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MEANS FUTURE TROUBLE FOR DEMOCRATIC STATE INTERESTS.

Between the penitentiary whippings given Federal prisoners under the authority of Capt. Day, and the inhuman treatment of convicts at the State farm at Northampton under the direction of Superintendent Summerell, is a picture presented which it is hard to believe could be found in North Carolina.

The investigations on these matters has developed a most unsavory mess, and a mass of reading which must disgust every one, by its disclosures of inhumanity and incompetency of those in control of unfortunate felons.

The fact that public investigation has revealed such a condition of affairs, is not so remarkable as the apparent public indifference now that the facts are proven.

The State press with its usual spirit for the good of the commonwealth has published the investigation reports, and dealt in no measured tones of contempt over the disclosures, denouncing the management that perpetrated such atrocities, and demanding the proper punishment of the management.

But what has the press denunciation amounted to in result? Practically nothing, for the directors of the penitentiary instead of ousting Summerell, called his action "a mistake," while Captain Day, continues to run his department, perhaps more carefully as regards Federal prisoners, but really indifferent so far as State sentiment is concerned.

And is it unnatural that Capt. Day and Supt. Summerell should remain serene, for have not their directors whitewashed their official conduct?

But a matter of real concern, politically, is the bearing of these proven charges in the future upon the interests of the State Democratic Party, for there have been Democrats, so reputed at least, who have lent their countenance and presence as directors, to the escape of the penitentiary management.

If the Democratic directors are in such minority as to be unable to have punishment meted out, they ought to get out of the directorship and let the blame fall upon those who will assume it.

So sure as Democrats, in any part, remain among those who thus arrest the public demand for the punishment of the guilty management of penitentiary affairs, just as certain will the Democratic party in the future be tainted with the infamy.

Let Democrats place the odium where it rightly belongs and not become participants in it in any degree.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them.

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Housekeeper—Why are apples so high in price?

Market Man—Cause they're scarce now.

But the papers said the crop was so enormous that apples were rotting on the trees all over the country.

Yes'm. That's why they're scarce. It didn't pay to pick 'em.

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Necessity Knows No Law.

But a law of Nature bows to the necessity of keeping the blood pure so that the entire system shall be strong, healthy and vigorous.

To take blood's impurities, the great blood purifier, is therefore a law of health and it is a necessity in nearly every household. It never disappoints.

Tired Feeling.—"I had that tired, dull feeling, dizziness, headache and itching scalp, but blood's impurities made me a new man. I never was better than now." James Mack, Oklahoma, Iowa.

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FIGS GO TO COURT.

An English solicitor was defending a fruit broker in an action brought for the recovery of \$200, the price paid for a consignment of figs which the plaintiff alleged to be unfit for human food.

The defense alleged that, although moderately diseased by salt water, as the plaintiff knew when he bought them, the figs were perfectly wholesome. The figs went to court.

The plaintiff, a master, who conducted his own case, was skillfully cross-examined. The trial was obviously going against him, and once or twice he returned so hotly that the judge threatened to commit him for contempt.

At length the cooler grew desperate and turning to the opposing counsel, horse and perching, he said: "Look here, gu'nar, you say them figs are good to eat, and I say they ain't. What's there in between us, eh? Well, now, why me, if you'd eat two of them figs and you ain't sick immediately afterward I'll lose my case."

The judge at once saw the propriety of this suggestion and asked the lawyer what he proposed to do.

"Your honor is trying this case, not I," was the reply. "No, no! The offer is made to you," said the judge.

A hurried consultation took place. Counsel suggested that it was the solicitor's duty to submit to the experiment. The solicitor refused. If he would risk it, the judge was then asked if he would risk it.

"What will happen to me if I don't?" said he. "You'll lose the case," replied both his legal advisers.

"Then," said he hurriedly, "lose the case, lose the case!" And so he did.—Youth's Companion.

BOTTOMLESS HOLES.

Pits in the Transverse Whose Depths Have Not Been Fathomed.

Up near the course of the little river of Malmind there is a strange round hole in the rocks a few yards in diameter, which is not empty. The other is full of water almost up to the brim, and it has upon it a floating island of grass which shifts from side to side with every change of the wind.

To find further examples of the same sort of herbage it is necessary to go 600 miles northward, well into the hot districts in the tropics.

Boers say of this second pit they have endeavored to sound it, using 12 dozen rawhide thongs (reins) tied end to end, a line, say, of 200 fathoms, with a big stone as sinker, but without striking bottom. The sinker and line, at the bottom, were pulled sharply away to the side, as if a strong current were coursing below.

Upon that they ceased to investigate further. You see, they were meddling in things which didn't concern them and risking encounters with powers best left alone. So how deep it may be we do not know yet. Some day a bolider spirit may tell us.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Chess Genius.

When Lasker, previous to the 1890 chess international tournament, visited Manchester he was opposed in a simultaneous performance by an unknown player, who had obtained permission from the club secretary to take a board against the champion. The player put up quite a fair game, but was finally mated. Then he inquired of Lasker to know wherein he had erred in the conduct of the play.

"Well," said Lasker, "your play has been somewhat peculiar. I notice that you have not once moved your knights."

"No," replied the player, "the fact is that I have not as yet quite mastered the move of the knights, so I thought it safer not to move them at all."

The stranger had unconsciously conceded his famous adversary the odds of two knights, not to mention the handicap of his cramped position.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The Best Twenty Books.

The 20 best books in the world, according to a consensus of replies recently published in London Truth, are as follows: The Bible, Shakespeare, Homer, "Paradise Lost," "Vanity Fair," Dante, "The Pilgrim's Progress," Gibbon's "Decline and Fall," "Robinson Crusoe," Carlyle's "French Revolution," "The Imitation of Christ," "Burrhead's Journal," "Pierwick," Tennyson, "The Arabian Nights," Virgil, Mollere, "David Copperfield" and "The Year of Wonders."

In this selection the books are supposed to rank in the order named.

Has It Had.

"Why, I didn't know she had the golf club."

"You didn't? Oh, it's a terrible case. Seems to have struck in. She said her ovaries a while ago and won't have anything but bobolinks in the house now."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Deemed With a Purpose.

Debtor—Don't be so anxious to collect this bill. I'm not going to cut twy.

Creditor—But I am.—Baltimore Journal.

On the 15th of November 1897, Rev. S. A. Donahoe, pastor M. K. Church, South P., Pleasant M. Y., ministerial records which were attached from the beginning by violent coughing.

He says: "After recovering to a number of weeks, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which I used for a short time, and now I feel as well as I ever did. Only 50c. a bottle. Sold by F. S. Duffy's drug store. Every bottle warranted."

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LEGAL NOTICES.

Administrator's Notice. Having qualified as the Administrator of the estate of Harvey deceased, late of the County of Craven, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of October 1900, or this notice will be filed in Bar of their recovery.

THOS. F. MCCARTHY, Administrator. This October 11th, 1899.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

Washington State, Hannah Slade. Pursuant to a judgment rendered at the Fall Term 1897 of Craven County Superior Court in the above entitled action, in which said judgment the undersigned were duly appointed commissioners for the sale of the property hereinafter described.

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