

LOCAL MATTER.

—Xmas one year off. —How does 1886 sound? —Hoops are tilting back in style. —Good-by to 1885—welcome '86. —Who expects to marry next, eh? —Look out for cyclones and book agents. —The new year opened bright and clear. —Now is the time for old toppers to "sweat off." —The indications are now in favor of snow. —Charlotte is soon to have a tobacco warehouse. —If you are tired of life and need sleep, take laudanum. —Mr. & Mrs. Alex. Walker are on a visit to Tarboro. —Gov. Fitzhugh Lee was inducted into office on New Year's day. —Go and see some "nigger" dicos Saturday night. Stokes Hall. —The population of Charleston, S. C., is 27,650 whites and 32,540 colored. —A fine violin and case for sale at Gardner's Jewelry Store, cheap for cash. —The editor is in Richmond this week, will visit Norfolk before he returns to Durham. —The Christmas holidays passed off pleasantly. We hope everybody had a nice time. —If any body finds a strange devil burning around loose, please bring him in. He is ours. —Ferdinand Ward is keeping the books at Sing Sing. "What a fall, my countrymen!" —Ex-President Arthur is said to be worth \$100,000. It pays to be President sometimes. —Services were held at all of our Churches on last Sunday and good congregations were present. —Roller skating held the boards during the Christmas holidays as the chief amusement for the juveniles. —The value of exports from the port of Wilmington for the month of Dec. '85, amounted to \$504,970. —A fire at Fayetteville on the 24th of Dec. destroyed the residence of W. H. Tomlinson, of North street. —Watch the crowd at R. W. Thomas & Co., buying Dr. David's Cough Syrup. It beats all. —Mrs. Garfield, who is a graceful writer, is preparing a biography of her late husband, the dead President. —Dr. N. M. Johnson & Co., sell Dr. David's Cough Syrup rapidly because it is the best. [Oct. 28th.] —Mr. G. E. Webb, formerly of this place, but of now of Winston, is visiting relatives and friends in Durham. —The "devil" is out taking Christmas; the last seen of him he was heading for the Neuse river with a musket on his shoulder. —Five bottles Dr. David's Cough Syrup for a dollar at R. Blacknall & Son's Drug Store. It beats all. —Pretty Pauline Markham, who visited our city some two years ago, with her company disbanded at Galveston, Texas, last week. —Read carefully all the advertisements concerning our merchants in this week's Recorder; we expect to "talk them up." —Next Easter Sunday falls on the 25th of April, a fact which has not occurred since 1734, and will not occur again before 1943. —There have been several socials and parties in our midst during the holidays, and as a matter of course mirth and joy reigned supreme. —There has been fewer crimes and casualties this Christmas than usual. Everybody seemed to be jolly and in good humor. —Mr. J. T. Britt, foreman of the printing office of W. Duke, Sons & Co., paid a flying visit to Goldsboro during the Christmas holidays. —The necessary number of persons in old Chatham have signed a petition to establish the stock law in that county. —"Round again!" he asked, as the dun put his head at the door. "Yes and I will stay round till I get square." —A St. Paul policeman who arrested an old bum, sent him to the rag factory with the explanation that "he was nothing but an old rip and a tear." —The only young lady student at the Boston University law school is called appropriately by the name law students, their Sister-in-law. —Senator Voorhees, it is reported, will deliver his address on Jefferson in ten cities of Indiana in aid of the Hendricks monument. —Time is money—that is no time like the present time; that is to say, none which requires so much money, to run a newspaper. —The Rev. W. S. Crensy, Pastor Trinity Church, preached two very impressive sermons in that Church last Sunday. —A tariff for Revenue only is not quite so much of a scare-crow to people as it present as it was in the fall of 1880. The light is dawning! —From Jones will try his hand in North Carolina sinners this year. We expect to need his kind assistance if our delinquents do not pay up.

It is said that "Every man has a role in life. And has had since time began. But after all the baker's roll is the best for a wifeless man." —Service was held in the Baptist church on Thursday night 31st, at 11 o'clock, a. m. by the Rev. C. Durham. A large congregation assembled to see the old year out. —On the 4th of March, 1887, the terms of twenty-five United States Senators will expire. Of these nine are Democrats and sixteen Republicans. —Our progressive town in other respects has got several years ahead of its pavements; for instance, look at that little fish pond near the store of Messrs. Nachman & Lehman! —All doctors agree that to enjoy good health the mind must be kept in a cheerful condition. But no doctor can give a man points that will make him joyous when his collar don't fit. —A young white man, giving his name as Charlie Salisbury, attempted to end his life in this place on Wednesday evening last, by taking an ounce of laudanum. —Mr. Juners Sneed, of Raleigh, has accepted a position with the popular firm of Lamb, Slater & Gorman, of this place. We extend to him a cordial welcome. —Mr. Paul Norwood will be glad to have his friends from Chatham and elsewhere to call at W. J. Wyatt & Co., when they come to Durham. He is prepared to sell goods at bottom prices, and he will do it. —The Tarboro Southerner has completed its sixty-third year—a good age and a good paper still lives, and we hope the spiritfulness of the Southerner will go thundering down the ages yet to come. —The noted trotting mare, Early Dawn, died in Lexington, Ky., a fortnight ago. It is stated that she was valued at \$22,500; her record was 2:21; she won \$10,000 for her owners last year. —Mr. Wm. Brandon, auctioneer for Corbett, Patton & Co., has just returned from a pleasant visit to his home in Milton. He says his voice hasn't failed in the least and solicits farmers to bring tobacco to his house. —Divine service was held in the large and commodious factory of W. Duke, Sons & Co., on last Sunday afternoon at 8 o'clock, by Rev. Mr. Gregg, who preached a splendid sermon to a large audience. —One of the handsomest things in the way of a sign, that we have seen for some time, is that which adorns the front of the Art Gallery of our friend Selburn. The painting was executed by Mr. Lawrence and is a credit to his artistic skill. —A special term of the Superior Court for this county, is now in session, commencing on last Monday. Judge Gilmer, of Greensboro, presiding. Civil cases alone will be disposed of at this term. We will give full proceedings in our next issue. —Mr. Tilden, a nephew of Mr. Samuel J. Tilden has purchased fifty thousand acres of land in one body in Swain and Graham counties, and is settling a northern colony of farmers upon this tract at an early day. —Goodness, gracious! it is said, that putting Mr. Vanderbilt's silver dollars lengthwise, dollar after dollar, it would stretch a distance of 4, 672 miles, making a silver stretch from New York across the ocean to Liverpool. —Miss Lisa Christmas, who was for some time a teacher in the graded school here, but who is now engaged in teaching in the graded school at New Bern, spent the holidays with her parents in Durham. Her many friends here were delighted to see her. —Hurrah for Durham! Last week W. J. Wyatt & Co. sold a large bill of goods to a gentleman in Raleigh. The buyer said the goods were much cheaper than he could get them at home. Hurrah for Durham! It's a cold day in July when we are downed. —The Rev. J. E. Mahoney, of the North Carolina Conference, who did in Goldsboro on last Thursday a week ago, after a brief illness with erysipelas, was brought to Durham for interment. The Rev. J. T. Harris conducting the service. —Mr. Dave Johnson, a native of Charlotte, who has been engaged in keeping bar in this place for a number of years, died at Braggs, two miles north of Durham, on Wednesday last. He was buried at the cemetery in this place on Friday. —A young white man, by the name of Frederick O'Rider, was run over and killed by the mail train going East, about a mile below this place on Saturday, the 26th of Dec. The man was deaf and dumb, and the engineer was exonerated from all blame on those grounds. —"If you and you were I!" She sang vigorously at the piano, and turning to him said, "What would I do?" "Well love" he answered, judging from your disposition and the color of your hair, I fancy you would take a cub and knock me off that piano stool if I didn't stop singing." —A kind word of cheer frequently smooths and unravels many a tangled thread in the skin of life.—Make a concession rather than make a fuss. It is sweet and heroic and beautiful to yield when there is no principle involved.—Wilson Mirror. You are right brother; he, who practices such a motto, "fare you," he does well. —Mr. W. J. Johnson, one of the popular salaried men of Mr. J. A. Long, of Roxboro, was in town on Wednesday last. We wouldn't be at all surprised if there isn't some tender to that catches him by the back upon the advice of Horace

Greely "Go West Young Man" How about it Willis? —Jones & Co., say that all bright tobacco has advanced in prices and that common stock is higher. —Another rush to Vaughan & Tenny's Drug Store for Dr. David's Cough Syrup. [Oct. 28th.] —General Toombs once met an officer who helped to uphold the stars and stripes. "Well, General," said this officer, jocosely, "we licked you, anyhow." "Licked us! No, sir! No such thing! We wore ourselves out whipping you!"—Ex. —If you have any fine smokers, cutters and wrappers take them to Jones & Co., Raleigh, and you will come home happy. —At the present time there are more than a thousand women in the great West carrying on farms, and as far as known they (the farms) are conducted successfully.—Ex. What a field for old bachelors to work in! Go, and no longer be such a source of annoyance, and mocking the keen impatiences of our Southern bells! —Salvation Oil, the greatest cure on earth for pain, has made a most brilliant debut. Price 25 cts. What Philosophers say that affairs should always be conducted with a view to the greatest good of the greatest number. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup does the greatest good to the greatest number. 25 cents. —A negro man by the name of George Morley, was run over and instantly killed on the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railroad, near Siler, on Friday last. The engine was in 75 yards of the unfortunate man when he was first seen. It is the opinion of some, that he had been killed and placed on the track to avoid suspicion. —Dr. P. R. Hardee, who has been a practicing physician in this city for some considerable time, contemplates locating at Moriah, Person county. We regret very much to lose the Doctor. His office was next to his place, and his pleasant smile will be missed. We heartily recommend him to the citizens of Person county, and bespeak for him a prosperous future. His parting words were "send me the Recorder." —Don't forget to take a load of tobacco to Jones & Co., Raleigh, for they can bid on tobacco and protect the farmer. —Our country friends will find the present a good time to subscribe to the Recorder. The merchant and man of business ought to find it profitable to advertise, especially at this season; by thus "talking it up" many a business man has been saved from shipwreck. We repeat, advertising—"talk it up." To do this even once thoroughly and perfectly is a grand point of security. —The Recorder readers can save money and procure bargains for holiday goods at Fred A. Watson 112 Fayetteville street Raleigh N. C. specialties in all new novelties, everything in the plush ornament line; handsome paintings and engravings anything in the picture and frame line. Bracket ornaments, easy rattan chairs &c. orders have prompt attention. —Look out for big sales at Jones & Co., Warehouse, Raleigh, during January and take advantage of the high prices they are going to pay. —The large and commodious tobacco factory of Messrs. Carroll & Co., of Greensboro, was destroyed by fire a few days ago. The factory was the property of J. L. King & Co., and was valued at about \$6,000, and was insured for full value. Messrs. Carroll & Co.'s loss is said to be about \$12,000 and they were insured for \$2,000 or \$10,000. We learn that about 60,000 pounds of tobacco was consumed together with all of the machinery of the factory. —For the highest average price, go to Jones & Co., Raleigh, with your tobacco. They will bid on your tobacco and see that it brings the highest market prices. —Graham Sykes, of Orange, a notorious blockader, was put to flight a short time ago by Deputy Collector C. N. Melane and others, who made a raid upon his camp where they found 19 stands in each, together with a 150 gallon still of the capacity of 30 gallons per day, larger than any government still in Orange. The officers and Sykes we learn, saluted each other very cordially by taking a crack at each other with their carbines, but no harm was done. —Jones & Co., of Raleigh, say that they are paying more for tobacco than any house in the State. Because they are allowed to bid on each and every pile and see that the tobacco brings its worth. —Cupid has been busy during the holidays and many a young and tender heart has felt a victim to his arrow and have taken a chance in the great lottery of life to draw a prize for "better or for worse." We give below the names of some of the contracting parties: In Hillsboro on 21st of Dec. by Rev. Mr. Willis, Mr. Robert Christman and Miss Madie Patterson. Both of Durham. On the 22nd of Dec. by Rev. J. L. Currie, Mr. P. A. Flinton, of this place, to Miss Mary F. Woods, of Orange. Howorth's Lo bis sh-w. This popular troupe will amuse the citizens of Durham Saturday night Jan. 9th at Stokes Hall. "The latest novelty, Irish and American tourist. All the latest hits of the day." Let every lover of fun go and spend a pleasant evening. Death of Mr. Snow. 'Tis with sincere regret that we record the death of M. Chas. D. Snow, the popular young book keeper of Col W. T. Blackwell. He was found dead in his bed on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 27. He had been sick for several days but his death was not anticipated. —The largest and most complete stock of Altraer & Co. has

STATE NEWS. The Wilson Advance says: Nine hundred and sixty-seven insolvents allowed by the Board of County Commissioners of Edgecombe. Lots of negroes in that county.—Whyne county has 6 terms of Superior court. The Messenger says they are too expensive luxuries. The Roll-ville Weekly says: An old gentleman, with a blue cotton umbrella in his paws, who had imbibed too freely, was in a country church in a neighboring county the other Sunday when it began raining very hard. The old man heard the rain on the roof and raised his umbrella. But the preacher took in at a glance the whole situation. He quietly said: "Put that man out doors, but leave his umbrella inside; some of the sisters here may need it." The Kingston Free Press: There appears to be an organized movement on the part of the Washington correspondents of the different newspapers to injure Senator Vance and snuff other people. When any man or set of men make the people of North Carolina cease to love Vance, we shall expect to see the old firmament be white to shake. Old Zeb Vance is more strongly entrenched in the affections of the people than is any other man in North Carolina. The Fayetteville News has an account of the death of Joseph Wheeler, who was killed in a well in Hickory whilst descending to recover a teaspoon. And another item has been floating around giving an account of the death of the same Wheeler while going down a well after a jug. It is all news to us. One Joseph Russell was killed in a well a few weeks ago, whilst engaged in walling up the curb Joseph Wheeler, we hope, is still alive, and we hope the newspapers will let him live.—Hickory Press. Appalachian Philosopher: The Blue Ridge Conference is six years old, with a present membership, white of not far from 6,000. There are twenty-four preachers who take appointments, three supernumerary and one superannuated, and not a single death during the past two years. The work of the Conference is almost exclusively in the western half of North Carolina, the bulk of the work being in the mountain region. The presiding elders for the past year received less than \$600 each, and the preachers do not receive more than \$300 on average, including missionary money and everything else. They travel immense circuits and do it on foot, on horseback or in vehicles. Barkley's Restaurant. Opposite the post office on Fayetteville street, Raleigh, you will find this popular restaurant. Call when in the city. Lightning Rods. Mr. B. H. Tyson, of Wilson, N. C., has been in town erecting Lightning rods on W. Duke Sons & Co., and Blackwells Durham Tobacco Company's factories, besides a number of dwellings. He sells the finest rod in the country, one constructed on the latest electric principle—the non insulating system the safest and best ever used. All persons should have their buildings properly protected from the danger of lightning. Mr. Tyson will erect the rod as soon as notified. The prices are reasonable. Send him at Wilson and it will be promptly attended to. Don't fail to examine into this matter. All work guaranteed. B. H. TYSON, Wilson, N. C. The First Sale is always at Old Chuck's Brick Saloon, on Parrish street, between Lea & Warren and Parrish's warehouse. There you will find Mr. R. C. Pleasant an auctioneer, who can prepare the finest drink that always sells for a fair price and make you keep building. You will always be a welcome visitor to the first, second and last sale. It will commence promptly at 5 o'clock in the morning and close at midnight. It is a convenient place for buyers to call by and "whet up a little" There will be no trash, shoddy stock, frost bitten nor crack skull, but the genuine, mallow inside wrapper—yellow with age that always gives a delicious perfume that will attract the smeller of a good judge of the article from afar off. Friends be sure to remember the first sale is always at my house. I divide time with no one but sell nothing but the pure goods all day. Yours, J. T. MALLORY, Parrish Street, Durham, N. C. Special Notices. —Rogers & Co., sell sweet cider at wholesale and retail. Call and get your supply. It is fine. —Cakes, crackers, cheese, beef-tongues, hams, raisins, nuts, candy, cabbage, at Rogers & Co.'s. 2t. —Wallo's syrups, cigars, candies, &c. Atwater & Patton. —Toys, Velocipeds Express Wagon, Top Carriages, Willow Trappings, Rocking Horses, Showy Horse can be had at Perry's. [Dec. 9th.] —Beautiful cologne bottles, and toilet goods will be sold by Johnson & Co. for half the price asked by others. —Fine, fresh and plain candies at Rogers & Co.'s. —Santa Claus is beginning to distribute presents at Perry's and will take great pleasure in waiting on his many patrons at all times. Call at once on Wm. Mangum & Son, it will save you money, for they are selling at low prices. Their stock is large and fresh. [Dec. 9th.] —Wise & Hill keep none but the finest cigars. They will have the week some of Jennings celebrated cigars, the finest on the market. The best bargains in the town can be found at Wm. Mangum & Son, G. at once and examine their stock Dec. 9th.

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Chatham WAREHOUSE. O. A. Hanner, Manager, SILER, N. C. The Chatnam Warehouse Co., have recently completed a large Warehouse for the sale of Leaf Tobacco. Mr. O. A. HANNER, one of the best known men in the country, has been selected as Manager. At our opening sale there were nearly 400 wagons loaded with tobacco from Moore, Randolph, Alamance, Guilford, Wake, Orange and Chatham counties. We have every facility for handling tobacco and will guarantee the Highest MARKET PRICE for all sold with us. We ask our friends to give us a trial load, and you shall never regret it. Mr. A. A. Murphy is our Floor Manager and will be pleased to see his old friends. Chatham Warehouse Company. dec. 16th.] SILER, N. C. CITY DRUG STORE. R. Blacknall & Son. LARGE STOCK OF DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES, SURGICAL APPLIANCES, SPONGES, TOILET ARTICLES, HAIR, NAIL, FLESH AND TOOTH BRUSHES. SOAPS, POMADES, PERFUMERY, POWDERS, Fine Cigars, Tobacco and snuff. SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO FAMILY RECIPES AND PRESCRIPTIONS. Dr. R. Blacknall & Son, Nov. 11. PHILIP HAXALL, President. BARTON HAXALL, Vice-President. LEWIS D. CRENSHAW, JR., Treasurer. CHARLES S. CRENSHAW, Secretary. THE HAXALL-CRENSHAW CO., RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. Keep constantly on hand and for sale all grades of Flour Water Ground, White Bolted Corn-Meal, Mill-Feed, &c. Dec. 9th, '85. JOHN BOWERS. NO. 7, (IRON BLOCK,) GOVERNOR ST., RICHMOND, VA. Marble and Marbleized slate Mantels. Fancy Marble Hearths, of various and beautiful designs, Fronts and Grates; Brass Fenders and Fire Sets. THE TIMES AND SOUTHERN BAKER COOK STOVES. JOBBERS OF REFRIGERATORS AND ICE CREAM FREEZERS. The Florence Oil Heating and Cook Stoves, entirely odorless—no dust, smoke. Lot of Furnaces, Gas and Oil Chandeliers, Tinware, Lead and Terra Cotta Pipe. One of the finest SAMPLE ROOMS in the United States on Second Floor SEND FOR CIRCULARS. oct. 23. 1886 FAIR AND SQUARE DEALING. GREGORY'S SEED CATALOGUE. 1886. DURABILITY OUR SPECIALTY. TOP BOBBIES. PHAETONS AND BAROUCHES IN LATEST STYLES. EMERSON AND FISHER CO. Cincinnati, Ohio. Send for our New, Handsome, Illustrated Catalogue of Carriages and Carriage Part Work. All Vehicles Strong, Durable and Well Finished.