

The Chatham Record

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1884.

LOCAL RECORDS.

■ A severe thunder and rain storm last Tuesday night.

■ Tomorrow is Washington's birthday and is a legal holiday.

■ Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

■ The day's length has increased over an hour since Christmas.

■ The bridge at Pace's mill has been repaired and vehicles can now cross.

■ Haw river was booming yesterday, being higher than it has been since the great freshet in April last.

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THE GRAIN CRISIS—From all portions of the county we hear the most encouraging reports of the growing crops of wheat and oats. Some farmers state they have not seen a better "stand" in many years. There was more sown last fall than usual, and so with the present prospects we have the hope of a larger crop of wheat and oats next summer than any year since the war. And it will be needed.

ACTIVE OLD MAN.—Mr. Isaiah Williams, of this county, is one of the most active men of his age that we have ever known. He is in his eighty fifth year, is sound in mind and body, retaining all his powers remarkably well preserved, and thinks nothing of walking twenty miles in a day, which he frequently does. He has never taken but one dose of medicine in all his life, and has never smoked or taken a chew of tobacco.

PRISONER ESCAPED.—A white man, named Thomas Johnson, who had been committed to our jail several weeks ago upon a peace warrant, made his escape on last Tuesday. He was not confined in one of the cells, but was allowed more liberty than the other prisoners, because he was not charged with any serious crime and seemed to be well behaved, and it was not thought that he would attempt to escape. He could not resist, however, an opportunity that was presented Tuesday night, and made his escape. The sheriff has offered a reward of \$25 for his arrest.

A PLEASANT WEDDING.—On last Thursday night the residence of Mr. W. H. Hatch, near this place, was the scene of much merrymaking, the happy occasion being the marriage of his daughter, Miss Abby M., to Mr. Thomas J. Morris, of Randolph, the Rev. C. A. Bon officiating. The waiters were Miss Fanny Hatch and Mr. Stephen B. Petty. Miss Emma Hatch and Mr. Thomas Moffitt, Miss Emma Griffin and Mr. Samuel P. Hatch, Miss Cora Palmer and Mr. C. C. Hatch, Miss Emma Foushee and Mr. George Moffitt, and Miss Anna Hatch and Mr. W. L. Cooper. Next morning a long line of vehicles, containing the bridal party, passed through our town going to Randolph, the groom's home. We wish our young friends a long life of unalloyed happiness.

A BRILLIANT ROOST.—About a mile down yards below the county bridge at Lockville are two or three large sycamore trees in which flocks of buzzards roost every night, and have roosted for many years past.

THE GENEVA MEETING.—The winter's import has not yet been opened. An adjournment was taken from yesterday until next Monday when more wine can and be examined. A thorough investigation is being made and the offenders may yet be brought to justice.

A PROV. FARMER.—Messrs. N. R. Harris, Thos. A. Brooks and W. L. Wilson have established near St. Lawrence a factory, run by a steam engine, for the manufacture of a new pattern of plows and cultivators, invented by Mr. Huston. We are pleased to hear that they are meeting with much success, and hope they will place some of their work in our county exhibit at the exposition.

THE WOODWARD BRIDGE.—At the last meeting of the magistrates of this county an appropriation of \$25,000 was made for building a bridge at "the old Woodward" place on Deep River, which has heretofore remained in the hands of no one, and on last Tuesday Caprons, Engle and Evans in pursuance of an order of the county commissioners went to the place for the purpose of ascertaining what was necessary to be done. They found that the river was 240 rods wide, with an average depth of 4 feet or water, and that the pillars or piers necessary to be set high in order not to obstruct the navigation of the river. These pillars will be built out of timber cut from a good quarry about three-quarters of a mile away. A stone 15 feet long must be bolted to each end of the proposed bridge. The commissioners at their next meeting will prepare the plans and specifications and advertise for proposals to build it.

AS AN ARTICLE FOR THE TOILET.—Ayer's Tonic stands unrivaled in cleansing the scalp and preserves it from semi-faded dandruff, rags, dandruff and hirsute restores faded or gray hair to its original dark color, and promotes its growth.

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