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Bench-Warrant for the Brutal Guard, Jim Sears-Superiutendent Mewborne Charged Him With Murder. Raleigh Post, 10th.

A terrible story of cruelty comes from the State farm at Northampton, which is managed by Lewis Summerill. No weired story from the Black Dungeon of Manila was ever more brutal and luhu-

James Lowe, of Tunis, Hertford coun-1y, 2 white convict who was sent to the Northampton farm, was beat so unmercifully and so brutally that he died shortly afterwards while at work in the

Jim Sears, a white guard, is charged with having inflicted the inhuman and orutal punishment.

ent to the fields to work, and thathe died white man is on the list. while at the plow.

The eyidence against Sears is very strong. The charge is made by Dr. Ferguson, physician to the convicts, who held a post mortem examination upon the body. In a letter to Superintendent Mewborne, Dr. Ferguson stated that Lowe died from the effects of the terrible ounishment administered him.

James Lowe was a young white man. He was brought to the penitentiary by he sheriff of Hertford county in 1898 to serve a two-year term of imprisonment He was convicted of murder in the sec and degree. Lowe had not been at the rison long before he was sent to the Northampton farm. At that place the poor devil was murdered by a paid agent

This is not the first instance of outrageous punishment that has been given convicts at the Northampton farm. It is forth! stated that Lewis Summerill himself is as brutal as his guards. Every convict that story to tell. A penitentiary official told were working and beating the convicts under him in a most outrageous manner, Guardians, Administrators, and Executors. and that it would be better for them if Commercial, Railroad, Corporation and they were dead. He said that he could not talk, and that some of the high officials were afraid to talk, because Summerill has such a strong pull with the directors. My informant mtimated that Superintendent Mewborne knew instances of cruelty which he was afraid to

nake public. The inhuman punishment of convicts it the Northampton farm has come to be a public scandal. Nothing short of a full and public investigation will satify

It can be truthfully said that Warden Russell has been very considerate and humane to the convicts under his care nominated: here at the central prison.

Vance on The Negro. Oxford Public Ledger.

Zeb Vance, in a memorable speech in the South, said:

'Since their admission to citizenship they have been elected to both branches of Congress and have occupied almost They have controlled entire States, counties and municipalities, and in every case It was a war against property, intelligence and respectability. The few years of their misrule in the South will be foreyer remembered in our history for their corruption, retrogression, and will constitute a damnable blot on those who au- tion. thorized it, and who looked on wif ... mplacency so long as the thieves were Republicans, the victims were Demo-

For broken surfaces, sores, insect bites urns, skin diseases and especially piles here is one reliable remedy, DeWitt's year will have to draw their pay from Witch Hazel Salve. When you call for Roach. He is going to be elected. DeWitt's don't accept counterfeits of frauds. You will not be disappointed with DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. J. A. Har-

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NEGRO RULE.

CRAVEN'S BLACK OFFICERS.

'Prof." Isaac H. Smith on the Ticket-He is a Negro with an Infamous Record as a Forger and Usurer -A Vile White Man Running for Clerk of the Court-The County Court House Looks Like a Colored Writing School, So Thick are the Negro Clerks-The "Button has been Pressed" and will be

Pressed Again. H. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer, written from Newbern.

Come and go with me to the county ourt house of Craven and see what is Application has been made to Justice there to be seen any day in the week to Walter Clark for a beach warrant charg- glance at the place as a whole you would ng Sears with murder. The applica- at first take it to be a negro writingtion was made by J. F. Mewborne, the su-school. The first office to the right perintendent of the penitentiary, at the belongs to the sheriff and his crew of astance of Governor Russell. Last night deputies. Joseph L. Hahn, a white man the wires were at work for the arrest of with a black heart, is the sheriff. By his side are four degro deputy sheriffs: Nor-Such brutality has never before been thern A. Cobb, who is also the jailer; known among the State's convicts. It is J. H. Fisher, Wallis Pettipher, J. E. Payne said that after Sears inflicted the terrible and C. E. Rhyne. There are other dep- Court as follows: punishment upon Lowe, he (Lowe) was uties throughout the county. Not a

THE NEGRO "PRESSING THE BUTTON." Two doors below the sheriff's office, and to the left, is the register of deeds - any other amount (the two orders in eviclerk two negroes-A. W. Witherington and one of his own brothers. Witherington is the negro that made a bombastic ven county within the last few years, he

comes from that farm has some terrible C. C. Roach, for county treasurer, is be- uncle, the aunt and three others, demand- we were ordered to lie down, and while

Republicans. The negroes want all. They can have all the Republican even started in the house to make party can get here, for there are but search, about 63 white Republicans in the coun-

As a special force to list the taxes for the register are three negro bucks on the second floor of the court house, prepar-

THE CANDIDATE FOR CLERK. In the Republican convention held here a few weeks ago, the following ticket was

For clerk of the Superior Court, E. W. Carpenter, a white man. I would rather be any negro in Craven county, than to be Mr. Carpenter. He is an old seasoned carpet-bagger. Of all the candidates in the field he is the most degraded. For he United States Senate four years before years he has lived with a negro woman is death, January 30, 1890, in speaking and to-day she has a house full of chilthe negro as a citizen and office holder dren that every good man in the county who knows him and his career would say are his. It is a notorious fact. In former days Carpenter was a pension agent. But he has been disbarred from the pracevery position under State authority before the Pension Department on account of fraudulent practices. He now acts as agent through a negro named E. D. Cox. their rule was marked by failure and ruin. This is the character of the man who is going to be elected to the office of clerk of the court in this county.

Dr. W. L. Lassiter, a negro, is the present coroner of Craven county, and he was nominated the other day for re-elec-

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ROACH. The man Christopher Columbus Roach referred to in the speech of Witherington as being nominated for treasurer of the county, is a saloon keeper. He is a thoroughbred negro. The white lady school teachers that teach in Craven county next

The standard-keeper of the county is James Dudley, colored. And for county surveyor nobody was nominated. There is not a Republican in the county that is capable of being surveyor. R. P. Williamson, John Bittle and Bob Moseley, colored, are the commissioners of the county. This town has ten councilmen, seven of whom are white and three colored. Five of the white men were ap pointed by Governor Russell and the wo were elected by the Democrats of the town. The three negroes were elected. They are: James E. Shepherd, a drayman; William H. Johnson, a bartender, who

has been indicated in court for selling whiskey on Sunday, and Elias Hayes, a carpenter. R. W. Williamson, colored, now a candidate for solicitor of the second known and highly prized Hypo- udical district for the Crimenal and Suphosphites of Lime and Soda, so perior Courts, is the city attorney. Judge that their potency is materially P. Stanley, colored, is constable of this township. He has arrested a number of white ladies and taken them to negro magistrates for trial since coming into of-

"PROF." ISAAC H. SMITH. experience of twenty-five years has the negro population of North Carolina. proven it in tens of thousands of In the "society" world he has measured swords with George H. White, the negro ness, headache, dizziness, Congressman of the secon district. And sour stomach, next year he claims that he will be on the The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

oughest of dead-beats, and he has outwitted the shrewdest of politicians. Proessor Smith wields a facile pen and uses an oily tougue. Truly, he is a verysmart legro. He is unique in looks and in

THE PEN. CHEATED OUT OF SMITH. Smith has been convicted before juries twice for forery, but on account of technicalities he was let off by the Supreme Court. The first time he got off because the solicitor in p osecuting the case had abused his privilege in using the following language in addressing the

"The defendant was such a scoundrel that he was compelled to move his trial from Jones county, where he was known," And, again: "The bold, brazen faced rascal had the impudence to write me a note yesterday, begging me not to prosecute get the Legislature to impeach me," Seventy-fifth North Carolina Reports,

He was again convicted and appealed to the Supreme Court and was allowed a new trial on the ground of the variance evidence-expressed by the Supreme

"On the trial of an indictment for forgery charging the defendant with having forged an order for \$60.07. Evidence that the defendant had forged an order for respectively) is not admissible." Severty-eighth North Carolina Reports, 462.

speech in the Republican convention anger in any man's heart. For a year or here the other day. Being elated over more Mrs. Geo. S. Gaskill, of this town. the progress the negro has made in Cra- has had a 12 year old colored orphan gro was now able to do. Among other fond of her. An uncle and an aunt of the Mr. Gaskill was. When Mrs. Gaskill of my correspondence with the right. "And now, in this convention, we have called to her, she was not to be found. fore you, and with the past and present ed the girl. Mrs. Gaskill stated that the lying there with my face to the ground and certifying that he did. before us, what shall the future give to girl had run away and was not to be This was meant for a cut at the white not believe her statement. They were impudent to her in their demands and

In the meantime Mr. Gaskill had been she might go. The negroes again went to see Mrs. Waskill and charged with absheriff and register, respectively, in this this place went to see Mr. Gaskill. They had some hot word after which O'Hara advised the parties to swear out a warrant for Mrs. Gaskill for abduction. The warrant was issued by W. H. Green, a negro barber who does business in a setthe town. He tries his cases in his negro barber shop, a room about 2)x7 feet. This is where Mrs. Gaskill was to be tried. The warrant was put in the hands of the the negro constable, Stanley. He went not find her, Mr. Gaskill went to the Mrs. Gaskill. He waived examination for his client. But the justice of the peace demanded that Constable Stanley go and bring Mrs. Gaskill into his court, whereupon Mr. Moore got up and made a threatening speech, saying, among town would not bear such treatment. He said there would be blood shed, an innocent white woman, from being dragged into that dirty dive for trial. She was bound over to court. The case was

dismissed by the solicitor without his even drawing up a bill. Some time during the spring a German , by the name of Habischt, and his wife, came here to live. They came direct from New York. Mr. Habischt began to keeper and a Republican. He became angry with Habischt and his wife and tried to drive them from his saloon. They gentleman met the procession and was hell he would go there." astonished. He investigated the matter, My idea has been to keep up with all the

Every day some white person is arested and tried here in this town by negroes. It seems to be fine fun for the too fast. He can't stand prosperity.

Stimulate the stomach, rouse the liver, cure billous-

turf for Congress. He has skinned the A Letter Full of Interest for we are engaged is a glorious work, not-Sunday School Workers.

print. Here is the letter:

following, I started to Mississippi in a two every night-we reached this State and set-Here is a case that ought to kindle the | civil war, where I remained for more than mishes, but was never wounded until the girl for a nurse. The girl was fond of gaged i. e. the battle of Franklin, pictured in glowing terms what the ne- Mrs. Gaskill's baby and the baby was Tenn. Here I was shot in the right arm and girl, without consulting her, went to the it, the fingers of my right hand are badly "In 1896, we pressed the button and clerk of the court and had her bound to drawn, and I was so long recovering from behold John B. Willis, register of deeds, them. They at once went to Mr. Gaskill's | the effects of the wound that I had to learn came forth! Again we pressed the button to see about the child. Mrs. Gaskill was to write with my left hand, and this letter the button and magistrates came alarmed and fied to the drug store where my books with my left, and doing the most

to see the clerk of the court. He found my life, but like too many have done bethat he could do nothing for the girl. fore and since, when the danger passed Hence, he paid her off and told her that away I forgot my vows until I was again "he will not keep his anger forever."

It was not until the war had closed, and one term, that I redeemed my yows by conement known as Five Points, the most secrating my life to his service in the year disreputable, the dirtiest, filthiest part of 1866. On the 11th day of April, 1867, in the providence of God, I was married to one to Mrs. Gaskill and read the warrant. It is in the life of a good woman! It never frightened her out of her wits and she ein be estimated in this world. I thank ran away and hid. The constable could God, my sister, that you have "chosen that better part" and I pray God's richest trial instead of his wife, Mr. L. J. Moore, blessing on your noble work. I know a gro, the unselfish negro, will recognize an attorney of this place, represented community, where they could not find a that it is better, infinitely better, for him good work, organized the Sunday school and has for several years gone four miles other things, that the white people of the | in her buggy every Sunday morning to suchurch, I determined to discharge my duty This and nothing else saved Mrs. Gaskill to the best of my ability. In 1868 I was appointed Sunday school superintendent, and I have been superintending the same school away from home. I have been a very busy man. There was a time when I had as many as 26 avocations, and offices to look after, but I have never allowed anything to interfere with my duty to God and his

work for Mr. William Calligan, a bar church, and my feeble efforts have been The success that has attended my efforts as a Sunday school man is due, mainly, live in the saloon building. Some time in discharge of duty, and not to any special May he went to Fred Donglas, a negro gifts or qualifications for the work. For magistrate of the town, and swore out a a great many years, I attended all of the ace warrant against Mrs. Habischt. County, State and International Sunday Stanley, the negro constable was sent to School Conventions, and was at one time a her. He brought her before Douglas and | delegate to the World's convention but failin short and disgraceful order she was | ed to get off. On one occasion I was going bound over to keep the peace under a to a county convention in one of the neighbond that she could not give. Before she was hardly aware of it the was hardly aware of it the could not give. Before she who, unfortunately, had a weakness for was hardly aware of it, she was a poor drinking whiskey, was somewhat under its innocent woman, was being escorted to jail influence, and when he saw me coming, he for no cause in the world that she could said, "yonder comes Streater; I believe if see, by a negro constable. Some white there was a Sundy school convention in

went on the woman's bond and had her improvements and appliances in the Sunpossibly know the trials and discourageconstables and magistrates. But this whom I have seen fit to call the four 8's i. cannot last always. The negro is riding e. "The Siekly, Sentimental, Sweet Six-Prof. Isaac H. Smith, Republican candidate for the Legislature from this county, is the greatest freak of nature that this campaign has brought out. He is a negro, a politician, a money-lender and a swell 'society' man. Truly, he is the cure incipient consumption. We make this statement because the teens"-both males and females-than any and sitting where they can conveniently | A few bottles of your medicines have look at the girts, and it begins with the given me almost complete relief, and I girls about the time the tucks are taken out am sure that a continuation of their of their dresses, and they commence to re- use will effect a permanent cure.

your school. This labor of love in which

Recently a lady of Anson county, who is interested in Sunday School work, wrote to Mr. James B. Streater, of Black Hawk, Miss., asking for a small dona- I can testify as to the verity of this scripcharacter. In business he can fleece the tion towards repairing a church, and for peartest of men. Many are the men that a statement of his methods in conducting was born near Wadesboro in 1845, wrote the lady a very interesting letter in reply, which letter we have been requested to

a Sunday School. Mr. Streater, who distant state, who has perhaps been gone for years, and they tell me of the good that has come into their fives from having attended my school. Not only This, but just think of our meeting redeemed ones in the better world who have been saved through Black Hawk, Miss., Aug. 29, 1898. our instrumentality! But my letter is MY DEAR SISTER.-It affords me great growing too long. 1 enclose money order pleasure to comply with your modest re- for two dollars, one half of this I contriquest, but I will have to draw on my imag- bute myself, and the other is given by a ination in order to give you an account of man who is a comparative stranger to me, that part of my life spent in Anson county. and, who said after reading your letter to the negroes was probably to compel ent to say that those were the hap- me "I want to contribute something," and the young lady, who is indeed but a plest and most innocent days of my life, he did this without any solicitation on my being free from care and anxiety, and hav- part. He is a young man who has had to ing nothing in the world to trouble me, work and educate himself, and is now save an occasional attack of infantile colic. | teaching and prosecuting his studies at the I was born near Wadesboro on the 27th day same time, a devout christian, his name is and threatening me that if I did he would of Sept., 1845, and on the 2nd day of Dec. A. D. McFarlane. I wish I could send you horse wagon, and after spending five weeks but modesty forbids my teiling you how and two days on the route-camping out many demands are made upon my limited tled down about 30 miles east of this place a great many years in taking the lead in all and remained there eight years, and my our local church and school enterprises. It father then moved within a mile of Black is a source of great comfort to me to know between the bill of indictment and the Hawk, where he still lives in his 77th year. that I have been enabled to contribute I hear through him and an old uncle of something, however small, to almost every nine, who lives with me, that your grand- call that has been made upon me, for more father Medley admintstered on the estate of than a quarter of a century. The only remy grand-father Streater, both of whom gret I have about this letter is, that in or were very warm friends, and Methodists, der to comply with your request I have to My grandfather on my mother's side was | write so much about myself. I now pray Brooks Hinson-a man known by almost God's especial blessing on you and the every body in Anson county; he lived to be members of your schorl, and will close John B. Willis, colored. He has for his dence in this case being for \$60 and \$70.27, 90 years old, and died in this country only with the lines of poetry composed by an a few years since. When I was only 16 Indian and which can be sung to a common years of age, I enlisted as a soldier in the metre tune. "Go on, go on."

Yours in the bonds of christian love. JAS. B. STREATER.

The Facts are History.

Now we are prepared to consider the question of facts: First: Is there a negro and Robt. Mosley, county commissioner at home, but Mr. Gaskill was up street is being written with that hand. After on the Board of Directors of these (white come forth? We pressed the button and at his drug store. The colored girl heard my wound healed entirely I found that I and colored blind) institutions: James H. deputy sheriffs came forth! We pressed her uncle talking to Mrs. Gaskill, became so I take turn about with them-keeping Board until this summer, when he remy. Second: Did this negro inspect the again pressed the button, and behold, The party of negroes, consisting of the while engaged in the thickest of the battle, did; there is a certificate signed by him institution for the white children? He

last, I promised the Lord that if he would ligent and of good character, on a board spare my life, I would join the church and govering an institution for negro chiland devote the remnant of my days to his dren; and it may be said that Young was service. God heard my prayer, and spared made a member of the Board in question in order to look after the institution for negro children. But the fact stands thrown in apparent danger, then I would bald that he had equal powers with the renew it, and then forget it, but "God is white members of the Board in the conduction. J. E. O'Hara, a negro lawer of ever merciful and kind" and his loving duct of the institution for white children; kindness was still extended to me, and I was and those who know him know that he is not cut off in my sins as I justly deserved. not slow to try to assert such power. If or himself has two months yet in Huntersville anecdote is, however, touch-Our God is a God of great patience; but there must be a negro to look after the institution for negroes, let there be two boards. But there exists no such neces-

The people of North Carolina had betstand that, though politicians may cater of the best women who has ever blessed to them for their votes, the negro race the earth, and she has, indeed, been a help- must'keep to its place both for the good meet to me, and the Lord still permits her of the race and the welfare of the State. to live and be a blessing to all with whom | When the Anglo-Saxon becomes inferior she comes in contact. Oh, the power there to the African, then we may consider the necessity of putting negroes on boards under which are both white and colored children. Meanwhile the sensible ne man who was willing to act as Sabbath and his children to have white boards school superintendent, but there was a and white committees to look after their good woman in that community who, welfare; but the demagogue, both white notwithstanding she was rich and blessed and black, will continue to harrangue with this world's goods, took hold of the the negroes about their "rights" and "recognition," seeking, of course, an office, not for a moment caring, never havperintend the school. When I joined the ing dreamed of caring, either for the State or for the negro race.

More than twenty million free samples of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve have been from that time to the present, and with one distributed by the manufacturers. What single exception 1 have never been absent | better proof of their confidence in it's from my school except when I was sick or | merits do you want? It cures Piles, burns scalds, sores, in the shortest space of

Congressman Botkin's

MY DEAR DOCTOR: - It gives me pleasure to certify to the excellent curative qualities of your medicines:



ceive beaux. I trust you may not have the same experience with the members of edy for catarrhal affections.

IN NEWBERN ALSO.

The Colored People are Getting Insolent-Insult to White Girl. Newbern Journal.

One day last week, a young lady of this city returning home on one of Newbern's public streets, came to where three young negro men stood on the sidewalk in such a way as to obstruct the way. They made no effort to move so as to let her pass. No white man was within seeing distance. The intention of girl "standing with reluctant feet, where the stream and river meet," to pass between them. She chose to leave the walk in order to pass around them. As she did so and reached a point opposite the three negroes, one of the brutes, seeing what he considered "airs" in the young lady, stretched out and slapped her in the face!

She reached nome as quickly as ossible and told what had occurred. To make the matter more appealing, if possible, the young lady is an orphan and has no natural protector, at Huntersville, Mecklenburg county, Is there a white man in North Caro- last Monday lina who does not wish he was near when the blow was struck?

To be Quietly Considered. Raleigh News and Observer.

Elsewhere there appears a clipping from The Newbern Journal, detailing an occurence on the streets of that town. Upon the incident itself there is no need of and there took without mental reservacomment. Every man can supply tion whatsoever. the comment for himself. The incident is not an isolated or an unusual one. It is only different in man-

too plain to need pointing out. tenant Governor two years ago. He may The ultimate result of a condition have some cute way of harmonizing all that bears such fruit cannot be mistaken. It is purely a question of intelligence can't see it. But perhaps it time. The white man who cares means that this dutiful son would never anything for his State, his family refuse silver for a bale of cotton. The which to make up his mind whether he will be a partner to two years more of such an unspeakable deg-

Washington, D.C., April 1, 1898 S. B. Hartman, Columbus, O.



ner and degree, not in kind, from signed to take a place in the volunteer ar- things that occur every day in every never-no, never-while the blue canopy town in the State that is cursed with negro rule. Can any honest silver." man doubt that such things are the Office Hunter means by going back on hugging it as close as possible, and the We are glad that these facts are past direct result of negro rule? Has silver. His understanding of it does not found in the house. But the negroes did shot and shell flying all around us like a history; glad that no negro is now on the any man heard of or read of such seem to prevent him from running as a hail storm, the dead and dying all about, Board. It would not have been abhor- incidents on the streets of Ashe- candidate for Congres on a gold-standard and expecting every moment would be my rent to have one or more negroes, intel-The meaning of such things is nominated and supported him for Lieu-

THE GOVERNMENTS REPORT

It Places the Condition of Cotton at 79.8 a Decline of 11 Points During the Month-North Carolina Fell Off 6

Washington, Sept. 10.-The returns for otton to the statistician of the Departnent of Agriculture indicate an average condition of 79.8 on Septemger 1, as compared with 91.2 on August 1st, a decline of 11 points during the mouth. The average condition on September 1, 1897, was 78.3; on September 1, 1896, 64.2 and the mean of September averages for the last ten years is 79.4.

The decline during August by States was as follows: North Carolina 6 points; South Carolina 8; Georgia 11; Alabama 15.7; Mississippi 10, Louisiana 14; Texas 16; Arkansas 4; Tennessee 2; Oklahoma 8. In Indian Territory there was slight im-Complaints of excessive rainfall, re- \$125,000 annually.

sulting in shedding and other unfavorable condition, are general east of Mississippi river, while the boll worm and Mexican weevil have been very destructive in The average condition in the differ-

ent States is as follows: Virginia 91; North Carolina 84; South Carolina 81; Georgia 80; Florida 73; Alabama 80; Mis sissippi 78; Louisina 76; Texas 65; Arkan sas 89; Tennessee 95; Missouri 94; Okla home 90; Indian Territory 90.

Coming. Monroe Enquirer.

Mr. M. C. Austin, of New Salem township, was in town last Saturday and told us that his township, which has always had a large Republican vote in it, is swinging into the Democratic column. On last Friday a number of men who have not voted a Democratic ticket since the war, participated in the Democratic primaries and pledged themselves to vote he Democratic ticket in November.

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The Judge (sternly)-"The next person who interrupts the proceedings will be expelled from the court room."-The Prisoner (enthusiastically)-"Hooray!"-



PROMISED HIS PA.

Told Him That he Never Would go Back on Silver and He

Vilmington Star.

Filial devotion is an admirable thing. t is beautiful to behold, especially when t attains the age of maturity and is able to strut before the public and talk for itself. The Charlotte Observer quotes that exemplary son of his father, Hon. Office Hunter Dockery, as saying in his speech

"Nobody need fear I am going back on silver. I pledged my dying father never to go back on silver, the poor man's

Generally speaking dying people have omething else than silver to think about, but it is really touching to be told how the yenerable citizen clung to silver so tenaciously and called his son to him and pledged him never to "go back on it," which pledge this filial pledgist then

It anybody doubts this haven't we the word of the distinguished gentleman himself, who surely would not parade a deathbed scene for the purpose of fooling somebody into the belief that he would bent over the green earth, "go back on

platform, nor for repudiating the free silver pledge which he made the free silver Populist and Republicans who of this with his promise to his pa, even if the man of average ing, although somewhat belated.

Fusion Economy.

Raleigh News and Observer. No Pepulist platform used to to be complete with out a "ringing plank denouncing Democratic extravagance." No township meeting could adjourn and go home without resolutions condemnng the Democratic party for "squandering the people's money." These thunlerings were usually sandwhich between a denunciation of trusts and a few choice references to "bull pens." The one thing that was always essential to populist beatitude was a demand that "State expenses be reduced to the basis of 5

On these and other demands the fusionists got control of State affairs. They got both houses of the Legislature and all State offices. There was then nothing to provent the long desired reduction being made. Was it done? Carefully compiled figures, the accuracy

cent cotton and 40 cent wheat.'

of which have not been and cannot be questioned, give the expenses of the State government under Democratic ule for the three years of 1892, 1893, and During the next three years, under Republican-Populist rule, the expenses



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