

The Chatham Record

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1882.

LOCAL RECORDS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Did you ever hear of so many weddings?

Job Printing done at low prices and best style at the Record office.

While enjoying your Christmas luxuries remember the suffering poor.

The moonlight will add much to the enjoyment of the Christmas festivities.

Six hundred dollars to loan on good security. Address A. B., care of Record.

The Record will be issued next week as usual, notwithstanding the Christmas holidays.

And now the toll of the tin horn and the popping of firecrackers is heard throughout the land.

When dues are so prevalent the man who insures his property feels much better satisfied than he who runs the risk of losing all.

A nice Christmas present to your family (and one that would be enjoyed all the year) is a year's subscription to the Record. Try it.

Mr. J. F. Gilkland, of Bear Creek township, has been appointed a justice of the peace in the place of Mr. Lelan Mason, who resigned a few weeks ago.

The post office at this place will be closed on Christmas, except between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning and 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

W. H. Leonard has just received one-half gross solid gold set Rings also a fine lot of Clocks, Watchs, Spectacles, Eye Glass, &c., &c., Sewing Machines, repaired in the best style and warranted.

Ladies, if you want an elegant pair Miles' Shoes, a nice Coat, or a beautiful Hat, go to Brown & Gadsden's and get them. Also a nice lot of Christmas goods may be found there, with a large assortment of all other goods.

The Hornaday Bros. are manufacturing wagons and buggies of the best material, and they are skilful workmen. They deserve success, and will succeed if the citizens of Chatham look to their interest when they wish to buy a wagon or buggy.

Harden, Bros. & Co., Manufacturers of Buggies, Pictures and the celebrated "But Cut" Wagons, are now ready to receive orders for all kinds of repairing as well as manufacturing. Their shops are at the old Tobacco Factory. Give them a trial.

What every body says must be so; and they say, Old Santa Claus has the finest, prettiest and best assort ment of Christmas presents at London; they have ever seen in this place. He has just received another very handsome lot. You can be sure for old or young, little or big, either at 5cts. or \$50. Has the handsomest cups and saucers ever in this place. Come and see for yourselves. Christmas trees furnished at reduced prices. A nice lot of skates.

The firm of Shew & Harris has been dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to them will please come forward and settle with J. B. Harris at once who has assumed all claims due or against said firm. He will continue the business at the same stand and will be pleased to see his friends who have shown him such a liberal patronage in the past. He is daily receiving new goods. Be sure and come and see him before you buy. All kinds of Bacter taken in exchange for goods. He has also connected with his business Harness shop where you can get repairing done and orders filled on short notice.

Merry Christmas to you all, and if you need anything nice to eat be sure to call at London's. He has now on hand everything you can think of that is nice to eat. His stock of Oranges, Lemons, Candies, Nuts, Figs, Apples, Raisins, Citrons, Currants, Mincedmeat, Cheese, Cakes, Crackers, all kinds of Canned Goods, Pickles, Jellies, Chestnuts, Cocoanuts, Cornstarch, Gelatine, "Thurber" Fine Extracts, all kinds of Fire Works, Candle Crackers, Torpedoes, and any thing else that will make a noise.

We are in receipt of Bingham School Catalogue for 1882. Despite the drought of last year and the fire of this, the numbers are maintained at 258 for the year, and the number of new students, 96, for the session just ended, is the largest in the history of the school. The catalogue claims that the buildings (which are lighted with gas) are much better than before the fire of May last, and that the Gymnasium, a new feature in the South, has the largest main floor area in proportion to numbers in the United States. By February 1st arrangements for hot and cold baths will be made. We are glad to see a North Carolina enterprise so successful. See advertisement.

A USEFUL INVENTION.—Maj. William Brodie, of this county, has invented and had patented a hand lever power for fastening ties on cotton bales, which will be very useful in packing cotton.

ESCAPE FROM JAIL.—A young white man, named William Falls, was put in jail on last Sunday, charged with stealing wheat from Mr. A. W. Palmer, and, on Monday night, escaped through the heater that warms the jail.

PROSPERITY.—FISH.—Mrs. M. A. Y. Palmer has made a fish pond on her plantation near this place, and put in it a lot of young German carp. This species of fish is steadily growing in popular favor, and hundreds of ponds throughout the State are being stocked with them.

A TELEGRAPH LINE.—An effort is being made to establish a telegraph or telephone line between this place and Monroe, ten miles distant on the R. & W. A. T. railroad. We hope our citizens will be public spirited enough to insure the success of such an enterprise, which would be a great convenience, and of much benefit to our community.

NEW COUNTY PROPOSED.—A correspondent of the Raleigh *News & Observer* urges the creation of a new county out of portions of Chatham, Harnett and Wake. While it is very inconvenient for persons who live at a great distance from their court house, yet we doubt if the Legislature will or ought to create any more counties.

A MUNICIPAL DAY.—It is not often that our little town is enlivened with two parades on the same day, but such occurred yesterday, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. In the afternoon at the Presbyterian church Rev. P. R. Law united in marriage Dr. J. H. Durham, of Wilmington, to Miss Nellie Alston, daughter of James A. Alston, esq., and at midday at the residence of the builder father Rev. A. D. Cohen was equally well to Mr. Hinman T. Chapin and Miss Anna Fenimore, daughter of W. E. Fenimore, esq.

ARRANGING A SOJOURN.—Mr. A. W. Walker has been appointed a government stockkeeper and assigned to the distillery of Mr. James Kissel, near Eglin. Some people will be so uncharitable as to think that this appointment is a reward for his deserting the democratic party and running as the "liberal" candidate for the Legislature at the late election, but we think that friend Sandy will make as capable and efficient an officer as any one of those who usually receive such appointments.

ESTATE OF HIS PASTOR.—We regret to learn that Rev. A. D. Cohen has resigned his pastorate of the Baptist church at this place. He has been engaged at Charlotte and preaching here once a month for the past three years, and has made many warm friends among members of all the churches at this place. He will remove to Cary next month. We are much pleased to hear that Rev. C. S. Faris has been invited to take Mr. Cohen's place and preach here once a month. We hope he will accept, for we regard him as one of the best preachers in the State. His visit here at the last Association made him many admirers, who will always be glad to welcome him in our midst.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

We publish the following report of our very efficient county superintendent of public instruction, which will be read with much interest by all friends of education:

To the Board of Education of Chatham County:

I will conclude by saying there is much to encourage in view of what has been done within the last two years and much to stimulate us to renewed exertions in view of what remains to be done. Nothing we are able to do can so greatly conduce to the elimination of crime, mortality and taxes; and so rapidly advance the development of our country's material interests of every class; and so beneficially promote the universally coveted boon of peace and happiness as the diffusion among all classes of people in our land of a morally conducted education. Therefore he is his country's greatest benefactor who does most to furnish every individual citizen in it with this invaluable acquisition. May all the citizens not only of Chatham county but of the Commonwealth of North Carolina also then redouble their efforts in harmonious concert to attain the glorious and glorious achievement.

Respectfully submitted,
P. R. LAW,
County Superintendent
Pittsboro, N. C., Dec. 4, 1882.

Last fall William Pendleton passed a silver dollar in Buffalo, for which he was indicted in the United States District Court at Auburn on the ground that it was a counterfeit coin. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the Penitentiary for one year. United States Attorney Townsend, of New York city immediately forwarded the alleged counterfeit to Washington, where it was assayed and found to be genuine.

The Martin Times says that Judge Gilham, at the recent term of the Court in that county, in his charge to the grand jury ruled them and the county commissioners about having to hold an old, run down house in which he ordered the sheriff to stop the hole up with the first county commissioners that came in the room.

It has been estimated that in distant day the annual crop of cotton seed will be converted into products to the value of fifty to seventy-five million dollars.

to the advancement of the practical efficiency of the schools. I note as encouraging facts that as compared with last year a larger number of schools have been taught and that there has been an increase of over fifty per cent. in the average attendance of pupils in the schools. And fourteen school house sites have been purchased and new and improved school houses built thereon and many old school houses which had been left to decay owing to wide spread apathy and lack of confidence in the old system of public schools have been renovated and made commodious. From these facts I am led to infer that a deeper interest in the cause of education has been aroused and a higher appreciation of its value begotten.

The average length of the school terms which I obtain by comparison of the several teachers' reports which are left on file in my office has been only a fraction over 84 weeks. This item of my report without explanation might furnish strong ground for discouragement. It may be conceded that as long as there are no regular grades of teachers who are paid salaries proportioned to their grades, and the apportionment of money to the school districts is proportioned according to the number of children the school districts severally contain, the length of the school terms in the several districts must be unequal. This is true because there are and will be three grades of teachers receiving unequal salaries; and in a county of natural geographical features and unequally distributed population like ours school districts must be unequal in size, and, therefore, be apportioned unequal amounts out of the general fund.

The smaller districts must, therefore, by the necessity of shorter terms and not by fault enjoy shorter school terms. Practically my estimate inquiry then should be concerning the average length of the school terms. Let it be noted in the beginning by comparison with last year's report I find there has been an excess of one week in the average length of the school terms. There are two reasons why the average length of the school terms was so short, viz: First, because so small a fraction of the apportionment was used by the school committlemen in having schools taught in their districts; and secondly, because so much of last year's apportionment was devoted to the修理 of buildings and repairing school houses. Then see the further progress that nearly one-half of the money apportioned last year is now in the treasury. If all the money apportioned last year had been employed in the conduct of schools by teachers who were paid the average salary that was paid them last year the average length of the public schools would have been nearly five months in Chatham instead of two and a half months. It is to be regretted especially that so many of the districts in the county have no school houses. But such unexampled progress is being made in this direction. I hope to look forward to the rapidly approaching day when the ground for this regret will be removed. The life of all schools is then to depend on the success of the public schools, is inseparably linked with a corps of teachers properly equipped for the special work of teaching. Therefore, I have striven with impartiality and without fear to examine all applicants for certificates to teach with becoming thoroughness. In my work of preparing teachers for the successful discharge of their duties I have not only held with gratifying results a Teachers' Institute for each race, but also encouraged the organization of a Teachers' Association for each race. A meeting of each of these Associations is appointed to be held in January. There is no reason to doubt that great practical benefit may be derived from them.

REASONS FOR PREDOMINANCE.—We are pleased to learn that Rev. A. D. Cohen has been appointed a government stockkeeper and assigned to the distillery of Mr. James Kissel, near Eglin. Some people will be so uncharitable as to think that this appointment is a reward for his deserting the democratic party and running as the "liberal" candidate for the Legislature at the late election, but we think that friend Sandy will make as capable and efficient an officer as any one of those who usually receive such appointments.

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ATTENTION MAGISTRATES!

THE BOARD OF JUDGES OF CHATHAM COUNTY ARE REQUESTED TO MEET AT PITTSBORO ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1883, AT 10 A. M., AND TO HOLD COURT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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