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ANOTHER ONE NAILED AND MORE TO COME

Parker-Gooch Charge Against Commissioners Shown To Be Unfounded

Mr. Parker in his speech here last Thursday made the statement that our County Commissioners in fixing the tax rate at 66 cents for this year would raise \$24,000 less than was raised in taxes last year; that in order to raise as much as was raised last year with the 10 per cent added, the rate should have been 83 cents; and that the rate was fixed at 66 cents for political purposes as this was election year. This, of course, was simply a rehash of the statement to the same effect recently published in a newspaper of the county by Mr. Joseph H. Gooch, Republican candidate for State Senator, and which we understand Mr. Gooch expects and intends to circulate over the county.

The charge is one that affects the political morality and integrity of our County Commissioners. If true, these men are unworthy of the respect, much less the confidence of our people. The same can be said of those who bring the charges if they are proven to be false.

And that is what the charges are. In the preliminary report of the State Tax Commission the total taxables of Granville County were given as being \$25,544,441. This report was printed in the state papers about the time it was given out. Our authorities were convinced that an error had been made, and upon enquiry found that this preliminary report did not give the railroad mileage and assessment for the county correctly.

On Tuesday, August 17, the Public Ledger printed the correct figures showing our total taxables to be \$28,958,734, the difference being represented by railroad property in the county. These were the figures used in making the tax levy of 66 cents, and under that rate the total taxes raised in the county this year will amount to the sum of last year's levy plus the 10 per cent, just as the legislature authorized and as the Democratic party promised would be the case. There has been no effort to falsify the tax rate or to carry over obligations to future years for political effect.

From this it will be seen that the charge thus fathered is entirely unfounded. It will also be seen that every figure and every calculation made by Parker in his speech as to the relative proportions of taxes paid by land, personality and railroads are incorrect as he did not have the correct figures as to railroad property amounting to several million dollars. But, of course, a mistake as small as that does not bother a Republican hungering and thirsting after office.

It may be said that Mr. Parker and Mr. Gooch made the natural mistake of following the figures given in the preliminary report of the Tax Commission. But the correct figures were published by the Public Ledger on August 17, and even if Republicans persist in not reading this champion of the people, the figures could have been easily obtained upon enquiry from our Register of Deeds. But no such enquiry was made before making this baseless and false charge of political rascality against the Commissioners of our county.

We wonder what the people of the county think of this performance, and how the friends of our Commissioners feel about it. A natural explanation is that the charge was made by men who themselves would be guilty of such acts if they had the chance; they imputed to others the motives they found in their own hearts. The Public Ledger will await with interest any act that manifests an intention to correct the injustice done our Commissioners.

The Public Ledger cannot hope to correct all the misrepresentations and perversions of facts being disseminated by Republican office-seekers, but within the limitations of time and space it will continue to nail a few as the days pass by.

ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHES EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

The call meeting of the Oxford Merchants' Association held Friday night was well attended, and those present were enthusiastic over the progress and prospects of the Association.

One of the features of this meeting was the establishing of a permanent Employment Bureau that not only members of the Association, but all merchants and professional men of the town are invited to use.

All persons desiring a position apply to the office of the Merchants' Association in person, and your name will be filed there. Any firm having a vacancy is at liberty to see this list and thru it get in touch with the applicants. No fees will be charged for the use of this Bureau. B. R. HOWELL, Secy.

THE COLORED PEOPLE ARE RETURNING TO DIXIELAND

A Number Of Them Have Returned To Their Homes In Granville.

The colored people who immigrated to the North are returning to the South in droves. Quite a number of them have showed up in Granville and they are receiving a hearty welcome to their home land by both white and colored.

They say that war time wages have played out up north and that they cannot compete with the foreign labor with which they came in contact up there. In consequence, he is coming to the South, a happier and wiser man.

Information from Georgia, Alabama and some of the other Southern States indicated that the negroes are coming back to the old homes by "thousands." They have been returning to North Carolina, but as the exodus from this State was insignificant compared to the movement from the States further South, the returning pilgrims are in squads that attract small attention.

The return of the colored men marks a better day for the farmers in the South land, and from the present aspect it would seem that farming will return to normal in eighteen months. And it is a pleasure to note that the varied experiences of the colored people while in the North and the West made them better citizens.

OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

Prices Are Advancing Every Day As The Better Grades Come In.

It is a source of pleasure to note that the prices on the Oxford tobacco market shows a substantial increase during the past ten days. The five warehouses here sold 320,000 last Friday, sixty thousand pounds of which came from Vance and Durham counties. The farmers were very well pleased with Friday's prices.

The market opened up yesterday morning with 200,000 sold during the day. We heard quite a number of farmers who sold yesterday say that they had "no kick coming."

SELLING OIL STOCK OF SLIGHT VALUE

The Insurance Commissioner Warns Again Of Fraudulent Investments.

Raleigh, Oct. 18.—The Advertisers Protective Bureau of Kansas City, Mo., has recently issued a special bulletin declaring that oil stock promoters there are openly violating the Missouri Blue Sky Law in offering quantities of questionable stocks. It charges that promoters from the East who are now under indictment by federal grand juries in connection with former enterprises have flocked to Kansas City and are the main spokes in the sale of cheap stocks to the unwary at "long" commissions and that the United States mail is the principal medium employed.

MORE THAN 10,000 SHIPS HAVE PASSED THE CANAL

The number of commercial vessels which had traversed the Panama Canal since its opening in 1914 had passed the ten thousand mark at the close of the fiscal year ended last June 30, according to the canal record, 10,212 ships had passed through.

The average monthly number of vessels making the passage has risen steadily, except during the few months in 1915-16 when land slides closed the water way, until it reached 144.9 ships per month during the first half of the present year.

UNIVERSITY REMEMBERED ON OCCASION OF ITS BIRTHDAY

Mr. Elliott Cooper Wired Greetings From Montevideo.

A flood of telegrams of birthday greetings from all parts of the world poured into Chapel Hill on the 127th birthday of the university. From Montevideo, Uruguay, three young alumni, Jack Powell, Bob DeRossett and Elliott Cooper wired greetings. From Bahia Blanca, also in South America, J. V. Whitfield was heard from. Dr. and Mrs. Dey, now in Paris, sent a cheer across the Atlantic as did two graduates of last year who are now in London, Emerson White and John P. Washburn.

Cream Of The Market.

Mr. R. V. Bentley, of Route 5, sold four baskets of tobacco at the Farmers warehouse Monday. There was 386 pounds in the lot which brought \$214.64, which was among the highest averages of the season.

Death Of Young Man.

Jasper, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sears, died at the home of his parents on Kittrell Route 2 on Tuesday, October 12, in the seventeenth year of his age. The interment was in the family burying ground nearby.

Engagement Announced.

Mr. Stephen Henry Jones announces the engagement of his daughter Mrs. Elizabeth Jones Macon to Mr. Preson Peel Phillips, of Norfolk, Va., the wedding to occur early in January.

APEX IS REACHED, SAYS HOOVER, AND PRICE

Registration In Some Parts Of The County.

In an address at Topeka, Kansas, last Friday night, Herbert Hoover declared that the apex of the high cost of living has been reached in America, and from now on prices will undergo a continuous downward readjustment.

"If this price readjustment is not based on a plan provided easy stages in its descent, it will go down with a crash and result in the destruction of countless industries," Dr. Hoover continued. "America needs a national program to control this downward readjustment and to protect our industries from ruin."

REGISTRATION IS NOT RAPID

Women Signing Up Very Slowly In Some Parts Of The County.

Registration in some parts of the county is reported to be very slow, and especially are the women coming forward at a rate that shows either opposition or passiveness to the enfranchisement privileges conferred upon them.

Registration in Oxford is progressing very well, but there are a number of men, as well as women, who must be aroused.

It is now said to be a fact that men cannot register their wives, but that the ladies must go to the register themselves, and have their names enrolled.

It has been discussed seriously of setting aside a particular day for the ladies of the county to register. It is recognized, also, that some educational work must be accomplished if the registration is to include most of the ladies of the county.

DEAF AND DUMB COUPLE WED

They Took The Marriage Vow Without Seeing Or Hearing A Word That Made Them Man And Wife.

There is much marriage and giving in marriage, but the ceremony which took place in the Register of Deeds office here last Friday was something out of the ordinary, the contracting parties being Mr. Bud Ellington and Miss Nancy Griston, both of Vance county. Neither of them could speak or hear a single word. They were accompanied by the bride's mother, who gave her daughter in marriage.

Justice Medford, who performed the ceremony, requested the contracting party to join hands. As a matter of fact they did not hear the command, and the mother of the bride came forward and placed the hand of the woman into the hand of the man. The dumb couple shook hands, as it were, and started out of the office with a broad smile upon their faces.

"Head them off," shouted Justice Medford, until I get through with the ceremony."

The couple stood with joined hands as the marriage vow was being administered, and when Justice Medford closed the book the contracting party shook hands in the old-fashioned way and bowed themselves out of the office in good form.

SAYS THE ELECTION OF GOV. COX IS ASSURED

Senator Pat Harrison, In Rousing Speech, Says Tide Turning To Democrats.

(Washington Special) Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, who is in charge of the speakers bureau at Democratic headquarters in New York, told a large Washington audience of Democrats Saturday night that the tide had turned for Gov. Cox.

In a rousing speech after the style of the late Buck Kitchin, of North Carolina, Senator Harrison assured the applauding Democrats that Governor Cox was as sure to be elected as the sun was sure to shine again.

The Senator said that Democratic headquarters in New York had passed through a cloud of despair without money and without workers. But money was now coming in and in New York State alone 1,000 speakers are on the stump for Cox and the league, and that 10,000 are now campaigning throughout the country. He said the Democrats now had far more speakers on the stump than the Republicans, and that the Democratic speakers were far superior to their opponents. The Republicans, he declared, have only two first class speakers, Senators Borah and Johnson, while the Democrats had a score of more of equal ability.

MESSRS. BRUMMITT AND HESTER AT MIDDLEBURG

The public speaking at Middleburg, Vance county, last Saturday night was attended with much interest. Speaker Brummitt and John W. Hester, of Oxford, and J. C. Kittrell, R. C. McCain and others of Henderson, discussed the revaluation act and the league of nations. A large and enthusiastic crowd was present.

Round Trip Ticket.

The price of a ticket from Oxford to Raleigh and return over the Seaboard Railway, on account of the State Fair this week, is \$3.37.

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD IS OFFERED FOR INFORMATION

Pro-League Advocates Will Give \$25,000 To Harding, Johnson, Borah Or Anybody Else For Proof That League Usurps Authority—Jury To Decide Evidence.

(New York Special) Democratic National headquarters today announced a cash prize of \$25,000, having been offered by the pro-League independents to Senator Harding, Senator Johnson, Senator Borah, Senator Lodge, Chairman Hays of the Republican National committee, of anybody else in the United States, who could furnish proof that the League of Nations would "abridge the sovereignty of America."

Professor Irving Fisher, of Yale University, chairman of the pro-League independents, explained that, under terms of the offer, essays must be received by mail or wire at 17 East Fifty-First Street, New York City, by October 22; that each member of a jury of twelve citizens would be appointed jointly by George White and Will H. Hays, chairman of the Democratic and Republican National Committees—all to be Republican if the jury was not unanimous, half the prize still may be awarded; provided a majority of the jurors so vote.

"This announcement is intended for every newspaper in the United States," Prof. Fisher said, and is being given associations, with the request that the pro-League independents here a marked copy of the issue containing it, so that the independents may reach each party publish or fail to publish it.

"If Mr. Hays admits that such statements and notions are unproved, unprovable, untrue and absurd, he is respectfully asked to publicly so state, and also to publicly state that he is requesting his speakers, press bureaus, and Republican newspapers to cease making such false statements."

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN PRICES OF TOBACCO

Average Price Last Week \$27.67 As Against \$21.84 Previous Week.

Danville, Va., Oct. 18.—The general average for tobacco prices during the past week showed a substantial increase over that of previous week, according to official figures on the sales made public by the Danville Tobacco association. The quantity offered on the warehouse floors was 1,423,227 pounds, averaging \$27.67, against 1,569,126 pounds at \$21.84 last week.

Practically all priming grades have disappeared from the market and good colory stalk cured tobacco is in evidence. Warehousemen now anticipate that Danville will sell about 40 million pounds this season against 35 million last season, also that at the present rate of sale the crop will not have been marketed until late in May.

STATE LEAF PRICES FOR MONTH LOW

Slump Of More Than 50 Per Cent In Prices and Nearly That In Sales.

According to the monthly report of Frank Parker, of the Crop Reporting Service, the average price of leaf tobacco in North Carolina in September was \$19.21 against \$11.10 for September, 1919, and the sales, including estimates on thirty two warehouses that failed to report, totalled only 48,520,056 as compared with 79,220,071 sold in September last year.

There were 40,480,056 pounds producers tobacco reported sold during the month," says Mr. Parker in his report. "The 32 warehouses failing to report are estimated to have sold 8,040,000 pounds, making a total probably sold during the month of 48,520,056 pounds as compared with 79,220,071 pounds sold during September last year."

REGISTRATION BOOKS WILL CLOSE NEXT SATURDAY

It costs you nothing to vote, but in order to vote you must register. The registration books will be closed next Saturday evening.

A Teacher's Reward.

"We have just learned of a teacher who started poor 20 years ago and has retired with the comfortable fortune of \$50,000. This was acquired through industry, economy, conscientious effort, indomitable perseverance, and the death of an uncle who left her an estate valued at \$49,999.50."—Seneca Vocational School.

REPUBLICAN LEADERS IN A DEAL WITH NEGRO STUMPER

Hays and Eastern Director Miller Exchange Letters With Rev. W. Lee Person. Charlotte, Oct. 18.—Concrete evidence that the Republican party has come into North Carolina with its appeal to the negroes has been uncovered in the exchange of correspondence between National Chairman Will Hays, Thomas W. Miller, Eastern director of the Republican national committee, and Lee Person, of Hickory, an ex-negro Senator and ex-postmaster.

PRESIDENT OXFORD WOMAN'S CLUB URGES WOMEN TO REGISTER AND VOTE

The Woman's Club of Oxford has always tried to make of itself an instrument of service in all those activities and relations which affect the life of this community and county.

It would not boast of its achievements, but it can say that it has taken its part in all those things which meant the betterment and advancement of Granville county.

The Club now feels that the women of the county are faced with a very serious duty. Not many of us desired the ballot, but it is now ours and its exercise has now become not simply a right or a privilege but a duty as well.

Quite a number of our women have registered for the approaching election, but some have not done so. Those who have reported that it is a very simple process and that they are the same women they were before having their names placed on the books.

It has seemed advisable to the officers of this Club that we hold a meeting to talk this matter over so that we may have the common counsel of all as to what we should do. To that end we have called a meeting to be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the rooms of the Oxford Library. We have invited Major T. G. Stem and Mr. B. W. Parham to come before us and give us information on the subject of registration and voting, and they have kindly consented to do so.

I earnestly ask every member of the Woman's Club to attend this meeting. But the meeting is not confined to members; the invitation is extended to every woman of the county who feels an interest in the matter. We hope that quite a large number of women not members of the Club will attend.

Let us counsel together as to our duty in this matter, and let us obtain all the information possible for its performance. Remember the time and place, at the Library Rooms Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 20, at 3:30 o'clock.

MRS. D. G. BRUMMITT, President Oxford Woman's Club.

MRS. LONGSTREET REPUDIATED BY SPUNKY COLLEGE GIRLS

Condemned By Greensboro Chapter Daughters Of The Confederacy When She Praised Deception and Delivered Bitter Partisan Speech At College Chapel Hour.

A demonstration by about 200 girls of the student body of the Greensboro College, showing their loyalty to the teachings of democracy to Woodrow Wilson, to Governor "Jimmie" Cox and to the League of Nations, came at the conclusion of a speech in which all of these were attacked by Mrs. James Longstreet, who is the widow of General James Longstreet, of Civil War fame, last Wednesday morning. Mrs. Longstreet was in Greensboro under the auspices of, as she told the students at the college, a Congressional committee to talk on Americanism.

When warmed up to the subject she declared that when Wilson "sat at the treaty table at Versailles he threw into the wastebasket the freedom for which our forefathers had fought." She also declared that Wilson had accomplished nothing to make America free, but had done much to make this country the puppet of the kings of the Old World.

As the speaker progressed along these lines, fully 200 girls of the college went to the balcony just outside of the chapel hall and under a cheer leader gave vociferous and repeated cheers for the League of Nations, Woodrow Wilson and "Jimmie" Cox.

"Miss Lizzie Lindsay, president of the local chapter of the United Daughters of the confederacy, stated afterwards that the members of this chapter most heartily condemned Mrs. Longstreet for delivering a partisan speech under the cloak of being a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy."

MEBANE MARKET RANKS FIRST IN THE STATE

Tobacco On That Market Has Brought Average Of \$26.65.

According to the September report of Frank Parker, of the Crop Reporting Service, Mebane has the distinction of ranking first in price among North Carolina markets, her market leading in high price of the weed with the figure of \$26.65 per hundred.

Thirty-two warehouses in the State had not reported when Mr. Parker sent out his monthly report, Oxford being among the number not reported.

PRINTING OF FLOWER SHOW PREMIUM LIST DELAYED

The Oxford Woman's Club desires to thank the merchants and business men of Oxford for the liberal donations of the Crysthemum Show. The premium list was handed in to us in ample time to be published in this issue, but the same old trouble—"No Gas"—caused a delay and much worry.

THERE WILL BE A FARMERS' MEETING HERE TOMORROW

The tobacco growers of Fishing Creek, Salem and Oxford townships will meet at the court house tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The plan of the State organization will be fully explained. All farmers are invited to attend the meeting.

HON. CLYDE A. HOEY IS RECEIVED AN OVATION ALL OVER THE STATE

The Distinguished Congressman Will Speak Here October 26.

There are several noted campaign orators in the State, but the greatest of them all is Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, Democratic Congressman from the Eighth District, who will address the voters of Granville county at the Court House in Oxford on Tuesday, October 26, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Hoey has the reputation of saying more in less time than any man in Congress. He is a polished, vigorous speaker.

MRS. DANIELS OPENS HER TOUR OF STATE

She Urges the Women To Register and Vote.

(Winston-Salem Journal) Mrs. Josephus Daniels opened her speaking tour in the state here last Friday, addressing a large audience of voters at the courthouse in the interest of the democratic campaign. The majority of the audience were women.

Mrs. Daniels talked informally to her audience. She urged that women should enter election to promote high ideals of their party.

Mrs. Daniels urged the women to register at once, go to the polls and vote, praying that a senate will be elected in November that will make of the world war not merely one of the wars fought by the nation, but a war fought against wars in the world.

Had the league of nations existed at that time, the differences between Serbia and Austria would have been arbitrated, and the manhood of Europe and the flower of American manhood would have been spared death in the world war, asserted Mrs. Daniels.

GRANVILLE COUNTY TOBACCO TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO

Some Of Sales Recorded On October 24, 1893.

Looking over the files of the Public Ledger we find the following in the issue of October 27, 1893: "Don't fail to read the following sales made Oct. 24th, 1893, by R. F. Knott & Co., proprietor of the Minor Warehouse, Oxford, N. C.:

J. T. Hughes, \$50, \$34, \$27.50, \$14.75 and \$6.25. D. C. Walker, \$46.50, 25 and \$10.25. Curran & Co., \$45, \$18.25, and \$10. S. F. Coley, \$22.50, \$22.50, \$14.75 and 12.50. C. Curran, \$35.50, \$19 and \$9.25. L. N. Caviness, \$51, \$41, \$25, \$28.50, \$18.25, and \$15.25 and \$10. Their entire break averaged \$11.30."

Doubtless some of the above named farmers are still living. It did not cost them anything like as much to raise the crop twenty-seven years ago as it did the present crop.

NEW ENTERPRISE FOR OXFORD

Well Known Laundryman Will Probably Establish Laundry Here

Mr. William H. Couch, who has been in the laundry business in Richmond for many years was in Oxford Monday with a view of establishing a steam laundry here.

Mr. Couch is a native of Oxford and at one time lived where the postoffice now stands. Although he has been away from Oxford sixteen years many of our citizens remember him and speak in his praise.

After looking Oxford over carefully and making diligent enquiry, Mr. Couch stated that he was pleased with the outlook for a modern laundry here.

"It might be an uphill business for a few months," said Mr. Couch, "but I feel that I can overcome that by good service."

Mr. Couch is a man of pleasant address, and we hope that he and his excellent family will locate here.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT THE OLD HAMMIE PLACE

Dwelling and Tobacco Barns Go Up In Flames.

Fire which destroyed the old Hammie place on the Oxford-Henderson road, four miles east of Oxford, also burned ten thousand pounds of tobacco last Thursday morning.

Mr. Poythress, the renter of the farm and dwelling, sustained a total loss of household furniture and about 10,000 pounds of tobacco. At the time of the conflagration Mrs. Poythress was in the hospital and Mr. Poythress was out on the farm. He saw the smoke and rushed home, but he was too late to save anything.

COTTON GINNERS IN EAST CAROLINA WARNED

Dunn, Oct. 18.—More than a hundred cotton ginnings in Cumberland, Jackson, Sampson and Harnett counties have received letters in red ink, with matches inclosed, warning them to close down their gins, it was learned here today. The letters are uniformly signed "F. R. Association."

The gins are for the most part under civilian guard now, but Mr. J. D. Barnes, president of the Dunn Oil Mills Co., today stated that he would apply to Governor Bickett for troops to guard the plants.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Hill Powell are receiving congratulations on the arrival, last Friday, of a daughter, Katherine Clingman.

—Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Wildard Service Station.