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"THE DAYNET IS NOT A FIT INSTRUMENT FOR COLLECTING THE VOTES OF FREE MEN."—(Hancock's Letter of Acceptance.)

BLEDSEOE'S MUSTY MEAL.

The manner, in which public officers discharge their official duties and execute the trusts committed to them, is a proper and legitimate subject of criticism. The people have a right to know and should be informed how a candidate for any office has discharged the duties of an office that he has heretofore held.

By an Act of the Legislature of 1871 (Chapter 191 Laws of 1870-71) the entire management of the State Penitentiary was entrusted to a board of five directors, of which Mr. Bledsoe was made Chairman.

On page 21 the same witness swears that he had "frequently seen cracks in the bread in the morning that you could lay a goose quill in, and the crack crack full of cheese. The men absolutely could not eat it."

come in, and after the meal was brought by them the bread would be sour." And on page 35 the same witness says: "I talked to Mr. Bledsoe several times about the fare."

W. A. Gowen (who was the teamster that hauled the meal from Bledsoe's mill) testifies on page 32: "I carried meal to the Penitentiary in a two-horse team generally, two or three times a week, carrying 20 bushels at the time."

So that it appears from the evidence of these witnesses (who were not convicts but men of good character) that from 40 to 60 bushels of meal were ground every week at Mr. Bledsoe's mill, that the meal was frequently unfit for food; that Mr. Bledsoe was so informed; and all this time he was Chairman of the board of directors to whom had been entrusted the care of the institution!

In order to prevent the directors of the Penitentiary using the institution for their personal profit the Legislature enacted in the bill appointing them (section 9):

"That no contract for work, material or other service shall be given or awarded to any member of the board, either directly or indirectly."

The Legislative investigating committee in making their report say that "a very large quantity of meal was ground at the mill of Mr. Bledsoe," but they do not think this is prohibited by the above-quoted law, and therefore to prevent it in the future they recommend that said law "be so amended as to include the case of supplies."

The republican speakers and papers severely denounced Mr. Bledsoe's management of the Penitentiary as executed by the prosecuting attorneys and endeavored to make much political capital out of it against the democratic party, for at that time Mr. Bledsoe was a prominent democrat.

"THE RIGHT OF TRIAL BY JURY, THE HABEAS CORPUS, THE LIBERTY OF THE PRESS, THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, THE NATURAL RIGHTS OF PERSONS AND THE RIGHTS OF PROPERTY MUST BE PRESERVED."—Hancock's Louisiana Order.

BUTLER FOR HANCOCK.

Gen. Benjamin F. Butler, of Massachusetts (more generally called "Beast" Butler) has declared for Hancock and English, and will vigorously canvass for their election.

A WOMAN CANDIDATE.

For the first time a woman has been nominated for a State office. At the late State Convention of the democrats in Kansas Miss Sarah E. Brown was nominated for the position of State superintendent of public instruction.

THE STAR IN ERROR.

The Wilmington Star is usually wide awake, and we are therefore surprised that our contemporary should state that a man could be a Presidential Elector and also a Judge.

Of course this cannot be done, and we must correct the error which our city contemporary has fallen into. And, by-the-way, the Star is mistaken in saying that Col. Bennett is "the Presidential Elector for the Sixth District."

CORRESPONDENCE.

FOR THE EDITOR.

CASE CREEK, Aug. 17, 1880.

Mr. Editor: As it is getting to be fashionable to name candidates for public servants, and as this is a time when we need more than ever the very best men we have to conduct our course and to represent us in the councils of the State, I wish to bring to public notice a few of the all-qualified men who are now in the State.

Mr. Editor: Who shall represent the people of Chatham county in the next Legislature? As one who neither desires nor expects office, but as a young man who feels a deep interest in the future of our country, I ask this question: "Shall we select men simply because they are popular with the people, and have other qualifications but that almost every man has?"

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allowing a homestead on new debts, or those created after the war, has done more to impede the material prosperity of good people than any other one thing.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

Our readers will doubtless be pleased to read another letter from our New York correspondent, for his letters are exceedingly interesting and entertaining.

New York, Aug. 29, 1880.

En Route: After enjoying a period of cool weather, we are again experiencing what might be called mid-summer heat.

Flight With a Monkey.

A dispatch from Chicago, dated Aug. 26, says: A monkey and possibly fatal fight occurred this morning between a man and a monkey in a small zoological garden on State street.

Uninvited Guests.

The New York correspondent of the Raleigh News, says: "A gentleman residing in an elegant house in Eighty-third street left town as usual for the Summer, on the 20th of June, his three servants remaining in charge."

Starvation in Kansas.

A dispatch from St. Louis, dated Aug. 27, says that a committee of citizens from Norton county, Kansas, visited the mayor of this city and the members of the merchant's exchange, to-day, to secure assistance for the starving people of the community.

Fruit Fair Postponed.

Capt. Nat. Atkinson, president of the North Carolina Fruit Growers Association, gives notice that it has been determined to postpone the fruit fair from the 8th, 9th and 10th of September till the State fair in Raleigh in October.

The Dead Indian Chief. Chief Ouray, of the Ute Indians, whose death on Friday at the Los Pinos Agency is announced by telegraph, was one of the most remarkable of Indian statesmen since the death of Black Hawk and Red Jacket.

The exodus of tourists to Europe is about over for this season, and even now, the first installments of the returning pleasure seekers are beginning to make their appearance.

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