

EMANCIPATION OF SLAVES.

The first day of every January is celebrated by the colored people in many parts of the South and is called "Emancipation Day" in commemoration of the day when President Lincoln's emancipation proclamation went into effect, which was just fifty years on the first day of this month.

Lincoln did not issue that proclamation because of any love for the slaves nor because of any idea that he had the right to emancipate them, nor did that proclamation pretend to emancipate all the slaves, but only those owned by persons in certain States and parts of States.

On the 22nd of September, 1862, more than a year after the war had begun, President Lincoln issued a proclamation declaring that, on the 1st of the following January, he would issue a proclamation emancipating all slaves within any State or any part of a State "the people thereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States."

In his proclamation Lincoln expressly stated that he issued it as "a military necessity" and "as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing the rebellion."

And, in order to show further that Lincoln knew he had no constitutional right to free the slaves, it should be remembered how he revoked the proclamations of Generals Fremont and Hunter, and censured them for attempting to free the slaves in the States wherein they held command.

The truth is, slavery in all the States of the Union was abolished by an amendment to the Constitution of the United States after the war was over, which amendment was voted on and ratified by the Southern States.

had abolished slavery. It is well to bear this in mind.

In this connection it may be proper to correct an error that is prevalent among persons who ought to know better. Many persons say (and some sincerely believe) that the war waged by the United States against the Confederate States was for the purpose of freeing the slaves.

The official action of Congress refutes any such notion. Soon after the battle of Manassas the Congress of the United States (then in extra session) adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That this war is not waged upon our part with any purpose of overthrowing or interfering with the rights or established institutions of these States, but to defend and maintain the supremacy of the constitution and to preserve the Union."

The same Congress also, in the month of March following, by large majorities in both branches, adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That the United States ought to co-operate with any State which may adopt a gradual abolition of slavery, giving to such State pecuniary aid, to be used by such State, in its discretion, to compensate for the inconveniences, public and private, produced by such change of system."

Of course the adoption of the above resolution shows that Congress acknowledged that the right to abolish slavery rested exclusively with each State, and this resolution merely declares it to be the duty of the United States to co-operate with any State that may emancipate its slaves by helping to pay for them.

Lincoln's proclamation not only did not profess to free all the slaves (only those in those sections in actual "rebellion," as stated therein), but it did not actually free the slaves in those sections. They were not actually freed until after the war, more than two years after Lincoln issued his proclamation declaring them free.

The General Assembly of North Carolina convened in its biennial session at 12 o'clock today at Raleigh, nearly every member being present. The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant-Governor Newland, who will continue as the presiding officer of that body until Lieutenant-Governor Daughtridge is sworn in on next Wednesday, when Governor Craig is inaugurated and all the other newly elected State officers are sworn in.

The House of Representatives was called to order by the chief clerk of the last House (Mr. T. G. Cobb), as provided by law, and, after the members had been duly sworn in, the House was organized by the election of the following officers: Hon. George W. Connor, of Wilson, Speaker; T. G. Cobb, Chief Clerk.

We hope that our Democratic legislators during the coming session will fully realize that "with power comes responsibility," as was stated by THE RECORD the day after they were elected. We sincerely hope that their unprecedented majority may not be a stumbling block to harmony and united efforts for good legislation.

Why is it that we gather here with so much spirit, and with so little disappointment and humiliation? Is it not that in spite of the defeat in November, we were still victorious in saving our country from an administration whose policy involved the sapping of the foundation of domestic, constitutional, representative government, whose appeals were calculated to arouse class hatred that has heretofore been the ruin of popular government and whose contempt for the limitations of constitutional law and the guarantee of civil liberty promised chaos and anarchy?"

The above shows that Taft thinks the defeat of Roosevelt and his so-called Progressive party has saved the country from "chaos and anarchy," and this is the opinion of the bulk of the Republican party, if not of the majority of the voters in the United States.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.] Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—The week just passed has been marked by the observance of a delightful custom peculiar to Washington society. New Year's Day is always a day at home for Washington society folk. On this day many homes will be found open to welcome friends and acquaintances. But the chief event is the reception of the President of the United States at the white house.

As many young men will enter the United States Senate on the fourth of next March, there will be a strong movement on foot to overthrow the present method of making committee appointments. In years past, ordinarily, it has taken years of service in the Senate before a Senator obtained an influential committee assignment.

Engineer Commissioner Judson, one of the chief executive officers of the government of the District of Columbia, acknowledged, in a congressional investigation, that he had recommended a man named Ingham for appointment as insurance commissioner of the District because Ingham was a relative of Senator Gallinger, chairman of the Senate committee for the District, although he did not believe that Ingham was competent to fill the position.

At midnight, December 31, messages were flashed, for the first time, from the great wireless telegraph tower at Arlington, just across the river from Washington, to the Eiffel tower, Paris, to the big wireless tower at Clifton, Ireland, and to points on the Pacific coast.

A few seconds later Postmaster General Hitchcock inaugurated a new era in the American postal service by sending the first package entrusted to the new parcels post. Word comes to Washington that the first package mailed at Birmingham, Alabama, was a pitchfork. Eggs, live bees and chickens may now be sent to all parts of the country, and borrowed umbrellas returned by mail, but alcoholic liquors are barred.

Efforts are being made by the war department to increase the strength of the organized militia of the United States. There has been an increase of nearly 10,000 officers and men during the last year. And if the recommendations of the Secretary of War are adopted, the State militia will be brought into closer touch with the regular army and made thereby more permanent and efficient.

A striking feature of a recent report of the Interstate Commerce Commission is that a large proportion of railway accidents are caused by dereliction of duty of employees concerned; but the commission believes that railroad engineers and trainmen have a keen appreciation of their responsibilities.

There are 735 coal mines in the United States which are producing more than 200,000 short tons of coal each annually.

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Road Commissioners' Expenses.

The following is the report of disbursements of the Board of Road Commissioners of Chatham county from the 1st day of July, 1912, to the 1st day of January, 1913, submitted by J. J. Hackney, Jr., Clerk of the Board. LEON T. LANE, Sheriff.

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Amount. Includes Albright Township with total of \$157.86.

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Amount. Includes Baldwin with total of \$382.69.

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Amount. Includes Bear Creek with total of \$241.24.

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Amount. Includes Cape Fear with total of \$523.28.

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Amount. Includes Center with total of \$437.08.

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Amount. Includes Gulf with total of \$233.60.

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Amount. Includes Hadley with total of \$41.95.

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Amount. Includes Hickory Mountain with total of \$301.01.

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Amount. Includes Haw River with total of \$70.19.

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Amount. Includes Matthews with total of \$41.02.

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Amount. Includes New Hope with total of \$134.50.

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Amount. Includes Oakland with total of \$254.98.

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Amount. Includes Williams with total of \$141.92.

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Amount. Includes General Fund with total of \$765.90.

Total for all purposes, \$4,287.94. I hereby certify that the foregoing statement is correct. LEON T. LANE, Sheriff.

For Results ROYSTERS FERTILIZERS Est. 1885

New Hope. J J Hatley, \$49 18; N J Bryan, 67 32; C D Moore, 18 00. Total, \$134 50.

Oakland. Fred Seagroves, \$19 78; C. M. Eddins, 33 05; Fred Seagroves, 22 50; Fred Seagroves, 6 00; Fred Seagroves, 127 90; Fred Seagroves, 45 75. Total, \$254 98.

Williams. L N Womble, \$ 1 45; J M Womble, 59 25; J W Horton, 22 50; A E Cole, 32 50; J M Womble, 26 22. Total, \$141 92.

General Fund. A J Clark, \$21 20; W O Farrell, 21 00; B A Phillips, 15 20; A J Clark, 20 00; W L London & Son, 303 00; J J Hackney, Jr., 3 70; B A Phillips, 5 00; J J Hackney, Jr., 5 60; A E Cole, 2 70; L N Womble, 5 00; B A Phillips, 31 20; John D Fox, 84 50; W O Farrell, 17 20; L N Womble, 9 75; W L London & Son, 9 60; L N Womble, 2 10; W L London & Son, 14 85; J J Hackney, Jr., 5 90; W L London & Son, 185 00; W L London & Son, 3 40. Total, \$765 90.

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MORTGAGE SALE.—By virtue of a mortgage executed by Jettavie and Lavie Andrews to Thos. L. Forney and by him transferred to me, which mortgage is registered in book "E. V." page 568, in the office of the register of deeds of Chatham county, I will sell for cash at the court house door in Pittsboro, at 12 m.

Friday, January 24, 1913, the tract of land described in said mortgage in Baldwin township, Chatham county, beginning on the big road in the county line, running with the same north 87 deg west 87 poles to a post oak, thence south 66 deg west 75 poles to Stanford's corner, thence south 39 poles to rock, thence west 7 poles to a stake and pointers, thence south 34 deg west 74 poles to a haw bush, thence north 82 deg east 66 poles to a red oak, thence north 7 deg east 21 poles to white oak, thence north 73 deg east 101 poles to the road, thence with same road to the first station, containing 80 3/4 acres. This Dec. 25, 1912. C. L. LINDSEY.

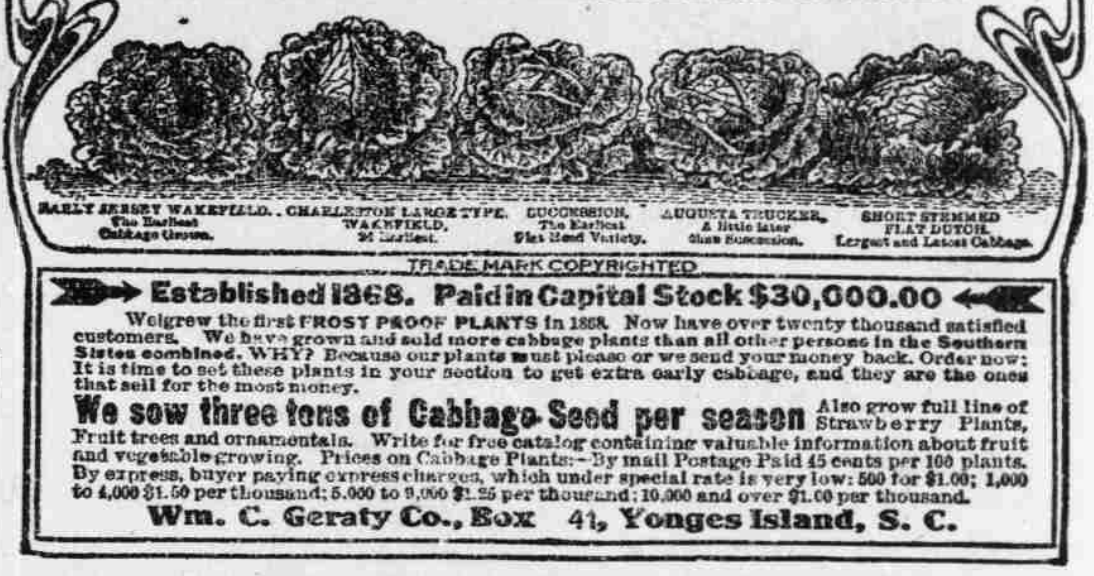
LAND SALE.—By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Chatham county, in the special proceeding herein pending, entitled "A. W. Wilson and wife et als versus Murat T. Poe and wife, Lalou Poe," I will, at the court-house door in Pittsboro, N. C., on

Saturday, January 11th, 1913, offer for sale to the highest bidder, the following described tracts of land: First tract—Living and being in New Hope township, Chatham county, N. C., bounded on the north by White Oak creek and Atlas Bryan; on the east by P. J. Harward and J. W. Goodwin; on the south by J. R. Holleman and A. T. Holleman, and on the west by New Hope creek, known as the Suggs old home tract, containing 112 acres, more or less, and particularly described in a deed from R. C. Council to R. M. Suggs, dated Jan. 31, 1868; Thos. Goodwin to L. A. Suggs, dated March 14th, 1873; Jas. Clark to R. M. Suggs, dated May 20th, 1888; Lemuel Ellis to R. M. Suggs dated Dec. 23rd, 1869, and R. C. Council and wife to L. A. Suggs, dated March the 14th, 1873.

Second tract—Lying and being in Haw River township, bounded on the north by the Tom Holling place; on the east by Henry Thomas; on the south by the lands of the Virginia Trust Co., and on the west by Nathan Harris, colored, known as the Levenia Suggs lands and particularly described in a deed from J. L. Bridges and wife to Levenia Suggs, dated April 24, 1881, containing 27 1/3 acres, more or less, save and except, however, from this tract about one acre recently conveyed to the trustees of the Gum Springs Baptist church.

Terms of sale—One-half cash, balance in six months, deferred payment to bear interest at 6 per cent from date of confirmation, and title reserved till all purchase money is paid. Time of sale—12 o'clock m. R. H. HAYES, Com'r. Hayes & Bynum, Attorneys.

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B. Nooe, Pittsboro, N. C.