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A WORD ABOUT RAIN-

LESS DAYS AND THE THEAT FORGOTTEN THINGS

The Drought and Its Dangers To the Crops Considered In Relation To the figureral Scheme Of Life Here-

What is the most important thing | 1t

Fing that question suddenly at an average crowd anywhere-at, say the sort of crowd that gathers so easily at the Court House-and the diversity of the replies will show you

what is the matter with civilization. Determined voices would be lifted for the Democratic Party. There would be votes for the Volstead act. for Mr. Bryan's code of modern ethics, for the protective tariff, for electric energy, for the Treaty of Versailles, for the philosophy of Mr.

Once in a while--not often in these parts-the fog through which men see with so much difficulty is suddealy cleared. There is a flood or a drought. Then it is apparent that there are only two indispensable things upon this earth. Everything value or desired in life. They cost nobody anything, not even an effort of mind. One is sunlight. The oth-

So long as these things fall in accordance with immemorial routine out of the silence and mystery of the in hand. skies there ought to be no need for complaint. Should they fail for even a little while, there could be only doubt, fear, hunger, panic and chaos in an in vitable and dreadful succession. Men take a vast lot for granted. Who doesn't complain because the sun is too hot or the rain too

Granville county, in which Governor Morrison likes to call the richest bit of earth in North Carolina, here has been no rain to amount to anything for several weeks. Miles of cornfields and tobacco land are and heavy with the dust thrown up from the roadway by those who believe that the twin-six gasoline ensine is the supreme triumph of the ages-the greatest thing in the

In the southern part of Granville county, where millions of money ananally come out of the ground forthe growers numberless people stare daily to the sky as if they were awaiting a rivacle. There has been to rain there, either.

In all the farm regions of Granville county folk who have put almost a year of laber into the soil see all hely hoper and rewards dependent "a good fall of rain."

Failure of the sun to shine at the right times, failure of rain in mideason, may and often does mean to years or for half a lifetime.

waiting for the rain and hearing it 840. and then to believe that riches and were: luxury can somehow be tricked out "The Tables Are Turned;" "Ita-

smooth operation and cordination of Mother by Mail." forces that they cannot measure, conly. The scheme on which they de- Reece. pend is mysteriously, firmly fixed. If it were to vary ever so slightly there would be uproar and misery. The divine scheme holds no troubles that cannot be easily disposed of. If men bicker and brawl and torment each other in large and small ways it is, perhaps, because they lack the discipline that a conrows and rages and imagines itself unfortunate because, apparently, it cannot be happy without being troubled or sorrowful.

NATIONAL DEBT IS NEARLY TWENTY-FOUR BILLION

Washington, June 30 .- The total interest bearing debt of the United States on April 30, last was \$23,-7.3.514.102.91.

Matured interests obligations brought the gross debt up to \$23,-858.597,542.43 on that date.

The great bulk of the national Victory bonds of which there are son." outstanding \$19,334,464,750. The balance is scattered among Panama canal bonds, certificates of indebtedhoss, war savings stamps and miscellancous bonds.

southeastern counties of the state, at \$943,534,750.

according to word from Kinston.

-Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Willard Service Station.

MAYOR STEM SOUNDS WARNING GRANVILLE GRAYS WILL

The habit of operating automobiles without lights, or with only one front light, engaged in by a large number of people of Oxford, must cease. Such offenders will be vigorously prosecuted.

T. G. STEM. Mayor.

OXFORD IS IN NEED

An Up-to-Date Swimming Pool With pany. Equipment Will Cost \$6,000 and is An Undertaking That Must Be Started a Year In Advance. Editor Public Ledger:

Oxford wants a swimming pool and should have one. The question is how are we ging to get one. Swimming is not only a health-giving ex-Wilson and for a thousand other ercise, but a valuable discipline and not be able to go with his company creases received since February 29, training.

In order to get a swimming pool for Oxford we citizens, must face as to detain them. several very definite facts, to-wit: 1. A pool with modern equipment

will cost \$6,000. upkeep.

3. Management of the pool should be vested in some public board.

tion of the pool until the money is mess and supply, Loomis M. Hales; which voluntarily applied the in-

I have the following suggestions

to make: owned by the city where there is Miscellaneous, Sidney T. Currin;

plenty of room and shade. 2. That we start today accumulating the necessary funds for this pro- William B. Ballou. Jr., Thomas L. dred million dollars from the naject, by taking subscriptions payable Blalock, William H. Blalock, Clar- tion's railroad wage bill, if applied to quarterly (July 1, Oct. 1, Jan. 1. and ence B. Burch, Garland S. Currin, all employes. Comparatively few April 1.) All subscriptions collect- Vivian D. Currin, Jimmie L. Davis, roads now have a full quota of emed to be placed on time deposit to the Richard E. Fries, John W. Fuller, ployes, but restoration of normal credit of a special account, and that Durham T. Gillikin, Norman L. conditions and application of the in the event an insufficient amount Hales, Allie L. Hart, Robert H. Hint- board's cut to all employes of the be secured by April 1, 1922, the do- on, David C. Hunt, Leonidas J. Jen- larger railroads will make the fur nors may exercise their option of kins, Sidney F. Knott, Richard H. hundred million dollar reduction a withdrawing the full amount of their | Matthews, Ernest M. Mitchell, Lon- reality. contributions. Interest accruing nie Nelms, Leon D. O'Brien, Leo W. from the time deposits to be applied Pollard, James H. Parham, Maurice MR. EARLE PARHAM AND toward the expense of collections, E. Parham, James, B. Powell, Jr. any deficit in these expenses be Luther W. Stark Jr., Frances A. borne by the city.

ing a year ahead of time, so let's get vin E. Williams, Paul A. Walters. busy now for 1922. We must have at least \$5000 in cash to begin with, and if we continue aw ting the arrival of each season be re agitating this question, we shall never get a

COMMUNITY SERVICE.

MR. REECE RETURNS FROM THE FURNITURE EXPOSITION

The official report of the nine days Furniture Exposition held at High the Granville farmer a loss and con- Point shows what can be done by fusion that cannot be repaired for united effort. There were 1154 I. Metts, commanding the North Caregistration; the largest order of rolina Division, United Confederate abroad, visiting London, Paris and pound were thrown back into the single nuncture, and came 300 miles It is no wonder that the typical furniture by one buyer was 100 cars; Veterans, called the annual veterans Copenhagen. They will live at the stream. The fishermen were in the farmer, working as he does, putting the next largest order by one buyer reunion in Durham. August 23, 24, Waldrof-Astoria on their return in water only about two hours and the in one day on his return trip. Waldrof-Astoria on their return in water only about two hours and the in one day on his return trip. his seed in the ground and his for- was 40 cars; the total amount of sal- and 25. The order accepts the Dur- October. tunes upon the knees of the gods, es during the nine days was \$2,264,- nam invitation of several days ago.

not in Congressmen's speeches, but the Hughes-Smaw Furniture Com- and that veterans unable to pay for New York and Paris. Throughout out the afternoon, but the real joy in the temper and direction of winds pany, was an interested visitor to accommodations at the reunion will and the color of the sky over his the exposition. He attended the be cared for free of charge. head, remains a stubborn individual- banquet on the roof of the ten-story ist hard to reconcile to the follies and exposition building Tuesday night. at the gathering unless its dues have was active in war work. flippancies of the newer schools fad- There was an elaborate program, been paid to Adjutant General Booth dists in Washington who seem now and the songs he mostly enjoyed

of the natural earth without toil or lian Rennaisance Dance;" "Carving, a la Rabbi;" Sauer Kraut, Song from It is odd to feel that a season of Tanhauser; The Dance of the Four dry and parching weather should be Handkerchiefs; The Drawer Song required to remind people generally from Myrtle Desk; Driven from that they survive only through the Home. In Two Parts; "How to Be a

The Public Ledger is indebted to trol or comprehend. They live be- the exposition for a handsome walkcause the rains fall in April and be- ing stick, which was given out as a cause the sun shines warmest in Ju- souvenir and presented to us by Mr.

THE OLD SOLDIER'S HOME

Order \$30,000 Worth Of Improvements For the Institution.

having been over-looked for years, in converting the Warehouse into a is soon to have the overhauling that tabernacle. the 1921 legislature said it should tact with real and general misfor- have. Contracts for improvements tune usually brings. Humanity at the institution to cost approximately \$33,000 have been ordered et by the board of directors.

NEWS FIFTY YEARS AGO

Granville County Tobacco Sold High

Following the Civil War-The following item is taken from the Richmond Dispatch, dated June nouncement of the hours of meeting 28, 1871:

"Yesterday 125 tierces of tobacco, grown in Granville County, N. C., and consigned to Hill, Bentley & Skinker, were sold on 'change at an aggregate price of \$20,000. Wrappers, especially, sold very high, ranging from \$50 to \$100. This is debt is represented by Liberty and regarded as the best sale of the sea-

EUROPE OWES U. S. ONE BILLION INTEREST

Washington, June 30.-Approximately one billion dollars interest was owed the United States by Euro-The Co-Operative Marketing As- pean debtor nations up to about May Sociation of cotton and tobacco has 15. Assistant Secretary Wadsworth with unusual success in the placed the amount of interest due

At Home For Two Weeks. Judge Devin arrived at home yesterday and will spend two weeks to go are requested to write the well Training School, Kinston, be has taken to a hot stump to declare

ENTRAIN FOR CAMP ON JULY NINTH

Will Spend Two Weeks At Morehead City.

Capt. John B. Mays, Jr., is getting the Granville Grays in shape to go to Camp Glenn, Morehead City, on July 9th. Capt. Mays has detailed a squad of five men to leave here OF A SWIMMING POOL next Tuesday morning to get things

good shape.

to camp. There may be others in 1920. the company whose business is such

Headquarterrs Company.

ter of the company is as follows.

Thorp; observer, Charles F. Johnns; tion to make a similar cut-1. That the pool be placed on land operator, James S. Bradsher, Jr.; Scout, Crawford W. Davis.

Spencer, Herman .L Stokes, Sidney 3. We can get a pool only by start- A. Taylor, Benjamin W. Taylor, Mel-... 24. Fort.

> The Advance Squad. es, Charles Eakes.

CENERAL METTS ISSUES AN ORDER FOR REUNION

Veterans Who Cannot Pay For Accomodations Will Be Cared For Free Of Charge.

In a general order, General James

fall in the night reading his future | Mr. C. A. Reece, local manager of railroad fares have been applied for singer of note, having studied in There was plenty of fun through-

erates, the order says.

MAKING READY FOR THE BIG PROTRACTED MEETING

are busy this Friday morning mak- graduated in law from Columbia in top of the water, Mr. Sam Averett, ing seats, platform, choir stand, etc., getting the Mangum Warehouse Omega fraternity, the Southern So- reached out and took hold of the ready for the West Oxford meeting, ciety and the North Carolina So fish. The fish made a lunge and

lanta, is to preach. Pastor Upchurch announces that tant cases in the courts. Thursday, July 7, has been set as a day when every man in Oxford or in COMET HAS CHANGED any of the country churches may re-The Old Soldiers Home at Raleigh, port with saw and hammer and aid

MT. ZION MEETING

Protracted Services Will Begin Next Sunday Morning.

Rev. Fred N. Day, of Winston Salm, will arrive in Oxford Saturday observatory announced. night and on Sunday at 11 a. m. will begin a meeting with his old home church at Mt. Zion.

Pastor C. A. Upchurch says anwill be made Sunday moirnng.

PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY SERVICE PICTURES

The community service pictures will be shown at the following places in Granville county next week under the direction of Mr. C. M. Green: Monday night at Creedmoor. Wednesday night at Knap of

Thursday night at Salem. Friday night at Corinth.

-Five hundred North Carolinians between the ages of 16 and 35 will be given a 30 days' vacation with all expenses paid at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., in the first Citizens' Military Training Camp, fashioned after Plattsburg, to be held in the south. The camp lasts from July Camp Adjutant, Camp Bragg, N. C. fore long.

REDUCTION IN RAIL WAGES TO INCLUDE NEARLY ALL ROADS

Approximately Four Hundred Millions Of Dollars. To Be Slashed From Railroads' Payrolls By Or-12 Per Cent.

(Chicago Special)

in readiness at the samp for the com- road will feel the twelve per cent the Chase City team. Things broke -A protracted meeting will begin Capt. Mays regrets that the guns | Labor Board to take effect July 1.

thern Express Company here, will reduced by sixty per cent of all in- in the percentage column.

Twelve Per Cent Cuta

The new company here is known for reductions, every railroad affect- pitched air-tight ball for Oxford. as the Headquarters Company, first ed by decisions, every railroad affect- Feature of the game was a three bag-2. The pool should be owned by the Infantry North Carolina National ed decision number to the labor ger by Hughes, scoring two runs for city, and the fee charged for bathing Guards. It is a perpetuation of the board's six hundred million dollar Oxford. Batteries: Krepps and depends on them; everything needed, placed at the lowest possible figure old Granville Grays, with Capt. John wage award of July, 1920, has been Cutchins; Beale and Powell. which will pay for supervision and B. Mays, Jr., in command. The ros- authorized to reduce wages an average of twelve per cent. Most of Sergeants-Staff, James J. Walters; them have received such permission first James E. Mathews; chief obser- for all clases of employes. In addi-4. We cannot begin the construct ver and scout, Robert K. Taylor; tion, nearly two score other roads signal electrician, Augustus Landis. creased scale fixed by the board in Corporals -Construction, Louis 1920, also have received authoriza-

Totals 400 Millions. The Labor Board recently estimated that its twelve per cent reduction FISH FRY ON THE Privates-Crawford C. Arrington, would cut approximately four hun-

(New York Herald) Parham-Bacon.

BRIDE TO VISIT OXFORD

way of the marriage Monday even- went up the river a quarter of a mile the near future. The detail which leaves here next ing June 20, in the Little Church and established camp near a spring. Tuesday in advance of the company Around the Corner, by the Dev. Dr. As the men fished up stream slowly Virginia Cozart and Messrs. Frank is as follows: Loomis Hales, Gus Hicks, of Mrs. Jessie Belle Bacon, they caught so many fish it was ne- and Ben Cozart. P. B., Stanton and Landis Sidney Curvin Names Hell Landis, Sidney Currin, Norman Hal- widow of Frank Bacon and owner of cessary to send Mr. Bragg a dozen William Hardee, of Stem, and Mr. to Mr. Frank Earle Parham, well load and to enable him to dress the ed Wednesday from Hendersonville associate of the late James W. Os- fell so heavily upon Mr. Bragg it in the home of Mrs. R. P. Freeze. borne. Only the immediate rela- was necessary to detail Capt. Spen- While on the trip they visited Ashethe country home of the bride, were more than a foot long and the scenery of Western North Carolina, rado and at Mr. Parham's old home table was rather slow. in Oxford, N. C. Later they will go

General Metts states that reduced Mary C. Hoyle Knight, is an amateur round fish. the West she is widely known from was manifested when they felt a ten-No camp can have representation ranch since Mr. Bacon's death. She force and come to the top of the wa-

efficial ladies for the reunion is lim- ville, Tenn., died from influenza at around the fish. ited to descendants of loyal Confed- their home in Bronxville in Decem- Just at this juncture something of Bantist church at Chase City. ber, 1918. He is an honor graduate a miraculous nature was witnessed Baptist church at Chase City. of the Horner Military School and of by the fishermen, namely: Mr. Hob-Wake Forest College. North Caro- good stood off to one side and directlina, class of 1895; later studied at |ed the men to raise the seine careful-Some twenty-five West Oxford men the University of Chicago and was ly, and when it was brought to the 1903. He belongs to Alpha Tau in the full possession of his faculties, The big meeting begins Monday, ciety. During his association with jumped over the heads of the men July 11. Rev. Jno. W. Ham, of At- Mr. Osborne and afterward he was and landed in the arms of Mr. Hob- fronts the National Highway. He

ITS ITINERARY; NO

Several weeks of intimacy with this solar system have had such an effect on the Pons-Winnecke comet that it has changed its itinerary and

FALLING STARS NOW

The change in the comet's plans ences, and as a result the predicted to fall, Solon I. Bailey, acting di-

rector of the observatory, asserted. "As far as we have learned, no be asked to put on its own drives. showers have yet occurred and it is unlikely that any will take place," Mr. Bailey said.

The comet, he added, is now outward bound through space.

Powell-Parham Mr. James B. Powell, son of Mr.

James B. Powell, former Register of Deeds, and Miss Ruth L. Parham, the pretty daughter of Mr. W. A. performed by Rev. J. D. Harte. The happy couple left immediate- Tuesday morning.

ly after the ceremony on a motor trip to Richmond and other points in Virginia.

18 to August 18. All those desiring program will be started at the Cas- Brummitt, the old Bell Town sage,

BASE BALL

A SERIES OF DEFEATS

Oxford Takes Second Place In Percentage Column.

der, Which Effects Reduction Of if you please to call it, the local the stores were closed and our peoteam started on the down grade last ple turned out in a body. Fishing Saturday when they lost to Durham. and seining was the order of the day They were again humiliated on Mon- and a most delightful day of en-Employes on virtually every rail- day by the defeat administered by enjoyments is reported. wage cut ordered by the Railroad bad for them again Tuesday, when at Beulah Church the second Sunday Roxboro was victorious. Smarting in July. The pastor, Rev. E. G. Usand other equipment will not reach. The reductions authorized are under the series of defeats, the local ry, has been indeed fortunate in here in time for the trip. He has identical with those of the original team nerved themselves for the con- having secured to assist him Dr. been drilling the men once a week order, the only change being the ad- test with the Henderson team on the W. C. Tyree, of Raleigh, one of the for some time and the company is in dition of rates for Marine workers local grounds Wednesday, when they foremost preachers of the statein certain harbors and tof a section received the fourth defeat in suc- Beulah has recently installed a mod-It is possible that Staff Officer covering restaurant and dining car cession. By the series of defeats, ern system of electric lights and it Jennings Walters, agent of the Sou- eployes, whose wages were ordered the Oxford team takes second place is thought that one of the services

Oxford 3; Henderson 0.

Oxford defeated Henderson yester-Except a few subsidiary lines, day at Henderson in a game of ball, whose parent owners filed petitions the score being 3 to 0. Krepps

STANDING OF CLUBS

Central Caro	lina	League.	
Clubs:	W.	L.	1
Roxboro	10	5	
Oxford		12	
Henderson	16	16	
West Durham	3	4	
South Hill	2	7	
Chase City	2	7	

BANKS OF TAR RIVER A Miracle Was Wrought In the Presence Of the Fishermen.

Mr. A. P. Hobgood, the champion fisherman of Granville county, took a number of his friends over to Tar River Monday afternoon and initiated them into the mystery of catching A. P. Hobgood, Capt. Frank Spencer, and for some years has been enbig fish. In the party were Messrs. Sam Averett, Earnest Bragg, James gaged in the saw mill business. Der". Dug Spencer, C. A. Hunt, Henry Critcher, John Baker and Luther ganized Saturday with Mr. E. L. Mize,

Reynolds, of Alabama. They entered the water at Blackwell's bridge and fished up stream. strongest team Stem has ever had, Announcement was made yester- Ernest Bragg, the cook for the party, and will doubtless be heard from in

catch of the afternoon was more than

ter. At the command of Mr. Hob-

engaged in presenting many impor- good, the champion fisher of Granville county who, somehow or other, manages to "catch 'em coming and going."

BAPTISTS SEEKING HALF MILLION DOLLARS

Cambridge, Mass June 28.— North Carolina State Convention Asked For 55,000 By the Fall.

Nashville, Tenn., June 30.—Plans for the enrollment among members | the community. of the local churches of the Southdeparted from its orbit, the Harvard ern Baptist Convention of half mil- as "Christ Disciples, are building a months were announced by Dr. has been caused by planetary influ- Hight C. Moore, secretary of the ta place. A good many members of meteoric showers are not now likely Baptists within the bounds of the gone with the new sect. Southern church, and each individual convention in the various states will in our community, and we are glad

> be carried on by the regular State possible. forces and the campaign will conclude with a special round-up week with the Granville Auto Co., for sevin November 7 to November 4. North Carolina is asked to enroll

55,000 tithers in the campaign.

Shop Early. It is well to remember that next Monday is the Fourth of July. All

On the Stump. It is rather warm to get into a -Work on a second large building stand that our good friend Wes weight of the three men was 705.

himself.

BATCH OF NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL OF TALLY HO

(W. R. Mangum)

-A picnic given under the auspices of the Stem Sunday School was By a series of failures, or bad luck, held at Minor's Mill Wednesday. All

will be held during the day and one

at night. -The drought continues unbroken in our community, although crops are not materially damaged, and we often hear it said that a dry June means good crop year. Crops in the neighborhood of Providence are better than we have seen in any other section. Corn especially is looking

-A marriage of unique beauty and simplicity was solemnized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jackson Pct. of Oxford Route 6, last Sunday morning at 9 o'clock when their daughter, Miss Mamie, became the 500 bride of Mr. John Sykes. A goodly 428 number of relatives and friends were 222 present to witness the happy event. 222 the ceremony being performed by squire W. S. Gooch of Stem. Immediately following the ceremony, the happy couple left on auto for the home of the grooms sister, Mrs. Robert Allen, of Hillsboro, where elaborate preparation had been made to receive them. The bride is a beautiful young lady with many charming graces of mind and heart. and leaves a host of friends in her community; the groom is a prosperous young business man of Hillsboro,

-The Stem baseball team reoran experienced ball player, as manager. This is thought to be the

-Misses Lucy Hardee, Mary and the J. B. Ranch in Gothenburg, Neb., fine specmiens so as to lighten their Zachariah Bacon, of Route 1, returnknown New York lawyer and former fish for the evening meal. The work where they attended a house party tives were present. They will visit cer to help him. Some of the fish ville and took in all the mountain Greenacres, Nebraska, also in Colo- process of preparing them for the having climbed Chimney Rock and the other most noted peaks. Mr. P. All fish weighing less than a B. Hardee traveled one thousand single puncture, and came 300 miles

-Mrs. Hallie Johnson and two The bride, a daughter of Mrs. a bushel, the most of them being children, of near Durham, returned father, Mr. W. J. Royster, Oxford

Route 6. -Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Bragg, of having successfully carried on her pounder strike the seine with terrific | Chase City, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bragg, of Route 3. Mr. Bragg, who is a gifted mu-Mr. Parham's first wife, who was good to work fast, the guidesmen sician, was called home very suddenin New Orleans and appointment of Mrs. Nelle R. Cartwright of Nash- with the seine formed a circle ly to assist in the singing at a funeral. He is a good violinist and is a

> -Miss Hettie Overby of Richmond, who holds a responsible position with the Southern Railway, spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Overby, of Oxford

> -Mr. Harry W. Daniel, of Oxford Route 6, has just completed a handsome new residence which purchased the John Wheeler place a few years ago and has been making steady improvements on his farm which has greatly changed the appearance of things. -Miss Janie Gold Gooch, return-

> ed home Sunday from an extended visit to Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Reid of Winston Salem. She was accompanied by her little cousin, Gooch Reid, who will spend a few weeks in -A colored denomination, known

lion tithers within the next six good size meeting house at a point on the Russell place opposite the Latconvention. There are 3,000,000 the colored Tally Ho church have -Wheat threshing is all the go

to learn that the crop is turning out The work of securing tithers will much better than at one time seemed

-Mr. J. C. Winters, who has been eral months, left Saturday for Canada, where he will look after tobacco raising for the balance of the season.

Three Heavy Weights.

The other day Capt. Hutchins and Capt. Bowling of the police force and Parham, were married at high noon of the stores in Oxford will be clos- Judge D. C. Hunt, clerk of the Court, yesterday at the home of the bride ed on that date. You must either were standing in front of the court on King street, the ceremony being make your purchase before the stor- house when the question came up as es close Saturday night or wait until to which one weighed the most Judge Hunt knew his weight, and Hutchins and Bowling went across the street and weighed themselves. Judge Hunt weighed 236; Hutchins, political discussion, but we under- 235; Bowling 234. The combined

> -Methodist minister won a "closed Sunday" in Winston-Salem.

THE PERSON NAMED IN STREET