THURSDAY, - - June 22 1899.

Local Records.

—Only a few more days in which to list your taxes.

—1,000 Cedar [illegible] 9 inches, wanted by [illegible].

—Miss Adney will open a music class with the Monday in August.

—To-day is the longest day of the year and is the summer solstice.

—A new and first-class sewing machine for sale cheap. Apply at Record office.

—The farmers have finished cutting wheat and the crop is much below the average.

—When you come to Pittsboro, call at John L. Council's for something nice and good to drink.

—Bargains in Ladies' Oxford Ties, Ladies Vest, Laces and Embroideries at O. S. Poe & Son.

—O. S. Poe & Son have the best assortment of Straw Hats in Pittsboro, which they are offering at cost.

—The annual announcement of "the first court in Chatham" is now in order. Who will have the next in Chatham?

—A concert will be given at this place on the 30th, of date by some orphans from the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

—O. S. Poe & Son are offering their Dress Goods at a great sacrifice, you should take advantage of this opportunity.

—Last Saturday and Monday were warm days, and for the season, perhaps, [illegible] but what a change [illegible].

—The register of deeds has received, for distribution among the magistrates, the Revised Volumes of the laws enacted by the last Legislature.

—Stanford Fearrington Wade, for Business only, at Bynum & Headen's. They are the goods to make business, and the [illegible] prices are.

—Dr. J. Haughton Pike will be at Pittsboro on the second Friday of every month, and the next following days, and will be ready on the third Monday and following, prepared to do all kinds of dental work.

—The Pittsboro Dead Shots will play a match game today at Chapel Hill with the team of that place, and at Pittsboro on the day of July with the Carrboro team and to Carrboro on the Fourth July with a team from that section.

—Don't complain of hot weather and wear heavy winter clothing. Buy your summer goods of Bynum & Headen. They have a nice stock of cool, comfortable goods, thin enough to keep you cool, gauze shirts and most everything to keep you cool.

—Among the many applications for appointment as census enumerator received by Capt. Sharp Jenkins is one from a man who boasts among his other qualifications that he is the physical wonder, as he can sing all day without tiring."

—You can save money and at the same time combine style and beauty, by buying your hats at the popular store of W. L. London & Son, where you can have them trimmed in the latest and most fashionable style by one of the best milliners in the South and for less money than elsewhere.

—Thin dresses are so uncomfortable and look so out of place in hot weather. Bynum & Headen have the goods to make them of in white and colored organdies, lawns, dimities, nainsooks, swisses, &c., in the latest styles and positively [illegible] prices and at the very lowest prices. Also large stock of fans and gauze vests.

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—We congratulate our young friend, Mr. Clarence H. Poe, the associate editor of the *Progressive Farmer*, upon winning the $50 offered as a prize by the publishers of the "Lives of Distinguished North Carolinians" for the best sketch of any biography contained therein. We note this with much pleasure, not only because it is a deserved compliment to one of the brightest young men in the State, but also because he is a Chathamite.

NEW RAILROAD PROPOSITION.

[illegible] the meeting of the Legislature last session it was stated that a charter had been granted for the construction of a railroad from Burlington, in Alamance county, to some point on the Seaboard and to Cape Fear valley railroad to Pittsboro. Since then that portion of the C. F. & Y. V. railroad from Burlington to any point on that road because the object contemplated was to go from the shifting sands of the Southern.

Therefore the only way now to give an outlet to Burlington in connection with the Southern is to build the proposed railroad to Pittsboro. This is now being seriously contemplated. A mass-meeting of Burlington's public spirited citizens was held on last Friday night, and a committee was appointed to confer with the President of the Seaboard Air Line and with the citizens of Graham and other places which would be benefited by the building of the proposed road to Pittsboro.

On the construction of the proposed road to this place the cotton factories in Alamance county would give to the benefit of competing rates between the Southern and the Seaboard. And, in addition, such a road would traverse the fertile and thickly populated and developed portion of Alamance, Chatham and Moore counties, which, for the past ten years, has been shut out from the benefits of railroad facilities, on the plea of poverty, but which, since the present time, on the strength of their forest wealth, have built for themselves a market for the products of their farms.

We sincerely hope the proposed road may be soon built.

OLD WILLS.

The last Legislature passed an act requiring the clerk of the superior court in every county of this state to make a complete and consecutive index of the names of the testators and devisees in all the wills recorded and filed in his office.

In connection with this act the clerk of the court in this county should make a separate index for a separate record book, for we will now have to find some [illegible] which was established in 1771 [illegible] and contains many portraits, signatures of old cuts appear, [illegible] and some what peculiar, and upon every page [illegible] the [illegible] of the old writing is better than many of the modern wills. This may be because in the olden time people [illegible] of all [illegible] well [illegible] respected [illegible] well.

Among the old wills which [illegible] is that of Mary Cole, in which the [illegible] Cole, in an affecting manner, [illegible] her husband, Mr. [illegible] and her children, on the 20th of February last, when she [illegible] on the occasion of her death.

PROMINENT CITIZEN DEAD.

We [illegible] of the death of Mr. [illegible] Sunday morning, [illegible] Cole, which occurred at his home near Siler City. He had been [illegible] for some time. He had been [illegible] but was not confined to his bed. He was a [illegible] and was [illegible] a Democrat, [illegible] and died in a [illegible] faith. He was buried with Masonic honors at Hope church on Monday.

Mr. T. H. Cole was a brave Confederate soldier, a faithful member of the Methodist church, and a good citizen. He was a member of the Masonic order and was a man of temperate habits, of a kind and generous disposition, and had a wide circle of friends who will miss him from their midst.

Mr. Cole was married twice. His first wife was Miss Mary Jane Cole, daughter of Mr. Jesse Cole, of Siler City. To this union there were born seven children, three of whom survive their father, viz: Mrs. Mary Cole, Mrs. Ella Cole and Mr. Jesse Cole. His second wife was Miss Mary Jane Cole, daughter of Mr. Jesse Cole, of Siler City. To this union there were born seven children, three of whom survive their father, viz: Mrs. Mary Cole, Mrs. Ella Cole and Mr. Jesse Cole.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mrs. J. B. Matthews is visiting relatives at Durham.

Mr. John S. Thompson, of Raleigh, is visiting Mr. Fred. Evans.

Mr. T. L. Fear, of Durham, is visiting Mr. J. B. McCauley's family.

Dr. Joseph Alston Groves, of Alabama, has been here on a visit to relatives.

Miss Lavinia Holt, who has been here several weeks, has returned to Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Anderson will leave tomorrow on a visit to relatives at Fayetteville.

Messrs. P. Nooe, Jr., and G. R. Hall Morton are attending the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias at Fayetteville.

A Mongrel Defined.

The Henderson Gold Leaf says the mongrel is destined to play a part in State politics and will fight the amendment. The mongrel has been defined as a mongrel taking on the form and appearance of a white man but between the pure white man and the negro. This is about the size of it. A man must be white or black in a white and black fight.

Mr. C. G. Teal, of Anson, harvested 26 bushels of wheat from three-fourths of an acre of land.

Young Lady Drowned.

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A. M. Dore Summerlin, with two of her little brothers, were on their way to work Tuesday morning, they passed near by Mr. J. R. Chapman's mill, and on approaching they heard the rush of waters. The boys ran to the mill to see the raging stream as it rushed on its way to the sea. As they came upon the dam they saw that the heavy stream, the falling dam was rapidly caving in and falling. In their excitement they called for Dora. Their 17-year-old sister, who had not yet arrived at the mill, and insisted on their coming back to see the escaping water.

Miss Dora came, walked out on the dam, and, as she stood looking, the ground under her feet gave way and plunged her into the whirling and rushing stream. Down, out of sight she plunged, with no help near. The boys gave the alarm and within a few minutes there were thirty people, relatives and friends, on the scene to assist in searching for the dead body.

After a search of about one hour Miss Summerlin was found in a place in the shooting of the tailrace dam so tightly that it was necessary to cut up one of the boards to recover her.

Coal Mine Explosion.

North Sydney, June 18.—The most appalling accident in the history of Cape Breton coal mining occurred at the Caledonia mine at Glace Bay, the principal colliery of the D. Mains Coal Company today, when two explosions occurred, causing the death of 11 men, including Thomas Johnson, the underground manager of the works, and brother of the assistant manager of the Dominion Coal Company.

The explosions occurred in the west pit, and followed about three-quarters of a mile and were caused by gas which accumulated in the worked works. The first force on the men employed in the night is about 150, but the night shift had only started half an hour, and had not gone far. There is scarcely an interval between the explosions. The first was a rumbling noise like an earthquake, succeeded by a terrible crashing, roaring and awful roar, which rocked the houses in the hills for miles and for shock of which shattered glass in every direction in the immediate vicinity of the disaster.

A Murderous Child.

New York, June 19. Jennie Hicks, the five-year-old daughter of Marie and Joseph Hicks, was committed to the house pavilion of Bellevue hospital today to be examined as to her sanity. It is alleged that the youngest prisoner ever committed by a magistrate to an insane institution, Mrs. Hicks told the magistrate that the child has a murderous intent.

Yesterday the girl was discovered stooping upon her two brothers, of Hicks, Tony, who was seated in a high chair. The mother said she had a knife and was about to stab the baby, and when she was seized her arm and wounded the little brother. The girl was also accused of having thrown from the window of the house to the street. A few days ago, Mrs. Hicks said, Jennie endeavored to kill her nine-year-old brother in the same way, and has made attempts on the life of every member of the family.

Powder Mill Explosion.

San Rafael, Cal., June 17.—The United States Smokeless Powder Company's factory, situated on Point San Pedro, four miles from this town, was the scene of a disastrous explosion today. As a result four employes were killed and three seriously injured, while six buildings were demolished by the shock and the explosion.

Wesley McKnight, a farmer who lived a few miles west of Wilson, was bitten on his finger by his puppy. He paid little attention to the wound for a week, when he was taken with lockjaw and died.

John W. Weathers has a scent fall in the Raleigh market homes, and according to the News and Observer, he has sold cheese at selling, equal meat to his customers.

It is said that 103 wheat reapers have been sold this year in Lexington. It would seem that the farmers of that section are healthy and progressive.

It is said that the Southern Railway Company will have and operate that portion of the old C. F. & Y. V. railroad between Sanford and Fayetteville.

Johnson's Island, Lake Erie, which was formerly a prison for Confederate soldiers during the civil war, has just been sold at auction for $45,000.

Hon. Richard P. Bland, of Missouri, died last week. He was one of the ablest and most consistent advocates of "Free Silver" in the United States.

The deaths in Havana from June 1 to June 15 were 318, during the corresponding time last year the number of deaths was 2100.

The depot of the Southern Railway at Newton was burned on Monday.

Gold From Klondike.

Seattle, June 19.—Nearly two tons of gold dust and nuggets was landed on June 9 at White Horse Rapids from the first three steamers to reach that point from Carson City. Over a ton of the precious metal was officially checked off by the officers at White Horse when making the transfer from steamer to steamer. The remainder was devided in packages ranging from 10 to 75 pounds, carried by the more than 300 passengers of the three boats. They were in all sorts of old packages and made no attempt at concealment.

Sixty-five passengers from the small steamers that run to Bennett arrived last evening, and 100 more arrived this morning. They were all loaded down with gold, and more passengers will arrive today.

Every hotel safe in Skagway last night was crammed full of gold dust, with a watchman on guard all night, and as there safes could not accommodate all who had gold, the safes of several merchants had to be called into requisition. The gold is brought out largely by merchants, with only a few miners who have been in the Klondike all the way from a year to three years. Only about half of it is from the winter clean up.

Durham Herald: While frantically at Morehead last week Miss Johnson, of Clinton, accidently got into too deep water and not being able to swim was about to drown. Prof. Albert Whitehouse, instructor in athletics at Trinity college, went to her rescue and brought her to society.

Smithfield Herald: Mr. A. F. Whitley, Wilders township, tells us that in 1867 or 1868 he removed the fence from around a sweet gum stack pole. He noticed that the pole had a sprout on it. It has grown and become a tree about four feet in circumference and sixty or seventy feet high.

Wadesboro Messenger: Lee Colson, col., of Norwood, was accidentally killed Saturday by Isaac Kendall, also colored. Kendall was trying to trade Colson a gun for a pistol when the gun went off, the entire load taking effect in Lee Colson's breast, killing him instantly. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that the killing was accidental.

McDowell Democrat: A young man was driving near Greenlee a few days ago, when he happened upon a mad dog. The dog attacked the mule which the young man was driving, whereupon the driver tried to shoot the dog. The dog escaped, however, but the young man discovered shortly after that he had shot the mule, which died within an hour after the shooting.

Winston Republican: A sad fatality occurred near Neatman, Stokes county, last Friday during the prevalence of an electric storm. Mrs. Fanny Timmons, wife of Mr. Frost Timmons, was sitting at an open window watching the warring of the elements when an electric current entered the window and struck Mrs. Timmons, literally tearing the clothing off of her person and killing her instantly. Her three children were in the room at the time and escaped injury.

Asheboro Courier: Mr. Vance York, of Liberty, had his dwelling struck by lightning on the evening of June 9th at about 5 o'clock. Mrs. York was out at the well when the report came and when she went in the house she found the mantle piece torn all to pieces, also the clock scattered over the room. The baby was in its crib about 3 feet from the fire place, but it was not hurt. It seems that the lightning came down the chimney but there is no damage done to that.

There is much excitement in Randolph county over smallpox. Though but one case in Randleman is officially reported, the alarm is general and it is said that High Point and Asheboro have quarantined against Randleman.

Work is expected to begin in a few days on the Seaboard Air Line's new short-cut from Hamlet to Columbia. This and the Richmond and Ridgeway short-cut will make great changes.

Currituck county gets the July Cary prize of $500, which was offered in 1897 to the county that cast the largest per cent. of its enrolled vote for public school education.

Florida has followed the example set by Tennessee and enacted a law making it an indictable offence to manufacture, sell or give away cigarettes in that State.

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A Disastrous War.

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An official statement from the Adjutant General's office of the casualties in the campaign against the Filipino insurgents show 226 killed in battle, 96 died of wounds and 264 deaths from disease—659 lives were lost between February 4 and June 6. During the same period of time 1,366 Federal soldiers have been incapacitated by wounds, while the number invalided by sickness, although not given in the official reports, is estimated by experts at from 2,000 to 3,000. And with all this sacrifice our little army is today practically defending itself at Manila, just as in the early days of February last. Now, with this sad experience, it is proposed that General Otis' force shall be increased nearly to its original strength at the out set of the campaign, to be depleted and dribbled away just as in the dreary four months gone by! How long is this mockery of war to flout the nation with its fruitless results?

Fourth of July Excursions.

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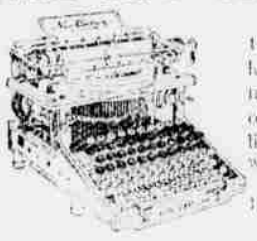

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