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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES. First District—Hon. George H. Brown, of Beaufort. Third District—Hon. Henry R. Bryan, of Craven. Fifth District—Hon. Thomas J. Shaw, of Guilford. Sixth District—Hon. Oliver H. Allen, of Lenoir. Seventh District—Hon. Thomas A. McNeill, of Robeson. Eleventh District—Hon. W. Alexander Hoke, of Lincoln.

THEY TURNED IT DOWN.

The Democracy of North Carolina is to be congratulated on the action of the State convention in rejecting the proposition for fusion with the Butler contingent of the Populist party.

It was a large convention, numbering 600 or more delegates. This was a representative convention going without saying in view of its action.

We never had any apprehension that a convention of Democrats, professing to represent the Democracy of this State, would subject the party to the humiliation and degradation of such a surrender as Marion Butler proposed.

What Democratic speaker could have gone upon the rostrum and without an egg-sucking, hang-dog look essayed to defend such a base surrender as that, such an endorsement of the Butler-Russell combine, and such an absolute abdication of Democratic leadership?

Such a bill, so entirely revolutionary and paternal in its scope, and capable of such infinite meddling and mischief, could never be carried through Congress and if it was, it would be killed as dead as Hector by the State Legislatures.

But the longer hours of labor or the cost of labor is not the trouble with the Northern mills, nor the reason why they cannot successfully compete with Southern mills.

By the wise action of the convention we have escaped all this, and without any handicapping, degrading alliance we can go into the contest as Democrats, united, enthusiastic and full of the high resolve to reclaim North Carolina from Butlerism and Russellism.

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NOT THE REASON.

The New England cotton manufacturers, or at least some of them, have been attributing the depression in their business and their reduced profits to Southern competition and the lower cost of labor in the South.

But right here they struck a snag, for while the Legislatures may feel friendly to and would like to help the manufacturers the labor organizations are a factor in politics that must be respected.

There is a great deal more in this than in the pretence of the longer hours of labor in the South, which really do not much affect the cost of production as the mill operatives are generally paid by the piece and receive pay in proportion to the amount of work done.

All this perplexing talk about the whereabouts of Cortez's fleet, whether it is in Santiago harbor or not, sounds like a comedy of errors.

This was a dodge the purpose of which was to keep the labor question out of the Legislature and relegate it to Congress. It was a two edged instrument and likely to cut with either edge.

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That Nebraska man who was so patriotic that he escaped from a penitentiary to enlist on the Maine, and who escaped when the Maine was destroyed, has been pardoned by the Governor.

STATE CONVENTION.

Adopted by the Democratic State Convention at Raleigh, May 26, 1898. The Democratic party of North Carolina, in convention assembled in Raleigh, N. C., on this day, May 26th, 1898, do hereby approve, endorse and ratify the last Democratic national platform.

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AT THE CHAMPION COMPRESS.

Dredging the Docks—The Hull of an Ancient Ship Found Embedded in the Mud. The Champion Compress Company has recently finished dredging, at great expense, their commodious docks to twenty feet low water.

When the company undertook years ago to dig the docks now in use the depth of water was about three feet; it is now twenty feet.

Part of the old hull has been broken away by the dredging machine, but the bulk of it remains, and it will be removed by the use of explosives.

Mr. Clark had not been himself since some time ago when he over-exerted himself fighting the forest fires which were sweeping Bladen and adjoining counties.

More than once there have appeared in this paper tributes to the character of John H. Clark, of Clarkton.

Mr. Clark was between 75 and 80 years of age. He was married three times. The whole family of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren number over seventy.

A correspondent sends the STAR the following Calabash news: "Mr. Robert M. Patterson, of this place, and Miss Mattie Thomas, of Little River, S. C., were happily united in marriage Saturday May 28, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. W. H. Thomas, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Thomas Bell, of Little River.

"Johnson Randall, a colored boy about 10 years old, was drowned at Tag's Ford near this place Friday May 29."

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SECOND REGIMENT.

Companies Lettered and Battalions Formed on Orders from War Department. Designated as Company K and Placed in the First Battalion—Expected That the Regiment Will be Ordered Soon to the Front.

The Second regiment can be moved at once. Though it is entirely without equipments, it is not unlikely that the regiment may be sent elsewhere.

The people are still talking of "that great convention." Every one seems wistful toward the call of the doomsday kickers, even in Wake, and a hard and determined fight may be expected from the entire Democratic ranks this coming week.

Lieut. Marshall left for Morehead this morning to complete arrangements for the color guard of the regiment which are to be mobilized there Monday.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Judge Allen's Opinion Received Yesterday—Injunction Denied and Restraining Order Vacated. Col. Jno. D. Taylor, as clerk of the Superior Court yesterday received the decision of Judge O. H. Allen in the New Hanover County Commissioner's case in which Col. Roger Moore, chairman, and Commissioners Alexander, J. L. Boatwright, John Barry, James Cowan, the three last named appointees of the clerk of the Superior Court, sued out a temporary restraining order against Col. F. W. Foster, F. J. Dempsey and Jordan Nixon who, according to a recent decision of the Supreme Court, forfeited their right to the office of County Commissioners by accepting office as a Board of Education.

It will be remembered that the case was argued on Wednesday of last week before Judge Allen in Fayetteville. The decision just received denies the injunction and vacates the temporary restraining order on the ground that while it appears from the affidavits filed by the plaintiffs that Col. Moore, Alexander Boatwright, Barry and Cowan are the legal commissioners of New Hanover county, he as judge, nevertheless has no power at the present stage of the action to grant relief by injunction.

The following is the full text of the opinion: "This cause coming on to be heard on motion to show cause why the defendants should not be restrained from acting as county commissioners and interfering with the plaintiffs in discharge of their duties, while it appears from the affidavits filed in this proceeding that the plaintiffs are the legal board of county Commissioners of New Hanover county, nevertheless, I am of opinion that, this being an action to try title of office, I have not the power at this stage to grant relief by injunction. The application is therefore denied and the temporary restraining order vacated."

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TRUCK FARMERS OFF YEAR.

A Few Crops All Right, but Most of Them Failures. This so far has been a "off" season with most, if not all, of Chatham's truck farmers. The late frosts and continued dry weather have prevented them from realizing their hopes of large and lucrative crops.

"Potatoes have done pretty well," said Major G. M. Ryan yesterday, "and there is a fair prospect for the cucumber and tomato crop, but the rest of the truck has given very poor returns. Potatoes have brought good prices for which we are duly thankful. I don't think the truckers, though, will be able to take up an issue of bonds out of this year's profits."

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MEN ENTERED THE JAIL.

It was twenty minutes to ten o'clock when the mob, unany longer to restrain its fury, broke down the jail door. The sheriff and deputies were overpowered and the crowd rushed up the stairs to the cell of the doomsday men. The lock was broken, the door opened and the prisoners hauled forth. The crowd called to the sheriff to get a lamp, but only a lantern was to be had. The men were taken to the jail, but the sheriff said that resistance was useless, so he made no effort to frustrate their will.

Both Men Were Hanged. They were remarkably cool, considering that they were going to a dreadful death. They protested innocence all along the way. Rev. Mr. Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian church, walked by their side, talking to them and trying to minister to them spiritually. When the place selected for the hanging was reached a halt was made. Mr. Alexander tried to silence the crowd, so he could pray for the doomed men. The crowd could not be quieted, so he prayed while the crowd roared and the bodies were taken to a point beyond the three-mile branch.

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