The Chatham Record

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1882

LOCAL RECORDS.

☞ You can get all sorts of repair work, in both wood and iron, done at J. A. Hornaday's shop, and thus save time and avoid the inconvenience of going to two shops. New wagons put up strictly to order.

☞ Among the many goods that are coming in at London's is a splendid lot of Gents' Low-quartered Shoes, something very stylish and very cheap. Ladies' and Gents' White Kid Gloves, White Neckties, White Vests. Some extra bargains in Ladies' and Gents' Linen Handkerchiefs.

☞ Shaw & Harris are now receiving their Spring stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, &c. It will pay you to examine their stock. They will make a specialty of Clothing this Spring. They have decidedly the most complete assortment in Pittsboro'. They have also a large assortment of Ladies' Hats, and a beautiful line of Hat Trimmings.

☞ If you are in need of something that will make a nice White Dress call at London's and see his India Linens, Nansooks, Victoria Lawns and Linen Lawns. He also has a nice stock of Laces, Swiss Edging, Hamburg Edgings and any kind of Trimmings you need. Remember, London's is Headquarters for Ladies' Hats. No FANCY prices there.

☞ More New Goods! Bynum & Headen have just received another addition to their stock of Spring Goods, Ladies' nice Dress Goods, Lawns, &c. More new Ladies' Hats. Mrs. Laura Horne would be pleased if her friends and the public would call and see them. Double Shovel and Georgia stock Plows, and Grain Cradles. Be sure and call before buying.

OLD COIN.—Mr. W. E. Griffin, of New Hope township, has shown us a Spanish silver dollar that bears date of 1729.

TALL WHEAT.—Mr. H. L. Burns, of this township, has a two acre field of wheat, in which the stalks will average six feet in height, and all well headed.

A BEE STORY.—During the month of April Mr. Lucian Tyson, of Bear Creek township, had six swarms of bees to come from one hive. Who can beat that?

SCHOOL CELEBRATION.—The closing exercises of the Pittsboro' Scientific Academy will be held, on next Tuesday night, and will consist of declamations, dialogues, recitations &c.

LICE IN WHEAT.—We regret to hear that some of our farmers are very much afraid of their wheat crops being injured by a peculiar kind of lice that are sucking out the sap in the heads of the wheat. Some heads are filled with these lice.

THE SMALLEST EGG.—The smallest hen egg that we have yet seen was sent us yesterday by a little daughter of Capt. J. A. Pugh, of Hickory Mountain township, having been laid by her pet hen. It is not much larger than a pea, and weighs only half a drachm!

EARLY VEGETABLES.—The largest vegetables that we have seen this season were sent us, on last Saturday, by Miss Kate Hanks, who is noted in our town for her good gardening. These vegetables were snap beans, beets, and Irish potatoes almost as large as a man's fist.

WILD TURKEY IN TOWN.—On last Monday morning a wild turkey was startled from a tree in our town, and from what we hear, the person who first saw it was as much startled as the turkey. Wild turkies are frequently seen and killed in the woods around here, but this is the first time that we have heard of one flying about in our streets.

RUN OVER BY A WAGON.—On last Saturday the little five-year old son of Mr. N. M. Hill, of this place, was riding on a load of lumber in a two horse wagon, when he fell off and the front wheel ran over his arm and leg, and yet, wonderful to relate, no bone was broken or serious injury inflicted. It was a most remarkable escape from a horrible death.

WAKE FOREST COMMENCEMENT.—We are indebted to our esteemed young countymen, Messrs. E. P. Ellington and C. M. Murchison, for a very beautifully engraved invitation to the next Commencement exercises of Wake Forest College. The Annual Address will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Deems, and Rev. Dr. Graves, of Memphis, will preach the Baccalaureate Sermon.

FACTS WORTH REMEMBERING.—We hear that there are some persons in this county who assert that the late Prohibition movement was a democratic measure and that the republicans defeated it. When such an assertion is made it is well to refer to the official returns of that election. In this county the only township, that gave a majority "For Prohibition," was Albright township, which has always been known as a republican stronghold, and the two townships that gave the largest majority "Against Prohibition," were Williams and Bear Creek, which are well known democratic strongholds. These facts are worth remembering when such an assertion is made. And it may also be remembered that nearly all the speeches made in this county AGAINST Prohibition were made by democrats.

OUR BRASS BAND.—On last Monday afternoon, after the stores had closed and work was suspended, our citizens enjoyed an open air concert given by the Pittsboro' brass band, using the first public exhibition of their skill since their re-organization. We must congratulate our young townsmen upon their proficiency, and hope they will often afford us the opportunity of hearing their sweet music.

ANOTHER DOCTOR.—We are pleased to welcome to our town Dr. John M. Manning, the eldest son of Hon. John Manning, who has recently received his medical diploma at Bellevue Medical College in New York city, and will practise his profession at this place. His grand father (the late Dr. Isaac Hall) was one of the most eminent physicians in this section, and the young doctor is said to look very much like him.

UNIVERSITY NORMAL SCHOOL.—The next session of the University Normal School will be held at Chapel Hill, beginning on the 15th of June and closing on the 20th of July, and, judging from the programme that has been prepared, it will be a session of unusual interest. We would urge upon all the teachers in Chatham the benefits of attending. Our proximity to Chapel Hill makes it very accessible to the teachers of this county.

SHEEP HUSBANDRY.—Mr. James N. Green, of Hickory Mountain township, informs us that in shearing his sheep, two weeks ago, he clipped eleven and a half pounds of wool from one sheep. This county is well adapted to sheep husbandry and it would be more profitable to raise sheep than anything else if it were not for the worthless curs that destroy so many. And yet our law makers seem to think more of dogs than of sheep.

EPISCOPAL CONVOCATION.—The Convocation of Raleigh will meet in the Episcopal church at this place, on the 14th day of June, and remain in session until the Sunday following, when Bishop Lyman will make his annual visitation to this parish. A convocation of the Episcopal church is somewhat similar to an association of the Baptists or a district conference of the Methodists, and the "Convocation of Raleigh" embraces those parishes contiguous to that city.

MT. VERNON ACADEMY.—The closing exercises of this school will be held on, as we have before announced, on next Thursday, and the occasion will doubtless be one of unusual interest. A large crowd is expected, and we much regret not being able to be present. We would say to those of our friends who may desire to pay us, on that occasion, their subscriptions to the Record, that they can hand their names and money to our townsman, Mr. W. S. Straughan, who will be there with a lot of nice saddles for sale.

RAILROAD MEETING.—We are requested to announce that the State University will celebrate its connection with the railroad and telegraph systems of the country at Chapel Hill, on next Tuesday afternoon. Gov. Jarvis, Prest. Battle and other prominent gentlemen will make speeches appropriate to the occasion. We hope that a goodly number of our citizens, who reside between Haw river and Chapel Hill, will attend this celebration and become so enthused that they will go in for extending the railroad into Chatham.

A NEEDLE'S MOVEMENTS.—About eight years ago a colored woman of this place, named Fanny Lea, accidentally swallowed a needle. She suffered no inconvenience from it until about four years thereafter, when a place on her back, just below the neck became very sore to the touch and pained her. On examining the place a needle could be distinctly felt in the flesh, but she would not allow it to be cut out. After a short time the sore place became all right again, and nothing more was heard from the needle until a little over a year ago, when it made its appearance in her right arm, where it could be plainly felt, but again she refused to let it be cut out. In a short time the needle again started on its travels and has now turned up in the woman's back, just below the shoulder. The idea of a needle travelling about in a woman's body for eight years!

Saxapahaw River.

The venerable E. J. Hale, in his last letter to the Fayetteville Examiner, gives the following information about the Saxapahaw river:

"I wonder how many of your townsmen know what was the Indian name for the Cape Fear river? I confess that I did not till a few days ago, when an inquiry from Fayetteville induced me to look into the question. I examined all the books to which I had access which might be expected to throw light on the question, and then got a friend who has time to frequent the Astor Library to search there. After consulting various historical works upon North Carolina, he found what he wanted in a History of North Carolina by John Brickell, M. D., published in Dublin in 1737, nearly 150 years ago. The Indian name of the river was Saxapahaw. From other Histories examined it appeared that the river was first called by the whites, Clarendon."

Mr. Hale's knowledge of our State's history is so extended and so accurate that we would not dispute any statement relating thereto that he might make, and yet we had always heard that "Saxapahaw" was the Indian name for our Haw river, and Lawson's history (page 82) says that "Sapona" was the Indian name for the west branch of Cape Fear or Clarendon river—the same that we call Deep river. Lawson's history was published in 1714 (nearly 25 years prior to the history above mentioned by Mr. Hale) and is a very interesting narrative of his journey through this State in the winter of 1701. He was appointed surveyor-general of North Carolina, and was finally murdered by the Indians. We would advise those of our readers who have never read Lawson's history, to get a copy, as it gives a very interesting description of the natural history of this State and of the Indians then inhabiting it, particularly describing their customs, manners, &c.

For Representative At-Large.

MR. EDITOR: Quite a number of names have been presented as suitable to represent the State at large in Congress, most of whom we would like to honor, yet it strikes us that the Metropolitan district is as fully entitled to that man as any other district. We have the man in Col. W. F. Green, of Franklin. He is well known as a man worthy the trust and confidence of the people. Some of us who have attended conventions know that he has advocated the claims of other men long enough, let him be brought to the front. We know of no man better qualified in every sense to undertake this work for the party than Col. Green. CHATHAM.

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The Mountain Country.

[Sometime last winter one of our countrymen moved to the western part of the State, and in a letter renewing his subscription to the Record, he thus speaks of his experience in that section.—ED. RECORD.]

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 17, 1882.

MR. EDITOR: I have travelled over a good deal of these parts and find the land good and the people very kind. The best part that I have seen is Yancey county. It is a fine county and all it needs is work. The people out there don't work but about three months in the year, and they have a plenty of wheat, corn, hay and fruit—in fact everything to eat. Madison has the best tobacco land and is good for corn and wheat. They make more wheat than any other county up here and a good deal of corn, but I think I like Haywood the best of any county I have been in. The land is rich and it is not so cold. I have also been up on Cane Creek in this county, and it is the most enticing part of the county to my notion, but everything that is great is high up here and so expensive. For a man that is a mechanic or farmer that is able and will work, here in these parts is the place to live and have a plenty to eat and wear. I think land is too high. If I was young and able to work and had a small farm up here I could make a fortune. The people don't more than work half as hard as they do east of the Ridge, and still they live as well.

OSCAR M. LAWRENCE.

State News.

Kinston Free Press: On Saturday a man came to town whose hair was about 18 inches long, red and tied with blue ribbon.

Wilmington Review: Messrs. John Risley and William Craig killed an alligator yesterday in Greenfield Creek which measured ten feet, six inches in length.

Durham Recorder: W. T. Blackwell & Co., received an order Monday from a Chicago firm for seven millions cigarettes—$10,000 worth of cigarettes sold in one day.

Raleigh Visitor: We saw to-day a chicken with thirteen toes and three legs. It was hatched on the premises of Mrs. Ransom Pool, near Clayton, and lived two weeks.

Lenoir Topic: Mr. Hosea Bedford, of Heartland, who carries the mail from Hartland to Lenoir three times a week on foot, walking sixteen miles a day, is more than eighty years old and is as active as a schoolboy.

Rockingham Spirit: A little son of Mr. George Warburton, of Pee Dee village, aged between one and two years, fell into a pot of boiling soap on Friday of last week, and was so badly burned that he died the following day.

Whiteville Enterprise: Nancy Singletary an old colored woman aged really ninety or over, died upon Mr. Shade Wooten's place on last Wednesday, the 10th inst. During the war jewelry, watches, records, &c., were placed in her hands by the citizens of Bladen and she returned them all safe at the close.

Toisnot Sunny Home: An enterprising farmer in Greene has started a new industry, renting or borrowing geese to keep down the small grass in cotton fields. He estimates a goose to the acre, after the cotton has been chopped out, is sufficient to keep it in good condition, if the space between the rows is kept clean.

Charlotte Observer: Yesterday morning about 7 o'clock, John Robey, who has been employed at Wilkes' foundry, was sitting in the window of the top story in the building on College street occupied by Torrence & Bailey, when he lost his balance and tumbled out. The window was on the rear side of the house, and to the ground was a fall of seventy feet. Robey struck on the platform which runs along the first story of the house and crashed through it to the ground, entirely demolishing a section of the platform about six feet long. He was picked up and laid out in a room, dead to all appearances, but when Dr. Donaghue arrived and made an examination, he pronounced the man to be living. A severe concussion of the brain and several fractures about the skull, was the extent of his injuries. In the course of an hour or two the man could talk, and showed some signs of improvement. The Doctor thinks the man will get well.

Newbern Journal: Mr. Alexander Cutlar, one of the best and most respected farmers of Beaufort county, raised this year on one hundred and fifty-two Irish potatoes from one hill.

Winston Leader: A Leader reporter, in conversation with a gentleman from Lenoir county, learned that forty-three negro preachers have been sent to the penitentiary from that county in the past six years.

Wilmington Review: A Mrs. Stocks, living on the Waccamaw river, has an old clock-house sitting on her mantle-piece which has been taken charge of by a swarm of bees. The little workers found their way into the clock through a hole in the back, and have lived in it during the winter. Mrs. Stocks feeds them during the cold weather, and now the thing has become quite a curiosity, crowds and loafers.

Wilmington Star: We learn that there was a heavy frost in the northern border of South Washington, Pender county, one morning last week, which had a tried effect on all the growing crops, turning a good deal of the corn yellow.—Mr. L. Pridgen, a resident of the southern part of the city, left home on Monday morning of last week, with the avowed intention of going down the river to attend to some business, and has never been heard from since.

Winston Republican: Charles Teague Esq., of Kernersville gave us an account of a cyclone that visited that section of Forsyth county Thursday evening, which in violence, surpassed anything of the kind we ever heard of here. It was from 150 to 300 yards in width and literally swept everything in its way. A Mr. Pegram, a strong man, was blown flat on his back and with difficulty could keep himself on the ground. Houses, barns, chimneys, all were swept away. There was considerable damage to the crops, but fortunately no lives lost.

Winston Sentinel: There is an old shade tree at the old Vogler homestead in Salem that is without doubt the finest specimen of its kind in the State. It was planted many years ago, is of luxuriant growth, and casts a shade over half of Salem square.—On last Friday as a young man by the name of Stone was leaving off planks at his father's saw mill in Stokes county, he stumbled against a mad Hock and fell in front of the saw, which pressed through his head and badly mangling one ear, his jaw, sawing one arm into three pieces and cutting both of his legs off.

Goldsboro Messenger: We learn from Mr. H. McLeod, Superintendent of the Midland Road construction, that he contemplates having the rails put down to Smithfield by the 1st of June. We learn also that the work of putting down new rails was begun on the Atlantic Road near Newbern yesterday. Mr. McLeod assures us that the reports so freely circulated to the effect that the syndicate had again forsaken Mr. Best, is maliciously false and without a shadow of foundation. The work on the Midland, he says, will go forward in spite of factious opposition.

Greensboro Patriot: Grandmother Coward, aged 107 years was baptized in the Ohio river at Jeffersonville, Indiana, on Sunday morning by Elder Miller. Mrs. Coward was born in Chatham county one year before the declaration of Independence, and has been a subscriber to the Patriot for the last 50 years. She is the venerable mother of the three North Carolina colony in the Hoosier State.—Rufus Lovegrove, Greensboro, exhibit 1 of the Patriot office a bowl of red roots now being 7 feet, 3 inches, and he is prepared to prove it. These roots were grown in soil that hasn't manure in twenty years, and the bowl exhibited is only a fair sample of the soil in which they were grown.

Franklin Times: A lady in this town who raises a large number of chickens made a discovery which will no doubt be very profitable to her in the future. She had a number of young chickens, and between 10 and 15 would be found dead in the yard, nearly every day, and she was at a loss to know the cause, as no visible signs of cholera were apparent. But in taking one in her hands she discovered upon the very top of the little chicken's head about a dozen lice, and they were going for the chicken at a rapid rate. She at once caught all of her chickens and applied a drop of kerosene oil on the head the of lice, which immediately killed them, and saved her chickens. We publish this for the benefit of the public, as no doubt this very thing has been the cause of the death of a great many fowls, which were thought to have died from cholera.

Salisbury Watchman: Mr. S. C. Ketchie while cutting a few miles from town, found last Saturday, in a tree of a log, in an old house on his place, nine pieces of gold coin. He did not know what they were, nor might of their value. Bringing them to town, he sold one for $5 which was again sold for $8 and again for $16. The last party holding on. The others he deposited in the Bank until he could learn of their exact value. Five of these are alike, though bearing different dates. On one side they have the profile of JOSEPH I. D. G. and bearing different dates. Another has the profile of IOANNES V. D. G., another PETRVS II. D. G., another IOANNES V. D. G. and on the other side a cross with the motto: IN HOC SIGNO VINCES. The last one is a queer and very antiquated looking coin, and is indecipherable, the only thing discernible being the date, 1784, or 1744—it certainly looks as it was the latter. They are Spanish coin. "Pole to Pole" dating from 1703 to 1781. The gold is very pure, showing but little alloy, and is worth about $20.

General News.

According to the census taken in 1880 there were in the city of New York 313 persons over 90 years old.

Mr. W. H. Dodd has been elected mayor of Raleigh, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Major Manly. A good selection.

The Coast survey now is conducting a line of levels from the gulf coast to the north to be made about half way between the horizon and the pole star, and a little to the east.

The Pacific National Bank, of Boston, which suspended some months since and only recently resumed, stopped payment Monday and will wind up its business.

The State Republican Central Committee of Georgia held a session on Monday endorsing A. H. Stephens for Governor. A convention for the nomination of state officers was called for August 24 at Atlanta.

Near Indianapolis, Jacob Gruss's two and girl, who had been promised by the parents of the former for young to enter the marriage state, took morphine and laudanum to end their troubles. The boy died.

Stephen G. Ellis, aged 25 years, was hanged at Marion, N. C. last Friday, for the murder of his wife in Burke county. He made a confession admitting that he strangled his wife while she was asleep in bed, and broke her neck.

There were heavy frost Saturday night over the greater portion of the State of Illinois, causing heavy damage on fruit and crops. There was a snow storm Tuesday at Marshalltown, Iowa, and severe cold weather at various points in the Northwest.

The marvellous growth of Chicago is one of the wonders of the century. In the short space of a little more than sixty years it has advanced from a frontier military post, the scene of an Indian massacre, to be one of the great cities of the continent and of the world.

While repairing a Methodist church at Jefferson, Ga., on the 11th inst., a workman found a quantity of nitroglycerine, value in several thousand dollars, concealed beneath the floor of the pulpit. The property had been a short time previously stolen from a neighboring store. The discovery has caused considerable agitation among the members of the church.

A Miser's Money.

Statesville Landmark.

Thomas Robbins, a wealthy and eccentric bachelor in the northern part of this county, died about a year ago. It was a matter of great concern with his kin and neighbors to know what he had done with all of his money, as he died without telling any one. He lived alone and miserable in a wretched pine patch, without a floor; the chimney to his dwelling was made of mud and sticks; there was not a chair in his house, and he did his own cooking at night on a bed which was not fit to sell, but a pile of rags, worn to covers, &c. When he came to die he will be sent with his brother, who was also the keeper of court and engineer, but he put up a fight, and Charlie accepted a small fee. He bought his provision with fee and this consisted of hard biscuits, which he had baked himself, and which were composed of lard. He declined to eat or even to touch a cup of coffee with a white sheet for coupled, as while they are well enough in their proper place, they are not fit to be used in the bed chamber of solitude. He was unable to eat the hard biscuits, literally heart-breaking enough, and after a few days of his life he starved and hoarded and died in the belief, in addition to his land, money, gold and silver, which he was computed at less than $40,000.

While this old man was in the death agony, he called one of his brothers to his side and tried to tell him something, but before he could do it the vital spark went out. He believed that he would have told where he had hidden his money. Around his waist at the time he died was a belt in which he had secreted a quantity of paper money, but the neighbors say that between the time of his death, and the funeral he very much, other of "The Brotherhood" that he took from the body of the dead man, and to this day nobody knows who got it. Around the house was found $30 in the bucket of black silver and this was all that could be found of Tom Robbins's money.

A few months after the old miser's death, Cas. Rupert, a woman of the neighborhood, had a dream, and in pursuance of what she saw therein she went to the shanty which had been Robbins's home, and commenced digging about the floor and under the walls. How much money she got is not certainly known, but it is current talk in Piney Point, a community not far distant, and they confess to $200.

One night a few weeks since, Wes Robbins, a darkey of his neighborhood, stretched himself upon his humble cot and addressed himself to sleep. Like Cas. Rupert, he saw a vision. He also had a dream and saw Tom Robbins's barn and in every way falling all around him. The dream so impressed him that he told it to a number of persons. Among others to whose ears it came were Theophilus Williams, Jr., and Jesse Shoemaker. It was a suggestion to them and they went, a couple of weeks ago, to the barn in question and began to dig about. Their efforts were rewarded as their finding $2,000 in gold and silver.

One article we are aware will last the community of our readers. Nevertheless, all the facts above recited are within the knowledge of many persons of the highest respectability whose reliability is unquestioned.

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