1891 - State Penners from Montgomery County

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OUR COUNTY'S CONVICTS. WHO THEY ARE, WHAT THEY DID AND THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE, They Range From Polished Gentlemen To Illiterate Thugs, and From Murderers To Umbrella Thieves.

"Montgomery County is one of my pets," said old Thomas Corbett. gate keeper at the Northern Penitentiary the other day. "Considering her population she outranks all the other counties in the number of criminals she sends here. Yet nevertheless a majority of them are are transient toughs who have been brought to justice in her borders. The Montgomery county boys are all model prisoners and the punishment record shows that they are. I can't remember of any of them ever being confined to the dungeon."

An examination of the prison books shows the Montgomery county delegation to be a healthy one. The following is probably a correct roster of the names with the crimes and terms of punishment of our county's present representation at the Lake Side, the date of conviction being places to the left of the name:

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1874.—John Campbell, murder, life.
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1885—Wm. Shular, manslaughter, 17 years.

1887—John Connelly, burglary, 5 years.

1888—John K. Berry, burglary, 7 years.

1888—Charles Burton.burglary, 6 years.

1888—Adam Shafer burglary, 6 years.

1889 -- Junior Bias, grand larceny, 5 years.

1889—John J. Vaughn, assault & battery, 3 years & six mo

1889—Harry Arnold, assault and battery, 2 years.

1889—Fletcher Hampton, grand larceny, 5 years.

1889—Marion McGuffin, grand larceny, 5 years.

1889—Johnson Garrett,, burglary, 2 years.

1890—Wm. Kernoodle, grand larceny, 18 months.

1890—Charles Howe, petit larceny, 2 years.

1890—Wm. Chandler, burglary, 2 years.

1890-Wm. F. Pettit, murder, life.

1891—Louis Jones, petit larceny, 1 year.

1891—Bert Wilson, petit larceny, 1 year.

1891--Levi Teeters, petit, larceny, 2 years

1891--Charlie Rogers, petit larceny, 2 years

1891--George Rogers, petit larceny, 2 years 1891--John A Long, petit larceny, 1 year

1891--Charley Coombs, manslaughter, 21 years

WOMEN'S REFORMATORY 1890--Nancy Lightcap, arson, 1 year