Chatham Record.

THURSDAY. Sept. 25, 1902.

Local Records.

—New abutments have been built to the bridge at Bynum.

—Bynum & Headen pay the highest prices for your cotton seed.

—Bynum & Headen have a full stock of wheat guano and phosphate on hand.

—For sale cheap—the old Mallory dwelling and lot at Pittsboro opposite the Methodist church. Apply to H. A. London, attorney.

—Two of the best speeches ever made in Chatham will be made here today (Thursday) by Messrs. James H. Poe and Lee S. Overman.

—The registration books will be open from next Thursday until sunset on the 25th of October. Everybody must register. Tell this to all your neighbors.

—Don't go to Durham or Raleigh. Go to W. E. Hay, of Burlington, N. C., where you can save money on clothing, dress goods, shoes, hats and millinery.

—It will sound quite strange next Monday to hear Mr. W. C. Pearson and other Populists hurrahing for Pritchard, whom in 1897 they so bitterly denounced.

—The weather probabilities are now received here daily by telegraph and the signals or flags are displayed on a pole on the street corner near the warehouse of W. L. London & Son.

—Have you seen the new millinery at Bynum & Headen's? Mrs. Horne, whose taste is unquestioned, will put you up a beautiful hat. Milliners, like all true artists, are born, not made.

—A peculiar accident happened a few days ago, to our former townsman, Mr. Willie Hearden, who now lives at Richmond. He accidentally fell from a barber's chair and broke his leg.

—W. E. Hay, of Burlington, N. C., will sell you men's hats 25c, boys' hats 10c, men's good suits $4.95, boys' suits 50c, good caps 10c, ladies' jackets $1.98, capes 50c. He sells to go and see his big stock.

—A protracted meeting is in progress at the Baptist church at this place, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Woodward, and Rev. A. F. Howell, of Virginia. It is hoped much good will be accomplished.

—Mr. Clarence Straughan died near here on last Saturday, in the 23rd year of his age. He was the oldest son of the late William N. Straughan, and was a most exemplary youth, whose untimely death is deeply deplored.

—They are daily receiving their fall stock of new goods at Bynum & Headen's. Among other arrivals this week is a beautiful line of rugs at an exceptionally low price. They will be glad for you to inspect their line of dry goods.

—The county commissioners have advertised for proposals for building a new bridge over Haw River at Baywood. It is to be hoped that they will make a better bargain than they did in building the bridge at Pavey's mill and Hackney's mill.

—It is rather tough on a man to be publicly denounced as "a political ingrate unworthy of the suffrage of a patriot of any party." And yet that is what Mr. W. C. Pearson said about Mr. J. E. Bryan, in 1897, for bolting the Populist caucus and voting for Senator Pritchard.

—Remember that you can buy the best shoes for the money at W. L. London & Son's. Their stock of ladies' and children's shoes made by Goodman, are the best made, every pair warranted. In fine shoes, Plant's "Queen Quality" for ladies, and Keith's "Walk Over" for men.

—The many friends of our venerable townsman, Mr. J. J. Jackson, will be pleased to learn that he was able to come out on the street in his rolling chair, a few days ago, and was looking so much like his former self. For more than a year he has been confined to his bed most of the time, from the effects of a fall.

—The Republican leaders are meeting with no success in their efforts to stir up discussion and dissatisfaction among the Democrats of Chatham. They have their hands full in trying to whip their own followers into the party traces, many of whom declare they will not vote for the ticket forced on them by the court house ring.

—They are now showing at W. L. London & Son's lovely waist patterns in silk, wool and cotton goods. These are the prettiest and cheapest goods they have ever shown. Their stock of dress goods is the prettiest and cheapest you ever saw. Would call your special attention to their stock of black goods and line of 50c goods to all the new shades.

—The autumnal equinoctial storm has not arrived on time, but will doubtless be on hand in a few days.

—Craig and Pritchard will speak here next Monday and a most interesting discussion may be expected. All the Federal officers in the county will be here to see their boss.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Miss Alice Bland has gone to Lenoir on a visit to relatives.

Mrs. W. H. Hatch is here on a visit to her son, Mr. C. C. Hatch.

Mrs. J. S. Bradsher, of Roxboro, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Thompson.

Mr. William J. Calvert, of Portsmouth, Va., has been here on a short visit to his family.

Miss Janie Clegg, a daughter of Mr. R. B. Clegg, has gone to Littleton Female College.

Mr. William O. Farrell has gone to Asheville to see his brother John, who is quite sick.

Miss Mary Thompson has returned from New York, where she has been perfecting herself in music.

Miss Sallie Hadley, who has been visiting at Mrs. Mattie Thompson's for several weeks, left for her home in Wilson last Tuesday.

THREE NOT ELIGIBLE.

A colored man in Baldwin township, named General Pennington, had a preliminary trial on last Friday before Justices of the Peace S. B. Ferrell and A. E. Cole on the charge of having killed Mr. Lucien Tripp on last Easter Monday. Several witnesses were examined in behalf of the prosecution, and at the close of their evidence the attorney for the prosecution stated that it was not sufficient to show probable cause against the prisoner and he was discharged.

A coroner's jury had held an inquest at the time of Mr. Tripp's death and had rendered a verdict that it was from causes unknown to them. His widow, however, seemed to think that Pennington had killed him, and after waiting nearly six months, had a warrant issued for his arrest with the above result.

REGISTRAR AND POLL HOLDERS.

The county board of elections met here on last Monday and made some changes in the election precincts as follows:

In Baldwin township Gulf township between Gulf and Richmond shall have the residue of the Raleigh & Western railroad where it intersects the new road, called the Highland road, the new road to a westerly direction with said Highland road to Center road, thence with the Center road to the old Pittsboro road near Center church, thence with said road to Henry Gunter's, to the township line. Boundaries of other townships remained unchanged.

The polling place in Williams township was changed from Williams shop to Mr. E. Scotty's residence.

New Hope township was divided into two precincts, making New Hope and Chapel Hill. The polling places will be at the house in Wilson's school house, and that on the west side be at Moore's mill. R. C. Cotten was appointed registrar for W. E. Griffin and Moses Clark poll holders at Moore's mill. W. B. Watson was appointed registrar and W. E. Edwards and W. E. Mann poll holders at Wilson's school house.

E. J. Riggsbee was appointed registrar for Riggsbee township in place of R. L. Wood, resigned.

R. B. Lineberry was appointed poll holder at Pittsboro in place of Joe W. Moore, resigned.

T. W. Moses was appointed poll holder at Richmond in place of W. L. Goldston, resigned.

J. E. Spence and D. M. Bridges were appointed poll holders at Lockville in place of C. D. Wilkie and E. F. Watkins, resigned.

REGISTERING ILLITERATE VOTERS.

The last Legislature passed an act (chapter 550) providing for the permanent registration of illiterate voters under the "grandfather clause" of the suffrage amendment. This registration will begin next Thursday (the 2nd of October) and close on the 25th of October.

By this act any person, who cannot read and write, may register if he or any ancestor was a voter on the 1st of January, 1867, or at any time prior to that date. The names of these voters will be kept on a separate list from other voters, which list the registrar must return to the clerk of the superior court, who must make an alphabetical list by townships and record the same in a book provided for that purpose. The clerk must also send a copy of such list to the Secretary of State, who must record the same in a book provided for that purpose.

In this manner the names of all such voters will be permanently preserved and they will always be entitled to vote. The registrar must also give every such voter a certificate showing that he is a duly registered voter and the clerk must certify under his official seal to the genuineness of such certificate. No charge is made for such certificate, and any person having such a certificate and moving to another county, can register and vote in any county in the State, notwithstanding his inability to read and write. If a voter loses his certificate he can get another which can be used in place of the lost one.

The Legislature has thus provided the way by which illiterate white men shall always be entitled to vote, as was promised during the last campaign. And strange to say, Republicans in the Legislature voted against this act which provides for this permanent registration!

PEARSON'S AND BRYAN.

Many persons forget, or try to forget, past events which expose their inconsistency. Therefore, in order to refresh their memory, we will publish some matters that will be very interesting reading just now.

In January 1897 nineteen Populist members of the Legislature bolted from the Populist caucus and voted with the Republicans for Senator Pritchard against Dr. Cyrus Thompson, who was the Populist nominee. Among those bolting "Pritchard Populists" as they were called was Mr. James Everett Bryan, of this county. For this he was bitterly and severely denounced publicly and privately. One of the severest denunciations against him was a letter written by Mr. W. C. Pearson and published in The Chatham Citizen in its issue of February 4, 1897. That letter was as follows:

"Ringsbee, Feb. 1, 1897.

"EDITOR CHATHAM CITIZEN:

"Seeing nothing in your paper condemning the action of Mr. J. E. Bryan in casting his vote for Mr. Pritchard, I take the liberty to say that the conscience of this vicinity of all parties look on that as a political ingratitude unworthy the suffrage of a patriot of any party. Now, Mr. Editor, this is plain talk but we believe your action in the Scotland contest just like that scalawag.

"Now, Mr. Bryan, if you have acted upright and honorable and you think you have not shown base ingratitude to those to whom you are indebted for your present position, you will please explain through The Citizen or else hereafter hold your peace.

"W. C. PEARSON."

In answer to the above letter Mr. Bryan published a lengthy letter in The Citizen of February 18, 1897, defending his bolting and voting for Pritchard. He said among other things that a bargain was made in 1895 between the Populists and Republicans, whereby the four terms were given to Senator Bunn and the short term to Senator Pritchard, with the understanding that the Republicans were to nominate the next Senator. He made the recommendation in Dr. Pearson's case the reason why he should support him, believed Pearson was the man for the place, and if Pearson was not the man he would support the best man he could find.

Mr. Bryan concluded his letter as follows:

"Now, Mr. Editor, I have given the reasons why I voted for Pritchard. I do not think I have shown ingratitude to my friends, but if I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of honor or duty. I do not think I have violated any principle of Populism. I do not think I have violated any principle of good citizenship. I do not think I have violated any principle of good morals. I do not think I have violated any principle of good manners. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good sense. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good taste. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good breeding. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good nature. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good humor. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good health. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good luck. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good fortune. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good friendship. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good love. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good life. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good death. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good heaven. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good hell. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good God. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good devil. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good angel. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good man. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good woman. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good child. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good baby. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good dog. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good cat. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good horse. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good cow. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good sheep. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good pig. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good chicken. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good egg. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good bird. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good fish. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good tree. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good flower. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good grass. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good water. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good air. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good sun. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good moon. If I have I am sorry for it. I do not think I have violated any principle of good star