The Chatham Record

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1897.

LOCAL RECORDS.

—Coffins for sale—pine, oak and walnut—by B. Nooe Jr.

—For nice fruits and candies, and cool drinks at Exter, call on John L. Connell.

—We regret to hear that Mr. Sam Mitchell, of New Hope township is critically sick.

—We hear that a live alligator, about three feet long, was recently seen in Haw river, in New Hope township.

—The young folks of this place will have their Easter Monday picnic at Lockville and will go at reduced rates on their thread.

—We are requested by Mr. S. M. Perry to give notice that there will be a picnic at People's mill on Easter Monday, and everybody is cordially invited to attend.

—The dwelling of Mrs. C. W. Blalock, near Redmond, was burned one night last week. It is thought that it was broken into and robbed and then set afire.

—Be sure to examine the splendid stock of shoes at Brooks' Headquarters. They keep the celebrated Krippendorf and Dittman ladies' shoe, in high and low cuts.

—As there seems to be some doubt in this county as to when our next court will be held, we would inform state that it begins on the 3rd day May and continues one week.

—Don't buy your spring dress goods until you see the new stock to arrive at Brooks & Headen's this week. The handsomest lines of wash fabrics and wash goods they have ever shown.

—Mr. J. J. Jackson's very interesting "Chatham Reminiscences", which the Record is publishing every week, are attracting much attention and are being read with great pleasure. Every citizen of Chatham ought to take the Record and read them.

—Mr. Ben. Williams, of Williams township, died on last Thursday, aged 80 years. He was a remarkably vigorous and industrious old man and a short time before his death, at the age of 79 years, he plowed and worked on his farm as actively as many men much younger.

—Two wagon loads of school children, accompanied by their teacher, Miss Fanny Thompson, went from here last Friday afternoon, by special invitation, and spent that night at Mr. W. J. Womble's and Mr. H. C. Cleere's, and next day all went on a fishing frolic to Rocky river.

—It is an established fact that W. L. London & Sons are headquarters for gentlemen's clothing and furnishing goods. Their stock is larger and cheaper than ever. Their line of neckwear was never so good. Ties and bows for gents as well as ladies, and silk from 10 cents up. Colors blue are now all the style and they have a large stock.

—Next Monday being Easter Monday will be observed as it is generally by the young folks as a holiday. Easter Monday is a great day for picnics and fishing frolics, and many a young heart is already happy in the anticipation of next Monday's pleasures. We hope the weather may be favorable, so that the day may be enjoyed to the utmost.

—A nice lawn or organdy dress is the most becoming to a young lady and now they are the most fashionable as well as the cheapest. They have lately had both in stock and colored at W. L. London & Sons from 5 cents per yard up to 75, and beautiful bows to trim them. Butterick fashion sheets for May now ready. Call and get one free.

MONCURE IMPROVING.—We are pleased to note the improvements at Moncure. A very comfortable dwelling has recently been built there by Mr. John Barringer for his son-in-law, Mr. Floyd Watkins. The railroad company is having an immense well dug and will build a large water tank. In digging this well a vein of coal has been found, which we hope may lead to the development of a rich coal mine. A flower garden is being made near, and west, of the depot which will be quite an ornament and be attractive to passengers on the train. Some of the enterprising citizens of Moncure are aiding the railroad authorities in making this garden, as it may be an advertisement for their town.

ALLIANCE MEETING.—The quarterly meeting of the County Alliance was held here on last Thursday. Mr. R. B. Lineberry, the chairman of the Populist county executive committee, was elected secretary and treasurer to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. W. N. Straughan, and Senator John W. Atwater was elected county lecturer in place of Mr. Lineberry. No business of a public character was transacted, so far as the Record is informed.

The attendance was very small, delegates from only thirteen sub-alliances being present. This is in striking contrast to the large attendance at all the meetings of the County Alliance, before the Populist party had captured the Alliance and when many of the best citizens of Chatham were among its members.

S. A. L. GARDENS.—The Seaboard Air Line, with its usual public spirit and enterprise, is having all its stations made attractive by flower gardens and ornamental plats. Its agents are furnished with seed and are urged to secure the co-operation of the public spirited citizens at every station, so that passengers in passing along, or when lying at the will be favorably impressed by the sight of a beautiful flower garden.

At Selma a garden is being prepared, the land for most of which belonging to Capt. W. L. London, who has expressed that it may be used for that purpose. First impressions are said to be the most lasting, and so, when strangers see the town, and see a beautiful flower garden at the depot, they will have once favorably impressed with our town.

PERSONAL ITEMS.—Congressman Strowd has been at home for some days, as the House is doing nothing and his presence at Washington could do no good. Indeed, some of his constituents think he might as well remain at home all the time, as his absence for a Western trip would not be missed. He was here on last Thursday, attending to his duties as a member and was looking quite well and happy, as he was enjoying his share of the "boom" (\$5.00 a year) promised small by the people.

Mr. Samuel Stag, of Williams township, is one of the most active and vigorous old men that we have ever heard of. At the age of seventy-odd he can do more work and better work than most men much younger. For instance, on last Tuesday he made 1,000 lbs. of pickets, and took the same to Pittsboro and sold them at 1 cent a piece. A fairly good day's work for a man 80 years old!

A DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.—A young lover met with a grievous and disappointed in a matrimonial contract in a most startling manner on last Saturday by losing a prospective father-in-law over his anticipated marriage. He hurried to the court house and procured a marriage license, and hiring a carriage drove out of town, but at some place turned around and came back in some haste and called several persons aside and told them confidentially that they must keep it a profound secret, that he was married that morning, and was going home to tell his sweetheart's father the news, and he was in great fear that the old man would be very angry at his daughter for marrying without his consent, and would do some desperate thing. Happily for the happy pair, we could have had a Gretna Green in the Legislature.

John S. Carter's death is one of the most remarkable examples of heart disease we have ever had in this county. He was in his way a giant. The other day he was helping a friend of his to move a heavy safe, and he lifted it, what a New Stage Gus Oxendine would call, "a mighty sight of weight". Many others joined him in the cry

CHATHAM REMINISCENCES.

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GENERAL COTTEN—JOHN S. GUTHRIE—A MEETING INCIDENTS &c.

(Continued from last week.)

Five years prior to the civil war Gen. R. C. Cotten, John S. Guthrie and William Albright were prominent politicians in Chatham county. In the war of 1861 Gen. Cotten was colonel of a militia regiment that went from this county to Norfolk. After some skirmishes the regiment was disbanded, at the time that Burnside's expedition was preparing to leave Newbern. Many fever stricken men were sent home, some of them to die, and others to recover after months of suffering. Cotten was a Democrat, but was a Union man, and opposed the secession movement, and was one of the delegates from Chatham county in the convention that passed the ordinance of secession. Albright was a Whig, and was a Union man, and was elected to represent Chatham in the Legislature, and was a member of the House when the ordinance of secession was passed. Guthrie was a Democrat, and was a member of the Legislature from Chatham county, and was a member of the House when the ordinance of secession was passed. Guthrie was a very bitter partisan Democrat, and was a very bitter secessionist. I have heard that the vote of Albright for secession was the cause of his defeat for the senate two years before the late war. Cotten was a Jeffersonian Democrat, and was a Union man. Albright was a Whig, and was a Union man. Guthrie was a Democrat, and was a secessionist. Albright was a man of great energy, and was a good speaker, and was a good politician. Cotten was a man of great energy, and was a good speaker, and was a good politician. Guthrie was a man of great energy, and was a good speaker, and was a good politician