The Chatham Record

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1894.

LOCAL RECORDS.

SCHEDULE PITTSBORO' R. R.

The passenger train on the Pittsboro' railroad leaves Pittsboro' daily, except Sundays, at 9 30 a. m. and 3 30 p. m., and arrives at Tarboro at 11 45 a. m. and 5.45 p. m., making close connection at Moncure with the train that leaves Raleigh at 3 50 p. m. and arrives there at 11 55 a. m.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For the Senate:
ADDISON H. PERRY.

For the House:
ROLAND H. HAYES.
JOHN J. PEOPLES.

For Sheriff:
STEPHEN W. BREWER.

For Clerk:
SAMUEL M. HOLT.

For Register:
DANIEL H. MARSH.

For Coroner:
ROMULUS S. EUBANKS.

For Surveyor:
HENRY H SILER.

—Cocoanuts 5c. at J. L. Council's.

—Constable tickets printed at the RECORD office.

—Dogwood and persimmon timber wanted by B. Nooe, Jr.

—The first killing frost of the season was last Monday morning.

—A lot of coffins—walnut, oak and pine—for sale cheap, by B. Nooe, Jr.

—Remember that there will be a democratic rally today at Gulf and tomorrow (Friday) at Richmond.

—When you go to Graham call on our farmer countryman, Mr. M. F. Crawford, with L. B Holt & Co.

—Who ever before heard of a candidate deeming it necessary to carry around a certificate to prove his good character?

—An old colored woman, near here, named Mary McLeod, has presented the RECORD with a beat weighing nearly eight pounds.

—Josephus Daniels and B. A. London will speak at Durham's store, in Baldwin township, on next Saturday. A large crowd is expected.

—A nice new stock of jewelry, watches and clocks just received, and for sale cheap, by W. T. Neese. Watches, clocks, &c, repaired at low rates and in best manner.

—The populist leaders in Chatham want all the offices for themselves, and are unwilling to give any office to the republicans, and yet they can be elected only by the solid republican vote.

—Thomas Quince, a well known old colored man, died near here on last Sunday. In his younger days, before the war, he was a noted fiddler and furnished the music for all the dances in this community.

—Mr. Sylvester Johnson died at this place, on last Monday, from the effects of a wound in the leg received during the late war. He was a brave soldier and a good citizen, highly respected by all who knew him.

—There is not a candidate on the populist ticket in Chatham who now claims to be a republican. What sort of "fusion" is that? If the populists expect republicans to vote their ticket, why did they not put a republican on it?

—On the first day of our county canvass Mr. Wicker not only refused to say who he would vote for for United States Senator, but he also refused to say whether or not he would vote for W. P. Bynum, Jr., for Solicitor. Why?

—W. H. Edwards, dentist, will visit Bynum on Monday and Tuesday, and Pittsboro' on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, following the third Sunday of each month, prepared to do all kind of dental work. Office next to Bynum & Headen.

—Let the voters of Chatham remember that the populist leaders attempted to prevent the republican candidates from discussing the political issues with the other candidates. If these intolerant leaders had the power they would not allow *any* candidates to speak, except their own!

—Ladies, if you want a nice comfortable pair of shoes and a pair that will wear well, call at W. L. London & Son's and get a pair of Zeiglers, they have all kinds and sizes. They also have a stock of men's fine shoes which are very cheap. They are selling a good stout woman's shoe for 60 cents.

—Mr. W. P. Bynum, Jr., of Greensboro, the republican candidate for Solicitor in this Judicial district, has been speaking in this county this week, but has failed to draw any crowds, only 17 hearers being at one of his appointments. The populists have no candidate for Solicitor, so far as we can learn.

—Have you seen those cheap cloaks at W. L. London & Son's. Another lot of ladies' hats and millinery goods received this week. You can buy the best $5 overcoat you ever saw at London's, these coats brought $7 50 last year. They have received a large lot of cakes and crackers, which they will sell at wholesale or retail.

Suppressing Free Speech.

A POPULIST "REFORM"—AFRAID OF DISCUSSIONS—ATTEMPT AT GAG LAW, &c.

From time immemorial it has been the custom in Chatham for all the county candidates to accompany the sheriff at his tax gatherings, and have a joint discussion in the presence of the people. In this way the people would see face to face and hear all the candidates who sought their votes. And it made no difference by what convention or caucus these candidates were nominated, or whether they had received any nomination at all, every body and any body had the right to be a candidate and appear before the people for their votes. In some campaigns there were three sets of candidates, the democratic, the republican and the prohibition; and in many campaigns there were independent candidates, who had not been nominated by any party or convention, and yet they had the same right to attend the sheriff's tax gatherings and present their claims before the people. Indeed no person had ever presumed to question their right, for it was conceded that this is a free country and the people were willing to give every candidate a fair hearing, whether he was the nominee of a convention or ran independent. Every citizen of Chatham knows that this has been the time honored custom in this county, and therefore all will be surprised to learn that one of the "reforms" proposed by the populist leaders is to break up this custom!

Yes, it had been rumored for some time that the populist leaders in Chatham had decided not to follow this good old custom, but that they would attempt to dictate who should and who should not be allowed to participate in the joint discussions at the sheriff's tax gatherings. Such a starting attempt to apply the "gag law" in Chatham seemed incredible, but the following letter shows that it was seriously proposed by the populist bosses:

To the Chairman of the Democratic Ex. Com. of Chatham Co.:

Dear Sir:—The Ex. Com. of the Populist party proposes a joint discussion between the candidates of the Populist and Democratic parties upon the terms named below:

1st. That the time of speaking and the length of time allotted to each candidate be left to the candidates to decide.

2nd. That no persons except the county and Legislative candidates of the *Populist* and *Democratic* parties be allowed to take part in the joint discussion; but if the chairman of the Ex. Com. of any other party, recognized by the State Ex. Com. of his party, shall request a part in the joint discussion, he shall be given an equal division of time with the parties named above.

3rd. That it be distinctly understood that these propositions are not for the purpose of abridging the right of any citizen to freedom of speech at any time. They only refer to the joint discussion. After After that is over no one has the right or desire to object to any one's being heard.

4th. That neither party through its Ex. Com. or otherwise shall invite any person to be present to address the public on that day.

J. E. SPENCE,
Ch. Ex. Com. P. P. Chatham Co.

Haywood, N. C., Oct. 11, 1894.

It will thus be seen that Mr. J. E. Spence, as chairman of the populist executive committee, deliberately proposed to allow only "the candidates of the populist and democratic parties" to take part in the joint discussions at our sheriff's tax gatherings. That is, he would exclude any republican candidate, or any prohibition candidate, or any independent candidate. But he will kindly allow such candidates to speak after the joint discussion is over, and when everybody is ready to go home!

A PLEASANT MARRIAGE.—The Methodist church at this place was the scene of a very pretty marriage yesterday morning. The bride was Miss Maude M. Cotten and the groom was Mr. Fred. A. Bissinger, formerly of Wilmington and now of Winston. The attendants were Miss Julia R. Bynum and Mr. J. H. Dingelhoef, of Winston. The officiating minister was Rev. W. H. Moore, D.D. The church had been very tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens, and the chancel was banked with hothouse plants. Miss Lily Moore presided at the organ. After the ceremony the happy couple were driven to the train and departed on a visit to the groom's old home at Wilmington, accompanied with the best wishes of their many friends.

SPARKS' SHOW.—Before the war old John Robinson's circus used to travel through the country, and occasionally exhibited at this place, but since the war that and other circuses have generally travelled on the railroads and visited only the large towns. Therefore the advent of a circus to this place is a great event, and when the flaming posters were put up here on last Thursday that a circus was coming here, great was the excitement among the little folks and even some of the older ones. So on last Monday a large crowd was here to attend the exhibitions of John H. Sparks' trained animals in the afternoon and at night. Large audiences attended both exhibitions, and everybody was delighted and felt fully repaid for the small admission price charged. It seemed wonderful that dogs and horses had the sagacity to learn so many tricks. Indeed their sagacity almost equalled human intelligence. The acrobatic feats were wonderful and equalled those that we had witnessed at New York and Chicago. There was nothing said or done that could offend the most refined lady, and both exhibitions were largely attended by the ladies.

THE COUNTY CANVASS.—On last Tuesday, at Egypt, the county candidates began their canvass, and, as has always been the custom in Chatham, will accompany the sheriff at his tax gatherings. In order that our readers might know how the candidates started off we attended the speaking at Egypt, and will now give an account of it.

There are three full tickets in the field, the democratic, the populist and the republican. Before the speaking began the sheriff called all the candidates together, as is customary, to arrange as to the order and time for their speeches. When the republican candidates presented themselves and asked for an equal time with the other candidates, Mr. J. E. Bryan and nearly all the other populist candidates objected to their taking any part in the joint discussions. To the credit of Mr. A. M. Sell be it said that he did not object, but said that one candidate had as much right to speak as any other. He probably remembered that, in 1884, he himself ran as a republican candidate without being nominated by any convention. The democratic candidates stated that they were willing for any and all candidates to speak, whether they are populists, republicans or prohibitionists. The republican candidates then informed Mr. Bryan that they intended to exercise their rights and would speak whether he objected or not, and so this attempt to stifle free speech did not succeed.

Promptly at 12 o'clock the discussion began, Sheriff Jenkins beginning. He was followed by ex-sheriff Brewer, and he by Mr. Paul Norwood, who announced himself as the republican candidate for sheriff. The candidates for clerk and register then announced their candidacy, each in only a few words. Then began the political discussion by the legislative candidates, each one being limited to half an hour with ten minutes for a reply. Mr. A. W. Wicker opened the discussion in his most dramatic and oratorical style, and poured the vials of his wrath upon the democratic party, uttering not one word against the republican party. He seemed to think that the democrats were more to blame than the republicans, because during only one session of Congress they had not been able to undo the mischief that had been done by the republicans in thirty three years!

Mr. Wicker was followed by Mr. A. H. Perry, who in a pleasant manner proceeded to puncture his windy arguments, and then showed what the democratic party had done. Before closing he asked Mr. Wicker, if he should be elected, would he vote for Pritchard or any other republican for United States Senator, and the eloquent Mr. Wicker opened not his mouth, was as dumb as an oyster, and refused to answer although many persons in the audience called out to him to answer like a man! And just here we would state that Mr. J. E. Bryan was asked the same question and he also refused to answer, but Mr. Sell frankly stated (without even being asked) that he would vote for Pritchard or for any other republican whom the populists might nominate. Mr. Perry did succeed in getting Mr. Wicker to say that he endorsed Senator Peffer, who introduced a resolution into the Senate to raise all the revenues of the government by taxes on real estate.

The next speaker was Mr. Hiram D. Mason, who announced himself as the republican candidate for the senate, and made the same sort of speech that he had made when he was the republican candidate in 1888 and 1890. Then came the candidates for the House, Mr. J. E. Bryan leading off. He began by reading a certificate of his good character, which is the first time in Chatham that we have ever heard of any candidate deeming such a vindication necessary. He followed this up by stating that he had been a very bad man but had reformed. He then continued in personalities, defending himself and making all sorts of personal charges against almost everybody else, and not even attempting to discuss any of the great political questions. So disgusted was the respectable portion of his hearers with his speech that we heard several old men say that never had they heard the like before. He attempted to create a prejudice against Mr. Hayes by stating that he was a lawyer and for that reason ought not to be elected. To this Mr. Hayes replied that he is a lawyer, duly licensed by the Supreme Court, but that Mr. Bayan while a magistrate, and contrary to his oath of office, had attempted to practice law and had been *indicted for it!* Mr. Hayes also told him that he (Bryan) ought to be the best man to advise the lawyers, because in all his troubles—in all the cases in which he had been indicted—he was very glad to get a lawyer to defend him. Mr. Hayes made one of the best campaign speeches that we have ever heard in Chatham and was listened to with the closest attention by everybody, including the populists, except a few "smart Alecks" who interrupted him frequently with questions, which he invariably answered to their discomfiture amid the laughter of the audience. He was followed by Mr. F. M. Farrell, who announced himself as a republican candidate. He told the colored people that they ought not to abandon their old party which had given them their freedom, and in every way attempted to rally the old republicans and not allow themselves to be traded off by designing office seekers. Mr. Sell then spread himself, and the chief burden of his speech was the extravagance of our State government. Among other expenditures he denounced the expenses paid for the burial of Gov. Fowle and the furnishing of the Governor's Mansion. This was getting down about as low as any demagogue could descend, but it seemed especially inconsistent and ridiculous coming in a candidate who had been an old "fire tried" republican ever since the war (until he joined the populists two years ago) and had voted with that party when it ruled and almost ruined the State with its extravagance and corruption!

After the above speeches had been made it was getting so late that the other boys (five candidates) Messrs. John J. Peoples and Sherman Gilmer) did not attempt to make regular speeches, but briefly announced their candidacy. On the whole it was a "field day" for the democrats and they will benefit greatly thereby. The contrast was very striking between the speeches of the democratic candidates and those of their opponents, and this contrast will become more striking every day during the campaign, and ought to create a political revolution in Chatham.

—Populist leaders are telling their followers not to hear democratic speakers.

PERSONAL ITEMS.—Miss Kate Hoke of Raleigh, is visiting Miss Mamie Hoke.

Mrs. S. W. Cotten, of Winston, is here on a visit to Mrs. A. G. Headen.

Mr. E. W. Pou, of Smithfield, has been here on a short visit to see his sick daughter.

Mrs. F. L. Bush, of Raleigh, is visiting Mrs. John A. Womack.

Miss Mary Newby, of Sanford, is here on a visit to Rev. C. T. Bond.

Mr. Josephus Daniels and family will arrive here tomorrow on a visit to the editor of the RECORD.

Dr. W. R. Headen and wife, of Chapel Hill, were here yesterday at the marriage of his uncle, Mose Cotten.

Mrs. O. S. Peebles has gone on a visit to her daughters at Raleigh.

ANOTHER FRATE.—Chairman Butler, of the Populist State Ex. Committee, and Chairman Holton, of the Republican Committee, met at Raleigh on last Saturday night in overall conference. It is reported, and believed by many, that another exchange "frades" and "shares" made in this is one, by which Mr. Oscar Sale is to be withdrawn as the populist candidate for Congress in the third district and Mr. W. F. Stewart is to be withdrawn as the populist candidate in this district. That is, the populists and republicans will vote for Cy. Thompson, the populist, in the third district, and in return for this the populists and republicans in this district will vote for F. C. Millikan, a republican. While such a trade may have been proposed by the "bosses", yet we cannot believe that honest populists or republicans will ratify it or that Mr. Stewart will consent to it.

A Pretty Marriage.

On Thursday, Oct. 11, '94, at the residence of Wm. A. Mathews, Esq., of Chatham county, N. C., was the scene of a quiet but pretty marriage.

As the strains of the bridal wedding march peal forth in response to the graceful touch of Miss Arlena Stone, lovely of the lyre, H. Walter Trollinger of Burlington, N. C., led to the altar Miss Cora Mathews, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mathews.

The attendants were Misses Annie Mason, of Williams Mills, and Zora Cornelius of Rising, N. C., and Messrs. Robert L. Ray and D. Rence Stone of Burlington, N. C.

The impressive ceremony was performed by Rev. Chas. R. Miller, pastor of Macedonia Lutheran church, Burlington, N. C.

After the marriage the party partook of a sumptuous supper, and boarded the evening train at Moncure for Burlington, the home of the groom. On arriving at Burlington they were driven to the home of Mr. Samuel Trollinger, brother of the groom, where they were given a reception and an elegant supper spread in their honor.

Mrs. Markham, mother of the bride, and Miss Arlena Stone accompanied the party to Burlington.

Mr. Trollinger is a prosperous and popular young business man of Burlington and is now receiving the congratulations of his friends upon winning for himself so fair and valuable a prize. God bless their union.

EYE WITNESS.

Four Big Successes.

Having the needed merit to more than make good all the advertising claimed for them, the following four remedies have created a phenomenal sale. Dr. King's New Discovery, for rheumatism, Coughs and Colds, each bottle guaranteed—Electric Bitters, the great remedy for Liver, Stomach and Kidneys. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, and Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are a perfect pill. All these remedies are guaranteed to do just what is claimed for them and the dealer whose name is attached hereto will be glad to tell you more of them. Sold at L. H. Merritt's Drug Store.

A Horrible Death.

Special to the RECORD.

ELKIN, Oct. 15.—Mr. Henderson Jones, of March township, this county met with a horrible death Saturday night. He was returning from Surry court and when about three miles this side of Dobson his horse took fright and ran away, overturning his buggy, throwing him out and killing him instantly, his neck being broken by the fall. When found he was lying in the middle of the road, stiff and cold in death. No one was with him and it will never be known what frightened the horse or exactly how Mr. Jones was killed.

Buck Ketchen has been nominated for the Senate by the populists in Halifax county.

A Chathamite in Georgia.

ROME, GA., Oct. 12th, 1894.

MR. EDITOR: No doubt the "Pops" in Chatham are trying to make capital out of the result of the recent gubernatorial contest in this State.

Kindly allow me to correct any false impression that may have been made on the minds of the people regarding the apparent falling off of the democratic vote. Georgia's normal democratic majority has always been between fifty and seventy thousand. This time it was only about thirty thousand.

To get at the real cause of this falling off, we must go back to the contest for the democratic nomination.

The candidates were Gen. Clement A. Evans and Wm. J. Atkinson, ex-president of the state Board of Representatives. General Evans being an old veteran of the "lost cause", and a Methodist minister, had a very large and enthusiastic following. Mr. Atkinson was one of the most brilliant men of the state. Being in the Legislature for several terms, and also holding the position of Chairman of the Democratic executive committee for two or three years, he made many and strong friends of the leading democratic women, who felt that the people owe him the place of chief executive. The contest was long and bitter. Mr. Atkinson finally winning.

The campaign for the nomination was so bitter, and the personal animosity stirred up was such, that hundreds of democrats refused to support the nominee.

At times it was that two of the strongest factions of democracy, the Methodist and Old Versus Modern factions, took sides.

The party was divided, not about any principle of the party, but about the nomination. The contest became so bitter it was the opinion of most of us, while the Atlanta Journal, the most influential paper in the state, was so vehemently and fervently that it was thought at first it would be very little damage to the party ticket. Little thinking that it was the "one straw" to break the camel's back.

Atkinson is a democrat and will of course be found so.

The "Pops" would not take advantage from the division and thank they will not now.

Our opponent gain is a vote for the Republicans, which at present I will feel more sorrowful than is honest or being manifested with good conscience. True democracy is more popular today than ever.

Answering to compliment your editorial, I believe winning about you are working for the people's Party. If so, I congratulate the only Party equality.

Yours truly,

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Centre Baptist Club.

The regular monthly meeting of the club will be held on the second Saturday in October, next, at 2 p. m.

The executive committee of the club will meet at the call of the president, Mr. Hooper.

Hon. J. W. Daniels and others will speak at the court house on Saturday evening at 7½ p. m. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

J. G. HOOPER, Pres't.

S. S. [illegible], Sec'y.

Excitement in Graham, N. C.

There is bound to be old Confederate excitement, just a few days. I am still selling B. F. GOLT & CO., Graham, N. C., and truly invite you to call on me this season for your fall and winter supplies. I can show you the largest stock and the best assortment, and prices to be found in Sanford.

Good goods is the motto of my department and the prices every department in my establishment show.

Please notice a few of our prices below:

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Heavy sheeting, 7½ yard wide, at 5c.
Standard brown sheeting, 7½ wide, at 5c.
Hoe's plaids, 4 to 6c.
All wool red twill flannel, 16½ to 25c, former prices 25 to 40c.

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A large stock of buggies, wagons, road carts, stoves and furniture, the best $85 buggy in America. I can certainly please my customers in fall and winter shoes and boots.

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Lodine & Blood Orange powder.

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A full line of Pants to match above.
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