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### THE WEEK.

**EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION.**  
 On Thursday last the first day of January our colored citizens celebrated the eleventh annual return of their release from bondage, by the Emancipation Proclamation of Abraham Lincoln. In accordance with previous arrangements, the Colored Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars, and other benevolent Societies assembled at Johnsons School House and marched past the Firemans' Hall where the crowd was swelled by the addition of the two colored fire companies of the city.

The procession headed by the Citizens Cornet Band paraded the principal streets and arrived about twelve o'clock in front of Metropolitan Hall.

The Hall was densely crowded. The Firemen, Union Brothers and Good Templars occupied the front seats. The officers of the day, readers of the Proclamation and Poem, and officiating ministers were seated upon the stage, as were also Attorney General Hargrove, Auditor Reilly, Col. J. B. Neathery, Private Secretary to the Governor, Col. I. J. Young collector of Internal Revenue, Mayor Whitaker, Capt E. C. Woodson of the News, W. R. Richardson Esq., of the Era, Theo. N. Ramsay Esq., W. P. Wetherell, Esq., Chief of Police King, and other invited guests.

The President Chas. N. Hunter Esq., after a few preliminary remarks gave out the hymn "Blow ye, the trumpet," which was sung with a great deal of effect and pathos by the vast congregation.

After the singing Rev. Louis Edwards offered up prayer. The proclamation of Ex President Lincoln was read in an admirable manner by Mr. Joseph C. Price, after which Mayor Whitaker and Col. I. J. Young delivered appropriate addresses. Attorney Gen. Hargrove and Hon. J. H. Harris were the orators of the day, and these gentlemen acquitted themselves with great credit.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

We hail with joy this annual return of the day that gave freedom to millions of human beings, bound by the shackles of slavery! Therefore, as expressive of gratitude to Almighty God, for this blessing, which is beyond all estimate, we do unanimously endorse the following resolutions:

**Resolved,** That the memory of Abraham Lincoln, the instrument in the hands of God, to effect this great end, we will ever cherish as

the first and greatest benefactor to our race.

**Resolved,** That the memory of Abraham Lincoln, shall be incorporated into the instruction and education of our race, that they, when we shall have passed off the stage of action, may in a fitting manner, on the first day of every succeeding January, commemorate his memory, and teach their children, down to the next generation, to do the same.

**Resolved,** That we entertain towards all mankind the kindest feelings, and that we do say, "Good will toward all, and peace on earth."

**Resolved,** That we mingle our sympathies with the little remnant of our race who are yet held in bondage in foreign countries as slaves; and that we will never cease our prayer to Almighty God for their freedom.

After reading letters from T. C. Fuller, W. H. Battle and A. W. Scribner, Esq., the vast crowd dispersed.

We are happy to state that everything passed off in the happiest style, and we congratulate our colored friends on the success of their celebration.

**ANOTHER BURGLARY.**—About one o'clock on Friday morning last the 29th inst., the residence of D. C. Murray, Esq., on Harrington street in this city was entered by thieves and his watch, clothing and a part of his wife's wearing apparel stolen. This is one of the boldest robberies that we ever heard of in this city. The scoundrels effected an entrance into the private chamber of Mr. and Mrs. Murray and were snatching a draw when one of the children awoke and discovering them they ran out. Mr. Murray pursued them and fired a shot.

We are happy to say that through the exertions of Chief of Police King they have been captured and are now in jail.

We do not doubt but that these men are a part of an organized band that have been committing depredations in this and other places in North Carolina for the last few months. It is to be hoped that the severest penalty of the law will be enforced against them.

**NEW HALL.**—Hickman Lodge No. 1, I. O. G. Templars held their first meeting in the new hall in the Fisher building on Tuesday evening last.

The hall will be dedicated on Tuesday evening the 13th inst. when all members of the order and the public generally are invited to attend.

Rev. T. H. Pritchard will deliver the address.

This lodge numbers between four and five hundred members, and is rapidly increasing. It is supposed to be the banner lodge of the world in point of numbers.

**HEARTH AND HOME.**—We commend this beautiful journal to our readers as one of the ablest, purest, and most carefully edited of all the literary and home weeklies. Its stories are not of the trashy, sensational character, yet are of absorbing interest, and will be read by every member of the family with pleasure and profit. Its editorials are able, timely, independent. The best American and foreign writers contribute to its columns; and, take it all in all, it is as near a perfect Home Paper as is published in this or any other country. Orange Judd Company, Publishers, 245 Broadway, New York.

**REMOVAL.**—We learn that the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue for the Goldsboro District is to be removed to New-Berne.

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROGDEN.**—This gentleman by invitation delivered the emancipation address at New-Berne on the 1st inst. We doubt if any public man in North Carolina ever attained to high and honorable position so entirely upon his own merits as Lieut. Governor Brogden has done.

He has honestly and faithfully worked his way upward and onward, and now stands in the front ranks of the ablest statesman of the State.

As President of the Senate, he is certainly one of the most popular presiding officers that has ever presided over that honorable body.

This is owing to his courteous and kindly disposition, and demeanor towards all, and to his unquestionable conscientiousness, honesty and integrity. As the best evidence of his fitness as a presiding officer we can recall only one or two instances in which appeals have been made from his decisions, and in each case he was overwhelmingly sustained by those politically opposed to him.

Lieut. Governor Brogden comes well up to the old-fashioned rule and test of qualification for office, which is honesty, capacity and fidelity. He has been found to be fully equal to every position in which he has ever been placed. He is a man for the people and of the people. Other honors are due and we hope in store for him.

**MORE INCENDIARIES.**—On Monday morning the 29th inst. about 1 o'clock the Grist mill and Cotton Gin of Moses A. Bledsoe, Esq., about half a mile South of the city were destroyed by fire. This is the second serious loss that Mr. Bledsoe has sustained by fire within the last few months.

It is evident that the gentleman removed from home in the shape and are evidently bent on doing him as much harm as possible. The sympathies of this community are enlisted in his behalf by these continued misfortunes and we do hope that the scoundrel or scoundrels may be caught and dealt with to the severest extent of the law. We are glad to learn that the property was insured.

**CHRISTMAS DAY.**—We have heard many complaints of disorder in the city on Christmas day. We think the great oversight was in not having a large extra police force on duty. We know that on such occasion it is a hard matter to guard against riots and disturbances in a town the size of Raleigh; but then it seems that the city government might have taken extra precaution for any emergency that might exist.

In justice to Chief of Police King, and officer Crossan we take pleasure in saying that we witnessed their exertions on one occasion to keep order, and they did the best they could under the circumstances. We trust our city authorities will not allow another public holiday to pass without taking precautionary measures to prevent such scenes as disgraced our city a portion of the time during the late holidays. We learn that Mayor Whitaker was sick on Christmas day and his necessary absence may in a measure account for the want of prompt action on the part of some of his police.

**WAKE SUPERIOR COURT.**—This Tribunal commenced its session in the Court House in this city on Monday last, Judge Watts presiding. The charge of His Honor was as usual plain and to the point. We learn that the Criminal Docket is unusually heavy and may consume the entire session of the court.

His Excellency Gov. Caldwell is expected to return to the city about the 12th inst.

**INTERNAL REVENUE.**—The receipts at the office of Collector of Internal Revenue for the month of December amounted to \$36,533.38, and for the year closing Dec. 31, 1873, \$443,706.30. We do not believe that there is a Collector of Internal Revenue in the United States who can boast of more efficient and gentlemanly subordinates than Col. I. J. Young can. Every thing in and about his office is as regular as clock work. Lassiter is always at work, Betts continually bowing and smiling; and Thompson—steady, serious and in earnest, is always ready, willing and anxious to discharge every duty incumbent upon him. We do not intend to disparage any other gentleman when we say, that in securing the services of H. C. Thompson, Esq., Col. Young did but justly appreciate the superior capacity, honesty and gentlemanly bearing of one of the best informed Revenue men in the State.

It is of no use for us to compliment Col. Young (Ike.) Everybody knows he comes as near doing right as the next man. Grant like, he smokes his cigars. Pleasant as a May morn when he is in a good humor, and stubborn as you please when he makes up his mind. If you don't believe he possesses this latter qualification just violate the revenue law and he will convince you very soon. He may have his errors, but if he has, they all fill his head, and few, if any, come from under his vest; and the scarcity of hair on the top of his head shows they are fast escaping through the pores. The subject is exhausted.

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.**—This Institution under the control of Rev. Aldert Smedes is deservedly one of the best of the kind in the United States. For more than thirty years it has been in a flourishing condition and for accessibility and unsuppassed. Besides the most excellent course of study pursued at this Seminary, Dr. Smedes watches with paternal care over the young ladies in his charge, and nothing is left undone to promote their health and comfort. It is folly for parents and guardians to send their children and wards out of the State when we have such an Institution in our midst.

The next session commences, we believe, the 29th inst. Full information can be had by addressing the Rector Dr. Aldert Smedes.

**IMPORTANT SALE.**—We call attention to the advertisement in another column of Separk, Hicks & Co., offering for sale on the 21st day of January the valuable and attractive property in the city of Raleigh on the corner of West and Hargett streets and known as the North Carolina Agricultural Machine Works. Also a large assortment of Patterns, Machinery, tools, fixtures, and stock of all kinds pertaining to a first class foundry. This is a most important sale and we call the especial attention of capitalists to the fine chance here offered for investing their funds.

**COME AT LAST.**—Callenders Original Georgia Minstrels appear at Tucker Hall to-night, (Thursday) and will entertain our people with real genuine sketches of plantation life, accompanied with choicest selections of songs, duets, dances, anecdotes, cunnundrums and other side splitting representations. This company is composed of old and accomplished artists. They are, we understand all colored, and therefore, "know how 'tis themselves," without much need of burnt cork.

We hope they will have full houses here as we learn they have had elsewhere. They give two performances.

See Advertisement of the sale of Separk, Hicks & Co.'s Foundry.

**A GOOD CHANCE.**—We call attention to the advertisement in another column of a grand gift enterprise for the benefit of Public Free Schools in Utah Territory. The sum of \$226,500 in cash is to be distributed among holders of tickets to a grand concert to take place in the city of Corinne, on the 31st day of March next. The tickets are only \$1 each or six for \$5. We note that the enterprise is under the charge of some of the best citizens of the Territory, and everything is arranged to have an impactful drawing. Persons holding tickets are at all times to have free access to the books and can therefore find out any unfair dealing is contemplated.

**SAD ACCIDENT.**—We regret to learn that Mr. W. J. Marshal, a printer who a short time since was employed on the Era, was so badly injured a few days since on the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, that his left leg had to be amputated.

Mr. Marshal was a good natured, inoffensive man, and as he was already maimed, having only one eye, this last misfortune is peculiarly hard. We hope the poor man may recover and yet do well.

**FIRE.**—On Saturday night last about 7 o'clock the stable in the rear of W. G. Upchurch's residence on Wilmington Street owned by W. C. Stronach Esq., was entirely consumed by fire. At one time it was thought that the City Hotel on the adjoining lot was in great danger, but by prompt action on the part of our fire companies the spread of the fire was stopped. We do not know the extent of Mr. Stronach's loss.

**CHAPPED HANDS, face, rough skin, pimples, ring worm, salt-rheum, and various eruptions, are cured, and the skin made soft and supple, by using the JUNIPER TAR SOAP, made by CASWELL, HAZARD & Co. New-York. Be certain to get the Juniper Tar Soap, as there are many imitations made with common tar which are worthless. 4w**

**ATTRACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT.**—On Friday evening the 23rd inst. Dr. L. Von Meyerhoff, Prof. Graiz and Miss Slater propose giving a musical entertainment in Tucker Hall. The great musical talent of the parties is well known, and will no doubt be appreciated by our citizens in the shape of a crowded house.

**RESPIED.**—His Excellency Gov. Caldwell, has respited Joseph Baker who was sentenced to be hung for the murder of Wilfong. The execution will take place in Charlotte on Friday the 16th, January.

**LECTURE.**—Col. John H. Wheeler of Washington City, formerly State Treasurer of North Carolina and better known as the author of a History of this State, will deliver a Lecture in the Commons Hall on this (Thursday) evening. Subject "The early Governors of North Carolina and the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence."

**MUSICAL.**—We notice that Mr. Nat. L. Brown has on hand one of Water's Splendid Pianos. We invite the public to call and see this beautiful Instrument. We learn that the price is only \$550 which is considered cheap. Mr. Brown is the regular agent for these Pianos and also for Water's Concerto Parlor Organ's. The price of the latter is \$330. The finish of these Instruments is superior to anything of the kind usually offered in Raleigh, and it would be to the interest of those having in charge our schools, Churches, and Lodges to call and examine for themselves before purchasing elsewhere.