

LOCAL RECORDS.

OLD YEAR, FAREWELL!

NEW YEAR, WELCOME!

After tomorrow (Friday) don't forget to write 1887.

Prof Toy was thrown from a horse at Chapel Hill a few days ago, and severely wounded on the head.

The county board of health will meet here next Saturday and elect a county superintendent of health.

The many friends of Mr. J. Q. A. Leach will regret to hear that he is suffering from a stroke of paralysis. We hope that he will soon recover.

Many of our citizens are so delighted at having a railroad that they declare the whistle of the locomotive is the most pleasing sound they ever heard.

The Record extends the greatest of the season to all its readers, and wishes that to each and every one of them the new year may indeed be a happy one!

We take pleasure in calling attention to the advertisement of Hanks' Chapel Academy, and hope that it will receive the patronage that its Principal so much deserves.

We hope that all our readers had a merry Christmas, and that after enjoying the pleasures of this joyous season they will resume their duties in life with renewed zeal and diligence.

Since the completion of our railroad suit has been moving here cheaper than ever before known at this place, and as it is sold in Raleigh. This is one of the many benefits to be derived from the rail road.

The Record is one of the very few papers in this State that is published this week, ready to do honor having taken holiday. We hope our subscribers will show their appreciation of this by promptly paying what they owe us.

The Record will be borrowed and eagerly read this week by many persons who subscribe for other papers, thus suspending publication for Christmas. We hope they will use this issue so much as to subscribe for the Record for the new year.

Rev. James W. Clegg preached quite an able sermon at the Second Methodist church at this place on last Sunday night. He is a son of the late Rev. William Clegg, and is a young man of much promise, on whom we predict a useful and honorable career.

The Spring Term of Mr. S. Jackson's school, will begin in this place Monday, January 3d, 1887. In addition to the English literature instruction will be given in American and Modern Languages. No pains will be spared to make instruction thorough.

The Christmas number of The State Chronicle, issued last week, was highly creditable not only to its editor but to North Carolina journalism. It was a gem of typographical art, and its editorial and miscellaneous reading matter was equal to its typographical beauty.

The Scientific American, published by Munson & Co., New York, presents weekly to its readers the best and most reliable record of various improvements in machinery, while the scientific progress of the country can in no way be gleaned so well as by the regular perusal of its pages.

W. L. London takes this time to thank his customers for their attention during the past year. He has sold more goods during the past year than he ever has, and now the railroad is here he promises them to sell goods cheaper than he ever has, particularly heavy groceries. He hopes thereby to have a continuance of their kindness and to make new customers, and to still increase his business. He will receive this week another car load of salt. He wishes you all a happy and prosperous New Year. May the year 1887 be the beginning of a new era in old Chatham.

A CUTTING SCENE.—On Christmas Day quite a serious cutting scene occurred at this place. A colored man, named Rufus Weatherford, and a white man, named James Farrel (a son of Mr. Frank Farrel), got into a fight, and the former was cut on the neck by the latter and dangerously wounded. It was thought at first that Weatherford would soon bleed to death, but the flow of blood was naturally stopped, and it is now thought he may recover. Farrel was arrested, and, after a preliminary trial by the mayor, was sent to jail to await the result of the wounds.

SHOOTING AT OFFICERS.—While deep in collecting J. S. Johnson and Spence Taylor were cutting up an illicit still in the western part of this county, one day last week, when fired upon by a party of men, who are supposed to have been the owners of the still. Neither of the officers was hurt, though some of the shots struck Mr. Taylor's clothing, nor did they cease their work until the still was destroyed. It is thought that the moonshiners were merely trying to frighten off the officers, but they had mistaken their men if they thought Messrs. Taylor and Johnson were so easily frightened.

A CROP SCENE.—The old weather prophets say that if the nights are dark at Christmas—not moonlight—it is a sure sign that the crops will be good during the coming year. If this be true we will be blessed with abundant crops next year, for there was no sign of a moon on last Saturday (Christmas) night. And surely it is there ever was a time when good crops were needed next year will be that time, because for several years past the crops have been very light.

RALEIGH'S STREET CARS.—The citizens of Raleigh are as much rejoiced at the completion of their street railway as our citizens are at the completion of our railroad. The street cars began to run on Christmas Day, and there was much rejoicing and quite a demonstration over the starting of the first car. We heartily congratulate the good people of Raleigh upon this great improvement to their city, which will not only be a great convenience to them, but is another proof of their city's progress. We note with pleasure the continued and substantial growth of our Capital city, as is evidenced by her electric lights, street railway, and proposed water works.

CHRISTMAS ITEMS.—Another Christmas has come and gone with its pleasures and enjoyments. At this place it has been a particularly pleasant one. The weather has been all that could have been wished for. Christmas Day dawned bright and fair, and all day the sun shone brightly, while the atmosphere was cool, clear and bracing. Everybody declared they had never known more favorable weather for Christmas, and all seemed to enjoy it greatly. The air resounded from early morn to late at night with the popping of the cracklers and the tooting of tin trumpets, and the irrepressible "small boy" was in the seventh heaven of happiness. Santa Claus was generous with his gifts and every little stocking was stuffed with his presents. Happy families feasted around the Christmas board, and friends mingled joyously at many delightful entertainments. The one great blot on the day, and that which disgraces humanity, was the excessive drinking by so many. The main street of our town was crowded with drunk men and some white men, whose chief enjoyment seemed to be making beasts of themselves.

CHRISTMAS VISITORS.—An unusually large number of visitors have been spending the Christmas holidays with their friends, relatives and sweethearts this place. This was chiefly due to the convenience of being able to come here on our railroad, and all seemed delighted with their ride from Monroe here, which journey was heretofore deterred many from coming here. Among the arrivals we are pleased to note Mr. Lucas and family, Mr. Thomas L. Reed and family, and Mr. T. A. Hanks of Durham; Mr. Frank Badham, of High Point; Mrs. George L. Ewin and James C. Wrenn, of Reidsville; C. S. Easton, of Oxford; Mr. W. M. Jones and family, and Mrs. Noyce of Taylors; Mr. C. P. Poe, of Belmont; Mr. A. H. Read, of Wedgewood; S. C. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Seward, of Chapel Hill; Mr. Edgar Poe and family, of Fayetteville; Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Barnard, of Southern Pines; Mr. J. P. Leach and family, of Littleton; and from Raleigh there were Mr. M. E. Williams and family, Mr. G. Thompson, Jr. and family, Miss Nezie Marman, and Messrs. C. B. Benson, H. M. Cowan, John W. Gross, G. R. Least, Francis Wrenn, and Thomas C. Benson.

The following young ladies and gentlemen attending school and college were at home spending their vacation: Miss Nettie Baldwin, from the Oxford Female College; Miss Margaret and Harriet Bush and Hortense Haughton, from St. Mary's School at Raeford; Misses Willie Hendon and John H. London, from the State University.

RAILROAD SCENE.—For the information of our readers we will publish again the schedule for the running of trains on the Pittsboro railroad. The freight and passenger train runs every day except Sunday, leaving here at 7 o'clock in the morning, except on Mondays when it leaves at 6:15 a.m., and arrives here at 7:45 o'clock at night. The passenger coach runs through to Raleigh without change. The train will stop anywhere between here and Monroe to take on or put off passengers. The whistle of the locomotive blows every morning exactly half an hour before the train leaves here. The fare from here to Monroe is fifty cents for first-class and forty cents for second-class tickets.

Thus far quite a large number of passengers have travelled on our railroad, some days the train being uncomfortably crowded. Every night on the arrival of the train the depot lot presents a lively scene. Large numbers of our citizens are on hand every night to see the train come in, and as the cars come tumbling, the headlight of the locomotive brightly shining, the bell clanging and the steam escaping, it indeed looks quite like life and makes us all fully realize that at last we have a railroad! Already our people talk about "train time" just as naturally as if we had had a railroad for years, and if the train happens to be behind time they wonder what is the matter. But just here we would mention that it always leaves and arrives with remarkable promptness. The first two nights it arrived a few minutes behind schedule time, because it waited at Monroe for the Raleigh and Augusta Air Line train.

One of the severest snow storms that ever visited the country passed over Eng and last Monday. Railway trains were blocked and telegraph wires borne down by the storm in many places.

[For the READER
SELLING LIQUOR AT CHRISTMAS.]

From the Monroe Enquirer.

Before 1887 is entered upon, we desire to submit a word for consideration by the farmers of this section. It ought to be obvious to every farmer of average intelligence that too much money is annually expended for fertilizers. This expenditure is too great a drain upon the money circulation in the county. It is sent out of the county and for the most part out of the State. It constitutes the first money paid by the crop. Before a dress is bought for a daughter, or a pair of shoes for a son, or a bonnet for a wife, the guano bills must be paid. And if there is just enough cotton made to pay the guano bills, then wife, son and daughter, who assisted in making the cotton, must do without. Experience, the best and often hardest of teachers, has certainly convinced the thoughtful and observing that taking the crop years as they come, together with the general monetary interests of the country into account, it is too dangerous to risk making money by buying fertilizers to so large an extent, as is the habit among our people, to be paid for by the increased yield of the crop for which they are bought and used. The remedy is to spend the month of January, and February too, it need be, in making the fertilizers at home. At least two-thirds of the guano bills of this section, as the Enquirer and Express has hitherto shown, can be saved by making home-made manures in the winter season. Will our farmers think about this? If they will carefully ponder it, we believe they will change their policy. Then Union county will be perhaps as much as fifty thousand dollars richer by reason of it, at the close of the coming year.

DURHAM'S Factories.
Newberne Journal: A mule on Mr. Luoch Wadsworth's plantation near the city, while drawing the plow yesterday, in passing a stump broke through the surface into a hollow, and came with his full weight on the stump, which struck him on the breast, penetrating to the hollow and killing him in a few minutes.

Alamance Gleamer: The west-bound freight train, early Tuesday morning, ran over and killed Jim McCay, a colored train hand, at Haw River. The unfortunate man was attending to his duty and got his foot caught in what is known as a frog. The train was near him and running at quite a brisk rate, and he was unable to extricate himself before the train was up on him, neither could the engineer stop his train in time to save him. He was badly mangled and killed outright.

RALEIGH VISITOR: A shocking accident resulting from the careless use of fire arms occurred in this city this morning. Wm. Hart, a colored man who resides on the premises, No. 710, south Fayetteville St., with Stephen Nichols and wife, also colored, shot and killed their little boy James Nichols, aged five years. It seems that Hart was prospecting with an old single barrel pistol in close proximity to the lad when it went off, striking him over the right eye and penetrating the brain about four inches. The affair took place in a back room with no one present but Hart and the boy. The shooting is claimed by Hart to be entirely accidental.

CHARLOTTE CHRONICLE: Some of the colored emigrants who left this city for Arkansas and higher wages have returned. One of them says that out of two hundred only about fifty are now alive. He says the wages was good enough, but the low swamp and mosquito marshes gave them the fever and they died off rapidly. All the remainer will return to their old homes in North Carolina when able. A colony of colored people also started for Liberia a few months ago. Some of them had good houses in this city, already paid for, which they sold to get money for the trip. Many of them, we learn, have gotten no further than New York and are in great distress.

ASHVILLE CITIZEN: Last evening at half past six o'clock, Edward S. Aston, son of Mayor E. J. Aston, committed suicide by shooting himself in the right temple, dying instantly. He had gone to the Swannanoa Hotel shortly previous, and called for a room, to which he was shown. Shortly after he returned to the office of the hotel, cool and composed, with gloves on and cane in hand. He called for a sheet of paper, which was handed to him. He wrote a note, folded and addressed it. It proved to be for his father. He then left the office counter, walked to about the middle of the room, suddenly drew a pistol, placed it to his right temple, fired and fell dead. The deceased was about 23 years of age.

AN ECLECTIC SUICIDE.
A New York special says: Under the false name of "A. Allen" there died at a hotel in South Norwalk, Conn., last November a man who had taken out insurance policies to the amount so far as known of \$315,000. He died from an overdose of morphine. The policies had all been written within fourteen months of the man's death. Of the \$315,000 insurance on his life only \$71,600 was for the benefit of his relatives. The remainder is in the names of apparently only casual friends and business acquaintances.

A WELCOME CHRISTMAS PRESENT.
WILMINGTON, Dec. 24.—John Crane, who was sentenced in March, 1883, to five years' imprisonment and \$4,000 fine for killing Daniel Marquette in an election fight, received a Christmas present today in the form of a pardon from Gov. Stockley.

KILLED WHITE COASTING.
BENNINGTON, Vt., Dec. 24.—Eddie Stillman, aged ten, was instantly killed and a boy named Simeon probably fatally injured at South Bennington to-day by the collision of two sleds on which the boys were coasting. Another boy named Champney had one of his legs broken.

DO YOU HAVE ASTHMA?
PARKER'S HAIR BALM
The popular favorite for dressing the hair. Restoring color when grayed by age. It cures dandruff. It cures the scalp, stops the hair falling and is sure to prevent baldness. It is a safe and effective cure in many cases. It is the best hair tonic and can be used in any case where the hair falls out. Parker's Hair Balm is a thorough tonic. Sold by all druggists in large bottles at \$1.00.

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WHAT WE ARE DOING IN RALEIGH.]

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LONDON is agent for R. R. Mills Snuff and will supply Merchants at Factory prices free of freight.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

December 16, 1886.

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MARRIED.

[NOTICES OF DEATHS AND MARRIAGES INSERTED FREE. OUTLINES cost seven cents a line.]

JAMES HATCH. On the 29th Inst., by Rev. C. A. Hatch, and L. H. Conant, of Union Academy, to Miss Lydia Hatch, daughter of the late Robert J. Hatch, Esq.

The Hatch extends to the happy couple its best wishes for a long life of wedded bliss.

THE MARKETS.

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