

LOCAL RECORDS.

Peach trees are in bloom.

A heavy fall of hail here last Sunday.

Look out for the X mark and renew your subscription.

Magistrates' Summonses and Warrants for sale at the Recorder's office.

Blank Deeds, Land Mortgages and Chattel Mortgages for sale at the Recorder's office.

Our former townsmen, Messrs. M. J. Raussey, T. D. Waddell and Frank O. London are now here on a short visit.

When you come to court next week renew your subscription, and if you don't come, send it by some neighbor.

Rev. Mr. Walker was too unwell to fill his appointment at Guilf on last Sunday, but will preach there next Sunday.

If you don't receive a paper next week you may know it is because you have not paid for those you have already received.

The stables and two horses of Mr. Mack Bryson, near Lockville, were burnt last Tuesday night. Origin of the fire unknown.

Bishop Lyman will visit this place and preach on Sunday (Easter), the 13th of April, and at Guilf on Monday, the 14th.

The coroner's jury in the Gunter murder case will resume their investigation here next Saturday, when it is hoped a verdict will be rendered.

Mr. Spence Taylor returned here from Oregon day before yesterday. Messrs. C. A. Hanks and Frank Poe seemed particularly glad to see him.

The match game of base ball between the Mt. Vernon club and the Pittsboro club will not be played here next Saturday, but has been postponed.

Cow peas were never before known to be so scarce about here as now. They cannot be bought at any price. Some of our citizens are feeding their cows on ground seed meal.

Go to B. J. & H. H. & Co. for Long's Chemicals, Gunpowder, Corn and Tobacco, Clover, Orchard Grass and Garden Seeds, Rose and Fearless Irish Potatoes, cheap and very fine.

The members of the democratic central executive committee of this county are requested by their chairman, J. G. Rencher, esq., to meet at his office at 1 o'clock next Wednesday.

Read the advertisement of Messrs. Reid & Hanks whose new and fresh stock of drugs, &c., would do credit to a much larger town. We hope they will receive a liberal patronage and meet with much success.

Rev. Mr. Darnall, of Durham, preached in the Presbyterian church at this place on last Sunday morning and night. His sermon at night was one of the clearest and most conclusive arguments upon the divinity of Jesus Christ that we have ever heard.

We mean what we say! Byram & Hoaden are now offering for cash at our for the next 30 days their entire stock of Ladies' Dress Goods, Calicoes, Flannels, Piece Goods, Ready-made Clothing, some splendid Overcoats and a good line of Boots. Call and get the bargains.

If you need any Guano, London has a large lot of Guano and Acid Phosphate now ready for delivery. Splendid stock of Plows, Plow Steels, and Plow Castings, Hoes, Forks, Shovels, Spades, very low. The Light Running "Domestic" is the best Sewing Machine made. They can be had at London's.

Our enterprising townsman, Mr. A. L. Jones, has been so successful in business that his store has been enlarged to double its former size, and he has now a fresh and select stock of heavy and fancy groceries which will be sold at bottom prices. He invites his many friends to give him a call during court-week.

Now the Democrats are about to reduce the Tariff and London has reduced the prices on Domestic, Sugar and a good many other goods. Call and see his Spring goods. The ladies say his Calicoes are very pretty. Ladies and Children's Hats just received. Men's, Ladies and Children's Shoes just opened.

Mr. R. I. Rogers, of Durham, will be here next week with designs of tombstones which he will be pleased to show to all who may wish to honor the memory of their deceased relatives. His marble yard is one of the largest in the State and he employs the most skilled workmen, and hence it is his work always gives satisfaction and his business continues to increase. Read his advertisement in another column.

MAIL CONTRACTS.—We were mistaken in stating two weeks ago, that all the mail contracts in this county had been awarded to non-residents. We have since learned that two of them were awarded to citizens of this county—the contractor on the route from here to Snow Camp being Mr. Joseph E. Eubanks and the contractor on the route from here to Guilf being Basil Marly, colored.

Greenhouse Workmen: Many of the plants will appear below of the work of Mr. J. L. G. Greenhouse, of this county, whose plants were destroyed by the night winds last. We have not heard whether or not the property was insured. The plants were located on Troublesome creek, fifteen and a half miles from Greensboro, on the direct road to Malson, and on the dividing line between Rockingham and Guilford.

Asheville Citizen: On Thursday afternoon, Dick, the little six year old son of Mr. John Hampton, while playing with his little brother at Mr. Slagle's, picked up a small dynamite cartridge in the yard which had been thrown away with others, contained in a small box. The little fellow says he was squeezing the cartridge in his hands. His brother says he applied a match to it. At all events, it exploded, tearing off the thumb and two first fingers of the right hand and badly lacerating the hand above the ruins of the thumb.

Morganton Mountaineer: A boenst log in front of Mr. H. R. Sprague's store has been half imbedded in the sidewalk for 31 years, and is still as sound as ever. From the "Topic" we learn that Patterson McDade, 15 years of age, living near Lenoir, measures six feet three and a half inches in his socks and is still growing. The big log project in Hendersonville has fallen through. The town, by a large majority, voted \$50,000 in bonds for the purpose of erecting the building, but it has been held that the town could not legally assume an obligation for such a purpose, in consequence of which no market could be found for the bonds.

Clayton Bad: The County Commissioners last week appropriated \$250.00 for the relief of the sufferers from the recent cyclone in Johnston. Mr. Thomas Gower, who lives on the plantation of Mr. J. C. Ellington, had the misfortune of losing his child last Saturday week. His brother had gone out to milk and left the child alone. During her absence the little one played in the fire. His clothes took fire and it was so seriously burnt that it died. From December 10th, 1883, to March 8th, 1884, there were 400 more mortgages and bond notes filed for registration in Johnston county than for the corresponding time last year. This is a bad sign for our people for this year, and is an indication that our farmers are growing financially worse, instead of better.

Exposition Speech.—It is with much pleasure that we are enabled to announce that Capt. Octavius Cole, of Raleigh, will make an "exposition" speech here on Tuesday of next week, the 19th inst. We mentioned last week that the county executive committee had instructed their chairman to invite some distinguished speaker to address our citizens on that day, and he accordingly invited Capt. Cole, who has kindly accepted the invitation. Our countrymen will enjoy a rich treat in hearing so eloquent an orator speak on such a subject as our State Exposition.

Witnesses' Statements: We learn that the Nassau Street Company, of this city, were never doing so large a business as now. The dividends average about two hundred dollars per day. The Nassau Street Company is so general that a large first class bond would be a good investment here, and the only expense urged for a failure to take hold of the matter at once and push it to a successful issue, is the lack of the necessary capital. The residence of Mr. Henry Sutherland, on the New Bern road, nine miles from Wilmington, together with his furniture, clothing and nearly all of his provisions, was destroyed by fire yesterday. He and his brother were both absent, leaving at home only females and small children. The fire originated on the roof and had gotten well under way before anyone saw it.

Wilson Advance: It is said that the negro Pratt, who was sentenced to be hung in Goldsboro, and whose sentence was commuted to imprisonment for life, wrote a letter to Governor Jarvis asking the commutation. In the letter he said, in effect, that he had made his peace and would be soon walking the golden streets of the New Jerusalem, tuning his lute to the music of the celestial choir, and waving the palm of victory; that while ready and prepared to die, like Gaius, he preferred to live, and begged the Governor to spare his life. After reading the letter the Governor remarked to a friend that he had almost concluded to commute the sentence, but as Pratt was now prepared to die, he thought he ought not to be the instrument of keeping him from walking the golden streets and singing the celestial music; that if he then commuted the sentence and Pratt should backslide and finally go to his death, it would be a measure, feel that he had wronged the negro, and had kept him out of heaven. The sentence was commuted, and it is to be hoped that Pratt will continue in the "straight and narrow way" so that the Governor's conscience will not smite him overmuch.

Stateville Landmarks: Mr. P. W. Fagle, of this township, the other day counted the pines in a quilt which he brought some time ago from a mountain woman, and found that they numbered 3,655. —John Tucker, of Rock-dies' river, at 10 years of age, weighs 145 pounds. Miss Mollie Watts, of Cool Spring, at 10 years of age weighs 153 pounds, and now at 10 years of age and a half-months weighs 150 pounds by her father's scales at the mill. —Mr. John Danby, of Botham township exhibited in this office a few days ago a fleece of wool which he had pulled at random out of the back—not the side—of a sheep on his father's place, which fleece measured 12 inches. The sheep is an average one of a lot, and Mr. Danby thinks it will clip 8 lbs. of wool. It is a cross of the Cotswold and Southdown. —It is strange how some trees grow. There is on land cultivated by Mr. W. C. Cashin, a white oak, two or three feet in diameter, which tradition says grew from a handspike, which was being used when the field was first cleared. The trunk is but a few feet high, the rest is all burls and will shade nearly half an acre of the field. In a yard about two miles south of this is a large sycamore which grew from a riding switch, and on Mr. W. P. Gabriel's place is a weeping willow that also grew from a riding switch. —We understand that Mrs. S. L. Wilson has received a letter from her husband, ex-Deputy Sheriff Wilson, who

washed her during the night by an act of court for the purpose of Mr. W. P. and sent to a penitentiary for ten years. He says he has been put at the washing, and that he is working with H. C. Rowman, who was sent to the penitentiary from this county last summer for killing the woman, John W. Redman. It has never occurred before in the history of this State, and we doubt if it ever has in the history of any other, that a deputy sheriff and a justice of the peace, for Redman was a magistrate from the same county, made ghosts together within the walls of a penitentiary.

Raleigh News and Observer: The State exposition grounds will be quite handsomely and effectively adorned with ever-greens, plants and flowers, which some enterprising florists will in this way exhibit. Mr. Fries yesterday informed a reporter that Vance county had applied for space at the grounds, and will erect its own building. —Dr. John T. Lewter, of Murfreesboro, sends us a "turkey beard," which is certainly a curiosity. The turkey from which it was taken was raised by Mrs. Frances A. DeBerry, of Northampton county. When the turkey was young the beard was like an ordinary one, but as he grew old it became "hypertrophied" and converted into a horrid substance. Twice it was saved off, to relieve the gobbler of its great weight, and this, the third growth, was taken from him at the age of fourteen years, when he was killed and eaten, being pronounced fat, tender and fine. The "beard" resembles a piece of petrified wood. It weighs about ten ounces, and upon it are heralike protuberances. —"Lucky" Joe Wilson, a sobriquet appropriately given to a man who has been a terror for years to a large section of country, composed of the corners of the States of Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina, has made his escape from Watauga county jail. He effected his escape, as the information reaches us, by assuming a comatose condition on Sunday morning, in which he was found when his breakfast was carried to him. The jailer tried to arouse him, but not meeting with success, he summoned the physicians of the town to his assistance. They found him pulseless and quietly expired. Hot bricks were placed to his feet, but with all that could be done, it was thought that "Lucky" Joe was very near. He was carried from his cell to a comfortable room and every kindness and attention given him. After laying in that condition all day, a little more sign of life made its appearance toward night, and he lay motionless for some time, but his opportunity had passed and he died during the absence of the guards. He was found in the darkness and was gone every effort made to find him was a failure.

Four members of the Legislature elected in 1870 have recently died. They were Major Thomas Sparrow, Col. W. A. Allen, James G. Scott, esq., and Dr. John L. Henderson.

Samson's Legs and Locks. —When Delilah clipped off Samson's locks that mighty athlete at once became "as other men." If it could be proved that the possession of luxuriant hair would enable men to bar open lions' jaws, Hercules & Co. would be driven wild in the effort to supply enough of Parker's Hair Balsam to meet the demand. As it is the Balsam prevents your hair from falling out, and restores the original color if faded or gray. Besides it is a great addition to the toilet table simply as a dressing.

Business College, Lexington, Ky. —Young men desiring a Business Education should write for particulars to Prof. W. R. Smith, President of the Commercial College of Ky. University, situated in the beautiful, historical and society city of Lexington, Ky. No College can do as much for you. Total cost for Full Diploma Business Course, including Tuition, Board, Books, etc., \$85. Spring Session begins April 15th; Summer Session June 15th. No vacation. Students can enter at any time.

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