

Local Records.

—Young man, you can get that new suit of clothes at Bynum & Headen's.

—The best is always the cheapest. The best plow is the Syracuse, at Bynum & Headen's.

—AUCTION SALE.—On the first Monday in April T. A. Hanks will sell his stock of goods at auction for cash only. Don't fail to come.

—We are requested to announce that there will be a picnic at Tysor's mill, in Oakland township, on Easter Monday, the 13th of April.

—You will not be doing yourself justice if you buy your dresses or hats this spring before seeing Bynum & Headen's beautiful new stock.

—As a result of the recent rains, the creeks and rivers throughout the county have been higher, the first of the week, than at any time previous for nearly a year.

—The clerk of the court has appointed Mr. L. E. Rollins, of Cape Fear township, a county commissioner in the place of Mr. Thos. W. Segroves, who has moved to Sanford.

—The freshest has washed away an arch to the Lockville bridge which was put in about eighteen months ago. This does not stop travel over the bridge, as it is safe without that arch.

—Mrs. Horne invites all of her friends and customers to see the magnificent line of millinery that she is now exhibiting at Bynum & Headen's. Mrs. Horne knows just what to do to a hat to make it suit you.

—It is not surprising that Chatham's "chicken law" is unpopular with those persons whose chickens have lived on their neighbors' gardens and fields. They ought to remember, however, that a chicken should have no more right to scratch up a neighbor's garden than they would have to dig it up or a hog to root it up.

—W. L. London & Son take this opportunity of thanking their customers for their liberal patronage since they have gotten their new goods. They have done the largest business in dress goods and millinery they have ever done in so short a time. The ladies certainly appreciate these goods, and consider them very cheap.

—Ladies come and see the lovely dress goods they are showing at W. L. London & Son's. A large lot of wash silk, handsome patterns, 45 cents per yard. Handsome stock of millinery we have ever had. Come and see our Pattern Hats. Closest ribbons ever seen. Lovely neckwear. Handsome dress trimmings.

—During the electrical storm here last Saturday afternoon, lightning struck the telephone wire at the depot, igniting a plank in the flooring of the agent's office. The blaze was extinguished, however, before any damage was done. The same afternoon the telegraph wire between here and Moorehead was burned by two, but the line was repaired and communication restored by Monday.

THE ROAD LAW.

The new road law for this county is very much misunderstood, and by some persons is misrepresented. Many persons are condemning it because they have been told that it will greatly increase their taxes. Therefore, in order to correct these misrepresentations, we will briefly explain our new road law.

The tax that can be collected under it is the same that is allowed by the road law passed by the Legislature of 1899, chapter 581. That tax cannot be less than five cents or more than twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars worth of property, and not less than fifteen cents or more than seventy-five cents on the poll. The county commissioners will not levy more than ten cents on property and thirty cents on the poll, and they may levy only half that amount.

Any township may have an election and vote an extra road tax if a majority of the voters so wish. Or any township may levy a special road tax upon the petition of a majority of the landowners of that township. When any township levies a special tax, it shall be expended in working the roads of that township only, and does not go into the county road fund. This will be legal to work more satisfactorily, because every township ought to have its roads worked with its own taxes, instead of taking the taxes of one township to pay for working the roads of another township. No doubt Centre and Matthews townships will levy a special tax to work the roads leading to Pittsboro, and Siler City, and probably some other townships will levy a special tax to work their roads.

The road hands will work only four days under the new law, instead of six days as required by

the old law. If any road hand prefers not to work, he can pay fifty cents a day (or \$2 a year) and be exempted from working on the roads.

Our roads need working and a new system is needed. Everybody admits this. Therefore the new road law ought not to be condemned until it is given a fair trial.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mrs. H. E. Moffitt, of Asheboro, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. Joe Bland, of Laurinburg, has been on a short visit to friends here.

Mr. J. A. Gilea has returned from a visit to relatives in Stokes county.

Mr. W. L. Steele, of Rockingham, spent Sunday with his family here.

Mrs. J. J. and Miss Carrie M. Jackson are visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Anderson and daughter, of New York, arrived yesterday.

Miss Sallie London is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Walter Hawkins, in Jacksonville, Florida.

Chatham's Insolvents.

Kilgo, N. C., March 21, 1903. I am amazed at the number of stout, able bodied men returned insolvent—great big, burly fellows, who boast of their manhood and do not pay their poll tax. They can and should be made to pay it. Whose fault is it that they do not pay it?

Notice in one township, only two or three returned insolvent, in other townships scores returned. Is there that much difference in the ability of the people to pay their poll tax? I cannot think so. Then why the difference? It must be in the collectors. I hear of officers collecting tax since the list of insolvents was published. What becomes of the money they collect? I ask for information. I hear of insolvents who own a horse or mule, a cow and hog, or two and other things in proportion. It does seem to me that the tax might and should be collected from those people. We who pay our taxes are interested in these things. Some of our colored friends seem to think that if they can get rid of paying their taxes, by hook or crook, they have done a smart thing; they brag about it.

I understand the poll tax goes to the school fund. I am not much in favor of discriminating against our brethren in black in the distribution of the poll tax for educational purposes, but if they persist in refusing to pay their poll tax and do everything they can to evade it, I may change my mind on that subject. In the moved away list I notice the name of a number of the gospel—argued man. If he has not already paid his tax I have no doubt that he would pay it if the sheriff would remind him of it. His address is known. I think we are getting too careless about these things. I hope the present sheriff will see to it that the list of insolvents will be greatly reduced this fall.

W. F. SMITH.

Fighting In San Domingo.

San Domingo, March 23.—The revolutionists under General Fery today attacked and captured one of the forts defending the city. Many men were killed on both sides. The political prisoners of the fort were released. The revolutionists are in full possession of the city of San Domingo. They have taken charge of the cable office and the government land lines. Foreign Minister Sanchez has sought refuge in the United States consulate. The fighting continues. Assistant Governor Echague and the commander of the government forces, have been killed. It is expected that the government forces outside the city will attack the revolutionists who are in San Domingo. The number of men killed and wounded is not known, but it is reported that many are killed on both sides.

Dispute Over a Reward.

Charlotte, N. C., March 23.—An interesting case of affairs has developed in connection with the arrest of Claude Ingram, a negro wanted in New York city for the larceny of a great quantity of jewelry from John Burke, a Tammany leader. Ingram was arrested by ex-Chief of Police Orr. He corresponded with the New York police authorities and informed them that he would not deliver Ingram to a New York officer until he was rewarded for his trouble in apprehending the alleged thief. Today the New York authorities dropped the negotiations with Orr and wired the present Chief of Police Irwin asking if Ingram would return without requisition papers. The chief saw Ingram and the negro expressed himself as perfectly willing to go without requisition proceedings. An officer will be from New York for Ingram, who has been indicted there for grand larceny. Orr says he must have the reward before the prisoner is delivered, while Chief Irwin is willing to surrender the prisoner without ceremony. The outcome is expected to be interesting.

General News Items.

The trial of Ernest Haywood, who shot Ludlow Skinner on the streets of Raleigh last month, will commence July 10th.

A new bank with a capital stock of \$100,000 has been organized at Lillington. Mr. W. J. Edwards, of Sanford, has been made president.

Progressive citizens of Wilmington are taking steps toward the early erection of a \$100,000 hotel on the "Hammocks," near Wrightsville beach.

During the progress of a dance at the country place of George Hoover, five miles from Charlotte last week, John Bond, a negro hailing from South Carolina, shot and fatally wounded Groves Henderson.

In Randolph Superior court last week Oscar Williams was convicted of murder in the second degree for killing Lafayette Routh last fall and was sentenced to the penitentiary for 15 months by Judge McNeill.

The Venezuelan Congress by a unanimous vote has declined to accept President Castro's resignation and has passed a resolution requesting him to reconsider his decision, which it is believed that President Castro will do.

A verdict of \$70,000 has been recovered against the New York Central Railroad for killing a member of the New York stock exchange in Park Ave. tunnel. His seat in the stock exchange was sold after his death for \$7,000.

George Chapman, who was convicted in London the past week of the brutal butchery of a woman, is said to be the original "Jack the Ripper," whose butchery of women in White chapel district several years ago appalled the world.

The north-bound passenger train on the Southern was wrecked 80 miles north of Atlanta Sunday night by a hauler, which had fallen across the track, resulting in the death of a negro tramp and the train's engineer and fireman.

The Legislature of Missouri has adopted a resolution submitting an amendment to the constitution requiring all Missouri railroads to grant free transportation over their lines to State officials and Legislators during their official terms.

A company with a capital of \$10,000, has been organized under the laws of New Jersey, for the manufacture of railroad cross-ties. The company claims that it has discovered a process to manufacture a better and cheaper railroad tie than the kind now used.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association met at Greensboro, on last Friday, and decided to hold the next annual meeting of the association at Wrightsville. The time will be designated later, but will probably be the latter part of June.

Greensboro is soon to have a \$100,000 hospital under the control and management of the Sisters of Charity, directed by a board, composed of citizens, without regard to denominational connection. It is said that work will be begun early in the summer on the building, and that when completed, it will be the best equipped hospital between Washington and Atlanta.

Goldsboro Argus: Right much anxiety is felt by the truckers of this section over the early blooming of the pea crop. The very moderate weather has caused peas to bloom a week earlier than usual which would work to the advantage of the trucker if such weather should continue, but in case of a freeze, which there is every reason to believe will come, and which usually comes at a later period, the pea crop will be a total failure.

Getting Ready to Drill for Oil.

Asheville, N. C., March 21.—The work of building the derrick to be used in drilling a well for oil on the L. V. Baird farm, on Beaver Dam, three miles from Asheville, has actively begun and will be pushed steadily. The stone foundation for the derrick is laid, and much of the necessary timber is on the ground and being shaped for erection. The foundations are sixteen feet square and the structure will be eighty-four feet high.

Deadly Gas Explosion.

Springfield, Ill., March 23.—A terrific explosion of gas in the mines at Athens, 20 miles north of Springfield, today, resulted in the death of six men and the serious injury of another. An entry in the mine had been stopped up on account of gas and an attempt was made to open it by drilling another entry in order to allow air to enter. While engaged in this work, an explosion occurred of the gas which had accumulated in the chamber. Nine men were in the mine at the time and six were killed outright and one badly injured. Some of the men killed were one hundred feet away from where the explosion occurred.

Safe Crackers Get \$100.

Goldsboro, March 21.—The post-office safe at Mt. Olive, was demolished at 2 o'clock this morning by cracksmen and loaded with its contents, \$200 in currency and \$200 in postage stamps. One hundred dollars worth of stamps were recovered later today at the depot where it is supposed they were dropped by the robbers in making their flight.

Entrance to the safe was made by breaking off the knob to the combination and then filling the hole with dynamite. The door was blown from its fastenings and a large hole made through the wall of the adjoining building so great was the force of the explosion.

Thursday two well-dressed strangers arrived at Mt. Olive. They told the proprietor they proposed giving a show. Later they turned salesmen and sold one merchant a bill of chairs and another a bill of white bed. These individuals were in Mt. Olive last night. This morning they had disappeared. It is thought the cracksmen are the same that recently got in their work at Lenoir. The Mt. Olive safe bore the government stamp, hence is protected by the manufacturers.

Our Naval Strength.

Washington, March 23.—The naval authorities awoke today to the surprising realization that the United States has risen from the position of a second class naval nation to that of a great naval power. A few years ago the American navy stood eighth on the list of relative naval strength, being superior only to Japan among the nations which have made pretensions of a big naval fleet. Now, however, according to an official memorandum handed today to Charles H. Darling, the acting secretary of the navy, by Captain Sigsbee, chief of the office of naval intelligence, this government is the third naval power, basing the calculation on the number of battle line ships built, building and authorized, while on a basis of a comparison of the vessels, under construction or authorized only, make the United States stand second in naval strength.

Riot in Port of Spain.

Kingston, St. Vincent, March 23.—A serious riot was in progress at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in Port of Spain, Trinidad, according to a dispatch just received from that city. An attempt was made to burn the government buildings by the mobs, and the police had to fire on the rioters, killing or wounding several of them. The British cruiser Palatia, at the time the dispatch left, was landing blue jackets. "She was not to be the witness on the part of the government to withdraw an ordinance concerning the new water works, to protest against which several petitions had been circulated. The riot act was read and the police fired on the mob. The city is in a great state of excitement.

Freedom For Mrs. Maybrick.

London, March 13.—Mrs. Florence Maybrick, the American woman who was convicted at Liverpool in 1899 on the charge of poisoning her husband, James Maybrick, at Alibon, by arsenic, and whose sentence of death was commuted to penal servitude for life, will be released in 1901. The announcement comes from the Home Office, which now authorizes her Washington lawyers to use the fact of her release next year as a reason for securing the postponement of the trial of the law suits bearing on the prisoner's interest in land in Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia until she is able to personally testify.

Eruption of Soufriere.

Kingston, Island of St. Vincent, March 22.—The eruption of Soufriere continues. Volumes of smoke were ejected all day and the quantity of ejection is apparently greater than at the time of either of the previous eruptions, but stormy winds are driving the clouds northward. There has been a heavy fall of stones and black sand in the northern district, which caused a few casualties. The inhabitants are moving southward in great excitement. Barbadoes report that darkness spread over that island at eleven o'clock in the morning. The obscurity was accompanied by a fall of red dust.

Hill-Devoured Body Found.

Washington, N. C., March 23.—The body of Cain Mason, a negro train hand on the Washington and Plymouth Railroad, who disappeared Christmas night, was found Saturday in Roanoke river, at Plymouth. The fish and crabs had almost entirely devoured the body and the identification was only made through his clothing and the contents of his pockets.

Big Insurance Disbursements.

During the year ending December 31st from a statement just made by the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, it is found that \$111,000,000 was distributed in North Carolina by that Company; \$70,000,000 paid death claims, and \$41,000,000 insured disbursements.

Mrs. Elizabeth Craig, of Chapel Hill, was fatally burned last Thursday. Her clothing caught fire while she was burning some lunch.

SEVERE ATTACK OF GRIP.

Cured by One Bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"When I had an attack of the grip last winter (the second one) I actually cured myself with one bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," says Frank W. Perry, Editor of the Enterprise, Shortsville, N. Y. "This is the honest truth. I at times kept from coughing myself to pieces by taking a teaspoonful of this remedy, and when the coughing spell would come on at night I would take a dose and it seemed that in the briefest interval the cough would pass off and I would go to sleep perfectly free from cough and its accompanying pains. To say that the remedy acted as a most agreeable surprise is putting it very mildly. I had no idea that it would or could knock out the grip, simply because I had never tried it for such a purpose, but it did, and it seemed that with the second attack of coughing the remedy caused it to not only be of less duration, but the pains were far less severe, and I had not used the contents of one bottle before Mr. Grip had bid me adieu." For sale by G. R. Pilkington.

The board of trustees of Lexington township, Davidson county, have ordered an election upon the question of issuing \$50,000 worth of bonds for the purpose of maintaining the public roads of the township to be held April 21.

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The fourth tract contains about 162 acres, adjoining the lands of the late James Harmon and others.

The fifth tract contains about 82 acres, adjoining the lands of the late James Harmon and others, and lying on Turkey creek.

The sixth tract contains about 216 acres, adjoining the Pittsboro and Egypt road.

This land will be sold in separate tracts or altogether, just as may be desired.

The seventh and eighth tracts contain 110 and 159 acres, respectively, and are a part of the three tract two miles west of Pittsboro.

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