

The Commonwealth.

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DEMOCRATIC JUDGES NOMINATED.

Following is a list of the Judges for Superior Court nominated in their respective districts and ratified by the State Democratic Convention:

- First district—Geo. H. Brown, Jr., of Beaufort. Second district—Henry R. Bryan, of Craven. Fifth district—Thos. J. Shaw of Guilford. Sixth district—Oliver H. Allen, of Lenoir. Seventh district—Thos. A. McNeil, of Robeson. Eleventh district—William A. Hoke, of Lincoln. For Solicitor of Second District—W. E. Daniel, of Weldon.

HON. W. W. KITCHIN'S OPPOSITION.

The Republican convention held at Grabau Saturday nominated Judge Spencer B. Adams for Congress from the Fifth District.

Ex-Congressman Tom Settle, who was Mr. Kitchin's opponent two years ago, was in the contest. Adams received 13 votes and Settle 11.

Mr. Kitchin's chances for re-election seem good. There was much lack of harmony in the convention that nominated Adams.

GIVE CREDIT, BROTHERS.

The Charlotte News a few days ago made complaint in an editorial paragraph that other papers are constantly clipping from its columns without giving proper credit. It certainly is annoying to an editor to put his thoughts and the result of his research into his columns and then see such bodily clipped and printed without credit.

THE COMMONWEALTH has sometimes seen its own articles in other papers without credit at all, and sometimes credited to the wrong paper. Only last week an editorial of this paper was reprinted word for word in a North Carolina weekly as an original article.

With the Charlotte News, "we try to give our exchanges credit for everything we copy from them, and we ask from our contemporaries the same consideration."

Some editors are too careless about giving credit.

THE CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

The Democratic convention of the Second Congressional District was held in Wilson Wednesday of last week. Chairman W. A. Dunn, of Scotland Neck, called the convention to order and C. B. Aycock, Esq., of Goldsboro, was made chairman of the convention. The Wilson Advance says he made a ringing speech.

The following were the committee on resolutions: F. D. Winston, of Bertie; L. V. Bassett, of Edgecombe; W. E. Daniel, of Halifax; J. W. Grainger, of Lenoir; J. H. Keer, of Warren; F. A. Woodard, of Wilson, and J. B. Lane, of Wayne.

The following resolutions reported by the committee were adopted:

RESOLVED, That we hereby endorse the principles of the Chicago platform, and pledge ourselves to secure the enactment of those principles into law; and that for the protection of our property, our liberty, our good name and our homes, we declare that the white race must administer all the laws in North Carolina.

And that in furtherance of these principles and policies this body shall adjourn subject to the call of the Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee.

Mr. W. A. Dunn made a ringing speech which was received with enthusiasm.

The convention adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

THE COSMOPOLITAN for September is an unusually interesting number. Under "Great Problems in Organizations," there is a most interesting paper on "The Modern Newspaper in War Time," by Arthur Brisbane. It is well illustrated, showing many phases of war life. "The Equipment of Gladstone" is another well illustrated and charming article, showing much of the real ground of the success of the greatest man of the century. The fourth article in the "Autobiography of Napoleon" adds to the charms of this number.

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MR. LEAZAR'S LETTER.

He Shows up the Radical-Populist Management of the Penitentiary.

Raleigh News and Observer.

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 24th, 1898.

TO THE EDITOR:—I saw yesterday in your paper of recent date, certain letters by Chairman Dockery and ex-Superintendent Smith, in regard to penitentiary affairs, containing many gross misstatements and many petty quibbles, and doubtless designed by them as some sort of palliation to an outraged public sentiment for their management of important State business.

When their management of the penitentiary has been condemned for incompetency and charge by every man fairly well acquainted with public affairs of all parties, from the chief executive down to the townships, and when driven into a corner and refusing information that every citizen is entitled to, they have been smoked out by the fire of general indignation, they have now in the eighth month of 1898 offered these feeble diatribes as information to the people as to the business of the penitentiary for the year 1897. If the business has been conducted according to law, why do they not make a report as required by the statute, and give the information desired? Mr. Dockery says: "Theoretically, the law requires the report of the superintendent of the State's prison shall be made on the first day of January." I affirm that it can be done, and practically always has been done heretofore. And if a few days' delay were necessary, how does he account for a delay of eight months, and then respond only upon the demand of the chief executive forced by the public clamor?

Both of these officials affirm in this so-called report that Superintendent Smith took charge of the penitentiary April 1, 1897. The records show that he qualified on the 6th of March, 1897, and he notified me the same day, whereupon I at once turned over the whole business, and after that never contracted for a cent, never collected a cent, never paid out a cent. The statement therefore that I was responsible for any business of the penitentiary, outgoing or incoming, after the 5th day of March is without foundation.

It is stated in Mr. Dockery's letter (or report) that "Mr. Smith found all the farms in a very backward state of preparation; and indeed upon some of them very little at all had been done toward making the new crop." Mr. Dockery does not seem to recollect that in the first month of the fusion administration, between the 20th and 27th of March, a committee of his board, Messrs. Clark, Perkins and Cotton, together with my supervisors, visited all the penitentiary farms, for the purpose of inspecting and receiving the property. I heard all the members of the committee, especially Mr. Clark, as also the superintendent, express astonishment and delight at the advanced and careful preparation of the lands, Mr. Clark asserting that he believed that there was no farm in the State in such good condition as that before him. This misstatement is so palpable that it vitates all other statements made. The truth is there were not less than 7,000 acres of these lands beautifully and thoroughly prepared by the 20th of March. If nothing had been done, why did the incoming administration employ my supervisors to remain and make the crop? And if nothing had been done till the 1st of April, how was such a large crop made that year?

As to supplies on hand, the fusionists seem to have expected that the Democrats should have provided at least a year's ration of flour, meat, etc., for their benefit. We usually bought such things of this kind as were needed every month, and we expected them to do likewise or as they deemed best. It is admitted that there was no corn to reach corn again, because as every one knows the July floods of 1896 destroyed the whole corn crop except about 20,000 barrels.

Much also is made by these officials because they found amongst nearly 400 mules and horses a very few sick, disabled or worn out animals. We found it necessary every year to dispose of inefficient stock and to replace them with others fit for the service. We found the penitentiary in 1893 with 210 mules and horses. We added just about that number of young and vigorous animals during our term, and the average of the whole was very high to any one capable of judging and who is not determined to misrepresent.

Mr. Smith sold 831 bales of cotton for \$20,061.27, as he reports, then he received only about 5 cents per pound for it. Hundreds of bales were sold in February at an average of 63 cents in Norfolk, equivalent to 63¢ at home markets, and the price was 1/2 cent higher in April than in February. It is not to be forgotten by these guardians of the State's interests, that a large part of the fertilizer, several hundred tons, were bought from parties who bought much of the cotton; and for these several dollars more per ton were paid than the stuff was offered at by other responsible parties. Certainly this could not prove less than the baldest incompetency. According to the code of ethics of the late Ben Butler, a man might prefer to be called a knave rather than a fool.

These officials find much fault with the Democratic administration because their superintendent, they allege, exerted great influence to prevent an appropriation by the last general assembly for the penitentiary for the years 1897 and 1898. The superintendent differed with Governor Carr as to the necessity for an appropriation, and declined to recommend it, though the governor did not. When asked by the superintendent to be and by the legislative committee on penal institutions

to recommend an appropriation, he declined to do so, saying that it should not be necessary and that the penitentiary could be sustained in the future as it had been in 1896 without the people's taxes. Some other persons, very few, may have asked my opinion about an appropriation; and if so, I made the same answer. It is strangely paradoxical to charge that I had any influence at all with that mob called the general assembly of 1897. I had no influence at all with them, and desired none.

Mainly by way of feeble criticisms of the former administration rather than by a plain business like statement of the affairs committed to their trust, these officials, who have been clearly unfaithful to the State, hope to avert the blow threatened by the indignant public. The removal of Superintendent Smith from the control of the penitentiary is confession of judgment before the open court of public opinion in North Carolina, that the fusion administration has been shamefully incompetent, if not worse. The people have a right to look at the books, and they intend to do it, and they will yet see what have been the receipts of the penitentiary and what has become of them.

A. LEAZAR, Ex-Superintendent.

JUST HOW IT IS.

The Charlotte Observer has sent Mr. H. E. C. Bryant into Eastern Carolina to make observations of the political situation as it relates to the negro. Writing from Goldsboro he says:

"The people of the western part of the State have not suffered from the results of a fusion Legislature and administration as the people of the eastern portion have. In the counties of the west negroes are comparatively scarce and are in the minority; but in the east they are plentiful, and in some counties are in the majority. When this is true the negro becomes insolent. Once in the majority he becomes ugly. From Charlotte to Goldsboro is but a short ride by rail. Between the two places the difference in the disposition of the negro is not great. Here he is somewhat more in evidence than in Charlotte, but not in the majority. Wayne county has about 3,700 white voters against 2,500 negro voters. However, within the last two years, between 200 and 300 negroes have been brought here from other counties in the State to work tobacco. There is danger of an overflow. The further east one goes, the danger from an influx of negroes is more threatening. Indeed it is a serious question.

"Wake county has in the person of Andrew J. Rodgers, deputy clerk of the court, I learned, while in Raleigh, yesterday, on good authority, that a farmer in Wake, who has been a Republican of influence and ability for many years, became indignant some time ago because he had to prove a witness ticket before this negro clerk, and has since renounced Republicanism and joined the Democratic party. It is stated that seventeen of his neighbors followed his example. There are several other cases of the same character in connection with burly looking negro deputy clerks of Wake."

HAMILTON HAPPENINGS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.) HAMILTON, N. C., Sept. 5, '98. Hamilton Academy began its fall term on last Monday with Mr. Linney, of Lincoln, as principal, and Miss Jennie Boyle as assistant. Mr. Linney comes to us highly recommended and Miss Boyle is well known in this town as a teacher.

Mrs. Williamson and two children, of Portsmouth, are visiting Mrs. C. H. Baker.

Miss Nora Fowden is visiting Miss Victoria Barnhill.

Miss Ernestine Gardner has gone to Hobgood to visit Miss Eva Pritchard.

Mr. Charlie Doughty and Miss Pritchard, of Hobgood, were in town Friday.

Rev. Mr. Green, of Plymouth, preached at the Episcopal church on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Brown, of Texas, preached at the Primitive Baptist church.

Miss Hattie Lawrence, who is teaching school near Hobgood, came down Friday to visit her parents.

Miss Nora Sharp and Miss Doughty, of Washington, are visiting Mrs. John Davenport.

Dr. Clark lost his fine road-horse "Barnhill" last week.

The wedding bells will ring on Wednesday night.

G. L. Barnhill returned from Nags Head last week much improved in looks.

Miss Mittie Coffield returned home Sunday.

We hear a certain young man in town went over the river Sunday to see his best girl.

The familiar face of Peyton Anthony of Hobgood was in town Sunday.

AHOSKIE ITEMS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.) AHOSKIE, N. C., Sept. 6, 1898.

Mr. W. H. Ward, the relief agent, went to Speed, N. C., Tuesday.

Mr. J. L. Bell has resumed his duties at the depot after being on the sick list for two months.

Little Rue, the only daughter of Dr. J. H. Mitchell, died Monday after a severe illness.

Master Rob Roy Copeland returned home from Scotland Neck Monday afternoon and is now on the sick list.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and, therefore, requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75.

THE STATE PRESS.

What Other Editors Are Saying.

What we want is protection for property, lives and honor. The party that asserts white rule to the State by capable white men is the party to support. The party that has given it in the past is the party that can be relied upon to give it in the future.—Wilson Advance.

Our Sheriff has written a letter to Judge Carter stating that he will recognize him as the proper person to hold out civil court here in September. Judge Norwood was recognized by the sheriff of Northampton but in Warren Carter will be recognized. What a mess! Another sample of fusion rule. Two Judges contending to hold the same court.—Wilmington Record.

There are but very few Populists in Johnston county at present. The honest minded members of that party are leaving the rotten hulk. They have realized that their patriotic plans have miscarried, and are now willing to avert greater evil by joining the Democrats in their efforts. By the 1st of November we believe the true Populists still in that party will be as scarce as hen's teeth.—Smithfield Herald.

From Buckhorn township comes the news that the Democrats are making gains in that township and that the gains there will be forty or more over the vote two years ago when the Democrats only cast eighty votes for governor. Now they have enrolled in the white government union one hundred and one registered voters. At this ratio of gain in all the townships we will defeat the fusion ticket with a good majority.—Dunn Union.

The bosses and office seekers go right along fusing and arranging their little plots to fool the people just like they did last election. They forget the celebrated saying of Lincoln and proceed as though they could fool all the people all the time. Some of the bosses declare that they carry the votes of many men in their vest pockets. They are making the effort of their lives to hold on to the offices in order that they may grow fat off the honest taxpayers of North Carolina.—Lexington Dispatch.

The Populist and Republican leaders, the bosses of their respective parties, have agreed to fuse again in counties and districts. It is the same old story—"any thing to beat the Democrats," even to supporting a negro for office to accomplish it. The Democrats will have to face the same old crowd that has been swamping and trading offices since the State was blighted with the new dispensation. Nothing more was expected of them, and their action has been anticipated for months.—Durham Sun.

It must be confessed even by the Republicans that the Russell administration has laid itself open to easy assault and that the mistake of putting large numbers of negroes in office has given an impulse to the issue of "white supremacy" that not only unifies the Democratic party into a solid mass but brings to it under this issue the sympathy of many who had departed from it or others who now see vital cause for promoting its success. The records of the Republican and Populist administration will have the full light of day turned on them and the verdict will be rendered in November.—Durham Sun.

There is enough to arouse the taxpayers of the State to a determination to rescue her from the infliction of another Legislature like the last, if by courtesy much strained such a mob can be called a Legislature, for the people have had to meet the extraordinary appropriations, as hard as the times were and are, made by these squanders of the public funds, who spent in the three years they have had control nearly \$400,000 more than the Democratic administration did in the three preceding years. This should be reason enough why the people should rise against them and rebuke them for the trust they abused after making such fine promises of faithful and conscientious stewardship.—Wilmington Star.

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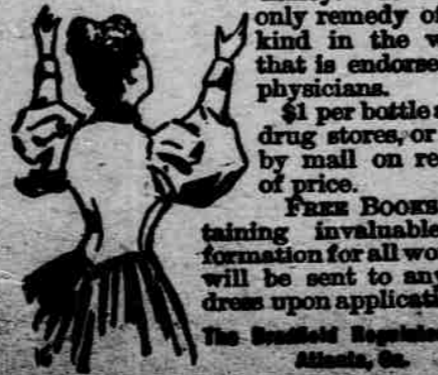
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It is further ordered that the township of Scotland Neck be, and the same hereby is divided into two Voting Precincts by a line running as follows, to wit: Beginning at the line of Palmyra Township at or near Greenwood on the public road leading to the town of Scotland Neck, thence along said road through the town of Scotland Neck Homestead and by the plantation of T. W. Fenner to Edwards Ferry on Roanoke River. All of that part of Scotland Neck Township lying on the eastern side of said line shall be East Scotland Neck Precinct, and the voting place for said Precinct shall be in the town of Scotland Neck east of the aforesaid line.

All that part of Scotland Neck Township lying on the western side of the said line shall be West Scotland Neck Precinct, and the Voting Place for said Precinct shall be in the town of Scotland Neck west of the aforesaid line.

Witness my hand at my office in the town of Halifax, this first day of September, 1898.

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