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DEMOCRATIC TICKET. FOR CONGRESS.

Sixth District-John D. Bellamy, of New Hanover. FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES. First District-Hon. George H. Brown, Second District-Hon. Henry R. Bryan, of Craven. Fifth District-Hon. Thomas J. Shaw,

of Guilford. Sixth District-Hon, Oliver H. Allen of Lenoir. District-Hon. Thomas McNeill, of Robeson.
Eleventh District—Hon. W. Alexander Hoke, of Lincoln

FOR SOLICITOR. Sixth District - Rodolph Duffy, of

## AFRAID OF THE LIGHT.

It is a notorious fact that the management of the State penitentiary, under the superintendence of J. R. Smith, removed, became such a scandal that Governor Russell found it necessary to remove him, which he did. He took him out of the penitentiary , which he said Smith didn't have sense enough and wasn't it to run, and put him in place of J. W. Mewborne, Commissioner of Agriculture, whom he made Superintendent of the Penitentiary. It was intimated at the time, as a semi-apology for installing in the Agricultural Department a man whose unfitness was advertised and emphasized by his removal from the penitentiary, that the appointment would be simply temporary, and that the Board of Agriculture would probably elect a successor to Mewborne at its first meeting after the change. But Smith still sticks.

It is also a fact that the law requires that the reports of the officials of the State Departments shall be made and given to the public by the 31st of December of each year. This is the latter end of July, 1898. If this requirement of the law as to the reports for 1897 has been complied with, that fact is known to very few people. There are so few copies if any of them available or obtainable, that. Chairman Simmons, of the Democratic State Committee, who desired some iformation, found it necessary to write for it, and therefore addressed several letters respectfully and courteously phrased to Superintendent Mewborne, of the Penitentiary; to Claudius Dockery, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary, and to John R. Smith, Commissioner of Agriculture.

From the first he asked informaon as to the management, receipts, expenditures, sale of crops produced on the State farms, and other matters in which the public is interested in reference to which there are various reports. Of Chairman Dockery he requested to be furnished with a copy of the reports which should have been made by the 31st of December last. Of Commissioner Smith he desired information as to the number of employes in the Department of Agiculture, their names and duties, and the date when they went into ervice, and the receipts and expenlitures of the Bepartment for the

This is the sum and substance of letters to these respective offiers, asking for information that my citizen of North Carolina has right to ask for and a right to thow, but instead of answering ourteously as a public servant, paid by the people of the State to erform certain duties, Succrintendent Mewborne replies in a coarse, inolent, abusive and cowardly "open etter" addressed to Mr. Simmons, the request would require and in addition because Mr. Simmons desired the WEEKLY STAR

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 1898.

Special Session of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association.

MANY IMPORTANT MATTERS.

The President's Address-Papers of Great Interest on Various Subjects Read by Members of the Association. The Attendance.

The North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association met in special session yesterday at 2 o'clock at Hiber nian Hall. The veterinary physicians present were C. R. Ellis, Charlotte, president; T. B. Carroll, Wilmington, vice president; J. W. Petty. Winston, secretary and treasurer; H. Bessent, Durham; Daniel Quinlivan, Wilmington; B. L. Griffin, Concord J. W. Rollins and L. G. Lamberth, Asheville; H. F. Banner, Greensboro; J. B. Ashcraft, Monroe; W. C. Murray, Hickory; W. C. McMockin, E.

E. Terry, and Frank Harvey, Raleigh; L. Lockwood, R. H. Hatfield. Charles Hatfield and B. E. Harper, Washington City; W. H. Morris. Elizabeth City; J. M. Peden, Winston; R. M. Smith, Salisbury; Dr. Compton, Henderson; Mrs. Dr. C. R. Ellis, Charlotte. Mrs. Ellis is an honorary member of the association and was the first lady in the country admitted to membership in a veterinary organization, though after her admission ladies began to be admitted North and

South.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Ellis, of Charlotte, and Dr. Daniel Quinlivan in a bright little speech extended a cordial welcome to the visitors. The president's address was then heard with great interest. He said he felt very much encouraged at the attendance. He be lieved that all the members would feel proud of the association, and that the State would soon reap the benefits from the association's efforts for the inspection of animal foods. He then read a list of physicians all over the period of ten years. Apply to State endorsing the city ownership of slaughter houses so as to facilitate the inspection already referred to. He announced that at the next meeting of the Legislature the association would make every effort to have proper laws passed. "We may not see the benefits of our organization," he went on to say, "but the time is not far off when our State shall be benefitted because of

our labors." no evidence yet that he is a fool, Dr. H. F. Bauer, of Greensboro read a paper urging the association to take steps to have our dumb animals attended to in the proper time, as delay in some seemingly insignificant trouble frequently causes the animal to undergo suffering that civilized people should not allow.

A paper that was listened to with great interest was read by Dr. J. W. Petty, of Winston, the subject being "Tuberculosis and its communica bility to mankind through milk and

Dr. T. B. Carroll read a valuable treatise on animal foods. Dr. W. H. Morris, of Elizabeth City, read a paper on the "Practice of Sur

After a special vote of thanks to the Hibernian Society for the use of its pleasant and commodious hall, the association adjourned to meet again at a time and place to be named by a com-

mittee appointed for that purpose. The veterinarians have been taking n the seaside resorts, and say that they have never attended so enjoyable a meeting as this has been. Most of them will leave for their homes to-day.

Wilmington Tariff Association.

The Raleigh News and Observer of vesterday under the head of "A Long Felt Want," has quite a good deal to say about the Wilmington Tariff Association. It prints an interview with Mr. J. A. Taylor, president of the association, who said in commenting upon concessions gained from the Railroad Commission in the rate on molasses and bacon in bags:

We demand equitable treatmentthe same accorded to other cities in other States-nothing more and nothing less. We ask for nothing except what we regard as just.

"Appreciating that it requires an expert traffic manager, the association appointed Mr. James Kyle, and he has furnished statements that no rail-

road expert could confute. "We expect to do a great deal more in behalf of the shippers and con-sumers. This is just a beginning. We do not work by agitation, but by presenting just claims, backed by facts and figures

"The rate granted on molasses wil average a reduction of about 25 per cent., and the reduction on the bacon rate is 40 per cent. These are State rates that benefit not Wilmington but all places in the State.

ITALY AND COLOMBIA.

Serious Trouble Between the Two Countries is Likely to Occur.

By Cable to the Morning Star. LONDON, July 31.-A Rome dispatch to a news agency here says the Italian government does not intend to modify its attitude with regard to the claim against Colombia, and is determined upon exact compliance with the ar-bitrator's conditions. According to this dispatch, Admiral Candiani's latest report is to the effect that Co-lombia is defiant and serious trouble

is possible. The admiral's dispatches are be lieved to have been tampered with

By direction of the Secretary of War orders have been issued that Miami shall be abandoned as one of the permanent camps of United States forces and directing that the troops now there shall be transferred imme-diately to Jacksonville.

PRIZE SHIP AT CHARLESTON.

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 30.-The

A French Steamer Captured Off Ports Rico Last Sunday. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

French steamship Maneaubia, which was captured off Porto Rico Sunday last by the Dixie, was brought in here this morning. The vessel comes from the south and is consequently held at quarantine, no one being allowed on board her. She is in charge of a prize crew under boatswain John Lunn, of the Dixie. The Maneaubia was cap-tured by the Dixie just as she had landed a number of men and supplies near Ponce where Gen. Miles now is. A solid shot had to be fired across her bow before she would come about. There are irregularities in her papers, but the case against the vessel does not seem to be as strong as those against the other prizes here. A libel against her will be filed Monday.

UNUSUAL INDUCEMENTS.

New Manufacturing Enterprises in Wi mington Exempt from Taxation for a Period of Ten Years.

It is not nearly so well known as i hould be that Wilmington offers unusual inducements, aside from her natural advantages, to new manufacturing enterprises locating here. By authority of a special act of the State Legislature manufacturing companies locating here are exempt from taxation for a period of ten years after their establishment.

The special act referred to constitutes Messrs, W. E. Worth, Oscar Pearsall, W. A. French, James Chadbourn, J. H. Watters, Clayton Giles and Col. F. W. Foster a committee to have in charge the promulgation of his inducement.

They are inaugurating quite an active campaign just now. A STAR repesentative was shown yesterday conracts recently made by Col. Foster, as corresponding secretary of the committee, with several leading periodicals for the insertion of the following pointed advertisement:

manufacturers from taxation for a

"Corresponding Secretary."

The contracts referred to provide for the publication of the advertise ment in the Dry Goods Economist New York; American Wool and Cot ton Reporter, Boston; Manufacturers Record, Baltimore; Iron and Stee Record, Chicago, and the Post, Wash ington, D. C.

The STAR reporter was told that similar advertisements are to be placed in a number of other papers very soon, and a vigorous effort is to be made all along the line for the at traction of new enterprises to this the Metropolis of North Carolina, and withal the most advantageous point in the State for the conduct of variety of profitable manufactories.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE. Sheriff and Treasurer Submit Brief R

ports as to County Finances. There was a meeting of the Financ

and Audit Committee of the New Hanover Board of County Commissioners last night. The sheriff and the county treasurer

sent reports as requested at the last meeting of the Board. The sheriff's report shows that he has paid out about \$900 since July 12th by authority of the resolution passed by the defunct Board, directing him to pay warrant from Col. Foster, as chairman. The report of the treasurer showed no moneys received or paid out since the last report. No definite action was taken last night upon any mattter. The county records were gone through carefully in order that commissioners might familiarize themselves as much as possible with the

affairs of the county. There will be a regular meeting of the Board Monday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock to which the committee will report. All three of the committeemen, Col. Moore, Capt. Boatwright and Capt. Barry were present las night, also County Attorney W. B. Mc Koy, and Capt. W. P. Oldham.

Charged With Murder.

Tom Perry, colored, was arrested and lodged in the county jail last night charged with the murder of a man in Laurinburg a short while ago. The arrest was made by Jim McRee and Will Roper, both colored. Neither of them is an officer. They claim that there is a reward of \$25 offered for the arrest of Perry. They claim that he shot his victim in the abdomen twice and that he died from the effects of the wounds.

Perry was seen by a STAR reporter at the jail last night and said that he knew nothing whatever of the charges made against him. He claims that he has been here the past two months working on a lighter. The matter will

be investigated to-day. CRUISER MARIA TERESA.

Admiral Sampson Says the Ship Will Soon be Floated.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, July 30 .- The Navy Department has posted the following cablegram from Admiral Sampson: "Playa, July 29, 1898.—The Infanta Maria Teresa upon which the wreckers are now engaged will be floated and brought to Guantanamo as a soon as a small leak is located which is somewhere in the bow of the ship. Whether this leak is due to a small valve being left open or a hole which may have been made in the bow, is not yet known. Her own pumps are being used to remove the water, there being steam in one of her boilers.

(Signed) "Sampson."

POLITICS IN ROBESON. SIMMONS TO

Unmistakable Evidence of a Great Reaction in Favor of Democracy.

WHITE MAN'S GOVERNMENT

The Meeting in Howellsville Township a Former Populist Stronghold. They Can Stand Pusion With Negroes No Longer.

in Howellsville township, Robeson

[Special Star Telegram.] LUMBERTON, July 30.-The meeting

county, was the most remarkable, in some respects, of any meeting held in the State since the Populist party. was organized. It was called "a basket pic-nic," but was essentially a political gathering. The attendance is estimated at five hundred, of which one-fourth were women and children. A striking feature of the occasion was, that of the voters present more than one-half were men who voted the fusion or Populist ticket in 1896, and all the speakers were Democrats or former Populists. The speakers were J. M. Wilson, John D. Bellamy, Duncan Musslewhite, C. M. McLean, W. S. Norment and Governor Jarvis -Jarvis and Bellamy were the prominent speakers and both acquitted themselves admirably. Wilson has not voted a Democratic ticket in ten years and has been in thorough sympathy with the Populists. His short talk for Democracy was harmonious and very effective. Musslewhite has been one of the most extreme Populists in the county, but he acknowledged he had made the greatest mistake of his life, and appealed to all Populists to join him in advocating Democratic principles and white su-

The color line was stronlgy drawn by the speakers; Jarvis and Bellamy being especially vigorous in their appeals to their hearers to stand solidly together in favor of a white man's gov-

Howellsville has been the strongest Populist township in Robeson county, but the evidences of a great reaction in favor of Democracy were unmistakable to-day. I talked with very many Populists myself who said unqualifiedly that they could stand fusion with negroes no longer, and had determined to support the whole Democratic ticket in the coming election. The indications are strong that the Populist defection in Howellsville will work a complete reversal of the fusion majority. Advices from other townships show that Populists in large numbers are abandoning their former negro allies. The fight in Robeson will be strictly on the color line, and the Democratic outlook is most encouraging.

Close observers say that Bellamy formed the personal acquaintance of every man, woman and child at the W. H. B.

LAURINBURG MURDER CASE.

The Prisoner Still in New Hanover Jail-Particulars as to the Murder Charged.

There have been no developments of special interest in the case of the negro who was arrested here Thursday evening charged with murder in Richmond county. The sheriff has been notified by telegraph and letter of the arrest. This was done by Squire R. H. Bunting, by whom the negro was com-

It seems that the fellow's real name is not Tom Perry, but Ephraim Stubbs. The man he is charged with killing was William Zack. It appears that in April last Zack and Stubbs became involved in a quarrel on the streets of Laurinburg and Zack threw a rock at Stubbs. That night Stubbs went to Zack's house, threw a stone against it and as Zack came out fired two balls into his body. The wounded man did not live very long after he was shot and Stubbs has since evaded arrest.

The above is the story of the crime as told by Will Roper, colored, one of the negroes who caused Stubbs arrest. The prisoner contends that he is not Stubbs but Perry, as the name was published yesterday. Sheriff Smith, of Richmond county, is expected here on every train to take charge of or discharge the man. There are all sorts of reports about the reward offered for the murderer, the amount ranging from \$25 to \$250.

THE BODY OF PRIVATE PEARCE Arrived Yesterday in Charge of Private

Frazier-Interred at Whiteville.

Private H. E. Frazier, of Company K, was here yesterday with the redied a few days since at Raleigh.

mains of Private Jay Pearce, who J. P. Pearce, the father of the deceased, was also along and the two left for Whiteville at 3:45 P. M., with the corpse. The interment was to have been made at that place yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Frazier had the painful duty of breaking the sad news to Privates Pearce's father who reached Raleigh a few hours after his son passed away. Private Frazier will report back to Raleigh on Monday if he does not receive orders to go earlier. He says the boys are all expecting to leave daily. The provost guards were taken off Friday night and ordered to re-

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A Hot Roast for the Fabricators of Falsehoods.

Violators of the Law Who Take Refuge Behind Cowardly Subterfuge. Exposed and Pilloried.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 27, 1898. J. M. Mewborne, Supt. of Peniten-tiary, Raleigh, N. C.

SIR:-On the 14th of July I ad iressed you a letter hereto attached marked "A." On the 16th of July I addressed you a letter hereto attached marked "B." On the 20th of July I addressed you a letter hereto attached marked "C." On the 21st of July J addressed to Claudius Dockery, Esq. chairman of the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary, a letter hereto attached marked "D." On the 14th of July I addressed to John R. Smith. Commissioner of Agriculture, etter hereto attached marked "E." To the communications addressed

o you I have received no answer, but there is published in to-day's Raleigh Post an open letter dated July 25th addressed to me and signed by you. The public knows the contents of this letter, and it is not necessary I should reproduce it here. A little after noon to-day I received

through the mails a letter signed by Mr. Dockery, dated July 27th, and hereto attached, marked "F". I have received no answer whatever from the etter addressed to Mr. Smith It is well known in North Carolina that we have just entered upon a cam-paign in which the management of our State affairs by the present admin istration will be largely discussed and that the question will be presented to the people to be decided at the election in November, whether they will continue the control of the present fusion government in North Carolina. Under these circumstances, I deemed due to the voters of the State, to whose interest, judgment and patriotism the party of which I am chairman proposes to appeal, that they should be put in possession of the full facts concerning the management of their affairs by the present State govern-ment, to the end that they may wisely and fairly decide whether the interes

their public affairs should hereafter be conducted by a different political In order that this work, in which the people are so much interested, should be thoroughly and fairly exe-T. J. Jarvis, former Governor and United States Senator, and Captain S. A. Ashe, a leading journalist of this State and a man of high character, to prepare a hand-book giving an accurate statement of all the facts

and honor of the State required that

concerning these matters. Early after Governor Russell was indutced into office he appointed John R. Smith superintendent of the penitentiary and you Commissioner of Agriculture. Soon thereafter rumors of mismanagement and misappropriation of the property of the peniten became rife throughout the State. It was stated in the public press, and

from mouth to mouth, that the Governor had determined to remove Mr Smith from the office of superintendent because of incompetence, mismanage

ment and corruption. Some time last winter the public was startled by the information that for the reasons above stated the Governor acting through the Board of Directors had removed Mr. Smith as superin tendent and caused him to be put in charge of the Agricultural Department thus transferring a man found unfit by reason of moral and mental delinquencies to manage the convicts, to most closely touches the interests of the predominant element of the population, the farmer. It was also stated in the newspapers, and not denied, that the Governor had stated to a member of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Department, in a personal in affairs of the penitiary have been misremoval of Smith from the position of managed since the 1st of January. 1897, and it is indisputable evidence of superintendent of the penitentiary. that under him the penitentiary manyour irritation at me for preferring the agement was not only squandering simple request. out actually stealing the property of the State. It was likewise charged that this director stated in a meeting of the Board of Agriculture that the Gov-ernor had stated to him as his reason for transferring Mr. Smith from the penitentiary to the Agricultural De-

partment, that under his management of the penitentiary the property of the State was being squandered and stolen. The law requires the superintendent of the penitentiary annually, on the 31st of December of each year to file, under oath, an inventory of the assets of that institution, and requires the Board of Directors to make an annual report of the affairs of the penitentiary o the Governor It was ascertained upon inquiry that

no report or inventory, for the year 1897, such as the law requires should be made, was accessible to the public. In view of these facts, and the sum mary removal of Mr. Smith, under the imputations aforesaid, I thought and still think that the public would be interested in knowing, and has the right to know, the facts concerning the management of this institution during that year, of which no report

Therefore, as it was intended that and Captain Ashe were preparing should discuss these matters, as well as the facts connected with the management of the penitentiary by your-self, in the interest of fairness in giving the people information upon these subjects, these distinguished and honorable gentlemen did not wish to act upon rumors and newspaper statements, and requested me to address the communications hereto attached. asking for the information and facts therein requested, as a basis of their discussion of these subjects.

I did not think for a minute that the information asked would not be promptly given, and in a way that gentlemen usually conduct their cor-

respondence.
It was not thought by them or myself that if the information was given it would show a state of affairs to the advantage of the present administra-tion, but no State officer has ever before concealed from the public the re ports and records of his office, because they might militate against the party to which he belonged, and it was therefore believed you would, as a matter of duty and decency, supply the infor-

ng insulted, information concern-the management by the officer of

his office.

As a representative of a great party which polled in the last election 145,000 votes, constituting two thirds of the tax-payers of the State, I did not think it would be impudence or effrontery to ask you in their name and as their representative for this information.

It has been an old-time tradition in North Carolina that public officers are public servants. I did not know that since the advent of you and Governor Russell this time-honored rule had been reversed, and the people had become the servants of the officers.

I did not address you as a servant, because, being one of the people, and representing a party of 145,000 tax-paying voters, I was old fogyish enough to suppose that in your official capacity you were the servant of the people, and that both law and custom forbade you from hiding and concealing from the

from hiding and concealing from the public your official acts and those of

your immediate predecessor. Shortly after my letters were sent and delivered, the Board of Directors of the penitentiary met in Raleigh, and I am informed that at their several sessions hotly debated whether I should be given the information asked. A member who insisted that as a citizen and tax-payer I was entitled to the inand tax-payer I was entitled to the in-formation was, so I am told, fiercely re-proached by you. Having failed to reach any agreement on this all-ab-sorbing question in open meeting, your board did what was never before done in North Carolina, to-wit: Met in what you were pleased to call ex-ecutive session, for the purpose of con-sidering this subject. When the board rose from this secret meeting, I am in-formed that newspaper reporters and enquirers were told that the meeting was an executive session, and its pro-ceedings therefore secret. I do not know, and the people do not know, what transpired in that secret meeting, but I am reliably informed after the meeting Mr. Dockery, the chairman. and the board would have preferred I had not asked for the information, but that I would get an answer which would make me sorry that I had re-

quested it. I presume the board decided in this secret meeting that your party could not afford to let the people know the real facts concerning the management of the penitentiary by the present administration, and it was determined to try and befog the issue, and that as a result you refused the information requested, and instead of the courteous reply, which I reasonably expected and, as a further result, you decided npon the infamous and slanderous personal attack upon me, which this morning was published in the Raleigh

Your party shall not, by this low and dirty device, befog the issue or

escape exposure.

I shall continue to use every avenue open to me to lay bare before the people of North Carolina the facts concerning the disreputable mismanagement of the penitentiary, and all other departments of the State government, by the present discredited and disgraceful administration.

It will be observed by reference t the section of the law letter to Mr. Dockery that two things are required. One, an inventory to be made by the superintendent, under oath, and the other a report by the board itself. It will appear from my letter to Mr. Dockery that I asked for both a copy of the report and a copy of the inventory. I especially requested a copy of the report because it

much more comprehensive. Mr. Dockery, in his letter to me. only promises a copy of the inventory, which he speaks of as the report of the

superintendent. It is apparent from Mr. Dockery's etter that he is himself doubtful whether I will ever get this report or inventory, for he only says he BE-LIEVES it will be in the hands of the Governor in a short while. He does not say that he KNOWS it will be in the hands of the Governor at all.

It will be remembered that the law requires that this sworn inventory must be filed on December 31st. It is said, and currently accepte that the Governor wrote or dictated your cowardly assault upon me and the Democratic party. Certain it is, it was sent out directly from the Executive office, and is in the coarse and vulgar style that characterizes all that emanates from him. Every line in i shows that it came from a vicious There is not a statement in it, personal to myself or about my course in politics, which anyway reflects upon my personal integrity, or the integrity of any political methods with which I have heretofore been connected, that is not a WILFUL and premeditated LIE, without foundation in fact, and made by you and your abettors for the purpose of raising a fog behind which you hope to retreat from the position in which you have placed yourself before the public, by declining to come to an account with the people for the manner in which the

I denounce the statements made in your letter personal to myself as emanations of a vile heart, devoid of any restraint or conscience, and as the impotent vaporings of a miserable

There has grown up in North Caro-lina during the last few years a horde, of which you are one, who seek by detraction and defamation of their betters to deceive and mislead the people and gain for themselves positions which they are notoriously unfit to

The time has come when such mis erable slanderers and hypocrites will not only be exposed, but fittingly denounced and pilloried before an out-F. M. SIMMONS. raged public.

DUPLIN DEMOCRACY.

Puts a Strong Ticket in the Field Early Which Will Win. [Special Star Correspondence.

KENANSVILLE, July 28. During the last ten years such a Democratic convention as was held here yesterday has not been seen in Duplin. There was a large attendance from all over the county and every delegate had his head set for a good ticket, which is as follows: Endorsed for Senate, I. F. Hill; nominated for House, James O. Carr; for Sheriff, Leonidas Middleton; for Clerk, Herbert Smith; for Register of Deeds, B.

F. Pearsall; for County Commissioners, Jacob O. Carr, Jno. L. James, and P. H. Kornegay.

Captain L. T. Hicks, of Faison, was made permanent chairman, and Messrs. L. A. Beasley, Jno. A. Gavin, Jr., and J. A. Ferrell (representation of Sampson Democrat) were elected permanent secretaries. The convention was a very enthusiastic one and perfect harmony prevailed. Encouraging reports came in face all couraging reports came in from all over the county and Duplin will be swung back in the Democratic column in November.

--- There is a formidable gathering of European and Asiatic fleets at Manila, but as the Japanese and British are instructed to co-operate with Admiral Dewey, if necessary, off Friday night and ordered to report at camp at 10 o'clock, and every member of the company is confidently expecting to get off very soon.

It has generally been supposed that every tax-payer of the State has a right to see the records of all public offices and to ask and receive, without there is no occasion, at present at least, for anxiety in regard to American operations in the East Indies.

—Chicago News.

of Mr. Simmons whom it charges what limited for a colored states with sundry offences while last man, and he may therefore have a acting as Chairman of the Demo- somewhat exaggerated estimate of cratic State committee, which has the potentialities, politically and offiharbor. Bottled themselves up, as about as much connection with the cially speaking, of his race, but his matter in correspondence as the utterances show that the White spots on the sun have with the war '(black) movemement is being between the United States and warmly responded to by the colored ballot slingers along the line, who the biggest hay crop this year they The general impression is that agree with White that there ought have had in ten years.

this open letter was not written by to be more of them holding soft VETERINARIANS MEET

for it wears the Russellistic ear ism, and that Mewborne's name was appended to it simply because he did not have the moral courage to "no." There was no occasion hence he had no provocation to make the rude and ill-mannered exhibition of himself that he did, or

rather permitted others with little sense of propriety or of what is due from a public servant to the public whom he presumably serves, to It was a very unfortunate thing for him that he permitted his name to be appended to that disreputable "open letter," and very unfortunate for the party that he and his boss represent that it saw the light, for the discriminating public will see the subterfuge in refusing to answer and understand the cowardly

fear that shrinks from the light. Chairman Dockery replied that he believed the reports asked for (which should have been made public by the 31st of last December) would soon be in the hands of the Governor, to whom Mr. Simmons was referred, with the additional information that if he did not get what he wanted, and if a copy was sent to him (Dockery) at Rockingham he "wil gladly forward it," and if not he will

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marks and bristles with his manner-

for Mewborne to feel aggrieved,

for there was not even by

indirection or inference any

reflection on his management, and

"be glad to serve" Mr. Simmons when he "returns to Raleigh again." Up to the present time Commis sioner of Agriculture Smith has maintained a profound silence as to

Elsewhere we publish the reply of Chairman Simmons in reply to the which will be interesting reading to

letter of Superintendent Mewborne, him and others concerned. MINOR MENTION.

According to a cable dispatch published yesterday Spaniards oppose the cession of Porto Rico on the ground that she has "always been loyal." A proof of her loyalty was exhibited when Ponce, a city of 50,-000 inhabitants, capitulated to a few small American war vessels, and where the American troops were received with a warm welcome. That is a striking evidence of 'loyalty to Spain." But Cuba was also loyal, so

loyal that she was given the pet name of "The Ever Faithful Isle." although they have had periodic rebellions there for the past fifty years or more, and hundreds of thousands of natives and Spaniards have died in battle or from wounds received in battle or from starvation or disease. But there is no talk of the "loyalty" of Cuba now. The Philippines are also "loyal" although Spanish authority is at an end in the islands, and the Spanish armies are cooped up within the walls of Manila. The trouble with Spain has been all along that she wasn't able to distinguish be tween loyalty and disloyalty, and foolishly closed her eyes to the mani-

ifestations of discontent that might have been removed if she had shown a reasonable amount of common sense and some disposition to listen to complaints and do justice to the oppressed. If Porto Ricans are "loyal to Spain," they take a remarkable way of showing it when they become wild with delight when the Spanish flag comes down and the Stars and Stripes go up.

The colored agitators for more of the official plums are bobbing up all around, and the echoes to Congressman White's Raleigh speech, inviting the race issue, are coming in right lively? Yesterday we reproduced an extract from the Pittsboro Record showing how the leaven is working and the fermentation progressing among the swarthy contingent in Chatham county, and referred to the assertiveness of the same contingent in Montgomery county. The following is clipped from the

Rockingham Rocket of last week: "A prominent negro of this town-ship said last Saturday, "We've got men of our race who can fill any office, from President to Constable, and it won't be long before we'll fill · As for ambition this sable citizen is a vaulter from long taw, and in which he declined to furnish the doesen't deal in generalities like

information desired on the ground | White, or content himself with some | past few months, from which it may he had not the clerical county offices and a Congressman orce at his command to perform like the Rev. pie-pursuer of Chatthe extra labor which compliance with ham does, but sweeps the platter and goes for everything from the President down. It is true that he hails information for political purposes. from the little town of Rockingham, The remaining portion of this "open | abode of Office Hunter Dockery, letter" is devoted to scurrilous abuse where the circle of contact is some-

The perplexing factor, and about the only perplexing one, in bringing the war with Spain to a close will be the disposition that is to be made of the Philippine islands, and the perplexity in this case hinges on the obligations that we may have assumed as to the insurgents. If we have assumed obligations (and there is little doubt that we have), we must keep faith and discharge them, unless a violation of the contract by the insurgents relieve us from the obligation. English public sentiment as voiced by the leading journals urges this country to take possession of the islands and hold them, but that would practically be as much a violation of the agreement that has in all probability been made with the Philippine leaders as returning the islands to the control of Spain would be, although if it came to that these leaders would doubtless prefer to live under our

flag. But the fact that Republic has been declared is pretty good proof that independence was understood to be the reward of cooperation with Admiral Dewey. But other factors may enter here. There are a good many of these islands, peopled by different kinds of people. some of whom have not much love for the others. There is no evidence yet that there is anything like unanimity amongst them as to

the kind of government they would

like to have, or as to who shall pre-

side over the government. Aguinaldo has opposition, how formidable is not yet developed, but it is certain that his leadership will be disanswering the questions asked of puted unless he and his rivals can be kept in restraint by this Governent, so that the successful establishment of a Republic among people differing so much among themselves, and with so little experience in self-government, is not as easy a

task as it might seem. Statesmanship may find a way to solve this problem, but at present it is the perplexing one in the situation, unless the insurgents themselves solve it by assuming too much and ignoring the power that put them where they are. This remains to be seen. Aguinaldo may be vain, conceited and inflated by success, but there is

pure and simple. The Kansas City Journal doesn't prepose to let the Biblical heroes be deprived of any of their glory. Associate Justice Brewer, of the U.S. Supreme Court, recently remarked that if some of the achievements of our soldiers and sailors in this war were recorded in the Bible they would be read with incredulity, upon which the Journal asks "where is there anything in this war to compare with the tumbling of Jericho's walls with a ram's horn, or anything to compare with the engineering

ing of those 10,000 Philistines with the jawbone of an ass?" The Spanish Government has shown its appreciation of the unsophisticated Miss Schley's sympathetic effort to put an end to the war, by refusing to let her call on the queen and intimating that she had better vacate Spain with as little delay as possible. And now we sup-

feat of making a road across the

Red Sea, or anything like the slay-

pose she is mad enough to fight all Spain by her lone self. Porto Rico had ten years ago a population of 808,908 people, or over 216 people to the square mile, more than any State in the Union except Massachusetts and Rhode Island. It light little isle, salubrious and fer-

tile, and without venomous reptiles. The anti-swear ordinance in New York charges a woman \$4 a swear and a man only \$2. This is considered an invidious discrimination against the women, who can't swear

half as hard as the men can. The late Republican convention of North Dakota made fourteen nominations in twenty-three minutes. Ran 'em through in job lot fashion, so to speak, as they do private pension bills in Congress sometimes.

The holdings of the Pullman family in the Pullman company have increased \$2,000,000 in value in the be inferred that it has a pull on the public or somebody. Clara Barton says the formula for

keeping young and doing a good

deal of work without fagging is to

go along and attend to business and let somebody else do the fretting. A Madrid dispatch says a vessel has been sunk by the Spaniards in the channel entrance to San Juan

According to reports the Eastern, Middle and Western States will have