The Chatham Record

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1884.

LOCAL RECORD.

☞ A heavy sleet fell here yesterday.

☞ Work on the town well was begun last Monday.

☞ Who will now say that the ground hog sign is a fraud?

☞ We fear that the recent cold weather has greatly injured the fruit crop.

☞ As March has "come in like a lion," we hope the old saying will be verified by its "going out like a lamb."

☞ We regret to hear that the dwelling of Mr. George S. Cole, at Jonesboro', was burnt last Monday. The fire was caused by the pipe of the cooking stove.

☞ At their last meeting the county commissioners ordered orders to be issued in the hands of the sheriff to the amount of $2,855.71 on school fund, and $439.92 on county fund.

☞ We are requested to announce that a meeting of the lawyers of this county will be held here at Pittsboro next Saturday for the purpose of organizing a Bar Association of the county.

☞ Our county board of education has received from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction $1,515.35, that being the amount appropriated to Chatham by the State board of education.

☞ Go to Bynum & Headen's for Long's Chemical Guano for cotton, corn and tobacco. Cover Orchard Grass and Garden seeds. Best of Peerless Irish Potatoes, CHEAP and VERY FINE.

☞ Read the advertisement of Messrs. W. H. & R. S. Tucker & Co., who have large and splendid assortment of Spring Goods now on hand. Having passed in the State Legislature a law in favor of young men to do business, they are successful business men, and they deserve it all.

☞ We are informed that Bynum & Headen are now receiving before the rush at their store their entire stock of Ladies' Dress Goods, Calicoes, Domestics, Prints, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Ready-made Clothing, a splendid Overcoat and a good assortment of Boots. Call and get the bargains.

☞ Brilliant Clothing House of London will soon receive a full line of his Winter Clothing, Heavy Overcoats, Blankets, Shawls and Boots and Shoes at prices to suit the times. Also in your line A full stock of Plows, Plow Stocks, Plow Castings, Points, Bolts, &c., just received at London's.

☞ The county commissioners at their meeting this week could not prepare any plans for the proposed bridge at Woodlands. From recent correspondence with the company that owns the navigation franchise of Deep river it is what height the bridge shall be so as not to obstruct navigation.

☞ First arrival! Always ahead! London is receiving this week a large lot of beautiful spring Carpets, Oil Cloths, Chevriot and other Dress Goods. Also, a large lot of Notions, Fancy Goods, Millinery Goods, Novelties, Ribbons, Feathers, Hats and Bonnets for ladies and children. All of these are the very latest styles.

Fish.—We hear that ten citizens around Lockville have contracted together in preparing a large seine to be used in Deep river for catching shad and other fish. They expect to catch not only enough for themselves, but will be able to supply the market here with plenty of fresh fish. So mote it be!

Bird Shooting.—Our huntsmen, both big and little, have had splendid sport shooting robins and doves, both of which have recently been seen here in great quantities. Frequently from 15 to 20 birds were killed at one shot, and one of our townsmen killed 50 in one day. Nearly every table in town has been bountifully supplied with birds, which though small were very fat and palatable.

A Painful Accident.—Mr. J. C. Blake, of Williams town Township, a noted bird hunter, was painfully but not seriously wounded a few days ago, while attempting to extricate a primer from a loaded shell with his knife, which caused an explosion that blew the knife from his hand inflicting an ugly cut at the same time a fragment of the shell took him right between the eyes.

A Sneak Thief.—Sometime last week a genteel looking negro, giving his name as Robert Webster and hailing from Hillsboro, came here for the purpose, as he said, of teaching school. He was entertained by one of our colored citizens, whose kindness and hospitality, however, was misplaced, for one morning the stranger was missing and with him were missing several articles of clothing.

Kicked.—A few days ago our polite young townsman, Mr. C. C. Bacon, was painfully kicked—not by a young lady—but by a pony. The pony of one of his lady friends had gotten loose on the street and Mr. Bacon very gallantly rushed to catch it for her, and seizing the pony's tail swung to it most manfully, until all of a sudden its heels were seen to spread and our young friend to the ground to lay sprawling in the street, having been kicked in the face, inflicting a painful but not serious wound.

Notice of Dissolution.—The firm of Bynum & Headen is to-day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to the firm will please call and settle with W. H. Bynum, who will continue the business at the old stand.

A Shocking Death.—On last Tuesday night Mr. Edward Harris, of Hickory Meadow township, ate a hearty supper and went to bed in his usual health, but before day he was a corpse, having suddenly died during the night.

Marriage Licenses.—Although February is the month in which the birds are said to mate yet it does not seem to have been much of a marrying month in this county, as only ten licenses were issued, six to whites and four to blacks.

A Rare Coin Curiosity.—Our esteemed countryman, A. H. Merritt, esq., has presented to the Record editorial rooms a specimen of the recent epidemic that was given birth by a fraud in Cary, where the storm was raging the severest somewhat over other places. The upper part of a pine tree was blown away and when the trunk—now in Dr. Hedgepeth's master hands—was examined and turned into hundreds of pieces and scattered all around. One of the pieces is the rare find that may now be seen at our office.

Local Election.—At the last meeting of the county commissioners a petition was presented, signed by a large number of citizens of Cape Fear township, asking that a special election be held in said township on the 1st Monday in May for the purpose of voting upon the question of issuing bonds to the amount of $10,000 for the purpose of building a bridge across Deep river at Carbonton. In accordance with the petition the order was granted and Messrs. W. L. London were appointed registrar and Messrs. John A. Womack, G. W. May, Jr., William Hatley and Wallace Harper were appointed judges.

A Change.—We are glad to see that the road commissioners of Chatham and Lee counties have at last come to the conclusion that the road from Carbonton to Cole's Ferry on Deep river is a public necessity, and have ordered the same to be opened. Heretofore the road has been closed by fallen trees, which the owner of the land refused to remove, and which the road commissioners refused to have removed at the public expense. We are glad to see that the matter has been settled and that the road will be opened.

Our Sister Village.—A few days ago we received an invitation to be present at the opening of the new Opera House at Sanford on the 22d of February being an invitation to the dedicatory exercises for that occasion. We would have been delighted to have been present, but the time was too short for us to get there, as the invitation was received only the day before the 22d. We have been informed that the opening was a success, several hundred people being present, and that the house will be filled with first class shows during the season.

We are also pleased to welcome back to journalism our old friend Capt. W. L. London, who has purchased the Sanford Express and will issue the first number on the 1st of March. Capt. London has been fully qualified for the position, having been connected with the press for many years, and we feel confident that with his energy and ability he will make a success of the enterprise. We wish him success.

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