

LOCAL RECORDS.

Prepare to write 1894. A lot of coffee, walnut, oak and pine for sale cheap, by B. Nooe, Jr.

An industrious and honest old colored man, named George Lee, died near here on last Saturday.

Capt. J. H. Wiss, at Moncure, has for sale a lot of Virginia horses and mules. Satisfaction in price and quality guaranteed.

The annual season has come again for "swearing off" and forming new resolutions. Let us all try to do better next year.

An oyster supper was given at Moncure, on last Tuesday night, for the benefit of the Odd Fellows lodge recently established at that place.

Ron. S. Eubanks, J. P., performed his first marriage ceremony, on last Sunday, Mr. Wm. Meacham being the groom and Miss Lula King the bride.

Wanted an agent in every township to sell an article which will sell in every family. Liberal terms offered. Address, Dr. R. A. Moore, Moncure, N. C.

Do not let the old year pass away without settling your accounts. W. L. London & Son need their money and hope you will be able to settle up by 1st of January.

Bynum & Headen sell the old genuine J. P. Nissen wagon manufactured by Geo. E. Nissen & Co., the best wagon of its kind in the world. Sales this dull year have been nearly 600.

The Record's sprightly correspondents were all enjoying Christmas so much, that they could not favor our readers this week with their usual interesting communications.

The Pittsboro lycium will meet tomorrow (Friday) night at the residence of Mr. H. A. London, and a very attractive and entertaining programme has been prepared for the occasion.

T. B. Fowler and W. H. Taylor have gone into the fur and trapping business, and will pay good prices for furs of all kinds. They will pay as high prices as you can get any where in the State.

W. H. Edwards, dentist, of Wake Forest, N. C., can be found in his office at Mrs. Exline's Hotel, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday following this Sunday in each month, prepared to do all kinds of dental work.

Sheriff J. J. Jenkins was married yesterday to Miss Albra E. Pearson, at Lystra church, in Williams township, the Rev. J. W. Watson officiating. Quite a large number of the friends of the happy couple were present.

If your account is unpaid on January 1st at O. S. Poe & Son's they will refuse to charge any more goods to you until after same has been paid. Though they might dislike to refuse you credit it is their rule and will be strictly adhered to.

More marriages take place during December than in any other month of the year. Thus far this month, 37 marriage licenses have been issued in Chatham, while during the other eleven months of the past year only 125 have been issued.

O. S. Poe & Son desire to extend to their customers very grateful thanks for their patronage this year and wish them a very happy and prosperous "New Year". O. S. Poe & Son will make their best efforts to merit a continuance of your patronage.

Commence the new year by paying your accounts. Take notice this is meant for you. W. L. London & Son earnestly call upon you to settle. Do not say they have not given you plenty of notice. Your credit is worth more than your money. "Short settlements make long friends."

Easter comes unusually early next year, on the 25th March. We hope that our correspondent "Paik" will be satisfied with so early a date.

We regret to hear that Mr. Eli Phillips, of Bear Creek township, accidentally killed himself one day last week. It is said that he was driving a cow out of his lot and punching her with a gun, which he had in his hand, she whirled around and struck the gun in such a manner as to make it shoot off, and the lead went into his body.

CHRISTMAS TREES.—One of the pleasant customs of Christmas is the Christmas tree. In this county many Sunday schools have a Christmas tree every year, and there is no more delightful way of celebrating Christmas. It is indeed a most happy scene, to see a brilliantly lighted Christmas tree loaded with all kinds of gifts for the eager and joyous children, who stand around all excitement and delight.

Among the Christmas trees held this year in Chatham we have heard of the following: at Bell's church, in Williams township, on Saturday night; at Martha's chapel on Monday night; and at the Baptist and Methodist churches at Siler City, one on Saturday and the other on Monday. No doubt there were others which we have not heard of.

CHRISTMAS.—Never has there been more delightful or favorable weather for Christmas. The temperature was as mild and balmy as on a spring day, and if there is any truth in the old saying "A green Christmas makes a fat churchyard", then we may expect much sickness and many deaths during the next year.

At this place the day was observed in rather a quiet way, and after dinner, when all the stores were closed, the streets were as quiet as on Sunday. In the morning the boys made things lively with the popping of fire crackers and the tooting of horns. Only one church, the Episcopal, was opened for religious services, and not a very large congregation attended that.

Many good dinners were eaten, and everybody seemed happy. Old Santa Claus made happy many young hearts, and many a well-filled stocking delighted its pious owner. What would the world be without Christmas and dear old Santa Claus?

PERSONAL ITEMS.—Quite a number of visitors spent Christmas with friends and relatives at this place, and there were several very happy family reunions. Among them were the following: Messrs James C. and Francis Womack, of Reidsville; Mr. E. L. Merritt and wife, of Mt. Airy; Miss Anna L. Merritt, of New York; Dr. John H. London and family, of Chapel Hill; Dr. T. A. Crawford and family, Mr. J. K. Riddle and family and Mr. O. S. Poe, Jr., of Rock Hill, S. C.; Paul Ernest Bynum, Fred C. Williams and A. J. Bynum, Jr. of Trinity College; Lou B. Merritt and Frank M. London, of the University; E. L. Haughton, of Jones county; and G. W. Thompson, Jr., and family, of Taylor and family; James A. Thompson, and George I. Taylor, of Raleigh.

Our former countyman, Mr. C. C. Hartsell, of Wyatt, is on a visit to his old home, accompanied by Mr. J. G. Ball, of Raleigh.

Mr. W. R. Hunter and wife went on last Tuesday to attend the funeral of his father, who died at his residence, near Newry, very suddenly on Christmas Day.

THE OLDEST CHATHAMITE.—Chatham, always noted for its curiosities and rarities, now steps to the front and claims that the oldest person now living in the United States was born in her limits. In proof of this we publish the following, clipped from the Washington (D. C.) Star and kindly sent the Record by our young friend, Master David Worth Bagley, formerly of Raleigh, but now of Washington. Chatham county was organized in 1770, so that this old negro is exactly the age of our county. After the battle of Guilford Court House, March 15th 1781, Gen. Nathaniel Greene's army passed through this county in pursuit of the British army, and it must have been then that Hoops, since held the horse of Gen. Greene, as claimed by him. Does any old citizen remember ever having heard of Hoops, alleged master, John P. Haydon? Here is the Star's clipping:

"Cole county, Mo., can boast of the oldest man in the state of Missouri and perhaps in the United States. His name is Richard Hoops, and he is a negro. He lives in a small shanty on the banks of the Osage river, at Osage City. According to the records of his own statements he was born in Chatham county, N. C., on December 20, 1770, and consequently will be one hundred and twenty-three years old on the 29th of this month. He came to Missouri with his then master, John P. Haydon, settling at Lane's Prairie, Casse county. A few years later he was transferred to the man whose name he now bears, and lived with him near Vienna, Maries county, until the emancipation of the slaves. Since that time he has lived at Westphalia, but for the past twenty-five years he has made his home at Osage City. Hoops is remarkably well preserved, and lives alone in his shanty. He fishes a great deal for the big catfish that frequent the waters of the Osage, and is never happier than when he can catch a big one and make soup of his head. He is still able to do some work, and it was only a few years since that he contracted with a farmer in the vicinity of his home to remove the stumps and roots of a newly cleared tract of land. He fulfilled his contract, doing all the work himself. His mind is still clear on many of the events that happened toward the close of the last century, and he recalls with great pride that he once held the

horse of Gen. Greene of revolutionary fame. In appearance Hoops is said by the St. Louis Globe Democrat to resemble a monkey; his skin looks like parchment, and he is toothless and hairless, but his step is remarkably firm and his eyes bright and clear. As stated, he lives on a farm, having no relatives far as known. He is a member and regular attendant of the A. M. E. Church. His neighbors take a great interest in him and do him many acts of kindness, and he would not have to work, as they would supply his simple wants gladly, but he is independent and says that he proposes to earn his own living for many years yet. I is horse stands under the approach to the Missouri Pacific railroad bridge across the Osage, and except when absent on his fishing trips "Uncle Hoops," as he is called, can be found at home. He has the record of his birth, and there is but little doubt that he is the oldest person in the country."

Child Carried off by an Eagle. Selma, Ala., Dec. 22.—A week ago a colored farmer living south of this city went to work, leaving his two children at home, a boy of fourteen and a baby of three years. The elder boy took his gun and went into the adjoining swamps. When he returned he missed his baby brother. While searching for him he happened to look up and discovered a large eagle flying away with the baby. Not until today were the remains found. The flesh had been almost entirely eaten from the bones of the child.

Bank Robber Captured. GREEN RIDGE, Mo., Dec. 23.—At Windsor, Mo., yesterday, a masked bandit entered the Farmers' and Merchants Bank, and with a drawn revolver demanded the bank's money from Cashier E. L. Durant. The fortunate arrival of three merchants scared the robber and he fled on to horseback. A posse captured him after a run of a few hours. He gave the name of Smith, and was riding a stolen horse.

Killed by the Cars. WINSTON, N. C., Dec. 25.—Elias Hairston, colored, was run over here Saturday night by the Richmond and Danville passenger train, and fatally injured. Both legs were cut off from the effects of which he died at 11 o'clock yesterday. Hairston was leaning up against the platform at the freight depot when the train backed up and ran over him. He was drinking.

Starved in Fifty-five Days. BAYON, Mo., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Fannie Leiders, an inmate of the almshouse here, died today as the result of a deliberate attempt to starve herself. Fifty-five days ago she commenced to refuse both food and drink. At different times efforts were made to compel her to take nourishment and food, but she refused to swallow it. Her husband died a short time ago and this affected her mind.

Caused by Cotton Futures. WACO, Tex., Dec. 22.—The United States grand jury returned an indictment last night charging S. J. Walling with conspiracy and embezzlement of money of the City National Bank of Brownwood, Texas. The transactions aggregated \$300,000. Walling was cashier of the bank, the funds of which he lost in cotton futures operations and broke the bank.

Blew Out the Gas. SAVANNAH, Dec. 23.—Homer Sheppard, of Livingston, S. C., was found dead in bed from apoplexy at the Palmetto house this morning. He was a crossing cutter and came here on business. He retired at 10 o'clock last night and blew out the gas in ignorance.

John L. Sullivan spent last Sunday in jail at Sandusky, Ohio, for disorderly conduct.

The body of Ling Gun, the murdered Chinaman, has been found near the boundary line of North Carolina and Tennessee.

Kentucky elected eight women as county school superintendents at the recent election. One of them is a widow, about forty-five years old, and the mother of fourteen children.

Col. William Clark Young, who long has had the distinction of being the oldest living graduate of West Point, died of pneumonia at New York, on last Saturday, aged 91 years.

Trinity Methodist church, Durham, has been undergoing remodeling for many months, the work now being complete. Something like \$50,000 has been expended on the building, and it is now probably the handsomest church in the State.

The day before Congress adjourned for the Christmas holidays the President nominated and the senate confirmed the following postmasters in this State: George L. Morton at Wilmington, Edgar H. Wilson at Winston and Robert W. Belo at Salem.

A distiller of Rutherfordton played a rather clever trick last week. He asked one of his friends, a deputy collector, to carry his trunk to Spartanburg, S. C., for him. When the trunk arrived at its destination, it was found to be leaking. The trunk was broken open, and twelve one-gallon kerosene cans of whiskey were found.

State News. Lumberton Robesonian: Mr. J. W. Wilson who was in town last Wednesday told us of something, the like of which was never heard before. It was a goose nesting in winter. He said that on last Tuesday a goose which had not been seen for several days, was found sitting upon seven eggs.

Wilmington Star: A stranger from the county, on Water street yesterday, attracted considerable attention. His general appearance gave one the impression that he had stumbled on a hoax-saw while it was in motion. The explanation he gave in answer to inquiries was that, while waiting in his sheep, his cousin, Tom Brown, took him for a burglar and fired a gun loaded with bird shot at him.

Charlotte Observer: Mr. Samuel J. Wilson, a well-known citizen of Lower Steel Creek, was found dead in his field Thursday. He and another gentleman went out into the field, the former to feed his hogs. His friend left him apparently as well and hearty as ever. After an hour he had occasion to come back through the field, and to his amazement found Mr. Wilson lying on the ground dead. The cause of his death is not known. He had not been sick, and was to all appearances well.

Newbern Journal: Mrs. Julia Smith, of Pollockville, who was badly burned Friday morning accidentally at her home died from the effects about twelve hours afterward. Mrs. Smith was standing with her back to ward the fire trying a broom sedge broom. The bushy part caught and ignited her dress before she detected it. There were only a couple of colored women about at the time and they were so excited as to be of little service and Mrs. Smith's clothes were nearly burned off and the fatal burns inflicted before the flames were extinguished.

Carthage Gazette: A cyclone passed through Pocket township on Saturday 15th, in the afternoon about one o'clock and struck on the farm of Mr. W. A. Waldworth destroying a part of his fence and timber and also the timber on the adjoining land of Mr. Daniel Kelly. It tore the cover off of a shed and fell house of Sparks Wallace's, a negro living on the land of Mr. Daniel Kelly. It walled leaves and pine straw against logs as if it had been washed by water or swept with a broom. It uprooted, twisted and broke off all the largest timber. It broke off trees from ten to thirty feet from the ground. Its destructive path was about a hundred yards wide.

Statesville Lumberman: Benjamin Turner, the postmaster at Troutman's, dropped dead yesterday morning. Mr. Turner lived in a house belonging to Mr. J. D. Lippard, of Hickory. The two had some trouble about the rent and Mr. Lippard was preparing to eject him from the house. He had placed the eviction papers in the hands of Deputy Sheriff J. T. Shepherd and the latter started to Troutman's yesterday morning to serve them. Mr. Lippard was already at Troutman's and before the deputy arrived he went to Mr. Turner's house to see him about the matter. The two had some words and Mr. Turner became very much excited and ordered Lippard off the premises. He then turned to walk into the house when he fell to the floor and expired in a few minutes. When Deputy Sheriff Shepherd arrived to remove his writ Turner was dead. Apoplexy or heart disease, superinduced by excitement, is supposed to be the cause of death.

The Columbia Desk Calendar, which is issued annually by the Pope Manufacturing Company, of Columbia, S. C., is out for 1894, much improved in appearance. It is a pocket calendar of the same size and shape as those of previous years, having a leaf for each day, but its attractiveness has been heightened by the work of an clever artist, who has scattered a series of bright pen drawings through its pages. It also contains, as usual, many appropriate and interesting contributions from people both bright and wise.

New Advertisements. ST. MARY'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, Raleigh, N. C.

THE EASTERN TERM OF THE FIFTY SECOND School Year will begin January 27th, 1894.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA - COUNTY OF CHATHAM. In the Superior Court.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—HAVING qualified as the executor of Richard W. Evers, deceased, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said deceased to exhibit the same to me on or before the 29th day of December, 1893, at all other times and places are requested to make immediate payment.

WDMARK & HAYES, LAWYERS, PITTSBORO, N. C.

HOLIDAY FLASHES!

\$10 to \$30 SUITS AND OVERCOATS \$10 to \$30

As the joys and happy Christmas-tide approach nature by her wonderful inspirations reminds us to remember our friends. The flood of Christmas shopping has already commenced with us.

Don't you think an OVERCOAT or SUIT FOR FATHER, BROTHER or FRIEND would make a suitable present as you give this season? You must say yes. That's the sensible answer. Then comes the puzzle of selection. Easy enough. Get in the general channel where the latest styles and best quantities are to be found, and you will have no regrets, no misgivings, no embarrassments. Come straight here and we will show the choicest garments that skill, taste and money could produce. Nay, you cannot find their duplicates anywhere else. They are exclusive in style, exclusive in make, exclusive in price. Characteristically ours; newest, best, cheapest. As tailoring they are incomparable. From fashion's standpoint they are leaders; and on the purse they are lightly. NOTE VARIETY OF STYLES IN SUITS: Prince Alberts, Three and Four Button Cutaways, Double and Single Breasted Sacks, these very popular Long Cut Sacks and then comes our variety for the BOYS and CHILDREN, too numerous to mention here. OVERCOATS. Here's where we lead them all. Double and Single Breasted Longcut Coats, Storm coats, Medium and Light Weight Coats, an exceptional variety of exclusive styles in Black and Blue Cheviots, and none will be more appreciated than our popular MACKINTOSHES.

Any of them will make a most suitable and sensible Christmas present for man or boy. The Bicycle Race is at its best—Remember December 23rd the drawing will take place.

OTHER GIVEABLES. Our Furnishing Goods Department is laden with the world's choicest. Don't fail to see our Pettin's Kid Gloves, Don'ts Celebrated Dog Skin Gloves, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, a beautiful variety of Muffler's, Silk Suspenders in black and fancy colors, Silk Umbrellas, etc., etc. Stock is at its best and prices at their lowest!

S. & D. BERWANGER. RALEIGH, N. C. December 14, 1893.

L. B. HOLT & CO., GRAHAM, N. C.

Are now receiving their HOLIDAY INSTALMENT of goods and call the attention of their patrons to same. SPECIALTIES, VIZ:

A beautiful line of all wool dress goods as well as flannel domets in plaids and stripes. Ladies' hats, ribbons and embroidered handkerchiefs. Ladies' and Misses' hoods. Gentlemen's and boys' suits made by Strouse & Bros., High Art Clothiers. 10-4 white and colored blankets and crib spreads. A novelty line of neck wear and silk handkerchiefs. Ladies' and Misses' cashmere gloves and hosiery. Gentlemen's hats and caps. The above specialties we do not claim to be selling at or below cost, but bought during the money pressure for less than value and we are selling correspondingly.

FOR CHRISTMAS: We have purchased a large line of Christmas confectioneries, such as raisins, nuts, cocoanuts, oranges, fancy and plain candies, and can supply merchants and consumers.

SPORTING GOODS, We have a splendid stock of guns, hunting jackets, leggins, cleaning implements, wads, shells, caps, etc., and are agents for Ladd & Rapp's Orange rifle and ducking powder.

Our best efforts shall be made to please all. Kindly call or send your order and oblige. Yours truly, L. B. HOLT & CO.

G. C. ROYALL. J. L. BORDEN. ROYALL & BORDEN, DURHAM, N. C., DEALERS IN FURNITURE.

One of the largest and best stocks of Furniture in North Carolina, and will be sold at as low prices as can be had anywhere. All kinds and styles of Furniture. You will save money by buying from us. Nov. 24, 1893.

J. J. THOMAS, President. M. A. THOMAS, Vice-President. B. S. JERMAN, Cashier. H. W. JACKSON, Ass't Cashier. The Commercial and Farmers' Bank, OF RALEIGH, N. C. Paid up capital \$100,000.00. Authorized capital \$300,000.00.

DIRECTORS: J. J. Thomas, E. N. Duke, H. A. London, A. F. Page, G. W. Watts, H. B. Battle, Ashley Horne, Fred Phillips, J. B. Hill, F. B. Dancy, R. B. Roney, John W. Scott, A. A. Thompson, T. H. Briggs, J. N. Holding.

AND SALE—BY VIRTUE OF An order of the superior court of Chatham county, rendered at Fall Term, 1893, in the civil action wherein J. M. Holt, executor of the estate of De A. Holt, was plaintiff and J. A. Borden and J. J. Thomas were defendants, I will sell at public auction, at the court-house door, on MONDAY, the 1st day of January, 1894, the tract of land known as the "Holt tract" containing about 200 acres, more or less, situated in the town of Newry, in the county of Chatham, North Carolina, known as the "Holt tract" and bounded by the lands of John Borden and J. A. Borden, on the north, east and south, and by the lands of J. A. Borden, on the west. The sale will be at 12 o'clock, M., on the day named. Terms of sale, to wit: Cash for one-half of the purchase money, and the balance in two equal installments, the first to be paid on or before the 1st day of February, 1894, and the second on or before the 1st day of March, 1894. The purchaser to give a bond with good and sufficient surety, to the satisfaction of the court, to the effect that he will pay to the executor of the estate of De A. Holt, the purchase money, as and when due, and will pay to the said executor, the interest on the purchase money, as and when due. The sale will be made by the undersigned, J. A. Borden, Sheriff of Chatham county, at the court-house door, on the day named. J. A. Borden, Sheriff of Chatham county. Dec. 27, 1893.

GOLDSTON ACADEMY, Male and Female, J. R. RIVES, Principal. Miss TEMPLE BETTS, Art and Music Teacher. Miss FANNIE COUGHLIN, Second Assistant. Mr. F. A. BADDERS, Teacher of Drawing and Penmanship. This school, under the present management, opened August 10th, 1893, and is meeting with wonderful success, now enrolling 122 students. Terms for teachers: FIFTY, JANUARY 1, 1894. Expenses of this school are made to suit the local times. Board, 75 cents; Tuition, Primary \$1.00, Higher \$1.50, Music \$2.50, per month each. Students can read books and board themselves at an expense of \$1.00 to \$1.50 per month. A division is also given to the Cape Fear and Colton Valley railroad, 12 miles west of Pittsboro, the county seat of Chatham county. Music Department is under the management of Miss Temple Betts, a graduate and of several years' experience. Parents having children to educate will be well interested to participate in this school. Families wishing to rent houses convenient for school can do so by applying at school. For further particulars apply to Mr. J. R. Rives, Principal, Nov. 20, 1893. 2m. Goldston, N. C.

NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL BOOKS. At a regular meeting of the State Board of Education, held in Raleigh, on the first Tuesday in April, 1893, the following new text books were unanimously adopted for use in all public schools of the State: North Carolina Practical Spelling Book, - - - 20 Cents. Its exchange for old paper books is 10 Cents. Williams' Readers for Beginners, - - - 15 Cents. To procure First Grade Spelling, Second Grade Spelling, and Third Grade Spelling, send for circulars to the publishers, ALFRED WILLIAMS & CO., PUBLISHERS, RALEIGH, N. C. The sale of each book will be very large, and all orders will be filled as rapidly as possible.