

# The Chatham Record

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H. A. LONDON, Editor.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Before THE RECORD again greets its readers another Christmas will have come and gone. Its near approach is felt and seen by everybody and on every side. The few hours that intervene will pass so slowly and seem so long for many eager hearts, that are impatiently awaiting the indescribable joys of the happy Christmas-tide.

For many centuries the 25th of December has been the greatest festival observed throughout all Christendom, and it will continue to be for all time, notwithstanding the carping objections of some critics that it is not the true date of Christ's birth. On that day all secular duties and business are suspended and laid aside. Then it is that man's nobler and better nature asserts itself, and hard indeed must be that heart that is not softened and warmed by the glow of happiness and good-will that pervades the very air at Christmas!

To children especially is Christmas the most joyous day of the year. No human happiness can exceed that of the child, who on Christmas morning finds a well-filled stocking. To its mind there is no earthly joy that can be compared to the coming of Santa Claus, and it would be cruel to disabuse and dismiss from their minds that mythical personage. Every old person recalls with a glow of pleasure—although oftentimes a sad pleasure—the joys of his or her Christmas when a child. As you recall the joys of your childhood's Christmas, try to make the children around you experience the same joys. Contribute all you can to their happiness and carry joy to their young hearts, and you will never regret it.

It is sad to see so many persons disgracing themselves and desecrating Christmas by making beasts of themselves on Christmas Day. It is a sad commentary on the depravity of man that so many persons observe Christmas with gluttony and debauchery. Instead of giving happiness to others so many persons make a nuisance of themselves and put themselves on a level with brutish beasts. Kind reader, if you have ever before been such a one, try this Christmas to redeem yourself and enjoy the day as a man should and not as a beast.

One of the pleasantest customs connected with Christmas is the interchange of gifts between friends and relatives. This custom arose from the fact that at Christmas is commemorated the great gift vouchsafed to man, when God gave His only Son to die for the sins of the whole world. And yet this custom has become a burden and oppressive to many, who are not able to give as costly presents as others give. Remember that it is not the cost of the gift that makes it appreciated, but the kindly feeling that prompts the donor to give it.

To each and all its readers THE RECORD extends the greetings of the joyous Christmas-tide, and wishes them a Merry Christmas!

SPENCER Blackburn, the only Republican Congressman from this State, had an interview last week with President Roosevelt in company with a delegation of twenty other prominent Republicans from this State. They are fighting Chairman Rollins and the present Republican organization, and they seem to have made a favorable impression on the President. At any rate, he promised to appoint their choice (L. C. Waggoner) as marshal of the western district to succeed Marshal Miliken. There has been quite a contest over this appointment.

Blackburn has published a statement in which he bitterly denounces Chairman Rollins. If his statement is true Rollins is not fit to be the head of a party that is trying to become respectable in this State. He even accuses Rollins of being "a willing falsifier," and closes by saying that "if he is not big enough to tell the truth and deal squarely he should resign."

Now, if the head of the Republican party in this State be such a man, what can we expect of the others? The truth is the Repub-

can leaders are no more to be trusted now than ever before. The Republican party in North Carolina is today "the same old coon with a few more rings on its tail." It is no more to be trusted with the control of our State now than during the days of Holden or Russell!

It seems difficult to keep history correct, and historical errors are so easily made. This fact is illustrated in the dates of at least two important events mentioned in Turner's N. C. Almanac for 1906. It is there stated that Fort Sumter was fired on, on the 14th of April, 1861, and that New Bern was taken on the 13th of March, 1862. Both of these dates are wrong.

Fort Sumter (and not Sumpter as the almanac incorrectly spells it) was fired on about 5 o'clock on the morning of April 12th, 1861, and was surrendered before sunset the next day, the 13th.

The battle below New Bern was fought on the 14th of March, 1862, and that city was captured on the same day.

It is just as well to have historical dates accurate, and for this reason these corrections are here made, especially when the errors are published in so well known an almanac as "The Old Reliable."

## Dr. Matthews' Trial Postponed.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 16.—In the Superior Court this morning, Dr. J. B. Matthews, indicted yesterday charged with the murder of his wife, was brought into court and arraigned. His counsel, Messrs. Guthrie, of Durham, and Steadman & Cooke, of Greensboro, stated to the court that it had been impossible to get the witnesses necessary and besides defendant was physically unable to go through the trial. Solicitor Brooks said it had been understood from the nature of the defense, that witnesses could not be procured in time and it had been agreed that the case be continued to the February term. Judge Ward, by request of counsel, issued an order for the summoning of a special venire to form a jury from. It was also agreed that the case should not stand for trial before Wednesday of the court.

Matthews, from all appearances, unless he improves rapidly, will be another world before February. He could scarcely walk, coming tottering in from the jail, holding the arm of the deputy sheriff. He was entirely out of breath from the exertion of ascending the stairs, while being arraigned, he stood but a moment, being allowed to drop in his chair. He paid no attention to the reading of the awful charge, but in reply to formal inquiry as to how he would be tried answered as his attorneys prompted, in a firm, loud tone of voice, "By God and my country."

His beard has grown out over his shrunken, emaciated face, and as he sat there, rolling his great eyes, the whites being the most prominent feature, and poking his tongue out every moment or two through his cracked lips, he looked more like an ogre, or a ghost than an animate mortal. To add to the gruesome picture, as Matthews feebly arose from his chair to go back to jail, he produced a new white silk handkerchief from his overcoat pocket, handed it to the officer, craned his neck towards him and as the officer nervously fumbled in trying to tie it around the man's neck, he stood indifferent to the stare of thousands of eyes. The sickening suggestiveness of the officer's act, gave every body the creeps, except Matthews, who was having it done, he said, to keep from catching cold going back to jail.

## Ship Sunk At Sea.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 18.—The German steamer Andes is now 48 days overdue from this port for Guanta, Venezuela, and she has been posted in Lloyd's register of shipping as lost. Since the Andes passed out of the Virginia capes, on the morning of Sunday, October 22, she has not been seen or heard of, and today it was announced that her owner has given her up as lost. It is believed that the vessel encountered a severe storm while passing through the West Indies, and that she, with her master, Captain Manz, and the entire crew of 22 went to the bottom.

## Killed Himself And Wife.

Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 18.—After accidentally killing his wife Saturday, William Monroe McCarty, a Madison county farmer, chloroformed himself at his home in the Monrovia precinct and was found dead today. A note found in the room stated that he was showing his wife how to use a pistol; that it exploded and accidentally killed her, and he was so horrified that he too must die.

The State Labor Commissioner finds that there are 229 more miscellaneous factories in the State this year than there were last year.

## Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)  
Washington, Dec. 14, 1905.

Speaker Cannon has issued one reasonably sensible pronouncement since Congress assembled and that is that there is to be no ship subsidy legislation at the present session. This started out to be a retrenchment Congress and there is abundant need for all the economy that the House can exercise. But that does not figure in the wishes of the ship subsidy people. Senator Lodge, Senator Frye and a lot of the other leaders of the House and Senate are only waiting their chance to get the old ship subsidy bill to the front in a new guise. But the speaker has given it out emphatically that the shipping bill stands no chance this year and it is to be devoutly hoped that he will make good his words. He has arranged his committees pretty well with this in view and the deep, unfathomable pigeonholes of the House are yawning for the measure if it comes their way. One of the very strong arguments that will be used against the measure if it comes to the talking stage at all is some of the testimony that was advanced before the Marine Committee last year. That was to the effect that steel shipbuilding material was sold a year ago from America and laid down there 30 per cent cheaper than it was sold to American shippers. This was perfectly true and there was a howl on the subject from the English mills, not that Great Britain was getting her shipbuilding material cheaper than the home consumers, but because the American bids were cutting under the home prices of English mills. It was one of the strong arguments that Mr. Chamberlain used in his protective tariff campaign in England. This being the state of affairs, it is obvious that the shipping subsidy, if one were granted, would have to be heavy enough to enable the American ship builders to get their material at least on an even basis with the builders abroad. And this would mean nothing more nor less than a bonus of 30 per cent on the cost of material to the Steel Trust. There would be besides the difference in the cost of labor to be made up before the American shipping could be put on a business basis, and altogether the game would not be worth the candle. Without spending any money on shipping subsidies, but by carrying out the reorganization plans in the Consular service, the same thing, which is ostensibly the fostering of American foreign trade, could be accomplished. And the consular service would be better for more merit and less politics in it at the same time.

## RATES VIA SEABOARD

On Account of Christmas Holidays.

The Seaboard begs to announce that during the Christmas Holidays they will participate in the sale of tickets at reduced rates under the following rules and regulations:

Rate of one and one-third first class fares, plus twenty-five (25) cents, (minimum rate fifty (50) cents) at all points east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers, including Washington, D. C., and to St. Louis, and intermediate points on the Frisco System, Louisville and Nashville R. R., Illinois Central R. R., Mobile & Ohio R. R. and the Southern Railway.

Dates of sale: December 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th and 31st, 1905, and January 1st, 1906.

Final limit: Continuous passage in each direction, final limit January 4th, 1906.

For teachers and students of schools and colleges, same rates will apply as above, to points in the territory of the Southeastern Passenger Association, on presentation and surrender of certificates signed by the Superintendent, Principal or President of the School or College.

For teachers and students rate of one fare and one-third for the round trip will also apply to points in the territory of the Southwestern Excursion Bureau and Western Passenger Association, i. e., all points in Texas, Arkansas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma Territory, Kansas and Colorado, east of and including Denver, Col., and Cheyenne, Wyo., up to Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis, Mo., and to all points in the territory of the Central Passenger Association, i. e., to all points North of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers between a line drawn from St. Louis to line drawn from St. Louis to Chicago on the West, and from Buffalo through Salamanca, N. York, Pittsburg, Pa., Wheeling and Parkersburg, W. Va., on the East. Rates to these points will not apply to teachers or students of Preparatory, Public or High Schools.

Dates of sale: December 17th to 24th inclusive. Continuous passage in each direction; final limit January 8th, 1906.

C. H. GATTIS, T. P. A.,  
Raleigh, N. C.

## Married His Son's Wife.

Redding, Cal., Dec. 16.—H. N. McChesney, a property owner of this city and resident of San Francisco, has brought home with him a wife who is his son's divorced wife.

Mrs. H. N. McChesney died a year ago and soon afterward the son married. Things did not go well with the young couple and the wife procured a divorce. The father tiring of living alone and having formed an attachment for his son's divorced wife, led her to the altar himself. Thus for the second time she married into the McChesney household.

## A FACT ABOUT THE "BLUES"

What is known as the "Blues" is seldom occasioned by actual existing external conditions, but in the great majority of cases by a disordered LIVER.

THIS IS A FACT which may be demonstrated by trying a course of

# Tutt's Pills

They control and regulate the LIVER. They bring hope and buoyancy to the mind. They bring health and elasticity to the body.

TAKE NO SUBSTITUTE.

## SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

IMPROVED PASSENGER SERVICE.

Effective Sunday, October 8th, the SEABOARD extended the Portsmouth-Atlanta Sleeper operated on trains No. 38 and No. 41, through to Birmingham. This gives double daily service from points on Seaboard to and from Birmingham, making connections with Frisco from Memphis and points West, also for points in Alabama and Mississippi.

For further information, address C. H. GATTIS, Traveling Passenger Agent, Raleigh, N. C.

## Escaped in Night Clothes.

(Correspondence Charlotte Observer.)

Winston-Salem, Dec. 16.—A two-story frame house near Joliet, occupied by Nat Allen and family, was destroyed by fire Thursday night. Mr. Allen and his family were awakened by the flames and were forced to jump out of the window. They walked to the home of a neighbor, three quarters of a mile, in their night clothes. Mr. Allen lost all of his household property, including all of the clothing belonging to himself, wife and child. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue.

## Annual Statement.

OFFICE BOARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, December 1st, 1905.

In accordance with Section 752 of the Code, I herewith submit the following statement of the finances of Chatham County for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1905, together with the names of all persons who received county orders, the amount of each, and on what account.

W. E. BROOKS,  
Register of Deeds and  
ex-officio Clerk of Board Commissioners.

[Continued from last week.]

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G G Hurdon..... 4.50  
J Geo. Hannah..... 14  
J M McIver..... 15  
Robert Harris..... 10  
J H Foust..... 6  
Wrenn Bros. Co..... 6  
W T Sturdivant..... 12  
Thomas White..... 3  
Geo. H Brooks..... 3  
W G Cheek..... 9  
John Pennington..... 12  
Henry Boon..... 9  
A F Gunter..... 6  
J R Brown..... 4.50  
Joe Sturdivant..... 4  
Henry Waddell..... 4.58  
N J Wilson..... 2  
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Total..... \$1511.48

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W E Griffin..... 37.50  
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O S Johnson..... 12.15  
J E Bryan..... 48.80  
W J Strickland..... 2

Total..... \$288.40

## ON ACCOUNT OF COURT HOUSE.

David Moore..... \$ 18  
Poe-Atwater Mer. Co.,..... 10.70  
Bynum & Headen..... 13.45  
W L London & Son..... 79.58  
D M Smith..... 2  
T W Hackney..... 13.50  
Edwards & Broughton..... 41.10  
Plenty Clegg..... 1.40  
Walker Evans & Cogswell Company..... 4.50  
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S W Harrington..... \$115  
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## FOR CONVEYING PRISONERS.

J T Wright..... \$3.50  
J E Moon..... 6  
C M Covert..... 14.25  
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(Concluded next week.)

## LAND SALE.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Chatham County in the case entitled "H. B. Jones, Administrator of H. M. Jones vs. J. B. Jones et al.," I will on the 8th day of January, 1906, at the court-house door in Pittsboro, N. C. offer for sale to the highest bidder a tract of land lying and being in the county of Chatham, State of North Carolina, beginning at a rock on the north bank of Rocky river, Peoples' corner, and running north with Peoples' line 2-2 poles to the north west corner of the 200 acres granted to John Rowe, thence east with the said Peoples' line to a stake in Henry G. Peeples' line, thence south with the said line to the Pittsboro road, thence along said road to the ford of said river, thence up said river to the beginning, containing 235 acres more or less.

Terms of sale—One-half cash, balance in six months, deferred payment, 6 per cent interest from day of sale and I reserve till all purchase money is paid this December 1, 1905.

R. H. HAYES,  
Commissioner.

## Administrator's Notice.

H. M. Sewars, P. Taylor, deceased, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said deceased to exhibit the same to me on or before November 30th, 1905.

W. HARLOWE TAYLOR,  
Nov. 30 1905.

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