THURSDAY, - Feb. 27, 1902.

Local Records.

—The best seed oats at Bynum & Headen's.

—Yesterday's sunshine was quite spring-like and balmy.

Frank C. Poe has the Eclipse Cotton Planters, price $6.60.

—Best Fertilizers sold in Pittsboro are kept by Frank C Poe.

—Already quite an improvement is apparent in the wheat crops.

—If you intend buying a nice suit of clothes, see samples at F. C. Poe's.

—Bynum & Headen have just received a carload of guano and phosphate.

—If you intend papering your rooms this spring see samples of Wall Papering at F. C. Poe's.

—A team would do well now to pull an empty wagon through the mud and mire of our Chatham roads.

—You perhaps need a pair of shoes, now since the snow has gone and the slush has come. Bynum & Headen sell the best shoes made.

—Quite an improvement is being made in the appearance of the Episcopal church at this place. The old style windows are being removed and in their place will be put beautiful colored windows.

—The "bird law" takes effect in this county next Saturday, when it will be unlawful until next November for any person to hunt with dog or gun, or kill, shoot, trap or net any partridges, quails or wild turkeys.

—We hear that Mr. William B. Yarbro, of Bear Creek, and Mr. J. W. Peaves, of Albright township, are candidates for the Democratic nomination for county commissioner. They are both good citizens and true Democrats.

—We much regret to hear of the death of our good old friend, Mr. W. C. Mann, of Albright township. He was a brave soldier during the war between the states, a member of [illegible] and a consistent Christian gentleman. He was [illegible] and loved by all who knew him. He died on the 18th inst. and was buried in the Mann graveyard on the 19th. He was a member of the Methodist church.

—The people of this section have had to pay $1.75 to $2 per bushel for Cotton Seed during the year. Till about 4,000,000 bushels were sold in this and other sections of the country, by which they again thank [illegible] friends and customers for [illegible] by them and they will do everything in their power for a continuance of the same. Full stock, everything you want and low prices is our motto.

—They are now taking stock at W. L. London & Sons and they find in several lines a number of garments and in other lines goods that have not sold as fast as they should, which they wish to sell. Now is your time to save money even if they lose it. Give them a call at once or you will lose your chance. Twenty-five Men's Rubbers at 40 cents per pair worth 60 and 75 cents.

—Miss Sallie J. Hill died at Washington City on last Monday night and was buried in the Episcopal churchyard at this place yesterday. She was born and reared at this place, but for the past fifteen years had been clerk in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington. With her warm heart and kindly impulses she had won many friends who are grieved to hear of her untimely death.

A FOOLISH EXHIBITION.

An anonymous scribbler, signing himself "Flex," alleges that the Chatham stock law, enacted by the last Legislature, "enters into the negro's cabin and sets his children as sovereigns and masters over the poor white man and his children." He also says that the names of negro fathers who own land, have been "used to establish stock law in Chatham county."

Of course this is as false as it is ridiculous, and would not be believed by anybody but one whose mind is so darkened by prejudice or ignorance as not to be able to discern the truth from falsehood or light from darkness.

"The Senator from Chatham" who has been so much slandered, because he was the author of that law, advised the county commissioners, when the question was first presented to them, that no land owner under 21 years of age could sign a petition for the stock law. This opinion was concurred in by the attorney of the commissioners Mr. J. A. Gilmer and was promptly adopted by them. As no child, either white or black, has ever been consulted on any petition for the stock law.

The word "flex" is a Latin word that means "King," and if the scribbler who thus signed his communication is a "King" sure enough, he must be the "King of liars."

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mrs. R. H. Hayes has returned from a visit to her parents in Davie county.

Miss Sallie London is expected next Saturday from a two months visit to relatives at Jacksonville, Fla.

Capt. W. L. London and wife have returned from a visit to their son, Mr. H. A. London Jr., at Charlotte.

Mr. Ivy Hill, of Washington City, arrived here yesterday with the remains of his sister, Miss Sallie J. Hill.

MR. FIELD DEAD.

Mr. Henry H. Field died at this place on last Sunday, and in his death our town has lost one of its oldest and most respected citizens. He was born and always resided in Hadley Mountain township until a few years ago he moved here in order to give his children good school advantages. He was a man of the strictest integrity of character and had the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

He was the last survivor of twelve brothers and sisters, none of whom died when quite old. He was a family remarkable for their height, several having been six feet, five inches. This family was also remarkable for the singular fact that, of twelve brothers and sisters, only two of them ever married. The deceased was in his 70th year. He was buried in the Methodist churchyard at this place.

A Visit To Soldiers' Home.

Rialto, N. C., Feby 20, 1902.

Editor Record:—

Having recently visited the Soldiers Home at Raleigh, N. C., it was with mingled feelings of pride and gratitude that I stepped to the old soldier's cot where appreciation of the labors of [illegible] is shown in their behalf by the different Chapters of Daughters of the Confederacy in the State.

The new building and the additional conveniences afford the old boys a great deal of comfort and pleasure. In fact about all that there are to kindly remembered was provided for by the different Chapters and contributions from [illegible] Wednesday afternoon [illegible] belonging to Captain and Mrs. Brooks were find much pleasure in administering to [illegible] for the comfort [illegible] wonderfully improved with the [illegible] should that old home of [illegible] North's noblemen visit the home [illegible] when in Raleigh would find pleasure in making a small donation to add to the [illegible] comfort and happiness of these old heroes, who fought [illegible] and have as the Chatham men record is furnished to elect both officers for and now occupied by the only Chatham man in the Home, Sergeant A. P. Reid, who finds much pleasure in relating to the many visitors the good work and pathetic interest shown by Mrs. Longest, the president of the Chatham Chapter of Daughters of Confederacy.

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A County Poor-House.

[illegible] institutions from Canon City [illegible]

A Family Reunion.

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Declaration Against Illiteracy.

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Profoundly convinced of the [illegible] wisdom of the declaration of our Fathers made in Philadelphia in 1776, that "Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged," and in pursuance of the full recognition of the duty of the present constitutional convention, and which I believe from the [illegible] of the [illegible] after [illegible] all [illegible] where most needed, and [illegible] North Carolina [illegible] and [illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible] and their [illegible] we, as an educational convention assembled in the city of Raleigh this February 13, 1902, do unite to make the following declaration of principles and pledge [illegible]

1. Feeling more fully than at any other time in the past history of the North Carolina [illegible] the necessity of the [illegible] of universal education in order to [illegible] these problems which [illegible] new governmental conditions are presenting for solution.

2. We believe that the present [illegible] and any adequate means of [illegible] school education except in [illegible] public [illegible]

3. We believe that the [illegible] the [illegible] are the result of a [illegible] spent by the [illegible] child of school [illegible] States is [illegible] with North Carolina [illegible]

4. [illegible] should [illegible] and our [illegible] and [illegible] to inquire why [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] of exceptions that [illegible] in the multiplicity of small school districts, inferior school houses, poorly qualified teachers, [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] in every 100 whites [illegible] ten years of age [illegible] and poorly paid [illegible] of the [illegible] of school [illegible] of the [illegible] does not [illegible] and [illegible] in that educational [illegible] which is the chief cause [illegible] small average daily attendance [illegible] poor and poorly paid [illegible] of every [illegible] enrolled in our public schools.

We believe the future will hold [illegible] possible for the perpetuation [illegible] of these [illegible] conditions [illegible] and the [illegible] as [illegible] into [illegible] moral, and [illegible] of North Carolina [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]