

Gov. Holden's Speech.

The colored people of Raleigh celebrated the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation of President Lincoln on the 1st inst.

But it does not follow because we are Republicans, that we are to force upon the people of this State, what are called extreme measures.

Financial Reform.

Without at present taking any decided position upon the subject, we think that the following article from the Albany Journal will be read with much interest by our people.

The Journal says: "It is said that Secretary Boutwell has determined upon pushing his plan to fund the debt, at least to the extent of one thousand million of dollars."

Covering funding is the only possible way of attaining this desired end. Mr. Boutwell expects to fund a large proportion of the debt at four per cent, or less.

There will result from this course a large saving of interest, which can be immediately applied to the reduction of taxation.

We hope the Secretary of the Treasury has indeed resolved upon this course, that if he has he will adhere to it, we have no doubt.

The argument made by Secretary Boutwell in his annual report, shows conclusively that this is really for the interests of the People; but it does not follow that we may not equitably demand a lower rate of interest upon the bonds.

Mr. Boutwell, if he has determined upon this course, will be overwhelmingly sustained by the public, whatever special interests may think about it.

The Corn Crop.

From an advanced summary of the latest information in reference to the crops of the past season, furnished by the agricultural department, we extract some facts for general interest.

In New England in September last, a failure of the corn crop seemed imminent.

The October rains did away shocks of corn in the valleys to some extent in New Jersey and Maryland.

There are reports of immaturity, while a general average is given of a larger quantity and a better quality than was expected in the Summer.

An Important Act.—We copy the following important act for the benefit of all whom it may concern: An Act to Declare in a Misdemeanor for any County Officer to speculate in County Claims.

Ohio.—The Ohio Legislature met on Monday. The organization of the Senate is, Republican Clerk, Democratic Sergeant-at-Arms.

North Carolina News.

The Directors of the Chatham Railroad had a meeting in this city on Wednesday last.

BANKING FAILURE.—The community was startled yesterday, says the Wilmington Post of the 6th, by a current rumor of the failure of the Banking House of James G. Barr & Co., of that city.

A MAN BLOWN OUT TO SEA IN AN OPEN BOAT.—A sad accident happened at the steamship Lucille as she lies ashore near the mouth of New Inlet Saturday night.

We have at present two fine steamers running between this city and New York, and the proprietors, Messrs. Murray, Ferris & Co., anticipate putting on another, at an early day.

SALE OF THE WILMINGTON & MANCHESTER RAILROAD.—At the Court House door at 11 o'clock a. m. yesterday, Messrs. Cronly & Morris proceeded to sell, by order of Mr. Cronly and W. A. Pringle, Commissioners, the Wilmington & Manchester Railroad, together with all the property of the Company.

THE HILLSBORO MURDERER.—Bob Gunn, colored, who was arrested here some few days since, charged with the murder of Mr. Blalock, of Hillsboro, has been removed to the Orange county jail.

Mr. Gunn says—That they had concocted the plan sometime previous, and on that night they watched and waited until all the lights in town were extinguished, when they commenced operations.

Mr. Editor: I was a Union prisoner nine months—kept there because Stanton would not permit us to be exchanged; kept there because Stanton made the devilish declaration that he was not willing to exchange able-bodied rebels for emaciated Union prisoners.

COLORED SCHOOLS.—The Colored Schools of every description in the Southern States number 5454, with 5503 teachers and 258,353 scholars.

Dr. Lewis A. Sayre, of New York, describes three cases of lead palsy which have recently come under his notice, as having been caused by the use of cosmetics to give whiteness and softness to the complexion.

"SING FLY."—For two years past, a simple and ridiculous ditty, called "Sweetest Senses, don't say no," has been the rage in London, and is repeated nightly to audiences who are regularly convulsed with laughter over its rendition.

The Montgomery (Ala.) Mail of the 25th inst. says: "But few freedmen are as yet making contracts for the ensuing year. Ten dollars a month appears to be the ruling rate where they hire for wages."

Validity of Contracts in Confederate Currency

From the New York Herald, Dec. 24. Before Judge Barnard—Mordcau vs. De-nantles.—This is a case involving several interesting questions arising out of the late war.

On the argument of the motion the attorney for the plaintiff contended that the right of a litigant to recover the value in greenbacks of any debt contracted in the money issued by the late Confederate government, was no longer a difficult question of law since the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of Thornton vs. Smith, the opinion in which was pronounced by Chief Justice Chase a few weeks ago.

The most palatial gaming house in New York. The most palatial of the gaming-houses in New York is located on Twenty-fifth street. The main parlor is a large room, artistically frescoed and elaborately furnished, and carpeted with a velvet medallion.

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We find accounts in our late exchanges of numerous deaths of hydrophobias, and every one of them traces the causes to bites from rabid animals during the last three or four weeks.

In regard to these cases we have remarked that there does not seem to have been any care taken in any instance to have the wounds cauterized or cut out, and the consequence has been death in the most terrible shape.

All these deaths—about a dozen in all—are thus to be traced to the supposition that the animals inflicting the bites were not mad. This strange notion was no doubt the consequence of the superstition that dogs go mad only in the dog-days.

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Facts About Congressmen.

The average age of Senators is not far from 55; that of Representatives not far from 45. In the Senate there are five gentlemen below the age of 40. In the House there are five members over 70.

The youngest Senator is Gen. Spencer, of Alabama, born November 1, 1836, and consequently 33 years old. The youngest Representative is Hon. Clinton L. Cobb, of North Carolina, born August 25, 1842, and consequently but little over 27.

The oldest Senator is Hon. Simon Cameron, of Pennsylvania, born March 8, 1799. He is also the oldest in congressional seniority, having taken his seat in the Senate in 1845. He has, however, had two long interruptions in his senatorial career, so that his whole service amounts to eleven years.

The oldest member of the present House of Representatives in congressional seniority is Hon. Fernando Wood, who took his seat in 1841, in the Twenty-seventh Congress. His age is but 57.

Mr. Garrett Davis, Senator from Kentucky, was earlier in the House than any present member of that body, having in 1833 taken his seat in the Twenty-sixth Congress. He is the only member of either house who sat in Congress more than thirty years since.

Hon. Robert C. Schenck, of Ohio, is the "Father of the House." He entered it in 1843, and (having been out from 1851 to 1863) is now serving his eighth term.

Hon. Henry L. Dawes, of Massachusetts, is serving his seventh continuous term.

The youngest Senators are Messrs. Sprague and Kellogg, 39 years; McDonald, 37 years; Osborn and Spencer, 33 years. All "carpet-baggers" except Gov. Sprague.

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Steam Plowing in America.

The time is coming when in many portions of the United States the steam plow will be permanently adopted. If, in a country of small farms like England, it can be made so useful as to render profitable lands, which without it, can only be worked at a loss, how much wider is its scope on our broad plantations, wide prairies, and river bottoms which are devoted to grain production.

The period is ripe for the introduction of a Yankee steam plow. Some inventors in this field have had the misfortune to live some years too early. But the inventive genius of the country is now fairly turned to the solution of the problem, and the steam plow of the time to come is now imperatively demanded.

In aiming at the production of a good steam plow, we think inventors have confined their efforts to the imitation of the work of the common plow. It is not quite possible that some other method of loosening the earth may be found to answer all the purposes of the furrow, without rendering large tractive power necessary.

The early, and still favorite method with gardeners, is forking or spading up the ground, and there can be no doubt that in this way the soil is better prepared for the reception of seed than by the use of the plow.

No mowing machine inventor has ever succeeded in applying other than human strength to the working of swinging blades or scythes, though many have sought to do so. It was not till the shearing principle as used in the common cutter bar was adopted, that mowing machines found an abiding place.

But it may be objected that in plowing green sward it is essential to not break the earth to pieces, but to turn it over neatly, grass side down, so that the vitality of the grass roots may be destroyed and the turf may rot. We do not think the continuous furrow the only means whereby this may be accomplished, and we believe the plowing machine of the future will demonstrate the truth of our views.

A new locomotive plowing machine capable of drawing a gang of plows through a stiff soil was recently tried at Rochester, it is said, with highly satisfactory results. The locomotive weighs scarcely more than two tons, but its tractive power is gained by a series of out thrusting flukes in the traction wheels, which penetrate the earth and are withdrawn by machinery inside as the wheels revolve. By this means the flukes only project from the wheels as they approach the earth on the underside of the wheel. There are springs attached to the flukes to relieve them when they come in contact with stone or other impenetrable substances. The plows are attached to this traction engine by chains, and at the trial three plows, each held in the usual manner by an attendant, were drawn in this way through a stubble soil.

So much for the Rochester machine. From New Albany, Ind., we learn of a new steam plow, the invention of a citizen of that place, and which is described at length in the Daily Ledger: "The frame work, in fact the engine machine, is of pipes. The driving wheels are geared positively, and are driven by vertical cylinders, the pistons of which are attached by an irregular eccentric motion, direct from the engine. In addition to this motion eight toggle joints joining levers, which simulate the motion of a horse's leg, assist the driving wheels when they fall in their traction."

A description given in the Daily Ledger is not so clear as to give a very distinct idea of this plow; but we gather that the plows proper are attached to beams, which are raised or lowered at will, and move along with the traction engine.

A California inventor has also recently taken out a patent for a steam plow, the general principle of which, like those described, is the drawing of plows by a traction engine. We are not aware that the English method of drawing gangs of plows across fields by wire rope and drum finds much favor with American mechanics, but if plows must be drawn through the earth after the old fashion, it seems a more economical plan than the use of traction engines for that purpose.

Removal of Saddle and Harness Shop.

W. E. SHAW Has removed his Saddle and Harness Shop to the Store in the Mansion House Basement, under the sign of the Bee Hive, where he will be pleased to see those wanting Saddles, Harnesses, Bridles, Collars, &c., &c.

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The End of Marrying a Lord.

The wedded life of Miss Martin, the Staten Island belle, who married Lord Hubert S. Le-Roy-Ainslie (otherwise called Dick Radford) some time ago, has terminated much as was predicted when the nuptials were announced. After a checkered career of several months in New York—a part of which time every thing was lovely with the young couple, and the balance otherwise—the scene closes by the lanky abasement of the showy swindler, who further emphasized the event by carrying off the loose change, watches, jewelry, and other portable property of his confiding wife, and leaving her a note saying she would never see him no more.

Such, at least, is the story told by the New York Sun; but that paper has such a way of mixing up facts and fancies that we are not quite sure that both parties are not bodies of straw, ingeniously set up for the purpose of being gently knocked down. Nevertheless, we do not doubt but there is truth enough in the sad narrative to furnish a telling moral to young American ladies who are in the habit of doing on titled foreigners.

New CROCKERY STORE.

We intend opening a New Crockery Store about the 15th or 20th of January, in Old China Hall, between the First National Bank and the Banking House of Thos. R. Tate & Thos. W. Dewey, and would be pleased to see our friends and all persons wishing goods in that line.

J. O. HARRIS, R. H. PHARR.

Blacksmithing.

The undersigned informs the public that he has opened a Blacksmith Shop at the old stand of R. McKee Jamison, on Church Street, not far from the Court House, where he is prepared to do any sort of Smith-work, such as Ironing Wagons, Buggies, Carriages, and Shoeing Horses.

NOTICE.

On Saturday, the 16th day of January, 1870, I propose to bind out as apprentices the following children, viz: Eli Walls, aged about 12 years; John Lee, about 6 years of age; Francis Waldo, about 7 years old; James Boyd, aged about 9 years; Agnes Strubel, about 6 years old; — Strubel, about 4 years old; Rufus Lee, (col.) aged about 10 years; Amanda Lee, (col.) aged about 6 years, and — Lathrop, (col.) aged about 2 years.

The above named children have been reported to me by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners as being without parents or guardians, and it becomes my duty according to law to have them bound out as apprentices. Mr. A. F. Yandle, Overseer of the Poor, will have the above named children at the Court House in Charlotte, at 12 o'clock, on the above named day.

Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Charlotte will be held at their Banking House in the City of Charlotte, N. C., on Tuesday the 11th day of January, 1870, at 11 o'clock A. M.

For Sale.

TWO LOTS, East of my residence, being a part of the Square where I reside. They are as desirable as any unimproved property in the City. There is on one of the Lots, a one story brick building, with two rooms; also, another brick building which can be easily converted into a kitchen. I would prefer to sell the two Lots to one person, but they are so situated that they will make two residences.

Guanos.

250 SACKS Chesapeake and other Guanos, in store and arriving, for sale by STEPHENSON, MACAULAY & CO.

Fresh Garden, Flower, Fruit, Herb, Tree, Shrub and Evergreen Seeds.

With directions for culture, prepaid by mail. The most complete and judicious assortment in the country. Agents wanted. 25 Sorts of either for \$3; prepaid by mail. Also, Small Fruits, Plants, Bulbs, all the new Potatoes, &c., prepaid by mail. 4 Bbs. Early Rose Potatoes, prepaid for \$1. Conner's Colossal Asparagus, \$3 per 100; \$25 per 1000, prepaid. New early fragrant everblooming Japan Honeyuckle, 50 cts each, prepaid. True Cape Cod Cranberry, for upland or lowland culture, \$1 per 100, prepaid, with directions. Triced catalogue to any address, gratis; also, trade list. Seeds on Commission. B. M. WATSON, Old Colony Nurseries and Seed Warehouse, Plymouth, Mass. Established in 1842. Dec. 27, 1869. 5m.

GREAT BARGAINS! At the Blue Store!

In consequence of the late decline in gold, I will sell my entire Stock of Goods at greatly REDUCED PRICES. All those who wish to purchase for the Holidays will save money by calling at the BLUE STORE. A large and well selected Stock of Dry Goods. ALSO, a splendid assortment of MILLINERY GOODS, and a complete Stock of Clothing, Hats, Boots and Shoes, All of which I will sell at extremely LOW PRICES. Dec. 6, 1869. B. KOOPMANN.

Just Received AT WILSON & BLACK'S, DRUGGISTS,

Corner Trade and College Streets, CHARLOTTE, N. C. 600 Gallons best No. 1 Kerosene Oil, 100 " Straits or Tanners Oil, 100 " Machine Oil, 100 " Lined Oil, 60 " Turpentine, Which will be sold very low for Cash.

White Lead.

700 Pounds of Lewis's White Lead, 700 " of Withers's White Lead, 700 " of Hick Brand White Lead, Very low for Cash.

Kerosene Lamps.

40 Dozen Kerosene Lamps, a complete assortment, and patterns of every description, lower than ever offered in this market, just received by WILSON & BLACK, Corner Trade and College Streets.

Just Received at WILSON & BLACK'S DRUG STORE,

Corner Trade and College Streets. A full and select Stock of Drugs, Medicines and Chemicals, Paints, Oils and Dye Stuffs, Soaps and Toilet Articles, Window Glass all sizes, Patent Medcines of every kind sold in this market. Greasy Pivot Action Braces, very good, and every person wears them. Prescriptions carefully prepared at all hours. WILSON & BLACK, Jan. 3, 1870. Corner Trade and College Streets.