The Chatham Record.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1898.

LOCAL RECORDS.

—Have you listed your taxables? If not, you had better do so at once.

—B. Nooe Jr. has for sale a lot of nice new and styleh buggies, cheap.

—Call at John L. Council's for nice candies, confectioneries, fruits and "mountain dew."

—Read the new "ad." of DeBlin & Ferrell, who are offering great opportunities to summer buyers.

—If you wish to keep posted, subscribe for the Record. Only 50 cents from now until the election.

—During a severe storm at this place, on last Tuesday afternoon, lightning struck a large tree near the dwelling of Mr. A. P. Terry.

—Mr. Lewis S. Brower died at Trinity, in Randolph county, on last Monday, aged 78 years. He lived here many years and moved away nearly 30 years ago.

—Dr. Parke Dentist can be found daily in his new office at his residence, prepared to do all kind of dental work, at reasonable prices, but terms must be understood before work is done.

—Prof. Collier Cobb with several students from the University has been on a geological tour in Chatham this week. The chief points visited were near Lockville and the coal mine at Cumnock.

—Capt. H. C. Long, the list taker of this township, requests us to state that he can be found every day this month, except Saturdays and Sundays, at the courthouse ready to list your taxables.

—Housekeepers' attention is called to the splendid line of table cloths, napkins, etc., to be had at the Popular store of W. L. London & Son. They are selling this week a nice lace curtain for 90 cents, worth $1.50, dotted muslin.

—There will be a regular meeting of Columbian Lodge 102 A. F. and A. M. on Friday night the 24th June, when the newly elected officers will be duly installed. Brethren will please take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

—We would invite all your attention to the low prices they are selling groceries and leave at the Popular store of W. L. London & Son. Nice lemons for 5, 6½ and 7½ cents, worth some of them 10 to 12½ cents. Large lot of nice fans 3 cents ea.

Pittsboro Academy.—Mr. A. P. Stalvey, who has been the principal of the Pittsboro Academy for the past four years has accepted the offer of principal of a school in South Carolina (Executive State) and will remove there in a few weeks. The patrons of the academy, and indeed the entire community, will regret to part with Mr. Stalvey, for he has not only given entire satisfaction as a teacher but he is most highly esteemed as a christian gentleman.

It is not yet known who will be selected as Mr. Stalvey's successor. The trustees of the academy are in correspondence with several teachers, and will have no trouble in securing an efficient and reliable one.

Base Ball.—Two very interesting games of base ball were played here on last Friday and Saturday between a team of boys from Chapel Hill and a team from this place. The first game resulted in a score of 12 to 5 in favor of the Chapel Hill team, while the second game was won by the Pittsboro team by a score of 6 to 2.

The boys from Chapel Hill were well worthy of their foe and it can be truly said that never have two cleaner or better games of ball been played on the Pittsboro grounds. For their weight and age the Chapel Hill team has probably no superior in the State, and the Pittsboro boys deserve no little credit in winning one of the two games played with their worthy opponents.

Personal Items.—Messrs. B. Nooe Jr., G. R. Pilkington and H. A. London Jr., are attending the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias, now in session at Wilmington.

Prof. Ernest T. Bynum has been offered the Professorship of History in the University of Iowa, at Burlington, and has gone there to see whether or not he will accept.

Mr. Mark B. Clegg has returned from Trinity College and will spend his vacation selling fruit trees in Virginia.

Mr. W. R. Hunter's mother, from Wake county, is here on a visit to his wife who has been quite sick.

Miss Sallie L. London has returned home from St. Mary's School at Raleigh.

Miss Emma Taylor, of New York, is visiting Mrs. John A. Womack.

Mr. Howard Brown, of Washington, is here on a visit to Mr. B. Nooe Jr.

Pittsboro Complimented.—Our Raleigh neighbors, who attended the picnic here last week, have been very complimentary to our old town and are loud in their praises of the hospitality and attentions extended to them while here. Mr. J. D. Bonsmill, the superintendent of the Sunday school, published in the Raleigh papers a very pleasant account of the picnic, from which we copy the following extract:

"I must not fail to make special mention of the most cordial hospitality of the good people of Pittsboro. They had already prepared seats at the grove and a lemonade stand not far off. They sent carriages to the depot for us and wagons were there for our baskets and boxes. Unhesitating without any cost to us. If everybody wanted to ride more than their share the hacks could be had at very cheap rates. They did not leave anything undone to make our stay pleasant and truly we have a most pleasant and delightful recollection of Pittsboro.

We don't know whether bridges were expected in to see who could give us more attention or not, but certainly they succeeded in impressing us with Pittsboro and its people. Anyway they acted as to encourage us in just a decent manner as if they were used to it. Truly such genuine hospitality extended us freely in all manifestations as shown in front of this good old home and especially at Pittsboro.

I am sure everyone felt as I do in saying that Pittsboro is an ideal place for a Sunday school picnic.

Since the above except in type we have received, with request to publish, the following resolutions adopted by the Raleigh Baptist Sunday school on last Sunday:

"Whereas, this school on June 7th, 1898, held its annual picnic in the old historic town of Pittsboro, N. C. and

Whereas, the pleasure of the entire school, and our friends from our pocketbooks and money especially with me, were greatly enhanced by the warm reception and the generous acts of kindness so liberally extended by the citizens of the good people of Pittsboro in particular

It is resolved, that the thanks of this school are hereby tendered the people of Pittsboro, town and county of the occasion, for their many expressions of friendship and hospitality in making our visit to the city of the most pleasant ever held by our school, and thereby rendering their 7th, 1898, a day in the pathway of the school's history that will not fade with bright recollections.

It was further, That the secretary be instructed to furnish a copy of these resolutions to the Pittsboro Record and the Raleigh Christian Advocate for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
C. B. [illegible],
S. W. [illegible],
[illegible],
Committee on Resolutions."

Merry Oaks Items.

Merry Oaks, N. C., June 6, 1898.

Mr. Editor: The village of Merry Oaks has just awakened to the boundless possibilities that are before her, and with a view of going at the head of the procession some enterprising spirit will double-quick result in a boom.

The annual Confederate memorial meeting was held at the Merry Oaks Academy Tuesday morning. L. P. Rollins presided and introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. C. C. Crews, special Industrial Agent of the Chesapeake & Ohio and Seaboard Air Line, who made a very interesting address and elicited a number of facts, why this section should be made one of the most prosperous and contented in the State. Mr. Lassiter referred to the interest that the management of the S. A. L. is taking in aiding the farmers along its line and stated that the road stood ready to aid any section that showed a desire to help themselves. After the address a Town Improvement Society was organized with the following officers: President, L. P. Rollins, Vice-President, W. T. Edwards, Secretary, P. S. Booth, Treasurer, Mrs. Kate Lassiter.

Working Committee, J. P. Lassiter, R. J. Yates, Mrs. L. E. Rollins, Miss Julia Lassiter and Miss Effie Edwards.

Advertising Committee, L. E. Rollins, Alonzo Womack and Mrs. R. J. Yates.

The organization starts out under very favorable auspices and a new era will speedily be inaugurated for Merry Oaks.

The Democrats of Johnston county will celebrate July 4th by opening their campaign on that date. Ex-Governor Jarvis and Charles B. Aycock, Esq., will speak.

Rev. Moses Ricks, a negro preacher, was lynched at Claredon, Ark., last Monday, for an assault upon a farmer's daughter. Later Rick's father was also hanged.

James Johnson, colored, a member of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, has been convicted of murder in the second degree, by the Circuit Court at Harlem, Fla.

A cable-gram from Santiago states that Lieutenant Hobson and his command in captivity are all well, and will be exchanged.

Big Preparations for War.

Washington, June 13.—Secretary Alger today gave out for publication a statement showing with exactness just what has been done by the War Department up to this moment in preparing the United States Army for war.

The 5th inst. was a busy day, since May 14 loaded twelve solid miles of freight cars with provisions for the army. This included 20,145,315 rations for the regular and volunteer troops. These weighed 61,536,962 pounds, or about 30,768 tons.

The Ordnance Department has worked under difficulties, as many supplies required have not arrived from the factories, but the deficiencies from the factories have been steadily forwarded and are now about supplied.

Prior to April 21 the ammunition and arms and outfits were purchased in small quantities, but after that date large contracts were made for all kinds of such. These have been promptly filled, and the manufacture and purchase of supplies since April 21, and the manufacture and delivery of small arms ammunition will soon reach 70,000,000 per day. The supply is sufficient for any anticipated needs.

Since the beginning of the war the Department has purchased [illegible] field pieces, [illegible] siege guns and [illegible] howitzers, with their carriages, limbers, caissons, battery wagons, forges, platforms, implements, equipments, tools and [illegible] spare parts, [illegible] with everything, platforms, implements, equipments and tools complete.

All of the above material is now in the hands of parties and nearly delivered.

Smokeless powder is now being issued for all field and siege guns, although the first supply of this was shipped for use in Cuba, ordinary powder, except that for the field service, which was of the smokeless kind. The supply of ammunition already ordered for all the guns now in the field will be completed for the [illegible] guns.

Quite [illegible] have been [illegible] and transported to the Atlantic coast. The [illegible] roads, on the [illegible] and the [illegible] for the [illegible] service.

It has been [illegible] to [illegible] shipping to the coast, not because of [illegible] but because the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]