of apoplexy, followed by paralysis, which he suffered almost exactly at the same hour of the day on Wednesday, March 17. The end came peacefully, following a long struggle during which the patient fought valiantly, always against all odds.

Difficulties in the labor world as they affected him and the constantly mounting cost of operating a growing newspaper business weighed heavily upon him at times, and his constant concern over the future, in an effort to bring his paper to the standard he longed for, taxed his strength in the later years of his life.

Mr. Way spent the early years of his life in Alamance county. He was a son of Franklin and Martha Way, who died several years ago. He had his first newspaper experience at Liberty, some 27 years ago. Later he ran a newspaper at Jonesboro, and from there moved to Waxhaw and established the Enterprise in 1900.

Mr. J. Robert Wood, of Oxford, funeral director who took charge of the body, was a special friend of Mr. Way and it was his request that Mr. Wood direct his funeral. The interment was in Elmwood Cemetery, Henderson, Sunday afternoon.

BELOVED WOMAN PASSES

Oak Grove Baptist Church Was Built Largely By Her Efforts.

Mrs. Bettie Satterwhite Evans, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Satterwhite, of Wake county and the wife of Mr. Graham Evans of Granville county, died at her home on the morning of the 11th of March. She was in her 24th year and was a bride of less than five months. While her life was short as to years, yet it was rich in loving deeds of unselfish service. Oak Grove Baptist Church, out three miles east of Wake Forest, was built largely by her earnest efforts, energy, enthusiasm and faithfulness.

Investigation by the federal trade commission of the cause of decline in prices in the loose leaf tobacco markets during the last year in absence of "over production or decline in retail prices," was asked Saturday in a resolution introduced by Representative Fields, Democrat, of Kentucky.