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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, of Beaufort.

THE LOAD WAS TOO HEAVY.

Some time ago Chairman Simmons of the Democratic State Executive Committee wrote a letter to the present Superintendent of the Penitentiary, asking for a report of the penitentiary management for the year 1897.

In that letter one of the reasons assigned by Mewborne for not complying with Mr. Simmons' request was that he did not have the clerical force to furnish a copy, thus conveying the impression that the report was in his hands but could not be conveniently copied.

Governor Russell knew when Mr. Simmons asked for that report that it had not been made, and he knew that by law it should have been made by the close of last December.

As far as known this report has not yet reached the Governor, as it will have to go through some artistic manipulation before it will be in shape for gubernatorial inspection.

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At the same time that Mr. Simmons wrote to Superintendent Mewborne and received his insolent reply through the newspapers, he wrote to Mr. Claudius Dockery, chairman of the Board of Penitentiary Directors, asking for the report.

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been mentioned if Mr. Simmons had not forced them to speak. The refusal to show up gave grounds for the belief that there was "a nigger in the woodpile."

"STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. Executive Department. RALEIGH, August 2nd, 1898. Claudius Dockery, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the State's Penitentiary, Raleigh, N. C."

"DEAR SIR—Chapter 219, entitled 'An Act for the Government of the Penitentiary,' ratified the 8th day of March, 1897, provides in Section 9 that the Board of Directors shall make an annual report to the Governor.

"To which Mr. Dockery replied as follows: 'ROCKINGHAM, N. C., Aug. 4. 'DEAR SIR—In favor of the 2nd inst. to hand. At the last meeting of the Directors, a report showing the condition, etc., of the penitentiary, as prescribed by law, was made by ex-Superintendent John R. Smith.

"All this is interesting in view of the fact that there had been no official move made in reference to this report until Mr. Simmons had called public attention to the fact that it had not been made, as required by law.

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"John R. Smith admitted that 'some additions' had to be made to the document. The report was kept back for a purpose.

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No honest, sincere man could operate with the Republican party and with the Democratic party at the same time, but that is precisely what Butler and his crowd did two years ago.

Judge Spencer B. Adams presided over the Columbus court last week. The Judge, who hails from Caswell county, is one of the drift which floated to the surface when the Republican-Populist Fusion pool was stirred.

There are two things which we sincerely hope will be settled before the peace commission gets through with its business, that is whether the name of that Spanish admiral at Manila was Montejó or Montojo, and whether that fugitive Governor-General is Augusti or Augustin.

These three gentlemen have done just what thousands of honest and disgusted Populists in North Carolina have done and are doing, gone back into the Democratic party.

It is so in North Carolina, so in Tennessee, so in Georgia, so in Texas, in fact it is so in every State where the Populist party has an organization.

Every white man should understand that in voting for Dockery for Governor he votes for a Republican who has accepted a nomination on a gold platform.

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law, which in law ranks with murder and in the estimation of the people ranks so much worse that it is outlawed and the man or rather fiend who commits it is regarded as forfeiting his life without the formality of judicial proceeding.

Out of the more than 1,600,000 inhabitants in North Carolina he is the first man we have heard of to assert that any "courage" was required to commit a dastard crime like that, to lay in wait for some lone, helpless, weak, unprotected and unsuspecting child or woman.

"Realizing the impossibility of bringing about the reform for which we have heretofore labored with the party in its present disintegrated and disaffected condition, and having determined to support the Hon. Benton McKinnin for Governor of Tennessee.

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The Collector of Customs of the port of Wilmington is a negro, and in the several departments of the Federal government here there are at least twelve negroes holding positions.

Forty Negro Magistrates in one county! Think of that, white men of North Carolina! And think how many more there will be unless the Democrats control the next Legislature. It is New Hanover that stands at the head of the list in the number of Negro Magistrates now.

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MINOR MENTION.

The Hand Book, prepared and issued by the State Democratic Executive Committee, is an inestimably valuable publication, which it is to be regretted cannot be put in the hands of every white voter in the State.

The action of the Populist State Committee at Raleigh has settled the question of fusion with the Republicans as far as that committee is concerned. There will be fusion wherever the terms (which means the spoils) can be agreed upon.

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HARBOR DEFENCES.

Work on Fortifications at Fort Caswell Will Probably Last Nearly a Year.

Now that the war is over, people in this section of the country are inquiring what Fort Caswell will be on a peace basis. One thing is certain, there will be no lull in the work on the fortifications within a year.

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MRS. FELTON SPEAKS

She Makes a Sensational Speech Before Agricultural Society.

Believes Lynching Should Prevail as Long as Defenceless Woman is Not Better Protected.

J. A. Holman, Special to Atlanta Journal.

SOUTH BEND HOTEL, TYLER, GA., August 18.—The feature of the session yesterday afternoon was the address by Mrs. W. H. Felton, of Bartow county, in which she discussed at length the public questions of interest in Georgia at this time, and dwelt with particular emphasis on the lynching problem.

"I hear much of the millions sent abroad to Japan, China, India, Brazil and Mexico, but I feel that the heathen at home are so close at hand and need so much that I must make a strong effort to enlighten the people.

"When there is not enough religion in the pulpit to organize a crusade against sin; nor justice in the court house to promptly punish a lawless man; nor honor in the nation to put a sheltering arm about innocence and virtue—if it needs lynching to protect woman's dearest possession from the ravaging hand of the villain's bulwark then I say let judgment begin at the house of God and redeem this country from the cloud of shame that rests upon it."

"The poor girl would choose any death in preference to such indignities and outrage, and a quick death is mercy to the rapist compared to the suffering of innocence and modesty in a land of bibles and churches, where violence is becoming omnipotent except with the rich and powerful before the law."

"The crying need of women on the farm is security in their lives and in their homes. Strong, able-bodied men have told me they stopped farming and moved to town because their women folks were scared to death if left alone."

"Mrs. Felton is one of the most distinguished women of Georgia, intellectually and socially. She is the wife of Dr. W. H. Felton, a former Representative in Congress, and takes a prominent part in everything pertaining to the advancement and protection of her sex.—EDITOR STAR."

POLITICAL NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

A Strong Ticket Nominated by the Democrats of Wake County—John R. Smith's Penitentiary Report.

[Special Star Correspondence.] RALEIGH, N. C., August 20.—The Lippards & Shealey Manufacturing Company, at Concord, for the manufacture of cotton goods, was incorporated to-day. The capital stock is \$50,000.

The Democratic primaries throughout the county were largely attended yesterday morning at the residence of William Buss for clerk; B. P. Williamson for treasurer; M. W. Page for sheriff and N. B. Broughton for one of the candidates for the House if he will accept. This is the strongest ticket ever named in Wake.

DEPUTY SHERIFF DISCHARGED.

Ed. Bryant, colored, turned down by Sheriff Hewlett because of disgraceful conduct.

MOST FIENDISH CRIME.

A White Woman, Her Son and a Colored Woman Murdered by a Negro—The Murderer Lynched.

By telegraph to the Morning Star. MACON, GA., August 20.—A special to the Telegraph from Americus, Ga., says: The most fiendish crime in the history of Sumter county, or the whole State, was committed at Friendship, twelve miles west of here last night.

APPOINTMENTS FOR BELLAMY.

He is Now Making a Preliminary Canvass of the Sixth District.

SPRITS TURPENTINE.

Monroe Journal: Mrs. W. H. August, of the Salem township, died August 8th of pneumonia. She was about 60 years of age.

Littleton Reporter: Prospects for good corn and cotton crops are encouraging, while tobacco crops are said to be on an average equal to those of the last few years.