

Local Records.

—HAPPY NEW YEAR!
—Get ready to write it 1910.
—How did you enjoy Christmas?
—The annual "swearing off" season has come again.
—Do not begin the new year in debt to your preacher or your paper.
—Furs wanted; highest cash price paid for furs by E. M. Wheeler.
—Blank notices for posting land for sale at The Record office. Also chattel mortgages, mortgage and warranty deeds.

—Mr. A. B. Stalvey has moved from the old "yellow house" to the old Denson house, opposite the residence of Capt. W. L. London.

—About this time of the year (as the almanacs say) people form new resolutions. What a pity that they do not carry them out!

—After January 1st, J. D. Womble at Pittsboro will grind and only on Tuesdays and Saturdays of each week. Govern yourself accordingly.

—Mr. Zeb Dark, a son of Mr. John H. Dark of Rock Rest, and Miss Lora McBane, a daughter of Mr. M. C. McBane, will be married tomorrow by Rev. R. B. Lineberry.

—The colored people will have their annual Emancipation Day celebration at this place next Saturday. They will have three brass bands to enliven the occasion.

—The first quarterly conference for the new year on the Pittsboro circuit will be held with the Methodist church at this place next Saturday and Sunday.

—THE RECORD Job Printing office has one of the best job printers to be found anywhere and can turn out your job work in up to date style and at reasonable prices. Send in a trial order and be convinced.

—THE RECORD is one of the few weekly papers that do not suspend publication during the Christmas holidays. We hope our subscribers will show their appreciation by promptly paying up.

—We regret to learn that the dwelling of Mr. Nathan Moody, of Hickory Mountain township, was burned last week. It caught from the chimney in the day time but was not discovered in time to be extinguished. Most of the furniture was saved.

—A tract of land containing 112 acres, about two miles and a half from Pittsboro and on the road to Ex-Sheriff Milliken's, will be sold cheap. Apply for terms to I. C. H. Pilkington at Roscoe, P. O.

—On Thursday night of last week the Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday schools united in having a Christmas tree and cantata at the school auditorium. Mr. Beunet Noe, Jr., represented Santa Claus and distributed the gifts. The occasion was much enjoyed by all present.

—The best yields of cotton which we have heard of this season are reported from Hickory Mt. Twp. Mr. J. R. Blair on one acre raised 2,050 pounds of seed cotton, Mr. M. H. Harris, on three acres raised three bales, and Mr. J. A. Brown, on 13 acres, raised twelve bales.

—Next Saturday being a legal holiday the Bank of Pittsboro will be closed, and the postoffice will be open only half an hour before the departure and half an hour after the arrival of the trains. All the carriers on the rural free delivery routes will have a holiday.

—Messrs. F. C. Poe and A. H. Bynum have changed their minds and will not organize a mercantile company at this place, as they contemplated. Mr. Poe will move to Rock Hill, South Carolina, in February and go into the mercantile business with his brother and brother-in-law. He has sold his residence here to Mr. H. M. London.

—A colored man, named Fletcher Morrow, was brought here to jail from Siler City last week on a charge of stealing. He had a pressing club in our neighbor town and it is said that he "pressed" nearly everything that he could lay his hands on. A trunk said to be his was searched and the contents would have done credit to a first class peddler's back!

—Only three prisoners spent their Christmas in our county jail. Santa Claus did not find his way to visit them.

—After enjoying the Christmas holidays we hope all our readers are more ready to begin the new year with renewed energy.

—That the Christmas season of good cheer brings fond hearts closer together is attested by the issuing of twenty-five marriage licenses by our register of deeds during the past two weeks.

—One of the most novel suits we have ever heard of was tried recently by a magistrate in an adjoining county. It was a claim and delivery proceeding over the possession of a leg-horn chicken, which was claimed by two neighbors. The case was decided in favor of the defendant who averred that his chicken was minus a toe on one foot, as was the case with the chicken in dispute. The plaintiff gave notice of appeal to the superior court, but it is said that there are prospects of a compromise!

Personal Items.
Miss Alice Bynum will leave Saturday on a visit to friends in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Clark are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Ben Holt, at Graham.

Messrs. B. Noe and sons, Bennet, Henry and Louis, left Saturday on a short visit to relatives in Lexington.

Mr. S. W. Womble and family, of Moncure, spent several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Womble.

Misses Azile and Lil Hill leave Monday on a visit to their aunt, Mrs. W. J. Calvert, at Portsmouth, Va.

Christmas.

Another Christmas has come and gone with its joys and pleasures. We hope that all our readers enjoyed it, and especially do we hope that old Santa Claus kindly remembered every child.

Christmas day at this place passed off very quietly. No church services were held, and there were no popping of fire crackers or any display of fireworks, as a town ordinance forbids it. There was rain until noon and the morning was decidedly dreary, but in the afternoon it cleared off and the sun struggled out.

Double Marriage.

Mr. Henry Goodwin Johnson, of Hickory Mountain township, today gains a son and daughter, and loses a son and daughter. That is, one of his daughters and one of his sons will today be married. The son, Mr. Willie Johnson, will be married this morning to Mary Budd, the daughter to Mr. Walter Budd, and at two o'clock his daughter, Miss Maggie Johnson, will be married to Mr. Joseph W. Moore, of this town. Rev. L. R. Dixon will officiate at both marriages.

Immediately after the first marriage that bridal party will go to the residence of Mr. Johnson, and after dinner will attend the second marriage. Mr. Moore and his bride will come here this afternoon to the groom's home and both will receive the congratulations of their many friends.

Several cases are reported of drunken men freezing to death while lying helpless during the Christmas holidays. What a sad fate!

Major John A. McLaughlin died at Fayetteville on last Sunday night. He was one of the oldest and most popular railroad conductors in this state.

The express company did a rushing business during Christmas hauling packages of whiskey. Every express office was crowded with such packages.

Ex-President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, has sought refuge in Mexico, and says that he will go from there to Belgium, of which country his wife is a native.

The seventeen-year old son of Mr. D. W. Gillam, of Gaston county, was accidentally shot and killed by his uncle while hunting rabbits on Christmas Day.

The Southern Educational Association opened its convention in Charlotte yesterday. Prominent educators from all over the south are in attendance and several prominent pedagogues from the north, including Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard.

Wadesboro Messenger.—The 6 year-old son of Mr. Henry Allen, of South Wadesboro, was the victim of a peculiar accident Tuesday. The child was shooting a small Roman candle when the fuse apparently went out. He put the lighted end of the candle into his mouth, and just then it went off, badly burning his mouth and throat. The boy is badly, but not seriously injured.

JAPANESE INTENSIVE FARMING

The Way the Little Brown Folks Till Their Small Estates.

With very few exceptions the whole of the land under grain of any kind is absolutely flat. If it is not so by nature the Japanese farmer levels and banks it up till it is horizontal. In the narrow valleys there are elaborate series of terraces running up the slope of the hills till the fields become so small as to accommodate but a double row of plants. The more typical grain



A MOSAIC IN GOLD AND GREEN.

country, however, lies in broader valleys, overlooking the coast, where there are many wide plains which were once beneath the water. If one looks down on these from a slight elevation they appear like some elaborately designed mathematical figure or as though a cloth had been spread over the earth with mosaic patterns in gold and green. Each little field is as nearly rectangular as circumstances will allow. Many of them, therefore, are perfect rectangles, for where the plain is broad it is easy to fit into it small fields of twenty or thirty feet in length. Many of the plots are even less than this. Some barley fields are only six feet by a dozen or so.

The pattern of this mosaic is vividly marked out by the coloring of the various crops. Today the barley is ripe and stands golden in the sunshine. The ricefields, however, are but bare expanse of mud or water, for the rice is not yet planted out, but is growing in small, oblong fields by itself, which show a vivid emerald green growth of little plants only three or four inches high. At the end of May some of the farmers are beginning to reap their ripe barley and wheat, and when this is finished they will be free to plant out what is to them the most important crop, the rice. Reaping and planting of grain together one may see in the same acre.

There is no broadcast sowing of grain here. Each seed grain has an individuality and is separately tended. The barley is planted in rows, perhaps three feet or six feet long, and each row is a foot or eighteen inches from the next, so that a worker can pass between the rows to tend and weed and finally to reap each individual plant. In many cases each row grows on a little semicircular ridge four or five feet high and about a foot high, so that the barley is well drained, though the next little field may be under several inches of water. In the whole district of Okama there was only one of the ripe fields "laid" by the wind, and that was one of the larger—nearly thirty feet across. It is not to be inferred from this that the Japanese farmers do not care to contend with heavy winds and pitiless, beating rains. Japan is a particularly windy country, and this year has been a very bad season, for even in April there was heavy snow—snow so thick that it entirely disorganized the telegraphic and railway communication for a few days. The wheat and barley are all sown in the autumn, so that they get the benefit of the winter sun, which is clear and brilliant and very hot. This, of course, is the chief cause

of the early ripening of the grain, for from the time it is sown till the time it is reaped it never has a spell of dull weather that lasts more than a few days.



JAPANESE CUTTING THE GRAIN

of the early ripening of the grain, for from the time it is sown till the time it is reaped it never has a spell of dull weather that lasts more than a few days. Japanese men and women cut their rows of grain by holding each plant's stalks together in one hand and cutting them off with a sharp, bent knife at the end of a straight handle a foot or more in length. The handful is laid tidily on the ridge where it has grown, and its neighbor is placed beside it till the small field is covered by the straws. To thrash, the heads are cut off the stalks and then pounded with a heavy wooden mallet.

A Forcing Effect.
Fresh manure has a forcing effect and tends to produce stems and leaves at the expense of fruit and grain. It is therefore better for early garden truck, grasses and forage plants than for cereals or fruit.

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CLERK'S ANNUAL STATEMENT.

NORTH CAROLINA. In the Superior Court.

To the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Chatham County:

I, Jas. L. Griffin, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for said County and State, do hereby submit my annual report as follows, to-wit:

The following amounts are in my hands due the following persons to-wit:

JUDGMENT DOCKET "E."

No. 449, Yarboro and Shepherd, \$120 52.
No. 1,030, Robert Seymore and Georgie Seymore, fifty cents each.

JUDGMENT DOCKET "F."

No. 387, T. H. Coggins, L. V. Coggins and M. L. Coggins, each fifty cents.
Ella Austin, Nannie Lambert and Betie Lambert, each \$5 70.
No. 516, John Phillips, \$8 20.
No. 463, Goley Johnson, \$6 66.
No. 575, C. S. May and E. A. May jointly, \$3 86.

No. 693, William Mark's heirs, \$6 23.
JUDGMENT DOCKET "G."

No. 112, Jacob Robertson heirs, \$18 42.
No. 119, Sarah Harris' heirs, \$2 58.

No. 531, Cole heirs, \$19 52. H. T. Criscoe, A. N. Criscoe, Emeline Criscoe, Artemis Criscoe, J. P. Criscoe and N. Eddie Criscoe each \$3 25.
No. 738, McGirt heirs, \$20 58.
No. 740, Ada Ruy, Chas. Ray, Atlas Ray and Nancy Ray, as a class, \$11 65.
No. 742, heirs of J. W. Tearue, \$4 76. Mrs. Julia Leach, \$4 76.
No. 747, Glenn Dorsett and Mary Dorsett each \$8 47.

JUDGMENT DOCKET "H."

No. 1, Pratt Stafford, \$15 15.
No. 137, Alfred N. Snipes, \$101 00.
No. 293, R. M. Johnson, Alice Johnson, Page Johnson and Julia Johnson each \$3 87.
No. 303, William D. Brown, \$3 45.

No. 268, Aubrey Watson and Martha Watson each \$22 32.
No. 273, Lattie Minus, \$119 60.
No. 352, A. M. Snipes \$41 61.
No. 405, heirs of Newton Whitehead, \$34 13.
No. 407, William D. Brown, \$178 71.

No. 444, Oscar Harder, \$25 00.
No. 622, Cassie Yates, \$124 54.
No. 626, Cassie Yates, \$49 77.
No. 633, Annie L. Brooks, Riccy Brooks, Mansey Brooks, Gladys H. Brooks, each \$28 75.
No. 613, for Samuel Siler, \$37 50.

No. 881, G. W. Cain, guardian of Mary V. Williams, \$188 00.
No. 886, Ira Haith \$20 00, L. A. Haith \$19 00.
No. 888, Allen Haith, Julia Haith, Callie Haith and Ira Haith, each \$52 10.

No. 839, Bettie Marley \$11 16, Julia Marley, Dorothy Marley, George Marley, Bonnie Marley and Della Marley, each 72c.
No. 893, Julia Marley, Dorothy Marley, George Marley, Bonnie Marley, Della Marley each 20c. Bettie Marley \$1 00.

As receiver for Vallie Moffitt, received of R. H. Dixon \$150 00 and the same is invested in real-estate mortgage bearing six per cent interest.

As receiver for Julius Polk and Gertrude Polk, \$917 33, the same being invested in real-estate mortgages at six per cent.

As receiver for Mary Brewer and the same is invested in real-estate mortgage at six per cent.

As receiver for the estate of F. E. Headen \$100 00 and the same is invested in real-estate mortgage at six per cent.

As receiver for Ross Jones \$193 36, a part of which is invested in real-estate mortgage.

As receiver for Grace Holt, Claud Holt, Ralph Holt, Clyde Holt and Dora Holt, \$690 00 which is invested in real-estate mortgage bearing six per cent.

As receiver for James Fields, Florence Fields and Charles Fields \$732 81, the same is invested in real-estate mortgage bearing interest at six per cent.

As receiver for Mary A. Wood, \$225 00, the same is invested in real-estate mortgage bearing six per cent interest.

JAS. L. GRIFFIN,
Clerk, Superior Court.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me, this 6th day of December, 1909.

S. W. HARRINGTON,
Chm. Board of Co. Commissioners.

The above report is this day received and approved. Let the same be recorded in Record of Official Reports for Chatham County.

S. W. HARRINGTON,
Chm. Board Co. Commissioners.

Recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Chatham County in Book of Official Reports and Bonds, on page 97, etc., this 21st day of December, 1909.

H. GRADY DORSETT,
Register of Deeds of Chatham County.

NOTICE OF SALE

Of the Property of the Chatham Coal and Iron Company.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust executed by the Chatham Coal and Iron Company, a corporation of North Carolina to the undersigned, the Union Trust Company, a corporation of Pennsylvania, on the 3rd day of September, 1901, and recorded in book D N, at page 181 of the Register of Deeds office of Chatham county North Carolina; and also by virtue of a deed supplemental to said deed of trust, executed by one Lewford Fry to the said Union Trust Company, dated June 18, 1904, and recorded in book D V, page 416, of the Register of Deeds office of Chatham County, N. C., the said Union Trust Company, undersigned, will at 12 o'clock, on Monday, January 10, 1910, at the mine of said Chatham Coal and Iron Company, at Cumnock, in Lee county, expose for sale, and sell for cash to the highest bidder the following described property:

First tract: Beginning at a stump by a red oak near a large rock, Daniel McIver's corner, on the bank of the river, running south with his line sixteen chains and fifty links to a post oak, his other corner; thence east with his other line twenty chains and forty links to a stake; thence south with his other line forty-one chains to a post oak, Evander McIver's corner; thence west with his line forty-one chains and fifty links to a pine on the hill; thence north with Foushee's line, crossing Buffalo Creek, twenty-five chains, to McIver's road; thence with its various courses to Foushee's corner; thence with his line west twenty-six chains and fifty-six links to Foushee's old line, to a stake in the field; thence north with said line thirty-one chains to a pine, his corner; thence west with his other line seventeen chains to a chestnut oak in the bank of the river; thence down the river as it meanders to the first station, containing eleven hundred and fifteen (1,115) acres.

Second tract: Beginning at a pine, Foushee's corner, on the road, running south with his line twenty-four poles to a small hickory; thence east with his other line one hundred and ten poles to a post oak on the McIver line; thence south three hundred and fifty-six poles to a dog wood in the Moore county line; thence north fifty-three degrees west about five hundred poles to Foushee's corner on Patterson's Creek; thence down said creek as it meanders, but in a direct line, about one hundred and fifty poles, to a holly bush, his other corner; thence east with his other line ninety poles to the first station, containing four hundred (400) acres.

Third tract: Beginning at David Watson's heirs' corner of an acre on the bank of the river, and running north and east with the lines of the acre; thence north with the line of the heirs to the corner of the Burns line; thence west with the said line and Poe's line to a red oak on the Brentley road, Poe's corner; thence along said road a northwesterly course to a pine on the east side of the road, Poe's other corner; thence west with his and Isaac Hall's line to Hawkins' line; thence south with his line two hundred and eight poles to Taylor's corner; thence east with his line to his other corner; thence north eleven poles to his other corner; thence east with his line to his other corner; thence south with his other line to his corner on the bank of the river; thence down the same, as it meanders to the first station, containing seven hundred and eighteen and one-half (718 1-2) acres, the same having been originally composed of several small tracts.

Excepting from said land five acres of land heretofore conveyed by the Egypt Coal Company to the Western Railroad Company for railway purposes, including the track and lot for depot, to the extent that it was conveyed, and no further; said exception not extending to the minerals therein or to any interest not conveyed to the said railroad company.

And further excepting therefrom the "Homestead" comprising five acres, with buildings thereon, heretofore conveyed to Kate K. Wait.

Fourth tract: Beginning at a white oak, Matthew Wicker's corner, and running east, crossing Little Buffalo Creek, two hundred poles to a hickory; thence north three hundred and fifty poles to a black gum; thence west two hundred and thirty-two poles to a black gum, Matthew Wicker's corner; thence with his line south twenty-six degrees east one hundred and fifty-eight poles to a small blackjack; thence west forty poles to a pine, Wicker's corner; thence south with his line, crossing said creek, two hundred and five poles, to the first station, containing four hundred and twenty-seven and one-half (427 1-2) acres.

Fifth tract: Beginning at a post oak, Thomas Riddle's heirs' corner running west with their line one hundred and four poles to a red oak, Matthew Wicker's

corner; thence south with his line one hundred and twelve and three-fourths poles to a hickory; thence east crossing Gum Fork Creek, one hundred and four poles to a sweet gum on Pattishall's line; thence north with said line one hundred and twelve and three-fourths poles to the first station, containing seventy-three and one-half (73 1-2) acres.

And also all and singular the tenements, hereditaments, mines, minerals, houses, buildings, structures, machinery, equipments, railways, railway tracks, sidings, tools implements and property whatsoever, now owned or hereafter owned or acquired, placed or used by the Coal Company upon or in connection with the lands and premises hereinbefore mentioned and described, or any part or parcel of the same, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and the revenues, remainders, tolls income, rents issued and profits thereof.

And also all the estate, right, title, interest, property possession, mining rights, privileges, rights of way of entrance, ingress and egress, claims and demands whatsoever, as well in law as in equity of the party of the first part.

All of the property to be sold as entirely in one parcel.

This 5th day of November, 1909.

The Union Trust Co.,
By their attorneys,
Shepherd & Shepherd,
Raleigh, N. C.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND.

By virtue of an order of the superior court of Chatham county made in a Special Proceeding whereto all the heirs at law of the late George W. Farrell were made parties for the purpose of selling for partition the real property of the said George W. Farrell, deceased, all of said lands being in Chatham county, I will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at the court house door in Pittsboro, in said Chatham county, at 12:00 o'clock, M., on Friday, December 31st, 1909, the following real estate, to-wit:

A tract of land in New Hope township, Chatham county, containing 55 acres, more or less; it being known as the home place of the said George W. Farrell, located about three miles from Pittsboro, N. C. and upon which is considerable timber, a five room frame dwelling, and the place is open for a one-horse farm, in good neighborhood.

Terms of Sale: Half cash, balance in six months, with privilege of purchaser to settle at any time in full, deferred payment to bear interest from date of sale at six per cent, title reserved until full payment.

This the 29th day of November, 1909.
J. S. Cook, Commissioner.

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