

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1887.

LOCAL RECORDS.

It If the days now are not long enough for you, how much longer do you want them?

Since the beginning of this hot spell and the closing of the bar rooms, our Borough may truly be termed a "dry" town.

The work of enlarging and repairing the academy was begun last Monday. The new building is designed to be a very commodious and convenient one.

Our county jail is empty, with not a single prisoner. This is highly creditable to the law-abiding spirit of our citizens. Suppose the county commissioners could fit it out?

The hum of the wheat thresher is now heard, and flour from the new mill is being eaten. Many a man who has been buying flour will soon have plenty of his own made.

By the consolidation of the individual revenue districts in this State, Chatham county has been transferred to the fourth district, of which Mr. Yarborough is the Collector, with headquarters at Raeford.

We much regret to hear of the death of the wife of our esteemed friend Matthew Atwater, Esq. She died on Sunday, aged nearly six years. She will be sadly missed by her grieved children.

High is preparing for a big Fourth of July celebration, and specimen excursion cars are offered to those who may wish to attend. The railroad fare from New Bern will be only \$1.15 for the round trip.

Among the visitors arriving here since our last issue were Miss Maggie Hamilton, of Burlington; Miss Augusta Moore, of Washington; Mr. E. W. Foy, Jr., of Smithfield; and Rev. Dr. Marshall and daughter, of Raleigh.

Sheriff Brewster reported to the Migration asylum in West Madison, accompanied by Henry Kendall. It is a hardship on this county to be forced to send its inmates at heavy expense to Migration, where the buying of grub is so dear.

The new post office at Wimbleton is a great convenience to the people of that vicinity. It is on the Pittsboro road, about four miles south of here, and would not have been established if the railroad had not been built.

The dam at Peoples' mill, on Rocky river, was cut a few days ago, and the water down of the pool to the purpose of repairing the dam, and a large number of persons took advantage of the occasion to go with some great quantities of help.

Have you noticed your taxable? Don't you feel like doing out once in a few years, even tax paying? It is time to think about it. The month of June, and that the instant most requires tax day to the tax collector. Tax day to the best of my knowledge is the first Monday in July.

Among the demands Lumberville received this week was a large lot of laundry. Scarcely had we given you the impression that *he* beats you ever saw, when in a stock of a bunch of laundry. He has another lot of those for Pittsboro, and I suppose for New Bern. London's Laundry Room, it is the best you ever saw.

The teacher at Morehead City certainly have good appetites. At one breakfast they said to have eaten one whole ox and a half, three sheep, one thousand fish, ten hams, twenty-five hundred biscuits, six hundred chickens and two thousand eggs. Rusty gallons of soup are eaten at dinner and over two tons of ice are consumed daily! We wonder if the Pittsboro' delegation ate their share?

Remember, if you need a hat London's is the place to get it. He has an extra large stock which may be sold, and money will buy one cheap; now is your time. Will receive this week another lot of Shoes for Men, Ladies and Children. A large stock of White Bed-Spreads at London's which will sell out with bargains during the next week.

A few days ago, Mr. W. C. Thomas, of this town-ship, undertook to get honey from one of his bee-hives, when the bees attacked him so severely that he shut himself up in his dwelling. But they followed him there, a broken window and drove him out of his house, and he finally sought refuge in his son's dwelling nearby. The bees then attacked his dog and stung it to death.

The blackberry crop seldom, if ever fails, and this year comes in good time when there is so little rain. The value and importance of this crop is not properly appreciated. In this country blackberries grow in great abundance, and much money could be made by drying them. Many persons do dry and sell some, but the business is small compared with what it might be. If every person in Chatham, who is complaining of "hard times," would go to picking and drying blackberries, many a dollar could be made and the times would be some easier. As there will be no fruit to can this year we would suggest to housekeepers to fill their fruit cans and jars with blackberries, which will make very toothsome pies and puddings next winter. We speak from experience.

Tomorrow, the 24th, being St. John's day, a celebration will be held by the Masonic fraternity at Siler City, and an address appropriate to the occasion will be delivered by W. E. McMillen, Esq., of Jonesboro. We are requested by the committee in charge of the celebration to state that a cordial invitation is extended to the public generally.

The barrooms at this place were closed on last Thursday as soon as their owners learned, as stated in the Report of that date, that the last Act of the General Assembly did not apply to the late election, and therefore that they did not have six months in which to close up their business. They had applied to the town authorities for license for three months, the money being paid and received under the impression that they had six months in which to close up their business. This may have been a misapprehension of law, the town authorities ought to refund all, except the proportionate part due for the time the barrooms were kept open.

Letter From Morehead.

Atmore Hotel, Morehead City, June 19, 1887.

In the other Sunday as it is, I could not refrain from giving our Chatham folks a few words about our "city by the sea." The Chappaqua train arrived here June 15, at 2 o'clock p.m.

Though there was over a thousand people on board, no confusion at all was undergone about rooms.

The vessels coming the train and every one has his number, and when you go there there was nothing to do but call for your key and go to bed for a good night's rest.

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