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

REMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES. First District—Hon, George H. Brown, of Beaufort.

Second 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. Alexan-

FOR SOLICITOR. Sixth District - Rodolph Duffy,

#### MR. HOLTON PREVARICATES.

Chairman A. E. Holton, of the Republican State Committee, was in Raleigh a few days ago, and while the Post if there would be fusion with the Populists. His reply was:

"The last clause in the letter Chairman Simmons to Mr. Mewborne makes fusion between Republicans and Populists certain," was the reply that "The Populists were character ized by Mr. Simmons as a horde of office-seekers."

No one expects a Republican ma chine manager to show much regard for the truth when talking on party matters, but this is a deliberate and brazen misrepresentation of the se referred to in the letter of Mr. Simmons, which reads as fol-

"The time has come when such miserable slanderers and hypocrites will not only be exposed, but fittingly denounced and pilloried before an out-

Is there a sane person, who understands the English language, who can see in this any characterization of the Populist party as "a horde of office-seekers?" Isn't the distinction clearly drawn between the "horde," of which Mr. Mewborne is one, "who seek by defamation of their betters to gain positions which they are no- the feeling in Union county, which toriously unfit to hold," and the people whom they are trying to "deceive and mislead ?" - Mr. Simmons was addressing himself to one of this "horde" of office-seekers, and he emphasized his remarks by giving this section of the State, concerning them notice that "the time has come when such miserable slandefers and hypocrites will not only be exposed, but fittingly denounced and pilloried before the public."

We pity the intellect that is too dull to understand language as plain as this, but we do not know whether to pity or despise the man who has sense enough to understand it but deliberately does the very thing that Simmons scores the "horde" for doing, that is, trying to "mislead the people" by gross and intentional misrepresentation. Holton knew better and knew that he was putting a false construction on language which is too plain to be honestly misconstrued.

We think the Charlotte Observer is mistaken in its statement that in the November election six ballotboxes will be required for each precinct. We have examined the election law several times, and we find provision for only three ballotboxes. Candidates for Superior officers on one ballot, and candidates for magistrate and township constable on one ballot. But whether it be the Observer or the STAR that is in error, it is important that the question be settled.

last Tuesday by having a midsummer | ports showing what dispositon had snow-fall. This kind of diversion is been made of the property of the exhilarating, if not as exciting as the people, and other facts in which the summer cyclone.

The macademized road from Ponce te San Juan, in Porto Rico, is a fine piece of work and is said to have cost \$25,000,000. Gen. Miles is

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what there is left of the Populist nity to show that by the record they | Carr's administration, and who had had made. But they squirmed, blus- made the Penitentiary self-sustainparty in this State-the Republican tered and dodged, and now there ing, and had so managed it that machine managers or the Populist isn't one intelligent person in a machine managers—but there are hundred who could be persuaded port, pronounced the management pretty strong indications that it is run indirectly if not directly by the that they didn't have very good

Republican machine managers. In cause to dodge. Honest people have this Congressional district a so-called very little use for, and very little Populist convention completely igconfidence in the honesty of a nored Populist candidates and nomi- trusted agent who is afraid of the light and refuses to produce his nated Office Hunter Dockery, who books when his employer demands it. had been previously nominated by a Republican convention. Is there any doubt as to who ran

In the Seventh District Shuford was turned down and Caldwell nominated. Why? Shuford was a Populist. For a Populist he made a very fair Representative and stood squarely by his party, but he had given offence to Pritchard, was therefore not acceptable to the Republicans, was turned down, and Caldwell, who had not incurred their dislike; and was supposed to be plastic enough to be manipulated by them when necessary, was nomi-Is there any doubt as to who ran The Republican managers were not in it but they stood behind the

tomatons within danced and squeaked accordingly. This dancing to the fiddling of the the approval of Rocky Mount Butler, the Weyler of North Carolina poli-Republicans isn't entirely to the liking of some of the Populist papers, one of which, the Kings Mountain

Reformer, thus relieves itself: "We are told that the Republicans would not support Shuford but they will support Caldwell. We are also told that the reason of this is because there he was asked by a reporter of Mr. Shuford took an active hand in would like to know what Mr Caldwell would have done in the matter. If he would have voted for Pritchard, or if he preferred him to any strong bimetallist, then we rise to say Populists are not all going to vote for him.

screen, pulled the wires and the au-

"If we must hunt up a half hearted bimetallist a straddler to catch votes, then excuse us. We will see later on just why the change was

Marion Butler has said in paper, the Caucasian, that there must be no fusion with the Republicans, but the Republican machine managers smile at this and proounce it one of Marion's little luffs. Machine manager Holton va there will be fusion, and judgfrom the success of the Repubas so far in manipulating usly unfit to will probably go for more than But-

MINOR MENTION. There are abundant indications that the honest Populists, who do not belong to the "horde" of spoils pursuers, are becoming disgusted with the treacherous and bartering party leaders and are leaving them in great numbers. Wednesday we published an extract from a letter to the Charlotte Observer showing is not an exception, for the same feeling exists to a greater or less extent all over the State. We have heretofore referred to the change of sentiment among the Populists of and as corroboratory of which we clip the following from this week's Lumberton Robesonian:

"A gentleman whose business neces sitates his mingling with the country people a great deal, in fact he lives in one of the Southern townships of the county, says the Populist are coming back to the Democratic party in great

The honest masses of the Populists who have realized so few of the promises of their so-called leaders, have grown tired of being bartered and used as so much stock in trade to secure offices for the hungry horde who are too lazy to work and are endeavoring to make an easy living by office holding. Honest Populists believe that honest parties ought to mean something more than offices for the hungry, and they show a large chunk of mother

When the correctness of a man's books is questioned and he refuses tioning the methods of the man who keeps them. Mr. Mewborne, Superintendent of the State Penitentiary, who succeeded the discredited Smith, has charge of the books showing the management by his predecessor and by himself. Nebraska varied the monotony Mr. Simmons asked for certain repeople of the State are interested, but instead of responding, as men who are conscious of no wrong doing and not afraid of the light would do, they pretended to be very indignant at the apparent reflection

That political Spaniard, Rocky Mount Butler, will betray any man or party that attempts to thwart his selfish purposes. In the Second Congressional District he has brought out J. B. Loyd as his candidate to trade on. If the Republi- \$11,000. cans concede some of his demands in other districts he will keep Loyd in the field to help elect a negro Congressman. Otherwise, he wi withdraw Loyd and leave the contest. between a white Democrat and a negro Republican. He knows his implied threat to do this will alarm the Republicans, as the Democrats stand a fair chance of defeating the negro White in the Second district if the Populist candidate is withdrawn. Freeman, a Populist, was run in this district in 1896 for the sole purpose of electing the same negro to Congress, and all this with

THEY PUT LIFE IN THE HULK. Mr. John W. Atwater, one of the wheel horses of the Populist party in Chatham county, is quoted as dein Chatham county, is quoted as de-claring that the Populists in his county would not fuse with the Republicans. of selling our principles, and will not do it again on anybody's say so. As silver men we cannot consistently vote for gold bugs, and will not. If there is fusion you can depend upon t there will be three tickets in the

When reminded that Chairman

Holton, of the Republican State committee, had said that there would be fusion, he replied, "As far as Chairman Holton is concerned I can say to him that we Populists put life into the dead hulk of the Republican party once, but if he thinks we will do it again he is mistaken.' Mr. Atwater evidently moves with his eyes open, and sees things ns he goes. In speaking as he does he voices the sentiments of thousands of awakened Populists who have become "tired of having their principles sold" to put a lot of political deadbeats in office. They have been used, as he says, to "put life into the dead hulk of the Republican party" and all they have to show for it is a few Populist leaders in office who don't care the snap of their fingers for principle, and more negroes in office than there are in all the other States in the Union combined. Their leaders may try to play the fusion game again, because they have their eyes on the spoils of office, but the tired and disgusted masses of honest Populists, who are not working and voting for spoils, do not want it, and can't be roped in nor whipped into the fusion camp any more. They have had the object lesson before them and have studied it to some

# LEAZER TURNS ON THE LIGHT

The management of the Peniten tiary under the present administration has become the subject of more or less discussion, especially since the present management refused to comply with the request of Mr. Simmons for the reports showing receipts and expenditures for the past year, reports which according to law should have been published by the 31st of last December. Among the reasons assigned by the present Superintendent, Mewborne, for declining to furnish the information asked for was that he did not have the clerical force necessary to do this extra work even if he were disposed to comply, but there were other and better reasons for the reto produce his books the reasonable fusal. Instead of answering the presumption is that there is some- questions asked they undertook to Court Judges and for Congress go thing wrong with the books, and blind the public by throwing dirt, on one ballot, legislative and county that there are good grounds for ques- and charging that there was the State farms by the Democratic Boards. They resorted to the eld dodge of the man who doesn't want to answer of answering one question by asking another, leaving the impression that the State had lost money by unbusiness-like leases, to benefit parties who had influence enough to control the action of the

Boards. They cite the case of the Castle Hayne farm as one instance of bad if not corrupt management, the Anson farm as another, while they substantially charge that the State was buncoed in the Roanoke river Juan.

Croker calls his trip to Europe his 'outing." According to reports he is out about \$500,000, 'blowed in' on the English races.

On their honesty and replied with an insulting letter, which evaded an answer, and indulged in a lot of stuff in no way relevant to the questions asked. This was practically an admission of guilt, for on the English races.

On their honesty and replied with an insulting letter, which is not. It has never been accounted for. Where is it? One of the Democratic officers on retiring owed \$11.57 to the penitentiary. He paid the report of their own management, but Hon. A. Leazer, who was suppractically an admission of guilt, for on the English races. on their honesty and replied farms leases. The public attaches

if there was nothing to hide they perintendent of the Penitentiary debt on the books. An ex-officer paid a debt of \$37, and the books do not show it. An officer collected a debt from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of \$197.50, and the book-keeper of the penitentiary tried to collect it again in the year, and the old clerk showed that it had already been paid. On being asked about the matter by the book-keeper, the officer said: 'Charge that to me.'

"The Roanoke farms were turned over with 632 bales of cotton on hand in 1897. In a few days the superin-It is not quite certain who runs would have welcomed the opportu- for the four years of Governor State Treasurer Worth, in his re-

"good," thus answers these charges, "The Castle Hayne Farm was rented in 1890 by the Faison Board, and from 1890 to January, 1897, the farm was rented at \$400 for 600 acres. During this period the phosphate mine was worked also by the penitentiary, for so much per cubic yard or so much per ton: During the last four years the profits on the entire Castle Hayne business, both farming and mining, \$20,524; and if the uncollected (two of them amounting to about \$9,-000 instead of \$16,000 as per Mew-borne) and these secured by collateral, which carried a mortgage on the whole property, had never realized anything, there was nevertheless a clear profit in the four years' operations of \$10,000 or \$11,000.

"The earnings of hired labor the for four years were \$35,000, and fully

for four years were \$35,000, and fully 30 per cent. of this was collected in cash, and that from an insolvent company, amount as shown above to make a nice prent of \$10,000 or \$11,000 on the business.

The Democratic administration had entered suit, and same was pending in Superior about to Walta country to Superior court of Wake county, to foreclose mortgage and sell the Castle Hayne property to satisfy the pententitry claims, when the fusion crowd came in. The Democrats had refused to enter contract with the phosphate company for the year 1897, because it was insolvent and the pending suit would necessarily close it out of business. But so soon as the fusionists entered into power, they proceeded at once in full knowledge of these facts as to the phosphate company above stated, to make another contract and put convicts there at once. In course of time, the property is sold by order of court, is bid in by fusionist board of penitentiary directors for \$16,000; then after a time this bid is forfeited, the property is again sold, is bid in for \$8,000 by Mr. Chadborne, a member of the board at that time, I think, and by him leased to the penitentiary, nobody Castle Hayne is taken a farm of highest rates ever paid for land, other tracts on the Cape Fear; so-called But-

tler's lands, etc. "The Anson Farm was leased by the Democratic board in February, t contains about 2,400 acres, and for t an annual rental of \$2,400 or \$2,500 is paid. What the taxable valuation was I am not informed, but like Mewborne's statement as to Halifax Farm never paying the rent, he greatly un-derestimates the product of the Anson Farm, for the year 1796. Although operations could not begin till March, if the ordinary sale of one-third of the farm products for rental be aplied, it was fully met even the first year. What it produced or earned in 1897, the people of North Carolina seem to have no right to know.

When Superintendent Smith, who ucceeded Mr. Leazer, was removed by Governor Russell for gross in mpetence, it was pretty broadly intimated by the Governor that there was also corruption. If he thought that, as he evidently did, it was his duty to cause an investigation to be made to learn what ground there might be for his suspicions, if they were nothing more than suspicions. But he didn't do that, but contented himself with lifting Smith out of the Penitentiary and landing him in the Department of Agriculture, where, according to the Governor, he couldn't do so much harm. Mr. Simmons asked for some information in reference to this Department, but Commissioner Smith-ex-Superintendent of the Penitentiary, is as dumb as an oyster.

In a speech at Newton, Wednesday, which appeared in the Charlotte Observer, Mr. Leazer accounted for this silence and also furnished some facts and figures which show that the charges of crookedness in the management of the Penitentiary under the transferred Superintendent are not without foundation. After referring to the fact that under the Democratic administration the books were always open and subject to the inspection of any citizen who desired to examine

them, he said: "Now I am going to give you some facts. For the last ten years I have known all about the agricultural de-partment of the State. That department is supported by taxing fertilizers.
Since the Populist-Republican crowd
has come in the number of offices has
been almost doubled to make room for office-seekers and for the purpose of pending an accumulated surplus. one of the officers are farmers. he place of a small messenger boy at 15 or \$20 per month, an officer has been placed at a salary of \$1,000 per year. The chief of the department, who has nothing to do but sign his name occasonally, draws a salary of \$1,800. And somehow, now, he is to get \$2,500. Two weeks ago double appropriations of former years was made. Why is it so?

"From 1893 to 1897 I was superintendent of the State penitentiary. I took the place with much reluctance, as I knew it was hard to fill. We claim was wise, economical and successful. The institution fully supported itself. We made the money to run it by our own efforts. It was organized to work like a new machine. A man could have sat in Newton and managed it.
The crowd that has it now should have managed it successfully and with ease. But they were not out to manage it for the best interest of the State, but for purposes of greed and gain. I say it has been managed dishonestly by the fusionists. I can, and will, prove it. How do I know the facts? Well, it is lawful to use spies in time of war. I am able to establish facts. When the farm at Wadesboro, Anson county, was turned over by the Democratic party to the fuionists 199 bales of cotton was among the effects. That cotton was sold for \$5,838 and a fraction. It was paid for part in checks and part in cash. The checks are accounted for and the cash DEATH OF MR. J. O. BOWDEN. TO DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF PENDER

Myssetz

One of Wilmington's Oldest and Most Highly Respected Citizens, After a Life of Usefulness and Honor.

tendent of the penitentiary sold the cotton to a friend and a near neighbor critically ill and for the last two or for about 5; cents a pound, when cot-ton was bringing about 7; cents in Norfolk. The fact of the sale and the three days his death would not have been a surprise at any moment. Six name of the purchaser both were con-cealed. But I ascertained the facts in years ago he was accidentaly burned the case. Why should he sell it to his and since the friend at this reduced price? Later he bought large quantities of fertilizer Mr. Bow and since then he has been confined to Mr. Bowden was in the eighty-third from the same man at \$4 a ton more than other dealers asked. Why all this? What is behind it? The act of year of his age, having been born on August 24, 1815. His childhood, the Legislature of 1895 repealed the law of 1896, giving the directors of the pen-itentiary power to lease the new farms. But in 1897 the same law was re-enyouth and early manhood were spent at the place of his birth which was near Rocky Point in what was then known as New Hanover county. acted. With this change the Governor of the State and the superintendent of On February 29, 1844, he was married to Miss Sarah A. Collins. In 1855 he the penitentiary were given power to lease the lands, etc. A contract was came to Wilmington to live and enmade for the lease of the Grimes lands gaged in the business of threentine near Raleigh. Upon representation of the superintendent of the penitentiary distilling his stills being located where the Wilmington Compress now stands. and certain members of the board, this contract was cancelled at cost to the Later he moved his business across enitentiary, for the reason given that the river, behind Point Peter. He there were no convicts to operate this land. The Castle Hayne farm was was burned out here, after which he very soon purchased by a member of the board, and at once leased to the followed the business of a naval stores inspector until five or six years since penitentiary, together with certain rice farms on the Cape Fear, generally

> Mr. Bowden joined the Second Presbyterian Church twenty years ago, when Rev. C. M. Payne was the pastor, and until his death was a beloved member of that church (afterwards St. Andrews). He was an honorary member of St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and was probably the oldest Master Mason in the city, having been a Mason over fifty years. St. John's Lodge is called out to attend

and sometimes they do not, but here is a chance for Mr. Mewborne who the funeral. now has charge of the books to let the public know whether Mr. Leazer is misrepresenting the books or not, and if not to let the public know why the books have been kept that way and why he has permitted his name to be used to screen the men

The weak point in the Fusion campaign this year is the fact that the masses of the Populist party can no longer be deceived by their leaders. They see now that, one more step will land them permanently in the Republican party, wait so long. which is composed, in North Carolina, of 120,000 negroes and 30,000

The Atlanta Journal remarks that Atlanta is a great nursery for newspaper men. During the past eighteen months about a dozen of them have left the nursery and gone to New York, which indicates that the young newspaper men either do not appreciate Atlanta or that Atlanta does not appreciate them. Probably the latter.

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the Populists will stand this degrada-

"Populists will say that Republicans did this, but did they not help do it?"

There are various ways of keeping

books. Sometimes they show things

who kept them.

President Kruger may not put on much style, but he is thrifty enough to have accumulated about \$5,000,000 of lucre, and sharp enough to hold on to his job which pays him \$40,000 a year. For a man of moderate indulgences, with a wife who hustles around and does most of her housework, the old fellow can manage to worry along without fear of the poor

Mr. Lee, of Madison, Wisconsin proposes a little cance excursion to Brazil. He has started, going by way of rivers down the Mississippi where he will take the Gulf and paddle and sail along shore to his lestination, provided he doesn't tip over or get tired of the job.

Ex-Gov. Hogg, of Texas, attires himself in a \$4.50 suit of clothes and he is a pretty big Hogg, too. n clothes financiering he beats Russell Sage, who thought he made grand stroke when he slid into a \$7 suit.

Amber shows within it about inds of embalmed things, such nscets, reptiles, fruits &c. A collection in England shows, among other things, a perfect lizard, eight inches long. The collection is valued at half a million dollars.

It is said that Gen. Shafter is not good penman. But he penned Toral's crowd pretty effectually,

## Back from the Democratic Rally.

Maj. W. H. Bernard, who went up o Whiteville Tuesday to attend the Democratic rally, returned yesterday. Jno. D. Bellamy, Esq., Democratic candidate for Congress, remained over to do some campaign work. Mesars. B. F. Aycock, of Wayne, and E. W. Pou, of Johnston, went to their homes by way of Florence. The members of the Second Regiment band also returned yesterday.

Oh! those Whiteville Summer girls. Fascinating, did you ask? Well that's too mild a term. You must go there and see 'em. For further particulars apply to the Second Regiment Band.

If you don't believe Bellamy is a hustler, just go with him to a basket pic-nic or a Democratic rally and keep an eye on him.

and most highly respected citizens vesterday in the death of Mr. James Owen Bowden, who entered into rest at twenty minutes past one o'clock. For nine days he had been

when he retired, partly from his adfarms on the Cape Fear, generally known as the property of the Governor, though leased from one Mr. Butters, of Wilmington. The price paid for these rice lands is about three times that paid for any other lands held by the penitentiary. I do not say that the Governor is getting the rental. But I just give what facts I am certain of. The board of directors know nothing of the contracts.

"Populists will say that Republicans vancing age and partly from injuries received in an accident already referred to.

and two sons, Messrs. H. M. and I. Tate Bowden, and one daughter, Mrs. Martha King. He had nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, and some years ago many of these were gathered about him on the occasion of the celebration of his golden wedding.

The funeral will take place at clock this afternoon from St. Anirew's Presbyterian Church, and the interment will be made at Oakdale cemetery. It was first decided to have the funeral to-morrow morning, but afterwards it was thought best not to

# MARRIAGE AT POLLOKSVILLE

Wednesday Night at the Baptist Church

A brilliant marriage event took place at Polloksville Wednesday night at the Baptist church. It was the marriage of Miss Fanny Bell. daughter of Mr. T. A. Bell, a prominent business man of Polloksville, to Mr. Charles H. Bryan. The church had been beautifully decorated and the friends of the young couple filled it to overflowing. Rev. C. J. D. Parker, of Durham, performed the ceremony, being assisted by Rev. J.

M. Alderman.

Mr. B. B. Jackson, of Wilmington was the best man and Miss Berta Bell the sister of the bride, was imaid of honor, the other attendants being Clyde Bell and Miss Annie Shepard, A. C. Foscue and Miss Kitty Foy, J. Foscue and Miss Laura Whitford, Tom Brogden and Miss Louise Lane, Fred Whitty and Miss Daisy Sanders, W. B. Smith and Miss Annie Bryan, Newton White and Miss Eula Mc-Daniel, Jack Pearce and Miss Selena Foy. The ushers were Messrs. Leon Simmons, Nick Bray, Leb Gillett and E. Walter Hill, and little Misses Edna Barnes and Annie Whitty were the flower girls. As the bridal party entered, the bride beautifully dressed in white organdie and carrying a bouquet of roses, the wedding march was rendered by Miss Fanny Holland, of Newbern, after which a vocal solo was rendered by Miss Laura Suter, also of

Tuesday night there was a delightful reception at the residence of Mr. T. A. Bell in honor of the affair.

## Sudden Death of a Little Boy.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Sol. J. Jones sympathize with them sincerely in the loss of their little boy, Roy S. Jones, who died at 2.30 o'clock vesterday afternoon. His death was quite sudden. He had been having light fevers, but was well enough to come to the city Wednesday. Yesterday morning he had fever again, but his condition was not regarded serious. At 1 o'clock he became critically ill, sed away. The physi cians said death resulted from congestive fever.

The funeral will take place at 4.30 'clock this afternoon from Mr. Jones' regidence in East Wilmington, and the interment will be made at Bellevue cemetery.

#### Convention Called. Mr. F. M. Simmons, State Chair-

convention to nominate a Democratic candidate for judge of the Eastern Criminal Circuit, to be held at Fayetteville, on Wednesday, September 7, 1898. The convention will be called to order by H. McD. Robinson, Esq., there being no committee in the district. The counties comprising the district are New Hanover, Warren, Nash, Cumberland, Craven, Halifax, Wilson, Mecklenburg and Robeson. The present incumbent is Judge Thos. H. Sutton, of Fayetteville, Republicar

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HEADQUARTERS DEMOCRATIC EXECU-TIVE COMMITTEE, BURGAW, N. C.

August 3. We, the Democratic Executive Committee of Pender county, desire to call the attention of the people to the im-portant fact that in a republic every man is a ruler and shares the honors of its success and the disgrace of its failures. It is this unity of interest and the zealous watchfulness of public and private rights that has always made North Carolina conspicuous for the virtue and purity of its women and the unfaltering patriotism and admirable courses of its men. mirable courage of its The white men of North lina have never failed to maintain her honor when aroused; and we claim the right of the great Anglo-Saxon race to rule in North Carolina as it does in all parts of the Christian world. And we are proud to say that under their administration all classes and conditions of life are pro-tected alike. In North Carolina we cannot secure this matual protection and provide for the apbuilding of all classes without insisting upon the tra-ditional right to rule—and just here we must remind our colored citizen that the negro race has never prospered except under the protecting cars and influence of the white man; and

in insisting upon white supremacy in North Carolina we are sincerely considerate of the future of his race in connection with the general pros-perity of the State. The material and social interest of all classes depends upon the united efforts of the white people, which means the Democratic party, and while the action of Mr. Cleveland was such as to cause some of the best men of the State to leave the party, we wish to remind our brethren that Mr. Cleveland was not the party and his action in betraying his trust was not endorsed by the party; but to the contrary, he received such a rebuke for his want of apparent good faith as no other man ever received at the hands of a disappointed people. Mr. Cleveland is the erst man ever elected President by the people of any party in this country who failed to get the endorsement of his party on retiring from office. No party could have done more to trate for betrayal of trust, and it does appear to us that this action of the great Democratic party assembled in dishonor and punish a chief magisbe ample to satisfy all who left it on misconduct. Many prominent mer who left it from conscientious motives

have already returned and have been welcomed and honored by the party, and we now most cordially invite all our brethren to co-operate with us, and with their families join us in some grand love feast during the campaign, when we will kill a number of fatted calves and in friendship and kindness talk together about the future of our grand old State, while our loved ones renew and broaden old acquaintances and lay the foundation of the social future of their children. Life is too short to be wasted.

BRUCE WILLIAMS, E. PORTER, Chairman. Secretary. CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

Bentonville Camp Confederate Veterans held their annual reunion at Benson, N. C., to-day. The largest tion and showed up is crowd ever seen in that town met to see the old soldiers on parade. Judge Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court, made the address, and ex-Sheriff Powell, of Johnston county, was in ommand of the camp. There were about two hundred in line, and about hundred visiting veterans from Harett and Sampson counties.

The best of feeling prevailed, and was a grand occasion. Johnston county never makes a failure; her sons are the truest and one of the grandest sel of men in the State; they gave the old Confederates a big feast and a good The camp meets next year in Selma,

Tobacco at Clarkton. The STAR learns from one of its friends at Clarkton that tobacco in that section has proven a splendid success. A number of the leading farmers have raised tobacco on a small scale and have found the soil well adapted to the growth of fine leaf. About 105 acres were planted this year and the best grades will bring at least forty cents a pound. The largest portion of land cultivated will make one hundred dollars per acre, which is an excellent yield, especially for the first year. Mr. S. Singletary, S. P. Shad wick, Ira Lonnon, E. Harrelson, M. K. Smith, D. W. Meares, Samuel Owens and J. K. Brown are the farmers who have grown most of the weed. A large warehouse and prizehouse will be built at Clarkton this fall and by next season a first-class market will be opened there. Mr. O. L. Clark is the leader in this enter prise, which is a sufficient guarantee

## Puneral Yesterday Afternoon

The funeral of little Roy S. Jones. the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Sol J. Jones, took place yesterday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock from the residence. Numerous friends of the family were present out of sympathy for the bereaved parents. The services were conducted by Rev. F. H. Farrington the interment being made at Bellevue Cemetery. The pall bearers were Ben White, Frank Kirkham, Will St. Clair, Dave St. Clair, Clarence Hayes, and Bonner Mills. Beautiful floral offerings were placed upon the little boy's grave.

## Artesian Wells at Wallace.

man, has issued the official call for the Seven artesian wells are being bored in and around the town of Wallacetwo within the corporate limits and five in the country near, Already three good flows have been found These wells range in depth from 80 to 160 feet, and afford the very best cold water. In one of these wells between 80 and 100 feet from the surface, the sive farm adjoining Whiteville. Nothflow is such as to show that there is a lake of water at least twenty feet square. This is exceptionally fine success as many places, find it impossible to get a flow.

DEMOCRATS IN UNION COUNTY

Great Cathering at Monroe-State Politics Discussed-Speeches by Messra. Cook and Currie.

Special Star Correspondence. MONROE, N. C., August 3, 1898. This has been a great day in the history of the politics of Union county. About 800 people from different parts of the county came in to hear Cook, of the county came in to hear Cook, of Franklin, and Currie, of Cumberland, discuss North Carolina politics. The attendance would have been two or three times as large had not the Republican-Populist overseers of the county roads warned the people to work the roads on this day.

After several beautiful and inspiring pieces of music had been rendered by the Monroe Cornet Band, the Hon.

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Mr. Covington concluded his timely remarks by introducing Hon. Charles M. Cook, of Franklin county, a fine looking man, with ruddy cheeks, about 50 years old, a man of ability with a record second to none for honesty, up-

record second to none for honesty, uprightness and sound judgment. Every eye in the assembly seemed to be riveted upon the speaker as he arose.

He spoke so earnestly, out of his own experience, and showed such a burning desire for the welfare of the common people, that it would have been hard to resist the enthusiasm kindled by his words and tones. The old fundamental truths of Democracy became new as they were seen to became new as they were seen to have been transfused into his life. He said that many good people have for-saken the old Democratic ship and taken up their abode on the rotten bark of Populism. "Fellow citizens, I respectfully submit," he went on to say, "that wherever Populism has been tried it has been found wanting. No organization can gain that degree of public confidence which will give it control of large things when it has so signally failed to justify the limited confidence which has afforded it opportunity to demonstrate capacity and

onesty in government." After a short term of Republican-Populist government in North Caroina there has been enough transpired the speaker said, to convince the good men of all parties, that it is high time to bury old prejudices and unite against the common public enemy. This is the sentiment now animating every community where a value is placed upon intelligence and honesty

He paid his respects to Governor Russell. Said that Russell's nomination was obtained by fraud, and that his administration had been shameful.

North Carolina politics and no one observant of political movements can question the fact that the speech reulted in much good to the Democratic

When Mr. Cook had concluded his speech the band played a lively air, after which Hon. R. L. Stevens, of Union, candidate for the legislature, introduced in an eloquent and effective manner the Hon. J. H. Currie, of Cumberland county. Mr. Currie's speech was heard with a great deal of attention by Democrats, Populists and Republicans. He is a square built man about six feet high, handsome face and regular features, with thin silver-white hair. He spoke in a clear voice

the disgust of all present.

It really looks as if the Democrat party is getting in shape for dition is what the times demand and what every citizen interested in good government owes to the State to assist in bringing about. That we expect to gather a large majority of the wan-derers in, goes without saying. They have been delaying their return for some time, but now the "color line" s drawn and they are hustling n "double-quick time" and are being kindly welcomed. Our county will give Bellamy and Democratic county fficers anywhere from 500 to 1000 majority-mark that!

## TOBACCO SALE DAY.

of the Largest Openings Ever Seen in Eastern Carolina.

[Special Star Correspondence.] La Grange, N. C., Aug. 5. Yesterday was a big day at the topacco warehouses here, being the opening sale day for this season. About irty-two thousand pounds were sold and at prices highly satisfactory to

every farmer who sold.

The highest grades sold at 70 cents per pound. The average was about 7 cents per poundas the first sale is generally of the lower grades for the most. part. For several seasons past La Grange has been an excellent tobacco market and this season will be far ahead of all previous seasons. Mr. J. L. Abbott, formerly of Danville, Va., has charge of the warehouses here. He is a tobacconist of 21 years experience, being at Danville a numper of years, which is the largest leaf bacco market in the country.

Brunswick County persocratic Con-

The Democrats of Brunswick are requested to meet in County Convention at Lockwood's Folly on Thursday, the first day of September, at 12 o'clock
M., for the purpose of nominating
county candidates, electing an Executive Committee—five active Democrats
for each precinct—Chairman of County Senatorial Convention. All who have heretofore affiliated with other parties and intend to support the De nominees are cordially invited to meet with us. By order of the County Executive D. B. MCNEILL Chairman.

#### August 6, 1898. Columbus Democrats.

The Democratic primaries of Columbus county will be held on Saturday. September 10th, and the county convention will be held on Thursday. September 15th. Every white man who intends to vote the Democratic ticket is cordially invited to participate in the primaries.

- One of the finest crops ever grown in Columbus county, is that of Capt. V. V. Richardson, on his exten-