The Chatham Record.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1893.

LOCAL RECORD.

—Nice Family Flour, only $4.60 a barrel at O. S. Poe & Son's.

—Dogwood, persimmon and hickory timber wanted at the Pittsboro' Shuttle Mill.

—The ice houses here have been filled with the thickest ice ever before put up at this place.

—This winter has "broken the record" and will always be remembered as the "cold winter of 1892&'93."

—For one time the young folks have had enough skating, and no longer seem to take any pleasure in that exhilarating sport.

—Dr. John H. London, of Raleigh, will be at Pittsboro on the first Monday in every month and remain three days, prepared to do any kind of dental work.

—For monuments and tombstones of the latest and prettiest designs write to Robt. I. Rogers & Co., proprietors Durham Marble Works, Durham, N. C.

—The next term of Chatham superior court will begin on the 13th of February, three weeks from next Monday. Judge Henry R. Bryan, of New Berne, will hold the court.

—Dr. W. H. Edwards, of Wake Forest, will visit Pittsboro' on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday following the third Sunday in every month, and will be prepared to do any kind of dental work: office with Chapin & Headen.

—Sleigh riding seems to have lost its attraction, for although the snow has been in excellent condition, yet not a sleigh has been running here within the past two or three days. Too much of a good thing is not appreciated.

—Cards are now out announcing the approaching marriage of Mr. Duncan E. McIver to Miss Kate Scott, daughter of Maj. John W. Scott, at Sanford, on next Wednesday night. The Record extends its congratulations.

—We hope to publish next week all the corrections and additional names of Chatham [illegible] that have been sent the Record. If there are any [illegible] them at once, so that all corrections may be published in the same issue.

—In addition to the attempt to establish [illegible] county, an attempt will also be made at the present session of the Legislature for the erection of a new county, to be composed of parts of Cumberland, Moore, Chatham and Wake [illegible] to be called "Blakely."

—They have received at W. L. London & Son's a car load of [illegible] crop molasses, which they are selling very cheap at wholesale as well as retail. They have a full stock of all kinds of heavy and fancy groceries. A lot of heavy boots for men and boys, very cheap.

—Take care of your horses this cold weather. W. L. London & Son have a few horse blankets left which they are selling very low for cash. Also, a nice lot of bed blankets, comforts and lap robes. A few overcoats on hand very cheap. Gents', ladies' and children's underwear.

—A large buck deer was seen last week near McBane's store, in Hadley township, and was chased by a number of men with dogs until it disappeared at Woody's ferry, in Alamance county. A wild deer is so rarely seen in this section that its appearance created some excitement in that neighborhood.

—Did you ever know a month in which there was no full moon? If not, then you will find such a month in February of this year, for in that month (strange to say) there will be no full moon. There is a full moon on the 31st of January and another on the 1st of March, but none in February. Did you ever?

—It is said that snow will make a good wheat crop. If this be true then the crop this year ought to be the best almost ever before known, for there has been enough snow during the past three weeks to satisfy anybody. The severe cold no doubt has destroyed many insects that would injure the crops, so after all the snow and cold may be of much benefit.

A Shocking Death.—Miss Lina McDonald, the youngest daughter of our former countyman, Col. John A. McDonald, was instantly killed, on last Monday, by being run over by a train on the C. F. & Y. V. railroad in the suburbs of Greensboro. She was walking on the track, and, it is supposed, did not see the train in time to escape. The deceased was an accomplished young lady, greatly beloved by all who knew her, and had recently been employed as a teacher in the State's Female Industrial School, lately opened at Greensboro. Her many friends at this place, where she was born, will be greatly grieved to hear of her sudden and shocking death.

Old Citizen Dead.—The many friends of Capt. Elias Bryan, of this county, will regret to hear of his death, which occurred at the residence of his devoted daughter, Mrs. A. C. Budd, near Lockville, on last Saturday. He was one of Chatham's most prominent citizens, and was about eighty five years old. He was born and reared in Edgecombe county, but removed to Chatham about fifty years ago. He was a very public spirited citizen, and took a prominent part in all works of internal improvement, and other [illegible] that would promote the interests of our county. He was an uncle of Hon. B. H. Bunn, the distinguished Representative in Congress from this district.

County Alliance.—Last Thursday was the day for the regular quarterly meeting of the county alliance, but no meeting was held. Heretofore these quarterly meetings have been largely attended, delegates usually being present from nearly every sub-alliance in the county. There are, or were, forty-five sub-alliances in Chatham, but on last Thursday delegates from only six of them came here to attend the quarterly meeting. No doubt the severe weather deterred some from attending, but such weather would not have deterred so many, two years ago, before the third party leaders had turned the Alliance into a political machine. The truth of the matter is that the democratic alliancemen feel that the alliance has been captured by the third party leaders and diverted from its original purposes, and consequently they no longer take any interest in it.

Chatham's Legislators.—The members of the Legislature from this county are determined to be heard from, at least two of them, Atwater and Foley, for thus far Mr. Walker has had the good sense to keep quiet. Mr. Self made his maiden speech as a legislator in opposing the resolution to appropriate $500 for defraying the inaugural expenses of Gov. Carr. The laugh was quickly turned on him by Mr. Jacob A. Long, of Alamance, replying to him and saying, "that if Exum had been elected Governor Mr. Self would now be dancing"!

Every time that Senator Atwater attempts to "show off" he is promptly "sat down" on. For instance, Senator [illegible] [illegible]

A [illegible] Death.—[illegible] the rumor was not long [illegible] stretched on the frozen snow was his stiff and lifeless body. There being no suspicion of murder and no need of an inquest, they sadly carried his body to his residence, about 500 yards distant.

He died of heart disease, as his father did before him, and with which he had been afflicted for sometime. He left home, the morning before, for this place and told his family not to be uneasy if he did not return that night as he might spend the night at his kinsman's, Mr. R. G. [illegible], whose wife [illegible] [illegible] Next morning one of his sons started to this place with a load of wood, and found him lying dead in the road that leads from the house to the public road. His death must have been instantaneous, for he had fallen flat on his face with his right hand pressed to his heart, just as anyone would naturally do when a pain strikes the heart.

Mr. Hatch was about 64 years old, and was a man of strict integrity of character, whom we had well known and highly [illegible] [illegible] will now be filled by the county commissioners. He leaves a wife and five children, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy at their irreparable loss.

The Coldest Winter.—We have often heard the old people talk of how much colder the winters were when they were young than they have been since that time, and we know that the past few winters have not been very cold. But we insist that this winter has had more continuous cold weather than any within the memory of the "oldest inhabitant", and we defy a successful contradiction of this assertion. No doubt many winters have had a few days as cold as any of this winter, but no winter has had so many severely cold days, and yet this winter is only half gone. In order to prove our assertion, and to put on record the temperature of this winter, we have obtained [illegible] from Mr. N. H. Merritt, who is the observer at this place of the Weather Bureau and [illegible] the government has furnished him with a self registering thermometer, that records the [illegible] degree of temperature in every twenty-four hours. According to Mr. Merritt's thermometer, which is placed on his northern porch about ten feet from the ground, the coldest day before Christmas was Thanksgiving Day (24th of November) when before daylight the temperature was 13 degrees above zero. This is the coldest we ever knew in November. The next coldest day before Christmas was the 23rd of December, when it was 15 degrees above zero. The coldest days since Christmas and the lowest degrees of cold are as follows, viz: December 27th, 16 degrees above zero; 28th, 17; 29th, 3 degrees *below* zero; 30th, 2 below zero, and the 31st, 14 above zero. During this month (January) the minimum temperature has been as follows: on the 6th, 14 degrees above zero; on the 7th, the same; the 8th, 18; 9th, 13; 10th, 21; 11th, 2; 12th, 20; 13th, 9; 14th, zero; 15th, 24; 16th, 4 below zero; 17th, 5 degrees below zero, and yesterday (18th) exactly at zero.

As our readers are aware, the freezing point (according to the thermometer) is 32 degrees above zero. And bear in mind that the figures above given are the *minimum*, or lowest, temperature during each twenty-four hours, and was *before daybreak*. This will account for these figures showing colder weather than may have been indicated by other thermometers that are not self-registering and which were not looked at until daylight, when the temperature had risen a little.

In addition to all this cold, it has snowed six times since Christmas—on December 27th, and January 4th, 7th, 12th, 14th and 17th, and the ground is still covered with snow.

If our readers will clip this out and put it away, it may be of interest to them in future years in showing how cold was the "cold winter of 1892&'93". And, as above stated, the winter is only half gone!

For the Record.

Union Meeting.

Chatham Record: Please publish Union Meeting of Sandy Creek Association at Rocky River, January 27-29, 1893.

Sermon, Friday, by S. Gilmore.

Queries:

1. The importance of every baptist family taking the *Biblical Recorder*. J. L. Smith, L. R. Dixon, G. E. Merritt.

2. Best plan to increase the benevolence of our churches. W. H. H. Lawhon, S. Gilmore, R. F. Andrews.

3. Can any one claim to be a Christian, who refuses to unite with a church, and never works for the interest of the Lord's cause? W. G. King, D. R. Sears, G. W. Thrower.

Saturday evening: Reports of neighboring missionaries, and meeting of the Executive Board.

On Sunday: S. S. mass meeting and missionary sermon.

C. T. Edwards, Mod.

For the Record.

Pruning Fruit Trees.

There are two schools of opposite extremes in regard to pruning fruit trees: one is not to neglect to cut and [illegible] [illegible] A perfectly healthy apple tree should be so managed with the pruning knife that every branch should have a fair chance to have its leaves fairly well exposed to the light. A large quantity of half shaded and half starved leaves on a tree is not nearly so beneficial as when the tree has a chance for the full development of every leaf—and what is true of the apple orchard is true in the main of all other fruit trees and vines in the hands of the cultivator. Look out for your vines and fruit trees. Prune them carefully and closely, examine them for borers and get ready for a heavy crop of fruit this year. The orchard interests of North Carolina have been too much neglected. Plant more trees and vines and care for them properly and prune regular and the right way and they will pay well for the investment and trouble.

New York city consumes an average of forty carloads of fruit per day the year around. This is in the aggregate [illegible] car loads a year. [illegible] [illegible] New York the total yearly consumption [illegible] loads. It would [illegible] apples grown [illegible] in North Carolina as they do in the North, if they are properly cared for and pruned in the right way.

P. T. Weir.

For the Record.

Visit to a Southern Village.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 14, 1893.

[Continued.]

Editor Record:—As the traveller rides westward from Weldon on the Raleigh and Gaston Railway, he cannot fail to notice the marked changes in the country's conformation. The writer of this sketch found opportunity through the kindness of a Norfolk friend to examine the territory in the extreme eastern section of your State, before entering upon the more central domain. He found the proverbial pine districts, with [illegible] forests of timber. Albemarle Sound was crossed, though it proved on that day an exceedingly heavy sea, from which we penetrated to the southernmost division of the Dismal Swamp, on whose outskirt is established a thriving lumber town. The country is devoid of hills or ridges, is covered with an [illegible] and stagnant pools.

When the train has crossed Weldon, a distinct change in appearance is perceptible. [illegible] has disappeared, save in scattered pieces. The ground seems better to be adapted to the growth of the lighter grains. The impenetrable density of the pine forest has been succeeded by a scanter growth, interspersed in which are the heavier woods belonging naturally to a brisk atmosphere. But let the train now carry the stranger into the central counties of North Carolina. From the car window the eye watches the landscape in its transformation, like the panoramic shiftings in the [illegible] a slight wave in the ground, then a well marked roll, and finally a genuine hill is discoverable. To the journeying visitor they possess a welcome naturalness. The afternoon is on the wane as the train draws into the Raleigh station, and we prepare to change accommodations, taking mental notes of the surroundings and concluding that the sooner North Carolina's capital city improves its railway depot, the more comfortable all passengers will find themselves. Late information revealed the projected scheme for betterment, and displayed at the same time the enterprise of its citizens.

But our destination is Chatham county, and we hasten thither. A recent map of your State suggested the survey of a new system of railway, which was to traverse almost the middle line of the county on a tier with Chatham. This the writer half hoped to see in operation, but was quickly dispossessed of the hope when enquiry was made.

It is only a "scheme", responded the person asked, and we [illegible] ourselves with imagining how much more speedily we should have covered the distance between [illegible] and Pittsboro' and we [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] his name a century gone by, and which he used for headquarters only a few months [illegible] reader. The county assumed a new interest—it was no longer an unknown quantity in the spectator's discernment—within its limits, perhaps, some of the most important revolutionary operations had been planned, proving themselves [illegible] eventually, to the supreme [illegible] of every American.

It is easy for the observer to perceive that the town of Pittsboro is not only the centre, but the very heart of your county. Generally speaking, we take for granted that the county seat is the most central of all the communities in the district. Yet one does not ordinarily find a county capital commanding so exclusively the interests of its community. Of Pittsboro's [illegible] [illegible] The various roads [illegible] towards every point of the compass converge at Pittsboro, and serve to indicate its close connection with the various sections of Chatham, while these same roads bring a decided increase to the business of the borough. I cannot help thinking that the [illegible] [illegible] by reason of its [illegible] other parts of the county [illegible] [illegible] did the writer draw at the initial glances, and like many other first [illegible] they have [illegible]

J. R. P.

[illegible]

State News.

Trade Point Enterprise: Mr. Bob [illegible]

Wilkesboro Chronicle: There is [illegible] in Wilkes county [illegible] in Alexander, who is [illegible] old. In all his life he has never bought a pound of meat, a pound of flour, or a bushel of grain of any kind. He has always raised his supplies at home, and today he is said to own 2000 acres of land.

Newton Enterprise: Desperate [illegible] [illegible] tumbling to the racket.

Wadesboro Messenger: Last Saturday night the gin house of Mr. Jas. L. Baldwin, who lives near [illegible] Mills, Richmond county, together with its contents, consisting of twelve bales of cotton and a large quantity of cotton seed, was entirely destroyed by fire. [illegible]

[illegible]

Chatham News: It is rather singular [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] is one hundred years old and very active. She can walk a mile as quick as a young woman.

Shelby Review: A little colored girl [illegible]

[illegible] when the wind was very thin.

The Dyed-Wool Burst.

[illegible] final burial in the early spring.

Weaver and Lease.

[illegible] Senators.

[illegible] Tennessee [illegible] Sunday morning. The United States mail and Southern Express matter burned.

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