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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. McNeill, of Robeson.
- Eleventh district—William A. Hoke, of Lincoln.

REP-POP FUSION.

The Republicans of the county held a convention in Halifax last week. They did not nominate a full ticket, but left vacancies for the Populists to fill out.

The nominations made were:

Register of deeds, Mo M. Furgerson; sheriff, J. T. Dawson; coroner, G. A. Branch; county commissioner, W. B. Smith, (colored); for Legislature—lower house—J. H. Arrington and Columbus Baker, both colored.

The Populists will, therefore, be permitted to sandwich clerk of the court, treasurer, two commissioners and a State senator.

There was not the best of harmony in the convention, from various accounts that have been given.

Congressman White was present and desired to make a speech in the convention, but was kept back until a late hour. He finally spoke and in his speech referred to the effort that had been made to keep him from speaking. It was said that after the convention was over White charged Mack Furgerson with it, and the matter got so warm between them that White attempted to strike Furgerson. And we have not heard that Mr. Furgerson resented it.

Populists who go into their own convention now and fill out the places left vacant by the Republicans do, by that action, endorse W. B. Smith for county commissioner, Columbus Baker and J. H. Arrington for members of the Legislature, and the presumption is that such Populists will vote for these colored candidates. What they will actually do is to be proved on election day.

One of the truest and best men in the county, who has always been a Democrat, and who has done much service in the community to all classes of persons, has openly declared that any white man who votes the ticket which was nominated by the Republicans, to be filled out by the Populists, need never call on him again to do him any service whatever "for love or money."

It has been handed around that some of the Populists in this section have expressed themselves as feeling like they have been somewhat ostracized by the Democrats.

In the name of all reason, what else can they expect, when they have turned their backs on their own race and color and are lending what influence they have against white supremacy and good government?

THE COMMONWEALTH would like to see all those who have at any time gone from the Democratic party to the Populists come back; and, therefore, has no harsh word for any. But there is a fitness of things, exemplified by the very laws of nature, that would accord to a man politically or socially the place which he deliberately chooses.

CALMLY THINK OF IT.

THE COMMONWEALTH is no alarmist. We try to be conservative in matters political, especially; but we call attention to the reprints which we give on this page concerning the race clash that seems to threaten Eastern Carolina.

That New Berne outrage against white ladies; that Wilmington outrage against white ladies; and that clipping from Mr. H. E. C. Bryant's letter from Wilmington to the Charlotte Observer.

These things are matters for calm and considerate men to ponder. We do not appeal to hot-bloods, but to men who have families and solid interests at stake. It can all be remedied by a solid Democratic vote by white men, and they ought to do it.

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CONVENTION OPENED WITH PRAYER.

The County Democratic convention held in Elizabeth City last week, with E. F. Aydt, Esq., as chairman, was opened with prayer. Rev. Dr. Penick, pastor of the Baptist church of Elizabeth City, led in prayer.

When the wicked rule the people mourn, which is the case in North Carolina now; but when honest and good men look to the All-wise One for guidance there is hope of a better day. Let wickedness and evil rule be put down, and let righteousness and moral forces become our bulwark of safety.

"GROSS OUTRAGE."

Under the above heading the Wilmington Messenger of Wednesday, Sept. 7th, printed the following, which we reprint without comment, the occurrence itself being comment enough!

"Last Sunday afternoon two young ladies of highly respectable families were strolling on the board walk on Red Cross street, near Seventh, and observing some negro women approaching with the evident determination of crowding them off the walk, they stepped off the walk to let them have full sway. When they stepped aside one of the wenchies got off the walk and deliberately ran into the ladies. One of them caught hold of the negro to shove her aside to prevent the intended collision and the negro viciously attacked her with an umbrella, beating the lady over the head and shoulder with it. A brute of a negro man who was standing near by and witnessed the outrage, aided and abetted in the assault by yelling out: 'That's right; d—n it, give it to her!'"

"It is a pity but some gentleman has been with the ladies so he could have taught the woman a lesson and had a pistol to have blown the brains out of the black scoundrel who made the outrage all the worse by encouraging and urging the woman on in her maliciousness.

"Very naturally the young ladies were deeply mortified and extremely humiliated by this disgraceful affair, yet there are men in North Carolina claiming to be white who will co-operate with a party that is responsible for the bumpiness and unbridled insolence of a certain large class of negroes who forget their places when they think their side is on top. The native born Carolina who will see his State disgraced and the pure women of his race insulted and humiliated is a hopelessly depraved and contemptible knave."

A CONVICT WHIPPED TO DEATH.

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

James Lowe, of Tunis, Hertford county, a 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 field.

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

Application has been made to Justice Walter Clark for a bench warrant charging Sears with murder. The application was made by J. F. Mewborne, the superintendent of the penitentiary, at the instance of Governor Russell. Last night the wires were at work for the arrest of the man.

Such brutality has never before been known among the State's convicts. It is said that after Sears inflicted the terrible punishment upon Lowe, he (Lowe) was sent to the fields to work, and that he died while at the plow.

The evidence 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 punishment administered to him.

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

This is not the first instance of outrageous punishment that has been given convicts at the Northampton farm. It is stated that Lewis Sumner himself is as brutal as some of his guards. Every convict that comes from the farm has some terrible story to tell. A penitentiary official told The Post that Sumner and his tools were working and beating the convicts under him in a most outrageous manner, and that it would be better for them if they were dead. He said that he could not talk, and that some of the high officials were afraid to talk, because Sumner has such a strong pull with the directors. My informant intimated that Superintendent Mewborne knew instances of cruelty which he was afraid to make public.

The inhuman punishment of convicts at the Northampton farm has become to be a public scandal. Nothing short of a full and public investigation will satisfy the public.

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

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WILMINGTON'S DUSKY RULE.

How Colored Boys Insult White People.

Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, the Charlotte Observer's correspondent who is giving that paper an account of the condition of affairs in Eastern Carolina, wrote from Wilmington a few days ago a letter that tells a tale of horror for that city.

Among other things he states that of the 24 policemen 13 are negroes; the city has four health officers, all colored; six deputy sheriffs, four of whom are colored; and 40 negro magistrates. There are 86 negro officers in the county.

From some particular instances of negro insolence we give the following clipping from Mr. Bryant's letter:

"Negro boys insult decent people as they walk along the streets. I saw a white gentleman, a farmer, his wife and little girl, going along the main street of this town Friday night, on their way from the boat on the river to the depot, where they were to take the train for home. They came here along with a train full of excursionists from some rural district. At his heels three half-grown negro boys trotted along and cried out: 'Give me love to little Sissie, little Bettie.' etc. This was kept up for some distance. They passed by a negro policeman, but he took no notice of it."

"A few days ago two of Wilmington's most prominent and respected business men were out driving, and a dozen little negro boys chased them and made vulgar remarks about the horse and the men. Two young ladies of the town were out shopping Friday night and three negro boys, about 18 years old each, lined up across the sidewalk, and told the ladies to go around if they wished to get by. I saw three little negro girls lock hands going down the street, taking up two-thirds of the sidewalk. They met two gentlemen. The little chap in the middle said to the other two: 'Don't give them white folks any road. Dat's what pa says do.'"

"These are insignificant incidents, but they go to show the disposition of the negro here. Every hour during the day such things happen. The decent people of the town just take the whole thing as a matter of course and do not protest."

"No city has ever had a more worthless police force than Wilmington now has. John R. Melton, a man from out in the country near here, is the chief. He is nothing more than a mass of clay. His actions from day to day prove him totally incompetent. Every night, every day, almost every hour, for some months thefts, robberies, burglaries and various other crimes have been committed in the town. The people have no security whatever. 'But one thing seems to fill the minds of the officers: They look forward to pay day. That is all. 'Saturday I went to the city hall to see Mr. John Cowan, one of the best citizens of the town. After looking in at several doors I was met in the passage by a little negro. I asked if Mr. Cowan was in. The boy answered: 'No Cowan is not in and I don't know where he is. If you want to see him, you might go out and hunt him.' This said, the impudent boy scampered out to the front steps of the building to pat a white policeman on the shoulder. I left him hugging the officer. However, the officer did not seem to relish the embrace very much. The boy closed the conversation that he had drawn the cop into by disputing his word."

AN EMPRESS ASSASSINATED.

Geneva, Switzerland, September 10.—The Empress of Austria was assassinated at the Hotel Beauvillage this afternoon by an anarchist, who was arrested. He stabbed Her Majesty with a stiletto. It appears that Her Majesty was walking from her hotel to the landing of the steamer at about one o'clock when an Italian anarchist named Lucchini, who was born in Paris of Italian parents, suddenly approached and stabbed her in the heart. The Empress fell, got up again and went on to the steamer unconscious. The boat started; but, seeing the Empress had not recovered consciousness, the captain returned and the Empress was carried to the Hotel Beauvillage, where she expired.

The Empress of Austria was born December 24, 1837. She was a daughter of Duke Maximilian of Bavaria, and was married to Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria, and King of Hungary, April 24, 1854. They had three children, the Archduchess Gisela, who is married to Prince, Luitpold of Bavaria, the Archduchess Rudolph, who married Princess Stephanie of Belgium and who was (seemingly) assassinated in 1889, and the Archduchess Maria Valeria, who married the Archduke Franz Salvator, of Austria-Tuscany.

FLASHES.

Dispatches state that the entire Austrian-Hungarian Empire is infuriated against Italians as a result of the assassination of the Empress Elizabeth. They are fighting in the streets in places.

There is trouble at Manila, and Dewey thinks the situation critical. The insurgents desire independence.

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.

A COLORED MAN SLAPPED—A WHITE LADY IN THE FACE.

New Berne Journal.

One day last week a young lady of this city returning home on one of New Berne'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 the negroes was probably to compel the young lady, who indeed is but a 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 "air" in the young lady, stretched out and slapped her in the face!

She reached her home as quickly as possible and told what had occurred. To make the matter more appalling, if possible, the young lady is an orphan and has no natural protection. Is there a white man in North Carolina who does not wish he was near when the blow was struck?

AND THIS TOO.

Some days previous to this a young lady of this city, walking on Trent river bridge, had an experience that brings tears of anger to her eyes whenever she remembers it.

Trent river bridge will be paid for mainly by the people of Craven county. The negroes will have the main benefit of its use. They seem to think that like the court house and public building and other places, that it is theirs.

The young lady mentioned is one of the loveliest of Southern womanhood. Dressed in white she stepped upon the Trent bridge to walk out a short distance to feel the cool breeze that usually passes up the river. Passing a negro woman she was startled by the woman walking close to her and thrusting the point of an umbrella into her side. She walked a little further and turning again encountered the black wench, who again did the same thing, saying, "Oh, you think you are fine?"

SOME PLAIN ENGLISH.

Col. R. B. Creevy, editor of the Elizabeth City Economist, and who sometime ago passed his eightieth birthday, handles a young Republican as follows:

"Mr. Isaac M. Meekins, the skulking candidate for Solicitor of the First District, pays his respects to us in the last issue of the negro organ in this town, and refers to our Alpine snow-crowned head and crutch, but omits to mention our stick, which is our most valuable adjunct. He intimates that but for our crown of snow, our crutch and other infirmities, he would 'chastise' us [that is to say if black 'Jack' left enough of us for him to chastise.] Now, young Meekins is not the first goslin that we have known to plead 'the baby act' to protect himself from chastisement by a snow-crowned veteran. Now, to be practical, we beg to inform young Meekins, that we pass his office in the Bradford building twice a day, at 8:10 a. m. and 6 p. m. sharp, and will be glad to try the strength of our stick, which he failed to notice, or something better, on his delicate personality, and if it be our fortune to shorten the career of young Meekins before he dies, or becomes a full negro, we shall feel that we have rendered this community some good service."

NEGROES VISIT WHITE SCHOOLS.

The Kinston Press says: In Institute township last winter a negro school committee man went to a school taught by a white lady, to supervise work being done. We have heard of similar occurrences in other townships.

WILLIAMSTON JOTTINGS.

WILLIAMSTON, N. C., Sept. 12, 1898.

Prof. Wilson, formerly of Scotland Neck, has opened a school in the Academy with fine prospects. Mr. Wilson is a fine teacher and this community has been quite fortunate in securing his services. Our people will give him and family a cordial welcome.

Rev. G. L. Finch returned Friday from Crowells, N. C., where he aided Rev. A. G. Wilcox in a good meeting.

Rev. G. W. Fisher, who has been visiting in the western part of the State, returned on Saturday last and is this week holding a meeting in Hamilton.

REMARKABLE RESCUE.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well, now does her own housework and is as well as she ever was.—Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s Drug Store, large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

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AHOSKEY ITEMS.

(Correspondence to The Commonwealth.)

AHOSKEY, N. C., Sept. 12, 1898.

Mr. W. D. Downes went to Nansmond, Va., Monday.

Mr. G. W. Livermon went to Norfolk on business Sunday.

Miss Luey Boone, of Winton, came down Sunday and took charge of the school here.

Mr. A. J. Parker, agent at Speed, was in town Monday.

Rev. T. T. Speight, president of Ryland Institute for girls, gave us a short call this week.

There are several new buildings going up in different parts of the town.

Mr. S. L. Overton has taken a position in the train dispatcher's office at Yard Tower, Va. We all miss him very much.

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