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ADDRESS OF AN OLD MASTER TO EX-SLAVES

Address of Major H. A. London, of Pittsboro, Delivered On Occasion of Reunion of the "Old-time Darkies," Held at Rockingham, August 14th—Tells Them Who Freed Them. The "Old Black Mammy."

My friends, it gives me much pleasure to be with you today, and to unite in the exercises of this most novel and pleasant occasion. I address you as friends, because in North Carolina there is a greater friendly feeling between the races than in any other State in the American Union. This same assertion was in the mind of the leading colored man of the South, Booker T. Washington, when he so declared it at the State Fair in Raleigh several years ago. And it is true. This occasion today is an evidence of the fact.

MADE HIS FIRST SPEECH TO DARKIES.

The first public speech I ever made was to an audience of colored people. It was in the spring of 1867, during the reconstruction period, when there was an act of Congress giving the right of suffrage to the colored people. They held a large meeting in the town of Pittsboro, and although I was almost a boy, they honored me with an invitation to address them. On that occasion I said to them what I say now to you, that the best friend of the colored man in the South is the Southern white man. Those of you who have gone North have experienced the truth of that by painful experience. Why, up North they will not even allow a colored mechanic to work with white mechanics. Down here colored men and white men work together, on the same building for instance, or in partnership, each knowing his respective place. But up North they do not allow that.

I say that I am called to be with you on this occasion, most novel as it is. I do not remember another such occasion in this State, at least. It does credit to the men, both white and colored, who started it, and there is no reason why it could not be an annual reunion, and bring them together, and the presence of these old grey heads will be of benefit to the young men of your race. If the rising generation will take you as their exemplars, the country is saved, and there is no fear of the future.

WHO "FREED" YOU?

I wish to give you a few points in history for you to take home and remember. Every one of you, no doubt, thinks that President Abraham Lincoln freed you all. Well, now let me give you a few points in history, and then you can decide that for yourselves. When Mr. Lincoln was inaugurated President of the United States on the 4th of March, 1861, he stated:

"It is not my purpose directly or indirectly to interfere with the institution of slavery in any of the States where it exists. I believe that I have no lawful right so to do, and I have no inclination to do so."

Now those were the words of Mr. Lincoln when he stood before the Holy Presence of Almighty God, and took the oath

to execute the laws of our country.

Congress, when it met in special session in July, soon after the battle of Manassas, passed a resolution to this effect:

"That this war is being prosecuted not for the purpose of interfering with any of the institutions in any of the States."

So that the President, the Congress, the legislative and executive departments of the government were not waging a war for the purpose of freeing the colored people. Far from it.

In August, 1861, John C. Fremont, Major General of the Federal army, with headquarters at St. Louis, issued a proclamation declaring free all the slaves of men engaged in the rebellion.) As soon as President Lincoln heard of that, he issued a declaration, declaring that proclamation null and void.

Again on the 9th of May, 1862, General David Hunter, of the Federal army, with headquarters in South Carolina, issued a similar proclamation, declaring free all the slaves in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, over which he had command.

As soon as President Lincoln heard of that proclamation he at once issued another proclamation, in which he declared that order null and void, and that no man was authorized to issue a proclamation declaring the slaves free in any part of the United States.

On the 2nd of September, 1862, Lincoln issued a proclamation, January, 1863, all the slaves would be declared free in the States in "rebellion," excepting certain ones which I will tell you of in a moment. He stated in his proclamation that this issue and this act was done as a war measure for the purpose of suppressing a "rebellion," and that it was an absolute necessity, which was issued not through any love of you, my colored friends, but in order to impede a surrender.

LINCOLN'S PROCLAMATION. And so on the 1st of January, 1863, the proclamation was issued, and in that proclamation he did not attempt to free all the slaves of the South. He omitted the slave States of North Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee, and also expressly excepted from it certain counties in the State of Virginia, and certain parishes in the State of Louisiana. Now, if he wanted us people in the South to free the slaves, why in the name of common sense and justice did he not say so, and free them all?

They got Congress to propose an amendment to the constitution of the United States, known as the thirteenth amendment, prohibiting slavery in the United States. In order for the amendment to become of the constitution it had to be ratified by three-fourths of the States, just as any amendment is required to be ratified. And bless your soul, the ten Southern States that had been fighting them to keep you in slavery, were the ones to vote for that amendment and have it adopted, and six or eight Northern States never did vote for it.

SOUTH NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR SLAVERY.

Again, the Southern States are not responsible for your having been slaves, and I want you to remember that they never brought your ancestors in this country. Mr. Lincoln declared that the people of the South are no more responsible for the introduction of slavery into this country than are the people of the North, and he told the truth.

When the constitution of the United States was adopted and the Union formed, every State in it had slavery. All those New England States, Massachusetts, and New York, and Maryland, emancipated or set free their slaves. Why? Because it did not pay.

So you were brought here not

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CONDENSED NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

A Column of the Week's Happenings Throughout the World Told in Brief—Gathered From Our Contemporaries and Boiled Down For Our Readers.

July sales of tobacco in South Carolina amounted to ten million pounds or one and a quarter million dollars.

Cole younger, one of the famous bandits of that name, professed religion at Lees Summit, Mo., recently and became a member of the Christian church.

Henry Strenweis, of Dubuque, Ia., killed his wife and three children the past week. After killing them he set fire to the home and jumped in the flames. Strenweis was worth \$100,000.

Two days were set apart recently in Missouri as days to lift State out of the mud. Fifty thousand citizens turned out and worked on the roads. The Governor himself went out and handled a shovel.

A wedding celebration took place at Springfield, Mass., recently. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Aiken had been married one year. Mr. Aiken weighs 130 pounds while the wife only weighs 630 pounds.

Rev. William Davis, of Ennate, Mass., and a graduate of Harvard, has written his classmates, Julian Hawthorne and W. J. Morton in the Federal prison at Atlanta offering to serve the remainder of their sentences.

Thomas Barnes, of Portland, Oregon, delivered a 40-pound piece of ice worth 20 cents, saying it weighed 50 pounds and was worth 25 cents, thereby cheating the customer out of 5 cents, and the judge gave him 5 days at the rock pile.

Mrs. Julia Heath, President of the Housewives' League, says "the lurid notoriety and maudlin publicity that Evelyn Thaw has managed to get out of her husband's escape, is not only disgusting, but a menace to the girlhood, womanhood and motherhood of the United States."

As a result of a remark reflecting upon the daughter of J. T. McElroy of Cobb county, Ga., four men armed with knives engaged in a deadly duel by moonlight at New Hope church recently. One person was killed, two wounded and one was placed in jail.

A full blooded African Chieftain, has passed his entrance examinations to enter Harvard. His people have no written language and the only way he can communicate with them is through traders on the coast by word of mouth. He has begun the task of reducing his language to writing.

A baseball fan went to Montgomery, Mo., to witness a game and by mistake, got into a hack at the depot filled with pallbearers going to a funeral. As he had crepe on his hat he was taken by the others as a mourner. It at last dawned upon him where he was and made a dash to get to the ball game, which he did just in time to see his team win.

Governor Blease of South Carolina Tuesday wrote a letter to Governor Sulzer of New York stating that South Carolina recognized him as Governor of New York. He expressed sympathy for Sulzer and told him to "let the politicians and ringsters howl and squirm and convince the people that you are right." He added, "Trust in God and the white people and you will always be a winner."

A COLUMN OF STATE NEWS

Short Items of North Carolina News of General Interest To Scotland County—In Condensed Form For Exchange Readers—Gathered From Contemporaries

Rockingham is in line for a public building. A bill has been passed to this effect.

Charles Brown, a young white man, seriously cut Fraely Hess, another young white man, at Salisbury Thursday night.

Out of 77 young men applying for license to practice law in North Carolina, only 10 failed to pass at the examinations held last week.

A meeting of the Sand Hill farmers' Association of North Carolina will be held at Jackson Springs on September 13th, at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Of the \$4,000,000 appropriated by the Government for rifle practice, supplies and ammunition and camp purposes, North Carolina has been allowed \$76,000.

Miss Ethel Bostick, of Wallace, while visiting in Wilmington, was struck by a trolley car over the line to Wrightsville Beach, Saturday morning and instantly killed.

A negro woman of Raleigh was investigated last week by the serach and seizure law. The result being the finding of 95 half pints of liquor. The woman was sentenced to a year in the workhouse.

Catholics and Hebrews are the Protestants, Episcopalians, Baptists, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A. and the Young People's Student Movement have headquarters there now.

A novel suit has been filed by W. F. Castleberry, of Wake county, against the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company. Mr. Castleberry is asking \$10,000 damages because the tracks of the company have made stagnant water, causing mosquitoes to breed, giving his family malaria, causing large doctors' bills and damaging the value of the farmer's property because of bad health on the farm.

More Style.

Can you beat this? A negro dressed like a preacher, with a high hat, swallow-tail coat, standing collar, red necktie, white shoes and erabobs, came in Sunday night on the A. C. L.—Marlboro Times.

Out of Place.

A Tomahawk subscriber writes that he was much frightened last Sunday morning, while strolling through his swamp land, by a large wild cat. The rascal ought to have been at Sunday school.—Bladen Journal.

Mr. Roger Sanford Accepts Position in Charlotte.

Mr. Roger Sanford, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sanford, left Saturday for Charlotte, where he goes to accept a position in Blake's drug store.

Mr. Sanford has had several years' drug experience here with Dr. Everington, at Everington's drug store, and is well fitted for his new position.

Miss Jessie Wilson, daughter of President Wilson, while out riding horseback with her fiancée last week, was thrown off and painfully injured.

A picnic party traveling in a wagon was struck by an Interurban train one mile west of Mount Holly, Tuesday. Miss Emma Sanford and Mr. Ike Brymer were killed and four others injured.

GRADED SCHOOL OPENING A RECORD BREAKER

The First Day of the Opening of the Graded School Shows an Attendance of Four Hundred and Ten, Which Eclipses All Former Openings By Over One Hundred—The Teachers and Their Homes.

Professor Barron Caldwell and his corps of teachers entered upon the first day's work of the Laurinburg Graded Schools, Monday.

Four hundred and ten students attended the first day. This attendance for the first day is a record-breaker, being more than one hundred greater than ever known since the establishment of the school. Of this number, 375 were at the up-town school and 35 at the East Laurinburg school. Just what effect the State compulsory education law had, or whether it accounts for the greater attendance is not known, but whatever the reason, it is highly gratifying to know that there is this additional interest in the education of the youths of Scotland county. The faculty is composed of efficient and highly competent teachers and great results are anticipated by both the school and its patrons. The faculty is as follows: In the up-town school, first grade, Miss Roberta Coble, of Laurinburg; second grade, Miss Emma Washington Gill, of Laurinburg; third grade, Miss May Hampton, of Greensboro; fourth grade, Miss Margaret Klugh, of Abbeville, S. C.; fifth grade, Miss Elizabeth Martin, of Salem, Va.; sixth grade, Miss [Name obscured]. In the East Laurinburg School, Miss [Name obscured], of Sumter, S. C.; [Name obscured] and German; Miss Mary Boyce, of Due West, S. C.; Mathematics; Miss Florinne Carothers, of Rock Hill, S. C.; English and Science; Professor Barron Caldwell, History and Science.

The East Laurinburg School is under the charge of Miss Lena Baxley, of Gibson.

Three gold medals have been offered and will be given to the students making highest grades in spelling, mathematics and the highest average made in all studies and deportment. The new teachers are making their homes at the following Laurinburg homes: Miss Baxley in East Laurinburg; Misses Hampton, Martin and Fountain with Rev. H. A. Humble; Misses Klugh and Boyce with Mr. T. B. Russell; Miss Carothers with Rev. J. H. Dixon, and Miss Randall with Mr. J. W. Mason. Miss Rosa Caldwell, of Due West, S. C., sister of Prof. Barron Caldwell, and Miss Katie McLean have charge of the music department.

GENERAL NEWS.

In Anderson, S. C., three members of the same family, mother and children, have died of pellagra since June 10th.

J. B. Harter, chief of police at Allendale, S. C., was shot to death at Lena, S. C., Sunday, by A. L. Walker. No one saw the tragedy, and as Walker will not talk, the killing is shrouded in mystery.

John Swanson, a boatman, wounded in the heel by a stingray, which is very poisonous, slashed his heel to let out the poison and swam a mile and a half to a surgeon.

Because she would not kiss him good-bye before he committed suicide, Thos. Keene, of Philadelphia, shot and seriously wounded his wife. He then held policemen at bay while he took poison.

Woman Crushed by Elevator In Durham.

Durham, N. C., Aug. 29.—Mrs. Betsy Ann Keith was crushed to death in the Durham Loan and Trust Building today by a descending elevator in the presence of her daughter, Miss Meta Keith, and others.

Mrs. Keith had accompanied her daughter to the fourth floor of the Trust Building to Dr. Joe Graham's office where the young lady was undergoing treatment and on the way down the elevator stopped at the third floor to take on a passenger, Mr. W. B. Kuler. Just as the car started downward Mrs. Keith attempted to step off, probably thinking she had reached the ground floor.

The elevator boy, Cheatham Stone, caught hold of the lady and tried to pull her back with one hand while he attempted to stop the car with the other. The lady's weight, however, was too much for the boy, and her head was caught between the floor of the building and the descending elevator.

A SICKENING TRAGEDY.

The head was mashed into a pulp, the neck broken and brains and blood scattered over the floor and elevator. The daughter, Miss Meta, who witnessed her mother's hideous death, was prostrated by the sickening spectacle, and had to be carried to a doctor's office for attention. Dr. Graham was summoned as soon as the accident occurred, but Mrs. Keith was already dead. The death was not blamed. The elevator boy was not found at fault. Mrs. Keith was the wife of Mr. Jerry Keith, a prominent farmer of Wake county, and was about 60 years old. The remains were turned over to an undertaker and were later sent to her home near Credmoor.

Ben High, of Wadesboro, Bound Over to Court for Robbing Lady.

Wadesboro M. & I.

Yesterday afternoon Ben High had a preliminary hearing before Justice J. A. Little, on the charge of robbing Miss Sallie Hutchinson, and by agreement of counsel for defense and prosecution was bound over to criminal court under \$400 bond. As yet he has been unable to give this and is now in jail.

Miss Hutchinson went on the stand and told the same story in essentials that the M. & I. has already published. She was looking for some one to carry her suit case to the station, and Ben High offered to do it, and carried her to the place where the robbery took place. He made improper proposals to her, and when she refused him he choked and beat her into insensibility. She thought she was unconscious for at least half an hour, and when she recovered consciousness it took her ten minutes to collect her thoughts. She then found her hand-bag had been rifled and her money was gone. Her shoes had been removed and part of clothing was torn almost off her. She came to Dr. Ashe's office as quickly as possible and gave the alarm.

The defense did not offer any testimony, and after several witnesses had corroborated Miss Hutchinson's story as to going off with High, and others had told of an examination of the ground, which showed evidently of a scuffle. The opposing lawyers conferred with the above mentioned result.

The prosecution has not said whether any charge other than that of robbery will be pushed, but it is thought High will be made to answer to the charge of attempted criminal assault.

In a bitter debate and a vote, Glynn was recognized as Governor of New York Thursday. The vote was 48 for, 29 against.