

BY USE OF FIGURES
MEWBORNE IS AHEAD

Admits That His Figures Are
Weak.

FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATES
ARE NOT BASED ON DOLLARS

"Figures" the Pen With a Balance
of \$46,453.35—Owes Father
Worth for \$15,827.45, Borrowed
a Year Ago—Some Statistics of
the Convicts at the Pen.

The Directors of the Penitentiary
met yesterday and received the report
of the Ex-Superintendent J. F. Mew-
borne. The new superintendent, Cap-
tain Day was present.

The Board declined to transact any
business and consequently did not take
advantage of the opportunity to con-
firm or reject the appointments of Cap-
tain Day. The Directors were
not in session three minutes.

The report of the Superintendent
was received and accepted
without being read. Immediately a
motion was made to adjourn until the
next regular meeting and this prevailed.
Director Sigmon stated that this meet-
ing was called specially for the purpose
of receiving the Superintendent's re-
port and that no other business should
be transacted.

SUPR. MEWBORNE'S REPORT.
The report of Superintendent Mew-
borne is a novelty. Instead of coming
out behind Mr. Mewborne figures him-
self out a winner by \$46,453.35. At
the same time he admits that his figures
cannot be realized.

I asked Mr. Mewborne how he arrived
at the figures. He replied that he did
not think the penitentiary would do
as well as the figures showed. In ex-
planation of this he said that the re-
port was based on estimates and that
in making the estimates he had been
conservative and careful, but that with
his knowledge of the affairs of the Pen-
itentiary he did not think the institu-
tion would come out \$46,000 ahead.

There are in outstanding audited bills
\$2,670.39 and a balance due the State
Treasurer of \$15,827.45. The Superin-
tendent estimates the farm products
exceeding sales \$169,705.40.

Herewith is the balance sheet of the
Penitentiary for the year '98, by which
the ex-Superintendent figures himself
ahead by more than \$46,000.

Table with columns for Balance due State, Treasurer, Bills added for expenses, etc.

CREDITS.
Collections from sale
of farm and other
products and from
wages of convict
labor...

Of these \$107,712.21 bills audited, \$28,
925.57 was for debts contracted by John
R. Smith, former Superintendent and
audited in the current year.

The account of the Penitentiary with
the State Treasury is given herewith:

STATE TREASURY.
Balance due Treas-
ury Jan. 1, '98 \$15,827.45

COMMERCIAL AND FARMERS
BANK.
Amount on deposit
for commutation \$1,167.19

write, 5 can read and none know good
English. Of the total number of con-
victs in the pen, 546 are illiterate, 484
can read and write, 151 can read, 7
know good English.

The occupations of the convicts are as
follows: barbers 1, Blacksmith 4, Brick
mason 3, Bolt maker 1, Carpenters 6,
cook 3, druggist 1, Engineer 1, fireman
1, waiters, laborers 1,053, miner 1,
machinists 3, office work 1, painters 3,
plasterers 4, printer 1, physician 1, shoe
makers 2.

The ages of the convicts under 16
years of age 6; from 16 to 20 years of
age 22; from 20 to 30 years of age 480;
from 30 to 40 years of age 158; from 40
to 50 years of age 63; from 50 to 60
years of age 29; from 60 to 70 years
of age 99.

There are 331 convicts married, 715
single and 45 widowed.

Those serving life sentences number
51; one is serving 60 years, 28 are serv-
ing 30 years terms and 104 are serv-
ing 25 years terms; 47 are in for larceny;
12 for murder; 79 attempt to rape and
71 burglary.

MR. MEWBORNE'S LETTER.
The Superintendent's letter to the
Governor, which accompanies the re-
port is given herewith:

REPORT OF THE SUPERIN-
TENDENT OF THE STATE'S PRISON
FOR THE YEAR 1898.

Office of the Superintendent,
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1, 1899.

To the Honorable, The Board of Directors
of the North Carolina Penitentiary:

Pursuant to Act of the General As-
sembly, Chapter 219, of the laws of 1897,
I have the honor to submit the follow-
ing report of the year ending Decem-
ber 31st, 1898.

Just before the first day of January,
1898, I visited each farm and took an in-
ventory, and with the aid of the Super-
visors, estimated the values.

I found in some instances not near
so much as is incorporated in the re-
port of the year 1897, and in other in-
stances more.

You will see by reference to the
statement of Caldonia Farm No. 2,
under the head of Live Stock on hand,
that 31 mules are given when in reality
there were fifty; I have made the
change by incorporating fifty in my re-
port, and also the others which you
will see by comparing the two reports.

Great quantities of cotton and cotton
seed are put down as being on hand
when the fact is the greater part had
been drawn on and the money depos-
ited in the Treasury. I have made notes
which will explain, in the several state-
ments. All this accounts somewhat for
the large amount of vouchers left in
the office unpaid and also for the over-
wards presented, the payment of which
has exhausted a large part of this
year's earnings.

These things, gentlemen, I called your
attention to at your first meeting after
I examined the last report.

The farming operations have been more
extended this year than ever before.
Two new farms have been added, nam-
ely: The Tillery on the Roanoke
and the Rice farms on the Cape Fear
river. The former is operated on the
cropper system, the Penitentiary fur-
nishing Supervisors, Overseers, Guards
and Convicts to make the crop, and
getting one half of the products.

There have been cultivated 265 acres
in rice, which is now being threshed,
and the yield is estimated to be 10-
000 bushels. On 5,300 acres we have
produced 3,283 bales of cotton, the larg-
est amount ever before. The yield on
the State farms; but at an average of
4 1/2 cents, it is not encouraging to one
who would hope to make this great
business self-sustaining. On about 4-
350 acres there have been made 1,900
bushels of corn which will be twice as
much as will be needed for support.

About 500 acres were planted in pea-
nuts and the yield has been about 9,000
bushels, a poor yield, the season being
bad for them. 2,805 acres were sown
in wheat and produced 7,320 bushels,
5,201 1/2 bushels of which are stored at
the Weldon mills, Weldon, N. C., to be
ground into flour; 1,480 acres were sown
in oats and produced 24,075 bushels, and
many more would have been saved but
for the extremely wet season in the
fall. There have been cultivated in all
crops over 12,800 acres, being 11 1/2
acres for every man and woman con-
vict, old and young, sick and well, in
the penitentiary and 16 acres to every
man and woman, old and young, sick
and well who were on these farms to
labor, and about 39 1/2 acres for every
horse and mule.

I am satisfied that at the present
prices of farm products, with its too
extensive farming operations, its ag-
gregated enormous rent, its exceedingly
large guano bills, its great expense
to keep up the supply of teams and tools,
together with the diminution in con-
victs, with just as many officers, super-
visors and guards to pay as it would be
if there were several hundred more con-
victs, the Penitentiary cannot be self-
sustaining.

It therefore ought to be brought down
to a narrower scope, and possibly it
were better if one or two of the best
farms were purchased by the State and
farmed all together in provision crops.
A contingent appropriation ought to
be made by the Legislature of at least
\$35,000 dollars, so that for whatever
purchases it has to make, it will have
the cash to pay. It is a hard lot to
be in for the Penitentiary and its Superin-
tendent to be as it has been this year
almost entirely dependent for credit,
and a great State institution ought not
to be in such a condition; the last Leg-
islature made no appropriation.

The Criminal Insane Department has
been left as I think the law anti-
cipated it should be, almost entirely
under the management of the efficient
superintendent of the Central Hospital
for the Insane, Dr. Geo. L. Kirby.

Under your direction we have fitted
up apartments in the west end, at con-
siderable expense out of the earnings
of the Penitentiary—to be occupied by
the Criminal Insane who were confined
in the eastern end, so as to have them
as much together as is practicable.

There ought again to be made an ap-
propriation of \$3,000 a year for their
support.

Last year you contracted with Jno. S.
Hilibrant to carry on a shirt making
and laundry business. He commenced
operation in February of this year, he
employed an average of seventy con-
victs at 24 cents a dozen for making
shirts and 25 cents a dozen for laun-
dry as per your contract. It has
not been profitable to the Penitentiary
because the prices paid are too low to
make it so.

According to your instructions and by
the help of your chairman an applica-
tion was made, and the United States
Government for the present, has agreed
to place its convicts in this penitentiary
at 25 cents a day for maintenance. This
includes food, clothing and medicine,
and there ought to be more employment
for these necessary idlers and eaters
to be engaged in, in order to help out
the small pay which the United States
Government allows. We are working
some of them in the shirt factory and
laundry and make brick the past sum-
mer with them.

I have had nearly completed at the
Anson farm a stockade for the youth-
ful criminals, so that they can be kept
separate and apart from the other con-
victs, and the young fellows ought to

be put there as soon as every thing is
ready for them. This, I think with
proper management and training will
answer for a Reformatory For Young
Criminals," until a better can be de-
vised by the legislature.

I think it would be better to uni-
form them instead of their wearing
stripes.

All this will add somewhat to the ex-
penses, but if the object of the law is
as much to reform, as it is to punish,
then there ought to be some means pro-
vided by which they can be separated
from the hardened criminals, and given
such moral and religious training as is
calculated to make them better men,
when they shall have been discharged
and enter again among good citizens.

The latter would feel and know that
receiving back among themselves those
who had been taught and trained, rather
than those who had been contin-
uously in company with the hardened
convicts of the State's prison.

Religious services have been held
with marked effect at the Central Pen-
itentiary each Sunday of each month
by ministers of the gospel, from the
reports of Raleigh. Four of the farms
have had regular preaching throughout
the year. At the other three farms it
has been irregular. The Sunday
schools have been conducted by
Christian gentlemen and ladies every
Sunday without fail and without inter-
ruption.

It is a great joy of love with them, and
rain or sunshine they came and minist-
ered to the spiritual necessities of the
"spirits in prison."

Some of these have labored in this
world for 21 years.

There ought to be built a nice chap-
el for this work separate and apart
from the main building and used for no
other purpose. I invite your attention
to the reports of each of the officers,
the Warden, and Physician.

I thank you gentlemen for your
courtesies and help, and through you
to the Board of Directors, for their
favor and kindly advice. I also desire
to thank Treasurer Worth for his as-
sistance in this great work. I am es-
pecially thankful to all the officers and
employees who have always shown
great courtesy to me.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. MEWBORNE.

A RELIEF MEASURE.
A Bill in Congress to Reimburse
Neglected War Claimants.

It is possible that many of the claim-
ants, who have bills against the gov-
ernment incurred during the muster
in of the volunteer troops will be re-
paid through legislative enactment.

It will be remembered that more than
\$30,000 is due the State, and the greater
part of this amount is due citizens of
Raleigh. The government declines to
settle, because it has an old Indian
claim against the State.

Some other very meritorious claims
have been rejected by the government
authorities because of the construction
of the law.

It is in connection with such cases
that Major G. W. Baird, paymaster,
of the 1st U. S. Cavalry, and member of
the Claims Commission of the War De-
partment, have transmitted to Congress
through the Secretary of War, the fol-
lowing bill:

THE BILL.
"Be it enacted by the Senate and
House of Representatives of the United
States of America, in Congress assem-
bled,

That the act entitled an act to re-
imburse the Governors of States and
Territories for expenses incurred by
them in aiding the United States to
raise and organize and supply and
equip the volunteer army of the United
States in the existing war with Spain,
approved July 8, be so amended as to
apply and authorize the payment of all
persons and corporations for services
rendered and personal expenses in-
curred in rendering the same, and for subsisting,
clothing, supplying, equipping, paying
and transporting men who were after-
wards accepted into the volunteer army
of the United States."

MANY HARDSHIPS.
Accompanying the proposed bill is a
letter from the commission in which it
is stated that the duties of the mem-
bers have brought to their attention
many instances of hardship resulting
from great delay in making payment.
The act of Congress sought to be
amended, as construed and executed to
the relief of the States and Territories
for the reimbursement of funds already
expended by them. The
letter then says:

There remains unprovided for a
class of very meritorious claims, nam-
ely—those of patriotic individuals who
furnished supplies and services in the
confident expectation of prompt pay-
ment. In some instances Governors of
States have not directly responded
for the procurement of the supplies and
services, while in some the delay be-
fore the regular session of State Legis-
latures leave the State Executive with-
out funds specially appropriated, and,
therefore, available to meet the de-
mands.

Actions in Behalf of School Funds.
Superintendent Mebane has written
Dr. Ritter, of Currituck, instructing
him to bring action against ex-Sheriff
Tillet for the amount of delinquency
of the school fund, which is said to be
between \$2,600 and \$3,000.

Superintendent Mebane says he will
proceed to bring action against the
County Commissioners of Pasquotank
to compel them to allow the school
\$1,500, instead of \$1,200, the amount it
has agreed to apportion to the schools.

OPPOSITION ENCOURAGED.
Popular Opinion in Pennsylvania Assumes
That Quay is Beaten.

Philadelphia, Jan. 6.—The impression
that the Supreme court will dispose of
the issue in the Quay case without ar-
gument was strengthened today by the
filing of an answer by Quay's attorneys
to the argument filed by District At-
torney Graham the week before the stay
was granted. Since the events at Har-
risburg popular opinion is approach-
ing a conviction that Quay is actually
beaten. The opposition is solidifying,
and Quay men seeing this, have caused
to be published in newspapers they
control the announcement that Quay's
defeat means the election of Wana-
maker. The Wanmaker managers de-
nounced this as a machine-trick and
issued a statement that they were con-
tending for a principle greater than any
man. The Wanmaker element favors
Senator Magee.

There are 600,000 people employed in
Italy in rearing silkworms.

HAPPY WEDDING IN EAST DURHAM

A Movement for Another
Graded School Building.

Well Known Young Man Dead at
Creedmore—Local Sensation in
Politics Promised—Farmer Held
Up on the Road.

Durham, N. C., Jan. 6.—Special.—
Down in East Durham a goodly crowd
of relatives and friends and acquaint-
ances congregated at the residence of
the bride's parents to witness the nup-
tials of Miss Addie Evans and Mr.
Charles Bridgers, of West Durham. The
ceremony took place at 8:30 last night.
Rev. Cabiness officiating.

News reached here this morning of
the death at Creedmore, Granville coun-
ty, of Will Freeman, at 2 a. m. today.
Mr. Freeman was a son of Mr. E. Free-
man, of Creedmore, was a promising
young man, aged about twenty-five
years, and had been sick of pneumonia
only a few days. He was buried in the
family burying ground at 4 p. m. to-
day.

A letter from a member of Company
I First North Carolina Volunteers, sta-
tioned at Havana, giving a description
of the formal taking charge by the
United States army, was received here
on that day, in some sections of the city
spectators were very scarce, while
American and Cuban flags were pro-
fuse. It farther states that the Cu-
bans are very polite and kind to the
boys in blue, and also records the fact
that the First North Carolina was
given the position of honor on the right
of the second division.

The move to get another white graded
school here meets with general appro-
bation. While our present graded school
building is one of the best and most
sightly in the State, its capacity is
stretched out to nearly one thousand
scholars now enrolled there, and
another school building is regarded as
a necessity. The Legislature will be
asked to authorize the town to issue
\$16,000 in bonds for this purpose.

Wagon receipts of tobacco have been
fairly good the past few days, with
prices ranging about as they did be-
fore the holidays, with possibly a small
advance on good wrappers.

It is said by Madame Rumor that an
erstwhile Democratic appointee of Hon.
F. M. Simmons is to accept a position
under Mr. Duncan, the Republican In-
ternal Revenue Collector. Indications
are that this rumor will develop into
a matter of fact in the next few days,
the party having received the endorse-
ment of prominent local Republicans.

Miss Audrey Booker, of Polenta, is
visiting the family of B. C. Rogers, on
Mangum street.

Weston Edwards, of Morrisville, is a
Durham visitor today.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Howerton went
over to Creedmore today to attend the
funeral of Will Freeman.

B. C. Yates, a farmer living near Mc-
Namens Chapel, was held up last night
about two miles from town, while on
his way home, by two highwaymen, one
of whom grabbed the bride of his horse
while the other presented a pistol and
ordered "hands up." The horse became
frightened and made a sudden plunge,
releasing himself and Mr. Yates from a
very awkward position. The whip was
vigorously applied to the sensible horse,
and Mr. Yates reached home unharmed
financially or physically. But they do
say his hair came near turning white,
and that his horse is entitled to the best
speed record in the county.

NIAGARA CANAL BILL.
Caffrey insists Upon Abrogation of Clay-
ton-Bulwer Treaty.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The Niagara
Canal bill came up for discussion in the
Senate before adjournment this after-
noon. Caffrey, of Louisiana, continuing
his speech against the measure. He
insisted that steps be first taken to
abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

Several minor measures were passed
early in the session, and Mr. Hoar gave
notice that he would next Monday speak
in favor of Vest's resolution denying
the right of the government to hold in
subject foreign people against their
will.

A memorial was presented from a
Confederate post in Arkansas disap-
proving of the proposition to pension
ex-Confederates.

Students May Be Reinstated.
Richmond, Jan. 6.—Owing to impor-
tant requests of numerous parents of
cadets of the first class of the Virginia
Military Institute, expelled as a whole
for a premeditated breach of discipline
New Year's night, a special meeting of
the board of visitors has been called
for Thursday. It is thought the board
will be lenient, as many of them are
new men. If the board were all mili-
tary men, the chances of readmission
would be very slim.

Treaty Certain to Be Ratified.
Washington, Jan. 6.—Friends of the
peace treaty today finished their poll
of the Senate, disclosing the fact that
the convention will have the hard and
fast support of sixty-two Senators, or
two more than the necessary two-
thirds. This number, they say, does
not include eleven Senators who will
probably support the treaty, but whose
convictions are not particularly strong.
The poll is said to show that but two
Republicans, Hoar and Hale, will be
found with the opposition to the treaty.

The world's annual coffee production
is 1,500,000,000 pounds.

Dreyfus Seriously Ill.

London, Jan. 5.—A dispatch to the
Telegraph from Cayenne, French
Guiana, says that the chief physician
of the penitentiary has gone to the Isle
Du Diabie at the request of the com-
mandant to attend Dreyfus, who is suf-
fering from dysentery. His condition
is reported to be serious.

Suspicion Pointed and Negro Lynched

Banks, Ala., Jan. 5.—The barn of a
white farmer near here was burned
yesterday, and suspicion directed
toward Marshal McGregor, a negro in
the farmer's employ, as being the in-
cendiary. This morning McGregor's
lifeless body was found hanging to a
tree near where the barn stood. There
is no clue to the lynchers.

WHAT SHE WANTED.

"The idea of a girl of her social posi-
tion becoming infatuated with a con-
tortionist."

"I think she saw in him a man she
could wind around her little finger."—
Cincinnati Enquirer.

A MEMENTO.

"I presume you carry a memento of
some sort in that pocket of yours?"
"Precisely, it is a lock of my hus-
band's hair."
"But your husband is still alive."
"Yes, but his hair is all gone."—Ex-
change.



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