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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- FOR CONGRESS. Sixth District—John D. Bellamy, of New Hanover.

AFRAID OF THE LIGHT.

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CRUISER MARIA TERESA.

Admiral Sampson Says the Ship Will Soon be Floated. WASHINGTON, July 30.—The Navy Department has posted the following telegram from Admiral Sampson:

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.

This open letter was not written by Mewborne, but by Governor Russell, for it wears the Russellianic ear marks and bristles with his mannerism, and that Mewborne's name was appended to it simply because he said "no."

It was a very unfortunate thing for him that he permitted his name to be appended to this 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.

Up to the present time Commissioner of Agriculture Smith has maintained a profound silence as to answering the questions asked of him.

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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.

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.

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.

According to reports the Eastern, Middle and Western States will have the biggest hay crop this year they have had in ten years.

VETERINARIANS MEET.

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 North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association met in special session yesterday at 2 o'clock at the Hibernian 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; J. 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 believed 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.

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.

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 Surgery."

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 committee appointed for that purpose.

The Raleigh News and Observer of yesterday 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 treatment—the 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 railroad expert could confute."

"We expect to do a great deal more in behalf of the shippers and consumers. 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 will average a reduction of about 25 per cent, and the reduction on the bacon rates that benefit not Wilmington but all places in the State."

PRIZE SHIP AT CHARLESTON.

A French Steamer Captured Off Porto Rico Last Sunday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHARLESTON, S. C., July 30.—The French steamer Managua, 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 Luna, of the Dixie. The Managua was captured 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 Wilmington Exempt from Taxation for a Period of Ten Years.

It is not nearly so well known as it should 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 this inducement.

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

"Wilmington, N. C., exempts all manufacturers from taxation for a period of ten years. Apply to 'F. W. FOSTER,' 'Corresponding Secretary.'"

The contracts referred to provide for the publication of the advertisement in the Dry Goods Economist, New York; American Wool and Cotton Reporter, Boston; Manufacturers Record, Baltimore; Iron and Steel Reporter, Chicago, and the Post, Washington, 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 attraction of new enterprises to this the Metropolis of North Carolina, and with the most advantageous point in the State for the conduct of a variety of profitable manufactures.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Sheriff and Treasurer Submit Brief Reports as to County Finances.

There was a meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the New Hanover Board of County Commissioners last night.

The sheriff and the county treasurer 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 defendant 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 matter.

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 committee, Col. Moore, Capt. Boatwright and Capt. Barry were present last night, also County Attorney W. B. McKoy, 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.

POLITICS IN ROBESON.

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 Fusion with Negroes No Longer.

[Special Star Telegram.]

LUMBERTON, July 30.—The meeting in Howellsville township, Robeson 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 picnic," 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 Muslewite, 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. Muslewite 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 supremacy.

The color line was strongly 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 government.

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 ally. The fight in Robeson will be strictly on the color line, and the Democratic outlook is most encouraging.

Observers say that Bellamy formed the personal acquaintance of every man, woman and child at the meeting. 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 committed.

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 home, threw a stone against it and as Zack came out fired two balls into his back. 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 remains of Private Jay Pearce, who died a few days since at Raleigh. Mr. 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 Private 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 report at camp at 10 o'clock, and every member of the company is confidently expecting to get off very soon.

SIMMONS TO MEWBORNE.

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, Sup't. of Penitentiary, Raleigh, N. C.

Sir:—On the 14th of July I addressed 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 I 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, Esq., Commissioner of Agriculture, a letter hereto attached marked "E."

To the communications addressed to you I have received no answer, but that I have just received from the Raleigh Post an open letter dated July 28th 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 addressed to me. I have since received no answer whatever from the letter addressed to Mr. Smith.

It is well known in North Carolina that the question which is at issue in the present election is not a question of State affairs but a question of the control of the present fusion government in North Carolina. Under these circumstances I deemed it 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 fusion government, to the end that they may wisely and fairly decide whether the interest and honor of the State require that their public affairs should hereafter be conducted by a different political party.

In order that this work, in which the people are so much interested, should be thoroughly and fairly executed, I secured the services of Hon. 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 concerning these matters.

Early after Governor Russell was inducted into office he appointed John R. Smith superintendent of the penitentiary and of the State Board of Agriculture. Soon thereafter rumors of mismanagement and misappropriation of the property of the penitentiary and of the State treasury became rife throughout the State.

It was stated in the public press, and from month to month, that the Governor had determined to remove Mr. Smith from the office of superintendent because of incompetence, mismanagement and corruption.

Some time later after the public was startled by the information that the reasons above stated the Governor acting through the Board of Directors, had removed Mr. Smith as superintendent and caused him to be put in charge of the Agricultural Department, thus transferring a man found unfit by reason of moral and mental infirmities to manage the convict, the control of that institution which most closely touches the interests of the predominant element of the population, the farmer, to the hands of 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 interview with him, as a reason for the removal of Smith from the position of superintendent of the penitentiary, that under the penitentiary management was made of the property of the State, but 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 Governor had stated to him as his reason for transferring Mr. Smith from the penitentiary to the Agricultural Department, that the property of the State was being squandered and stolen.

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being insulted, information concerning 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 names and as their representative for this information.

It has been an old-time tradition in North Carolina that public officers are public servants, and I do 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 enough to know that it would be impudence or effrontery 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 public your affairs, and those of your immediate predecessor.

Shortly after my letters were sent and delivered, the Board of Directors of the penitentiary, in a meeting held in Raleigh, and I am informed that at 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 information was, so I am told, fiercely reproached by you. Having failed to reach any agreement on this all-absorbing question in one meeting, the board did what was never before done in North Carolina, to-wit: Met in what you were pleased to call executive session, and in that session, considering this subject. When the board rose from this secret meeting, I am informed that newspaper reporters and inquirers were permitted to attend the meeting as an executive session, and several proceedings therefore secret. I do not know, and the people do not know, what transpired in that secret meeting, but an article was published in the Raleigh News and Observer, the chairman, meeting Mr. Dockery, the chairman, and the board would have preferred I had not asked for the information, but that I which got an answer which would make me sorry that I had requested it.

I presume the board decided in this secret meeting that your party could not afford to let me inquire after the real facts concerning the management of the penitentiary by the present administration, and it was determined to try and begot 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 upon the same course of conduct, a personal attack upon me, which this morning was published in the Raleigh Post.

Your party shall not, by this low and dirty device, bring 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 disgraced administration of their affairs by the present fusion government, to the end that they may wisely and fairly decide whether the interest and honor of the State require that their public affairs should hereafter be conducted by a different political party.

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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 administration, but no State officer has ever before concealed from the public the reports 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 information. It has generally been supposed that every tax-payer of the State has a right to see the records of all public officers and to ask and receive, without being insulted, information concerning 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 names and as their representative for this information.

Chicago News.