

LOCAL RECORDS.

This is Leap Year. Don't forget to write 1884. How do you like the new year? The days are beginning to lengthen. Thus far the winter has been unusually mild. Yesterday was as blustering as any March day. Begin the new year with good resolutions and keep them! Easter comes this year on the 13th of April, which is three weeks later than last year. The last day of the old year was gloomy enough. Perhaps the weather sympathized with the dying year. Two of the prisoners in our jail engaged in a slight skirmish on last Monday, but no serious damage was done. We have never before known eggs so plentiful at this season of the year. They can readily be bought at 15 cents a dozen. Some days ago it was rumored that a woman had been killed in the Cane creek section, but we are informed by citizens of that community that it is a mistake. Mr. John W. Hatch has had his Merchant mill thoroughly repaired, and is now prepared to grind both meal and flour in the best manner and without delay. Our R.F.D. town now has three students at the University, Messrs. S. S. Jackson and Francis Womack, who married last August, and Willie E. Henden who went up to "the Hill" yesterday. We take pleasure in calling attention to the advertisement of Jonesboro High School, of which Prof. W. C. Doub is the accomplished principal, and which occupies the front rank among the schools of the State. Although there were so many goods sold at London's during the holidays he still has a good stock on hand, as he has replenished his store in a good many lines already since Christmas. Now goods are coming in almost every day. If you are in need of anything give him a call; he will not be displeased by any one. The firm of Norris, Wyatt & Taylor has dissolved and Messrs. Wyatt and Taylor have formed a new partnership, as will be seen by their advertisement. These two young gentlemen are among the most energetic and successful of Raleigh's merchants, and we do not think that they will receive a large trade from Chatham, where the junior member is so well known. Give them a call. If you intend to buy a Cane this winter now is your time; London has made a grand mark down on his goods and he will sell them at a price that will be of great inducement. You will find at London's a splendid stock of bed blankets which can be bought for the cash very low—less than you ever heard of. SIZES OF GOODS.—An estimated Minister of this county married four couples last month, riding 75 miles in a day and could do so no more, and did not receive a cent from any of them! We pity the brides who have such stinky grooms! ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.—A few days ago Mr. H. I. Burns was hunting with Mr. Frank May and was accidentally shot by him in both legs below the knee. While the wounds are not dangerous yet they are painful and will disable Mr. Burns for two or three weeks.

New Year's Day.—The first day of the year, of course, brings to town a great number of our countrymen, and they have been surprised to see so many here on last Thursday. The day was very disagreeable, not only on the river, but a drizzly mist and London clouds were falling every three or four days, and anything but a good day for the beginning of the new year. Formerly, before the emancipation of the slaves, New Year's Day was the time for hiring negroes for the ensuing year, and our streets were always filled on that day with crowds of them. Possibly from a fear of the laboring population still remaining on the farm in large crowds, on last Tuesday they were here in full force. It is still the day when many "settle up" and make contracts for the coming year. This morning.—We regret to announce that no one has yet been found that is likely to lead to the detection of the murderer of Mrs. Genter and daughter. The little girl, who was so severely wounded, is improving so much that she will probably recover. While she has regained consciousness and is able to talk yet she cannot tell anything about the murder. She has no recollection whatever about it, not even remembering that she slept that night at her grandmother's house. All the circumstances connected with it now seem a blank in her mind, but may yet be revived and the murderer thus made known. A great fear has seized upon the women and children in all that section of country in the neighborhood of the murder, and a feeling of uneasiness pervades the entire community. That such a crime should be committed and the perpetrator remain undetected is sufficient to make any person feel somewhat uneasy as to their safety. We hope that a man every man in the neighborhood has bought a pistol and every house has become a stronghold, which it would be dangerous to approach after dark.

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Greenstone's Estate.—The store house and stock of general merchandise of J. J. Fuller, Esq., near Eden, Randolph county, was burned about 11 p. m., Saturday, 22d Dec. Loss some \$1,500. Indications of incendiarism with a view to robbing the store and dwelling, some 150 yards from the store. A day or two ago a man named McCoy was arrested near Warm Springs, North Carolina, for committing the crime. He has been making counterfeit silver dollars, and a large amount of silver, with a large amount of counterfeit, was found on him. The coin had the true ring, and the counterfeit could not be detected by its light weight. When McCoy was captured he had in his possession a quantity of his counterfeit money and a large amount of material. The moulds were also found. The Auditor's report is out and shows the average valuation of land in this State to be only \$3.13 per acre. In Graham county it is only 37 cents. In Guilford \$4.54. Now it requires 4,000 rails to fence two acres well. The rails and labor are now at two cents each—say \$20. The fact is, we are valuing at \$24. If we can afford to split rails and fence each land!

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