

# The Chatham Beacon

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1886.

## LOCAL RECORDS.

**Next Sunday is the "glorious Fourth".**

**Mr. William S. Petty has resigned his office of magistrate in this township, and Mr. W. O. Farrell has been appointed as his successor.**

**June was a bad month for marriages in this county, only four marriage licenses having been issued, one to whites and three to blacks.**

**Last month was the wettest June almost ever known in this section. Indeed we doubt if ever before there were so many rainy days in any June.**

**Headquarters for Shirts! By num & Headen have just received a new line of Shirts. The best 50cts. Shirt ever shown here. They sell their Groceries as cheap as any one.**

**We take pleasure in calling attention to the advertisement of our enterprising townsmen, Mr. W. H. Leonard, who we hope will receive the patronage that he so much deserves.**

**The institute for the white public school teachers of this county is being held here this week, among the lecture is Prof. Henry, of the State university. There are thirty-three teachers in attendance.**

**Received this week at London's a lot of one-and-a-quarter Pint Jars; also, extra Rubbers for Frost Jars; a splendid lot of old Saw Leather; another lot of those good Mowing Blades, and many other goods which will be sold at bottom prices for cash.**

**Every voter in Chatham ought to read the Beacon during the exciting campaign, and I especially urge every decent man to extend the circulation of the paper that for eight years has fought the battles of the democratic party in Chatham.**

**G. Will Arnold has received the best and most complete Stock of Clothing in the city of Greensboro and at prices lower than ever before. It will pay all who are 40 years of age to see him before buying. Also a full line of Shoes and Dry Goods at Wholesale and Retail.**

**The extra bargains this week at London's will be in Ribbons, Flowers, Parasols, and Fans; a discount from 25 to 50 per cent will be allowed for cash on these goods. This offer holds until the 8th of July. It will certainly pay you to look at the bargains London is offering every week.**

**REVENUE RAID.—The revenue officers made another raid in this county last week and destroyed three miles of timber. If this sort of business continues Chatham will have the unenviable reputation of being the greatest "blockading" county in the State, and it therefore behoves all good citizens who have any young pride to try to put a stop to this continual violation of the revenue laws. One of the captured logs was in Hadley township, another near St. Elizabethtown, and the third about four miles south west of Harper's Ferry Roads. The last is said to have been bought only a few days before by the notorious Bone Taylor, who was recently released from the penitentiary, where he had been imprisoned for five years for killing a matineed seaman.**

**A Facsimile.—On last Sunday Mr. James E. Johnson struck his brother, Mr. Charles A. Johnson, on the head with a brickbat and fractured his skull. They are both young married men, the sons of Mr. Jordan T. Johnson, of Oakdale township, and were spending the day together with their families at their father's. After dinner Charles threw a ball in sport at James once or twice, when the latter threw a brickbat at the former striking him just back of the left ear and knocking him down. At first it was not thought that any serious injury was inflicted, but in the course of three or four hours the wounded man began to vomit and became unconscious. On Tuesday morning Doctors J. M. Manning, B. T. Clapp, W. M. Burns and J. J. Harrell removed a piece of the bone that was fractured, which operation seemed at first to relieve the sufferer, but he died next morning. The unfortunate occurrence is deeply deplored, and by no one more so than by the unhappy man who caused it. They are both strong and clever young men, and affable brothers who would do anything to help each other, and no one thinks for a moment that James really intended to kill Charles.**

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## State News.

**Mr. Charles C. McDonald is here attending the teachers' institute, in the interests of the well-known publishing house of Alfred Williams & Co., of Raleigh.**

**Mrs. M. T. Williams and family, of Raleigh, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Valentine.**

**Mr. J. S. Shelton and family, of Winston, are visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. Baldwin.**

**We are requested to state that B. H. Bain, Esq., of Nash county, will be here next Monday, and will be pleased to meet his many friends in Chatham.**

**Our Beacon—the grading of the Pittsboro railroad is going rapidly and will be finished by the last of next month. The squad of convicts at the upper stockade near Mr. Leach's, after finishing the embankment at Turkey creek, went back to Mr. John Harmon's and is grading southward in the direction of the other squad which is working towards this place. The distance between the two squads is a mile over two miles and the work is light, so that the two squads will meet in about three weeks, and then the convicts will go to work on the last mile between here and Turkey creek. This will take about twelve weeks longer, and then, probably by the middle of August, the entire road will be graded. Does it seem almost too good to be true?**

**The track is now laid to Ginn Spring, a distance of four miles, and the work of tracklaying will be pushed on as rapidly as the cross-ties can be furnished. And just here we would remind the stockholders of the company of the necessity of paying their subscriptions. Our most benevolent directors of the company held a meeting and instructed the treasurer to collect by the 1st of August all that had been subscribed, and if any was unpaid by the 1st of August, or enforce its collection by process of law. The money is needed to buy out the stockholders, and it is hoped every stockholder will supply part of that he has subscribed.**

**Carry Convictors.—The executive committee of the democratic party in this county have decided to hold a county convention at this place on Monday the 2nd day of August for the purpose of appointing delegates to the State, Congressional and National conventions. The democratic voters of every township are requested to meet at their respective voting places, at 12 o'clock on Saturday the 24th day of July, and elect delegates to this county convention. Every person, or voting place, is entitled to have one vote in the county convention for every twenty-five votes, and fraction over fifteen, cast for Seabees in 1884. According to this rule, the several townships and precincts in Chatham will elect the following number of delegates: Watauga 3, Madison 4, Grant 5, Edgecombe 3, Lenoir 4, Burke 4, Johnson 4, Johnston's 6, Moore 8, Sampson 2, Fayetteville 5, Bladen 5, Robeson 5, Hickory Mountain 7 and Centre 9, a total of 98 delegates. It is to be remebered that, while there are two or more previous or voting places in the same township, each precinct is entitled to elect its own delegates and cast its vote in the county convention, just as it was a separate township. This is directed in No. 7 of the rules presented by the State committee appointed in last week's issue, and is the fairest and best way of carrying out the wishes of the people. Each precinct will therefore hold its own meeting and elect its own delegates, on the 24th of July.**

**Eminent Dr. Peers.—The level-headed editor of the Lexington Dispatch, in writing about the late Press convention, calls attention to a well-known nuisance in the following plain words:**

"It has been frequently remarked that many of the editors are young men, and by some it was said that they are boys. Well, there were several boys in the company who had no business there, and there were others—not boys—who ought to have been somewhere else. In plain words, the association was afflicted with a number of dead beats, who never wrote a line for a paper and don't know a press from a paste-pot. These hang on—and there are some who long on from year to year, with the temerity of grim death—have done much to bring the association into disrepute, and editors are, in a large measure, responsible for it. At the next meeting of the association, it is hoped that measures will be taken to get rid of all the beats, and keep clear of them. In the meantime, the secretary, with the assistance of the executive committee, will exert the representation of that class by rigidly enforcing the existing rules. What say the brethren?"

**We say most emphatically that the rules should be rigidly enforced, and this, disgrace to the association he removed. The constitution of the association (Art. III, Sect. 1) says that "any editor, publisher or proprietor of a newspaper in the State of North Carolina supported by subscription, shall be eligible to membership", and then prescribes the manner of becoming a member, and yet every meeting of the association is attended by men who are neither editors, publishers nor proprietors of any paper. The association, out of respect to itself and from a proper sense of its dignity, ought to get rid of these dead-beats, and especially when the association is the recipient of courtesies and hospitality. We know that more than one member of the association, who attended the late meeting at Morehead, did not go on the Washington excursion because of the presence of so many of these**

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**Warrenton Gazette: Oxford and Oxford township, on Thursday the 10th inst., voted almost unanimously a donation of sixty thousand dollars to the Oxford & Clarksville railroad company. This is a progressive, enterprising and liberal people. They know that to make money and build up their town they must spend money logically. They teach some others a lesson that might be learned with profit.**

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**Newbern Journal: We hear of a real case of cannibalism in the city on Sunday night. A young gentleman, who roams with a friend was sitting on the side of his bed, when his room mate noticed party undressed and in that condition lay down and went to sleep. Before day his room mate awoke and found he had gone from the room, leaving his coat, shoes and hat. About day he returned without the articles of apparel, but thoroughly dressed. He states that when he awoke he found himself on the opposite side of the river in the water; but when and how he got there was to him a perfect blank. The supposition is that he left his room, crossed the raised bridge or swam the river, which is not known, and reached that point in safety, but feeling rather cool, hastened back to his quarters, and gives this account of his trip.**

**Wilmington Star: The singular circumstances reported in the columns last week of such great miseries, being found dead in the waters of the Shallowford creek, Brunswick county, is further confirmed both by letters from residents of that part of the county, and by the statements of persons who have witnessed the remarkable sight. A gentleman who came up from Shallowford yesterday says that there is no exaggeration about it. That the fisherman, by thousands, apparently, and float like corks on the surface of the water. People in the vicinity are perplexed and dismayed at the unusual occurrence. He says that there appears to be an oil-seum on the water, which extends far out into the ocean—making the surface perfectly smooth and calm. One man is reported as saying that he crossed this sea of oil five miles from land. The appearance of the oil-seum on the water, which is supposed to have poisoned the fish, cannot be accounted for. It has been suggested that a vessel with a cargo of oil might have foundered in the vicinity; but this is generally regarded as improbable.**

**Charlotte Observer: It has at last been figured out that the net cost of the change of gauge in the 13,618 miles of lines is \$1,350,123. While this is a large sum of money, it is small in comparison with the benefits which will result from the expenditure. The establishment of a practically uniform gauge throughout the country will be worth many millions, particularly to the South, and will be a great boon to all the states. —The Methodist Advance, the weekly paper edited by Dr. W. M. Notley, of this city, was yesterday sold to Rev. J. B. Hobart, who will move the presses and type to Goldsboro, from which place the paper will henceforth be issued. —Mr. Leroy Springs, of this city, but who lately engaged in business in Lancaster, S. C., yesterday shot and killed John Bell on the streets of Lancaster. The shooting was done in self defense and from the evidence so far received, it appears to have been a case of justifiable homicide. —Last Saturday night in Greensboro, an individual whose name we could not learn, dropped from a third story window of the McAdoo house to the pavement. He struck a wooden post, sprained his ankle, and fainted. When he recovered, he was found to be in a bad condition, having suffered a fracture of the leg. —The medical profession is deeply deplored, and by no one more so than by the unhappy man who caused it. They are both strong and clever young men, and affable brothers who would do anything to help each other, and no one thinks for a moment that James really intended to kill Charles.**

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## Newton Enterprise.

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