

THE BLUE PENCIL The duty of a newspaper as consid

and by the public is to give all the detalls of any mutter of news. The politan papers of the day codeavor rform this so-called duty and in the fulfilment of its often publish articles which have little more than and for their foundation. Sensation in their motte and if there is no sens, it is their duty to create semething that will cause oue. Now while a nowspaper, in the follest sense of that word, is supposed to give all the moves it has no right to go farther and its office means there. If in the kulis affairs of men there is nothing of interest happening, the news-paper has no more right to conjure up martling eccurences then has a drugglet to start an epidemic in order to sell bis drugs.

The difference between the pellow

purnals of the present and the small mentry weakly is greater than it has ever been. In fact the word newspaper sied to designate the one, could gittmately be used to describe the other. The difference is not so much in the make-up of the two, as in the who are at the head of each. one to in the business for the boy there is in it, and that alone, The other, while he may want to make oney, at the same time, be has the welfare of the community at heart and he will not anceifice public morals

resident, elected President, etc.

CAS'T KERS SIMUMS OUT.

Ex-Congressman Settle, now of Asheville, writes a letter to Sanator Pritchard, in he warms the latter against such a coarse and points out the fact that in attacking the Simmons election law (ander which the November election was also held) he will be digging a pit that may engulf the two Republican Congressman-elect from the Sth and Sth districts; that even if the Senator are as bad and see wome than the influence of its showelves. Because as a set stay they are more widely have the purplic become intimate, as with the purplication of the crimation of the purplic who would not speak immend himself would read the thin oriner and shery he has the war therefore that magnings the cheap nevel is a measurement of the contrary moved and a senator of the crimation of the contrary moved and a senator of the contrary moved and a senator of the contrary moved that the Republican party will be assessed; that a contrary course will delay, if not prevent its fruition—all of which is briefed here for what it may be worth.

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The magnings in the contrary course will delay, if not prevent its fruition—all of which is briefed here for what it may be worth. The editors of the small newspaper ow of things which are the delight of the pellow journals and yet they use the bine pencil. They probibit the estion of a sensational story o of the evil influence. The inse of these stories are as bad und speed thus the inflaence of the crim-mal. The public become intimate, as it were, with the perpetrators of the People who would not sp story of his erime and salvery he has al newspaper story is that the portrays more fully the daily the villain than the other. The own that is large enough to support a per is large enough to have a on makes the bine pencil is M into use therefore the public well suffer. The small paper does what is in its power to shield the of a securities by a suppression of facts of a securities by a suppression of facts for should it be published. It is told in the securities way. It rishly deserved he title by which it is often called, the motion of public thought.

Dr. Porkhures has actionned that he will abortly publish as ideal newspaper. It will tall the whole truth ty from the terrible influence

a cracything. The people are to cree overything which it prints and episions will be affected in no way twestlelag or by political patron-Is will be just as enterpriolog as ser. And it will have convic. of orbid is right and what is my Santana it will lead subtle line, instead of fellowing it, as the author thinks too many of the de.

The fact that eight of the convicts escaped from the camp on his Monday mer-ing -an account of which will be found in another column -naturally raftes the question what is the matter? Are the guarde not attending to their duty? No. Is there no bloodbounds kept by the camp? No. is there no reward for men who sent something like \$1,100 to the county? No. Thats exactly the state of affairs put in plain words. It may be news to some of the tax payers of the county who have a right to my as to the management of affairs in the county but it if nevertheless stact. The scorer something is done, the but-ter for the county. Mearly all the convicts who escaped are sentenced to long terms. Oue was a murderer. As a remedy we think there should be a severe reprimand to the guards, if necessary discharge. Next the c up should keep at least two good bloot hounds. The convicts should be u.ade to west the stripes festead of the ordinary blue overalls. Next the county commissioner should offer a reward, as soon as they learn that a convict has escaped. This reward will necessarily ductuate according to the length of the terms of

CONTEST THE RESULTON. Evidence (f) being Collected.

Correspondence of the Gazette. Raisigh, Nov.—It now develops that an attempt will be made to carry out the threat (circulated during the primary campaign by the fusion retailers of political gossip) to "coutest" the political seating of Secator-elect Simmons next March. No mention of the allaged design has been made to these letters bitherto, because I did not consider the sources of the threat worth sider the sources of the threat worth

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Now however the matter has assumed more definite shape and importance, in that it is announced that Senator Pritchard is collecting material and "evidence" upon which to have a contest, and ohat he, and not Butler, as former intimated, will appear as "leading counsel" in the contest. That Butler is behind the scheme no one can doubt; it is equally evident that Pritchard takes charge of the "case" largely because Butler, retiring at noon on March 6th from the Senate, cannot set as prosecutor, except behind the scene

because Batter. retiring at noon on March 4th from the Sennts, cannot set as presenter, except behind the searce when his successor appears to be sworn in immediately thereafter.

The Washington correspondent of the Raleigh Post states that Pritchard has a box, "weighing 300 pounds," depusited in his committee room and filled with "poll-books kept by the Republican committee at the last election;" that this so called "evideucs" secured by Republican "watchers" on election day in August, will be used to impeach the validity of Senator Simmons' election, the claim being that the legislature electing him was a fraudently elected out; that such a contest is certain to be made at the very outset of the extra sension of the Senator shaden as the besident of the design assail at the besident of the extra sension of the Senator Simmer. ate, such mesion being usual at the be-glaning of the term of a newly elected President, elected President, etc.

CAS'T KEMP SIMMONS OUT.

ITS BEPPCT ON "BUSINESS INTEREST"

VOTERAS.

"One thing appears to be pretty certain, however, vis: If the Republicane are seally looking for any such recruits the sconer that party and its leaders cut loose—from Marion Butler and all affiliation with Populists and populistic elements the better for it," said a called "gold democrat" and manufacturer to me. Continuing be added: "If Pritchard starts out in this matter of contesting Simmons' election, it will be largely to oblige Butler and this course will certainly put a brake on any such embryo movement among the business interests as Mr. Settle allodes to. It is likewise the very worst thing be could do if he hopes to build up a white Republican party in North Carolina,"

CONDITION OF STATE TREASURY.
A chatement issued Saturday by the little Transacter shows the fellowing inherentiag figures: Receipts for 1900 to Newscatt, St. 480, 3445 St. halance on fixed at close of fixed year, December 1st. 1808, \$188, 379, 91. Total, \$3.711. Mtl. 80, 1909, \$188, \$79, 91. Total, \$3.711. Mtl. 80, Districtions, for the year 1808, \$1,600,088. St., for the year 1909, \$1,800,088. St., \$1,400,091,61. Total, \$3.000,088. St., \$1,400,091,61. Total, \$3.000,088. St., \$1,400,091,61. Total, \$3.000,088. St., \$1,400,091,61. Total, \$3.000,084. St., \$1,400,091,61. Total, \$3.000,084. St., \$1,400,091,61. Total, \$3.000,084. St., \$1,400,091,61. Total, \$1.000,084. St., \$1.000,081,61. Total, \$1

NORTH CAROLINA'S WEALTH.

Satural Resources i. oh Boron Popular Knowledge. It is expected that a closer acquaintance with the great Pan-American Ilsposition to be held at Buffalo next year will convince the people of North Carolina of the wisdom of being represented by a proper state exhibit Where there is one reason for the state's entation at Paris there are a score of good reasons why it should have an exhibit at Buffalo. The great markets into which this state sends her prod acts are the cities of the United States The state is seeking, not settlers speak-ing a foreign tongue, but Americans from any state who are looking for grand opportunities for investment or for engaging actively in profitable lines of business. Many of our own people do not realize that they have one of the most productive states in the Union and one of the richest in natural re-Both in agricultural products and

possibilities and in mineral wealth North Carolina is one of the most favored states of the Union. All agri-cultural interests have rapidly advancod since 1890. The corn crop of 1893 approximated 30,000,000 bushels and that of 1804, 88,000,000 bushels. Much attention has been given to truck farming, and as much as \$730,000 worth of produce has been shipped from a single town in one season. Peanuts are ex-Carolina having been at one time al-most the only source of supply for the United States. Since 1870 much attention has also been given to grape cul-ture, both for the manufacture of wine and the supply of the northern market with grapes. The climate and soil are especially adapted to the culture of the vine, and vineyards are found in al-most all sections. It will interest many to learn that no state has within its boundaries so many of the plants used in medicine, the Atlantic slope of the Blue Ridge furnishing 2,500 varie-ties. One firm annually ships over 2,000,000 pounds, the dried roots, herbs and barks going to all parts of the

In the cotton year ending Aug. 31 1890, the area under cultivation for cotton was 1,311,708 acres and the production 620,620 gross bales. For the year 1890-1900 the area was 1,220,000 and the estimated yield 193 pounds of the cetter research.

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The timber lands of North Carolina are one of its most valuable posses-sions. The great variety of soils and the wide range of climate give rise to a rich and varied forcet growth. In the southeastern counties under the in-fluence of the gulf stream are found the magnelias, palmettos, live cake and other samitropical trees, while on the higher mountains of the west are the spruces and firs. The state abounds in pines, and from this tree is derived one of its most valuable products—that of turpentine. Out of 22 caks indigenous to the United States, North Carolina has 19. It has all the light pines, four of the five spruces, six of the eight bickeries and all of the seven magnolias.
The mineral wealth of North Carolina

forest resources, and the further de relopment of this wealth offers great inducements to capitalists seeking in vestment. They have no need to go to South Africa or the golden sands of Cape Nome. There are both gold and affiver to be mined in paying quantities ta North Carolina. Work is being pushed in the Greer, Cappi Hill, Sum-merville and other mines in Mecklenborg county; in several mines in Cabarras county, at the Gold Hill, Dutch Creek, and one or two other points in Rowan county; at the Belle mine in Moore county, Portes mine in Franklin county, Mann-Arrington mine in Nash unty and at points in Stanly and

dontgomery counties.
In allver the most notable activity county and the Troutman, near the di viding line between Rowan and Ca barras counties. There was a notable gain in gold mining in 1898, the out-4,064 fine ounces, value put being \$84,000.

Copper and from mines are being worked, and quarrying is carried on upon an extensive scale. In 1896 there were quarried granite valued at \$79,769 and sandstone and limestone valued at \$9,100, total, \$60,674. The copper ores found include native free copper, cup rite, asurite, malachite, red uxide, cop per glaze and the green and blue car-bensees of copper. There are several premising fron mines in operation. A company has recently been formed in Macon county to mine systematically for the gem rhodolite, also for the ruby, apphire and other corondam gems.

Mion in North Carotima.

There are extensive beds of mice in the western portion of the state. Mice mining showed an increase in 1899, there being 58 mines. What was pronounced to be the fluent deposit of magnetic iron ere in the southern states exists in Ash county, and in November, 1899, a tract of 10,000 acres was lessed by two Pennsylvania state. was leased by two Pennsylvania steel companies, and railroad extensions to the seat of operations were ordered. A first class exhibit of mice and other minerals at the Pan-American Ex-position at Buffalo might be the means of attracting the attention of capital-ized enterprise toward these invaluable

The Genn of North Carolina.

There are found in North Carolina more than 180 species of game, including the rich "hiddenite," or lithia amenaid, which is not known to occur ellaswhere. There were 28 cotundum mines in operation in 1889, and the price of corundum has risen from 4 to 20 cents a pound. There should be a well arranged, exhibit of North Oaro-lina some at the Pan-American Ex-ministron at Buffalo next year.

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