

The Chatham Record

THURSDAY, May 20, 1880.

LOCAL RECORDS:

Make up campaign clubs for the RECORD. Only one dollar apiece to club of five until next January!

Let every democratic voter in Chat-ham attend his township meeting on the 23d of this month.

The Record office is now prepared to print all kinds of Notices, Circulars, Handbills, &c. Good work at low prices.

We were pleased to receive a call, a day or two ago, from our former townsmen, Mr. John L. Cowan, who is now publishing the Opelika (Ala.) Observer.

We would call the attention of the farmers to the splendid lot of Grain Cradles, Scythe Blades and Mowing Blades at LONDON'S CHEAP STORE. He also has on hand 100 bushels of nice, clean PEAS. Get your supply at once.

Ladies, if you want something nice, call at the store of D. S. WAITT, Raleigh, N. C., and examine his large and valuable stock of Hamburg Edgings and Ladies Neck-wear. You will find the proprietor and his efficient corps of assistants polite, attentive, and willing to show goods.

If you wish to keep cool, get one of the nice Alpaca or Linen coats which are being offered so low at LONDON'S CHEAP STORE. He has a tremendous stock of clothing, and must be selling them cheap, judging from the quantity we see carried away every day. Nice Fresh Lemons, at Durham Plant.

Census Enumerators. We learn that the commissioners for the census enumerators have been all made out, and will be forwarded to the success-ful applicants in a few days, whose anxiety will then, we hope, be relieved.

Convict Escaped. Last Friday one of the convicts at work on the C. F. & Y. R. R. made his escape. He was a white man named Samuel Overton, from Hertford county, and had already served out nineteen months of a five-year sentence.

Township Meeting. The Executive Committee of this (Centre) township have called a meeting of the Democratic voters thereof, to be held at the court house, on next Saturday at 3 o'clock for the purpose of appointing five delegates to the County Convention, and electing a township committee. A full attendance is requested.

We presume the committees of the other townships have called a meeting on the same day, as heretofore requested. We would suggest that at these meetings the delegates be elected by ballot, and not appointed by the Chairman. The county convention will meet here on Monday the 7th of June.

Memorial Window. A beautiful stained glass memorial window has been placed in the Episcopal church, at this place, in memory of the late Mrs. Charles Letterlich by two of her daughters. We think this is a most appropriate way of honoring the dead and adorning the house of God. This is the fourth memorial window that has been placed in this church.

Improvements. We are pleased to note the improvements that are going on in our ancient "Borough," for it shows that there is some "life" in the old land yet. Messrs. Bynum & Headen have completed the addition to their large store, which is now one of the largest in the State. The residence known here as the "old Hall house" has been thoroughly repaired, and in its new, fresh coat of paint is quite an ornament to the town. But the greatest improvement of all will be the very handsome residence that will soon be built by Mr. A. J. Bynum on the site of the "old Thompson house," which has been taken down to give place to its more pretentious successor.

Novel Proceeding. Last Friday Deputy Sheriff Cradtree, of Orange county, came here with a negro woman whom he wished to deliver to our Sheriff and exhibited his authority the following remarkable order from the Commissioner of Orange:

"It is ordered that the Sheriff of Orange county deliver to the Sheriff of Chatham county or Chairman of Board of Commissioners of said county Minnie Mann (colored), a citizen of Chatham county who has been in Orange county jail for sometime."

Of course our Sheriff was right in refusing to put the woman in jail upon such an order. No cause of her imprisonment was suggested in the order, and she could have prosecuted our Sheriff for false imprisonment had he presumed to jail her. The Orange offices said that the woman had been put in Hillsboro's jail because it was thought she was crazy, but as there was no evidence of that, she was discharged upon her arrival here.

Wedding Festivities. Last Thursday night quite a large crowd filled the Presbyterian church at this place to witness the marriage of Mr. Peter H. to Miss Carrie Poe. The church was decorated with flowers and wreaths of evergreens, and a large floral "horse-shoe" was suspended over the heads of the bridal party. The bride and groom with their attendants presented quite a beautiful scene, and all looked their best. Immediately after the ceremony the party repaired to the hospitable residence of the bride's father, Orson S. Poe, Esq., where a pleasant "reception" was held until a late hour, and all greatly enjoyed the delightful occasion. The next night the parents of the groom gave a most elegant entertainment, where there was everything to please the eye, and satisfy the appetite.

Our young friends took their departure, on Monday, for Rock Hill, S. C., (where the groom is a prominent merchant) accompanied with the best wishes of their many friends.

Celebration at Durham.

The citizens of Durham will have a grand celebration today to commemorate the Mecklenburg Declaration. The Record not having been honored with an invitation will not be able to report the proceedings.

The Latest Frost Yet.

Some days ago the weather was quite cool for the season, and the nights real chilly, so much so indeed that there was a slight frost on the morning of the 15th, that nipped some of the vegetables. It is very unusual to have a frost in this section so late as the middle of May. Just now, however, it is about as hot as we can have it, and distressingly dry and dusty.

The Wheat Crop.

We are pleased to hear such good accounts of the wheat crop in this county. In some sections there is complaint of the rust, but it is hoped this will not do much damage. For the past few years our wheat crops have turned out very badly, so that it is sincerely to be hoped the crop this year will yield a full harvest.

Hon. Geo. V. Strong.

A correspondent of THE RECORD, in another column, warmly recommends Judge Strong for the position of Attorney General. From a personal acquaintance of many years with this distinguished gentleman, we can heartily endorse him to the people of Chatham, and, by the way, he has some peculiar claims on this county, for he spent several years of his boyhood going to school here, and is still kindly remembered by our oldest citizens.

The Liquor Election.

We hope the citizens of this township will not forget to vote at the election to be held here on the first Thursday in June, as, as heretofore announced in THIS RECORD, an election has been ordered to ascertain the wishes of our people upon continuing in force the prohibitory law. The prohibitionists carried the election last June by a very decided majority, and can easily do so again if they will only attend the election and vote. They may be sure that the liquor men will still vote, and will exert their utmost efforts to re-establish its sale within our township. The same reasons and motives that induced our citizens to vote for "Prohibition" last year should surely have equal weight this year. The advantages and benefits of such a law have now been practically experienced, and all must admit that it has accomplished much good. Persons who have attended our Courts before and since the adoption of the prohibitory law in this township must confess that its effect has been most marked and beneficial. Formerly it was a common sight to see drunken men lying full length in the ditches and on the sidewalks of our town every Court-week. Hundreds of dollars were spent for liquor; men would go rolling and staggering along the streets, and fights and affrays were of frequent occurrence. But since last June a marked improvement has been noticeable at our Courts, and our people congratulated upon the happy change wrought by the prohibitory law. Of course liquor has been sold and drunk here, drunken men are occasionally seen on our streets, and the law sometimes violated. But what law is not violated? Because men sometimes violate the prohibitory law is no more reason for its repeal than the violation of any other law is a cause for its repeal. Because men steal is surely no reason for repealing the law against larceny! And so the occasional violation of this law is no just cause for its abolition. On the contrary, let greater efforts be made for its more rigid enforcement.

In order that our citizens may know some of the benefits derived from the practical working of our prohibitory law, we have examined the docket kept by the Mayor of this town in the trial of cases in his court. The Mayor of the town has jurisdiction not only of violations of the town ordinances, but also of all crimes committed in town, just as a Magistrate has in the county. The Mayor's docket shows that, since last June, there has been only one case in his court, and that was a negro who got on a spree during the Christmas holidays, and was fined one dollar, whereas, for the twelve months preceding (when liquor was sold here) there were THIRTY-THREE cases, and the fines amounted to TWENTY-SEVEN dollars. Quite a difference surely! And for the year before that there was a still greater difference, for, in that year, (from June 1877 to June 1878,) there were TWENTY-ONE cases, and the fines amounted to SIXTY-two dollars! This statement shows what Prohibition has done for our town, for with scarcely an exception all these cases were caused by liquor. Men when drunk are generally quarrelsome and noisy; their sprees frequently end in their being arrested and fined, and these fines take just that amount of money from the support of their families.

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A Marrying Man.

Amos Askew of White Oak, Jones County aged 80 years, was recently married to a lady aged 60 years.

Mr. Askew has been a widower for three months, which time he thought was long enough to convince any one

that it was not good for man to remain alone.—Kinston Journal.

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Active Old Men.

Mr. J. W. Miller, who lives in the Sterling neighborhood and is 86 years old, was in town Tuesday to buy him a plow. He didn't have to haggle to tarry as he was anxious to get back into the field. Mr. Bartlett Morgan, who lives up on Big Rocky Creek and is 81 years old, walked to town last Saturday. 18 miles, as he is in the habit of doing, having come down to consult a lawyer about a matter of business.—Chapel Hill Ledger.

Murder and Suicide.

At Sharpe's Turnout, on the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, this side of Columbia, Monday morning shortly after breakfast, Bob Bird, colored, one of the section hands, left the gang and went back to the house of the section master, where his wife cooks, and took her across his lap and deliberately cut her throat with a sharp hatchet, nearly severing the head from the body. No one else was on the premises. Bird then went back to the gang of section men and told them good-bye, (they not knowing what he had done,) and then went to Killian's pond, some half mile distant, and without a moment's hesitation plunged in. The section master fearing that something was wrong, had followed Bird and waded out in the water and attempted to save but could not reach him. Bird was gasping and had gotten hold of a stump—the section master crying out to him to hold on until he could get a boat, that he would save him, but before he did so the negro rolled off again and was drowned.

No cause, we learn, is assigned for the tragedy and the self destruction of the murderer, but the green-eyed monster is thought to have been the spider in the hoe-cake.—Charlotte Press.

STATE NEWS:

Good Work.

Forty hands on the Mt. Airy division of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad finished two miles of grading in twenty-five days.—Greensboro' Patriot.

Railroad Graded.

The convicts completed the grading of the Oxford & Henderson Railroad yesterday, and the road bed is now ready for the ties and rails.—Granville Free Lance.

Big Tree.

There is a Chestnut tree standing in the yard of Mr. Zed Griffith, of Davidson county, which measures 28 feet in circumference three feet from the ground.—Winston Sentinel.

Wonderful Egg.

Harville Johnson, of this county has a hen that laid an egg with the letter K on the end as nicely and perfectly as it engraved there. It's kind of natural curiosity.—Moore Index.

Orange Wheat Crop.

There has not been such a flattering prospect for a wheat crop in this country in twenty-eight years. This information is obtained from the old people, our recollection not extending that far back in the past.—Durham Plant.

Drowned.

Willie B. King, son of Dr. Joel King of Warrenton was drowned on Tuesday morning last. While swimming across the mill pond, he was struck with cramp and drowned before assistance could be rendered.—Raleigh Visitor.

An Old Horse.

Our good old friend, Wm. Patterson, Esq., of this county, recently had a favorite Mare to die that had been in service 30 or 35 years. She was known as "Old Doll," and has been a family mule in Mr. Patterson's family for the past 25 years.—Charlotte Democrat.

Healthy Country.

We know five men in Cedar Rock township, this county, near neighbors who have fifty children large enough to go to school, and all of these men are now in the prime of life. Where is the neighborhood in the State that can come up to this?

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For Colored Lunatics.

The Colored Insane Asylum, at Goldsboro, will be thrown open to patients by the 1st of June. The building, as far as completed, will accommodate about 125 insane patients, but only 75 can be provided for at present.—Observer.

Attempt to Escape.

A correspondent of the Raleigh News from Bertie county says that when Mr. James Winborne, the jailer went into the jail one morning recently to feed the prisoners, he was attacked by one of the prisoners Nathan Myers, who caught hold of him and tried to escape, in attempting to break away from the prisoner, another prisoner caught hold of his pistol and jerked it out of his hand. Mr. Winborne succeeded in getting away and locking the door, and then got a crowd of men and handcuffed the prisoner and now all is quiet in jail.

Peculiar Eyes.

The Reidsville Times says that there is a negro who was born in Milton, and is now about twenty years old, who has eyes of different colors. One is a deep blue and the other a solid black.

At Old Miser.

Wednesday, May 5th, Adams Corbett, a man of considerable means, died near Falkland, N. C., aged 70 years. We understand that he was a miserly man, and hid his money in various places about his house and lot. After his death \$5,000 worth of good notes, with several thousand in greenbacks, was found in books, and \$2,300 in gold was found in a safe in an open milk house in a shot bag, and afforded easy access to any thief who might desire to enter.—Wilson Advance.

DIED.

HADLEY.—At his residence in Greene County, N. C., on the 11th inst., Mr. W. C. HADLEY, in his forty-third year of life.

Mr. Hadley was a son of W. P. Hadley, Esq., of this city, and was much esteemed by all who knew him.

THE MARKETS.

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