

# The Chatham Record.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1857.

## LOCAL RECORDS.

The Ricard begins its 20th year.

—Acid phosphate for wheat at O. S. Poe & Son's.

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

—A car load of salt expected this week at O. S. Poe & Son's.

—60,000 long leaf, heart pine, rived shingles for sale by B. Nunn Jr.

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—S. S. Morris.—There was a Union Sunday School meeting at Edenton church, in Hadley township, on last Saturday, and it was attended by a very large crowd. Four Sunday schools were represented—two Baptist, one Methodist Episcopal and one Protestant Methodist. Appropriate addresses were made by Messrs. Duncan L. Webster, John T. Paschal, F. W. Perry, R. B. Lowberry and C. C. Self. The mass was much enjoyed. The hospitalities of the neighborhood provided a sumptuous dinner, that added no little to the enjoyment of the occasion.

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CHATHAM IMPROV.—Citizens of Chatham, who have remained here all their lives, are not as apt to notice how much the county has improved as are those who formerly resided here and have recently returned after an absence of several years. For instance Dr. Joseph M. Byrum, who was born and reared in this county but removed to Mississippi over thirty years ago, is now here on a visit to his relatives and is very much impressed with the great changes and improvements that have taken place since he moved away. He says that our farms are much better cultivated than formerly, our roads are in better condition, the crops are more bountiful, and that our people are living more comfortably. This may sound strange to calamity howlers, who have been trying to discourage the people. And after living so long elsewhere Dr. Byrum now says that he would not advise anybody to move away from Chatham.

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## When the Stars Fell.

From the Atlanta Journal.

The recent eclipse was discussed in a crowd of old-timers the other day, and it was unanimously admitted that whenever anything unusual occurred in the heavens it impressed the beholder more than any other phenomenon. From the subject of eclipse the conversation turned to comets and meteors, and the big shower of falling stars in November, 1853, was referred to by one of the talkers.

"I remember it," said Colonel George W. Adair. "At that time I was only a small boy, but the spectacle was not one to be forgotten in a hurry, and the agitation and alarm of the older people around me impressed it upon my mind."

It was on the night of the 13th of November, 1853, when the stars fell, I was then living out in the country, and was fast asleep when the shower came.

My father had gone that night to a corn shucking, and knew nothing about the trouble until he started home. He was with a friend named Jones, a man of a religious turn of mind, and when the stars commenced cutting up their rays, my father was anxious to reach home as soon as possible. But Jones was frightened out of his wits, and got down on his knees by the side of the road to pray. It was no use reasoning with him. Every hundred yards or so he collapsed and dropped on his knees. He had a powerful voice, and his lamentations and shouts made the woods ring and added to the horrors of the night.

Finally my father got home, and he lost no time in waking my mother and myself. I shall never forget the scene spread out before me when I went out into the yard. It was indescribably grand and awful, and the heavens seemed to be filled with rati-

ons of fire. Streams of fire rolled in every direction, and the stars or meteors, fell like flakes of snow.

Nothing like it had ever been seen by the people then living, and they were badly scared. The negroes set up the most unearthly yells and howls, and from every cabin might be heard snatches of prayer and religious songs. Many of the spectators believed that the world was coming to an end, and they were in a frenzy of terror and excitement.

The next day everybody felt relieved, but there was very little work done. Naturally, everybody got into a religious frame of mind, and for weeks afterwards the preacher did large congregations, and a crowd of listeners joined the church.

It was a wonderful sight, and I never expect to see anything like it again."

## Boy Murderer Pardon.

Raleigh Correspondent of Charlotte Observer.

Governor Russell pardoned Avery Butler, who, when 14 years old, was convicted of murder at the April term, 1850, of Sampson court, for killing his father. He was sentenced to be hanged July 11, of that year, but the sentence was commuted to imprisonment for life in the penitentiary. The Governor makes the following endorsement in the case:

"For six months I have resented persistent appeals for the pardon of this boy. These appeals have come from the very best men and women, from such societies as the Women's Christian Temperance Union, from the King's Daughters, of Clinton, and from a number of citizens of Sampson county. It is also urged by every director of the penitentiary. The boy was most cruelly persecuted and tortured by a brutal father, as was also his mother. Considering the privation and helplessness of this mother and her children, the brutality of the father, and his threats on the very day of the homicide, to kill the boy and his mother, makes this case border on what might be termed, not in law, but in ultimate justice, moral self defense. The law ought to have been strong enough to have locked up the father before his cruelty made the family desperate. His chief engineer, Mr. John L. Tull, road through the country last week from Gulf to Durham, for the purpose of ascertaining the most practicable route for a survey. He passed through this place on last Monday, on his return from Durham, and expressed himself as much pleased with the practicability and cheapness of the route on which he could locate the road. And, immediately on his return to Gulf, he began on last Tuesday a preliminary survey of the proposed route from there to Durham. The surveying party will reach here next week, and the new railroad is the chief topic of conversation, with many of our citizens, and various are the conjectures as to where the road will be located. Of course no one can tell exactly the route that will be selected, but it is probable that the preliminary survey will indicate the most practicable route for a survey."

Over a thousand persons signed the petition for pardon, and there are scores of letters. Young Butler made two escapes from the penitentiary, once being in Tennessee for over a year, but was betrayed. Again he got away by giving a forged order to a guard, and the latter gave him his gun, while he went to the penitentiary office.

Avery Butler was overcome with joy when Governor Russell's pardon was given him late this afternoon. The ladies here express great pleasure at the Governor's action in this matter.

## A North Carolina Klondike.

From the Statesville Standard.

Mr. J. G. Mabe, a merchant of Hartland postoffice, Caldwell county, was in town Tuesday buying goods from the Wallace Bros. Company. Mr. Mabe brought with him to pay for the goods a lot of virgin gold. There was \$581 pennyweight in all, and the gold was estimated to be worth \$400 and \$500. Some of the nuggets were quite large, the two largest weighing 30 and 86 pennyweight, respectively. So much gold in the crude state, especially such large nuggets, is an unusual sight around here and attracted a good deal of attention.

Mr. Mabe's place is near the well known Baker gold mine. If all the gold he had came from one place, then it is evident that he has found a rich mine.

In this connection it may be proper to state that, by the terms of its charter, the Durham and Charlotte Railroad Company is expressly forbidden to lease or sell to the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company or its lessees or successors "So that, if the Southern Railway Company should control all the other railroads in this state, it cannot control this proposed road."

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It is rumored that in Pink Hill, the school committee appointed under the new fusion law, met and elected a negro as chairman of the committee. This negro is "boss" of the white public school in that township.

We are informed that in Woodstock township a negro school committee made threats of visiting a white lady teacher and demanded her teacher's certificate.

The officer of the grand jury at the recent term of Snow Hill court was a negro, and nearly half the jury were negroes. The negro officer's name is Bush.

These are only a few items that go to show the necessity for an white men getting together and putting the Democratic party in power at the next election. And it is such things as these, together with the general incompetence of the grand or officials now in, that are disgusting many who sit the Democratic Hall and causing them to turn.

## Killed by Moonshiners.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 31.—Two deputy United States marshals were dead; two seriously wounded and two more are missing as a result of an attack on the posse of the officers by a band of moonshiners in Polk county yesterday. The marshals, who were mounted on horses, were shot and killed. The moonshiners, who were mounted on mules, fled.

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