

Ex-Gov. Daniel L. Russell has published a roasting arraignment of Judge Thomas R. Parnell, the judge of the United States Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. It is about the severest denunciation of any judge in this State that we have ever heard of, and greater emphasis and importance is given to it because of the prominence of Gov. Russell. He urges the impeachment and removal of Parnell because of "official misconduct and delinquencies and incapacity."

Gov. Russell sets forth in detail specific charges of official misconduct against Judge Parnell, and exposes most fully the utter unfitness of Parnell to be a judge. While all unprejudiced and intelligent lawyers, who have practiced in Parnell's court, have known for some years that he is unfit to be a judge, yet this denunciation of him by so prominent a Republican as Gov. Russell has created somewhat of a sensation.

One reason why the Republican party is not more respectable in this State is because of the appointment of such unfit officers as Parnell to such high and responsible offices. Of course everybody knows that Parnell was appointed a Federal judge merely because he was a Republican, and such appointments are enough to bring any party into disrepute.

THERE is quite a war of words between Marion Butler, who wishes to be considered the Boss of the Republican party in this State, and Spencer Adams, who is the chairman of the Republican State executive committee.

In a published statement Adams charges Butler with falsehood, saying that Butler's statements "are utterly untrue," and that he "is as dead as a door nail in the Old North State and cannot by this means galvanize his political corpse into life again."

Butler comes back at Adams in a published statement, in which he denounces him very severely. He says that when Adams was elected State chairman he "was too small for the job and unfitted for it."

On the 2nd day of this month 20,728 immigrants arrived at the port of New York, which is 5,000 more than ever before arrived in any one day. Nearly 3,000 of them came from one city (Naples) in Italy, and immigrants from other cities in Italy swelled the number of Italians to 5,533.

This increasing immigration, and especially of Italians, is alarming and must give serious concern to all good citizens. It is becoming a difficult task to cope with such a flood of aliens foreign to our social, economic and political life.

It seems strange to the average citizen of our great Republic that the birth of any baby should have created such a sensation in Spain as did the birth last week of the young king's son and heir. When its birth was announced cannons boomed, bands played, trumpets blared and the people shouted with joy.

AN injunction has been issued by Judge Pritchard restraining the Corporation Commission from enforcing the laws enacted by the last Legislature to reduce passenger and freight rates on the railroads. Judge Pritchard's order is returnable before him at Asheville on the 26th of June, and it will probably then be continued.

Francis On Jamestown Exposition.

One of the most enthusiastic of the visitors on the opening day at the Jamestown Exposition, was Ex-Governor David B. Francis of Missouri, who was at the head of the St. Louis exposition. "I am delighted," said he, "and there should be no room here for any man to doubt the most promising prospect and gratifying success. I had heard and read of the plan and scope of the Jamestown Ter-Centennial celebration, but I had no idea you had anything like I find. Success is assured. There is no reason for discouragement in the fact that some of the buildings are not completed, some of the exhibits are not installed and that some of the concessioners are a little belated getting their attractions ready. What exposition has been entirely ready at the opening? How many have had to postpone their opening?"

"I admire the pluck of the Virginians who have made this exposition what it is and what it is going to be. Apparently there has been no thought of the possibility of a postponement, and I say that the men in charge are worthy of the greatest praise and credit for the manner in which they have gone ahead in the face of aggravating and impeding conditions. The weather I am told has been something of a record breaker for this season of the year. That being the case, it is not difficult to understand the delay."

"There is no reason as far as I can see why this exposition should not be completed in four weeks. From what I know of exposition building I would not hesitate to undertake the task in that time and I am sure that the capable man you have here can do it much better than I could. Do not let the delayed construction worry you. It will be all right in a few weeks, and by that time I am sure that the delayed installation will be as far advanced as is necessary to call the whole proposition complete. In the mean time, the beautiful landscape effects and possibilities together with the waterfront, which no other exposition could have, struck me at once, and you have here the liberal support of the government and that counts for a great deal."

Mitchell County Shooting Affair.

Marion, May 13.—A hack driver returning from Spruce Pine, Mitchell county, tonight, gives the details of a most daring and fatal attempt to resist officers. The result is that two men, one dead, and a woman are in jail at Bakersville. Yesterday a closed carriage left Marion in the direction of Spruce Pine, which attracted more or less attention. Soon the curious were informed by two deputy sheriffs, Boon and Buchanan, of Mitchell county, who rode in town, stating that they were after Massey Sarrels. They followed him and late yesterday afternoon came upon him near Spruce Pine. When the officers were close enough Sarrels opened fire on them. After an exchange of shots Buchanan fell dead, and in a moment Sarrels was the victim of Sheriff Boone's steady aim.

The officers were armed with a bench warrant for Sarrels and his wife, charging them with highway robbery. The story goes that Sarrels and his wife some months ago conspired to rob Senator Burlison, of Mitchell county; that Burlison was invited to come to the home of Sarrels and take a deer hunt. He arrived just before day and, after something of unusual interest was shown him by Sarrels' wife, Sarrels walked in with a double-barrel shotgun and told him to get ready to die or give him \$2,000. Burlison gave him all the money he had, and at the point of his gun, walked to the bank and made good the demand. Sarrels and his wife then came near town and from here went to Florida, where they have spent the winter in luxury, returning yesterday. Sarrels' wife is now in jail.

Ninety Dead in Mine.

City of Mexico, May 13.—Ninety men are supposed to have lost their lives in a fire which started in Guggenheimer's ten-acre copper mine at Velardra, during last Friday night, when one of the miners threw a cigarette into a bucket of oil. The fire is still beyond control. Thirty-five bodies have been recovered. Seventeen men are known to have escaped.

Washington Letter.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

Washington, May 9, 1907.

Speaking of political possibilities, considerable amusement was created this week by the rumor that Thomas Fortune Ryan, the boss of New York finance, and a resident of Virginia, was after the Senatorship from the Old Dominion. Mr. Ryan has always been proud of his native state, and has given a good deal of money there first and last. His most recent benefaction was the immense cathedral just dedicated at Richmond. Then came the news that the Jamestown Exposition was in financial difficulties, and Mr. Ryan subscribed to a large block of the bonds that the company issued and so helped them out materially.

The story was immediately started that he was after the senatorship from that State, and of course some of the yellow journals went that rumor one better and said that he had his eye on the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. The story is almost too wild to need denial. The fact is that Mr. Ryan did not want his name known in connection with the Exposition bonds, and as far as the nomination either for the Senate or the Presidency is concerned, he is not only too busy to attend to either, but his connection with most of the big corporate interests of the country would bar him from the least consideration as a matter of the most elementary practical politics.

The Congress of American surgeons and physicians has been in session here this week, and while the most of their deliberations were entirely too deep to the outsider to follow, there was one branch of the discussion of the most vital public interest. It was the section of the congress devoted to the study and prevention of consumption. Almost all of the progress in popular knowledge of this dread disease in the past few years has been due to the National Association. It has branches in fifteen states, will have them in seven more states before the summer is over, and is affiliated with the international Society of the same sort which will have an immense congress in Washington next winter. The chief work of the National Association now is education. It has prepared a number of simple volumes for free distribution. These tell just what consumption is, how it is spread and show the best methods of precaution against it. They show that the disease can be checked at almost any stage and entirely cured in the earlier stages and in fact give a world of simple and practical information that ought to be known by everyone in every community. The officers of all the state societies are anxious to forward this work of education, and persons interested will be furnished with literature and suggestions on application to them. Anyone interested and wanting advice can get it by applying to the health officer of the nearest town, who will be able to put them into communication with the office of the nearest state society.

A good deal was written last summer about the introduction of the stingless bees to the United States. There were a number of colonies brought to the Department of Agriculture from Asia, Smyrna and other places, and an effort was made to acclimatize them and cross them with the native bees, which were better honey makers, despite the fact that they were armed with stings and were therefore more difficult to handle. It is a remarkable fact that a large proportion of these bees died off in the winter. They came from a warmer climate than the Washington, but this was not the thing that disagreed with them apparently. They were used to greater humidity than they could find here in the winter, and in spite of the fact that they were provided with warm quarters, the most of them died. Some have been saved to carry on the work this year, and it is believed that the survivors will furnish the nucleus for a race of drought resisting stingless bees. The Museum of Natural History in New York was less fortunate. They imported a colony of stingless bees from the warm humid valley of the Amazon, and they suffered in the same way from the dryness of the atmosphere in winter, and every one died.

Every now and then the question is raised of doing away with the awful manual labor that cabinet officers have to suffer in personally signing their mail. The matter has come up again, and it is said that it will be recommended for legislation by the President in his next message. This may sound like a joke to the man who has to sign his name only a few times a day. But it is no joke to the cabinet officer. The law requires his personal signature to all of the most important letters from his department. A rubber stamp or a seal or a facsimile signature will not do. The result is that the heads of the federal departments after putting off on their subordinates every letter and document that they can possibly escape, have to spend

the bulk of their time in signing mail. Of course they cannot read a tenth of the letters they sign, and have to depend on the initials of their subordinates on them to be sure that they are correct. Every cabinet officer spends a solid hour in the morning signing mail as fast as he can, and usually an hour and half or two hours in the afternoon at the same drudgery. Signatures are cut down to the bare name and initials without flourishes, but it is still exacting work. What is wanted is a law legalizing a seal or an engraved signature with certain penalties attached to its improper use. If such a law as this can be passed, it will be almost as great a relief as it was to the Treasurer and registrar of the Treasury when they were relieved by law from personally signing all notes and bonds.

Boy Killed Instantly.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Asheville, May 13.—A telephone message from Marshall late this afternoon told of a fatal accident that occurred near Grape Vine on Bull creek, Madison county, this morning, when Andy Hensley, 3 years of age, was shot and instantly killed by Robert Buckner, a lad of 7 summers. The killing of the Hensley child was accidental and due to the desire of the Buckner boy to monkey with a shotgun.

It seems that the two children were playing together in a room, Robt. Buckner espied a shotgun hanging against the wall. He decided to inspect the weapon and climbed on top of a table in order to reach it. While taking the gun from its place on the wall the lad in some manner discharged the weapon, the charge of shot taking effect in the little Hensley boy, killing him instantly.

At the banquet to be given the State Bankers' Association at Winston on the night of May 23rd, toasts will be responded to by Senators Simmons and Overman, President Finley, of the Southern Railway, and Caldwell Hardy, ex-president of the American Bankers' Association.

One of the most tragic accidents in the history of railway construction in western North Carolina occurred on the South & Western Railroad between Marion and Spruce Pine, nine men being killed and a number injured, due to the premature explosion of dynamite.

The Southern Baptist convention, embracing the states from Maryland to Texas with a constituency numbering nearly 22,000 churches and a total membership of nearly 2,000,000, is holding its 62nd annual session in Richmond, Va., this week.

FLAGS IN THE NAVY.

Each Vessel Must Have 250 on Hand All the Time.

"Did you ever happen to think when you saw a cruiser or battleship 'dressed' in its full outfit of flags what a big item flags must be to the navy?" an official of the navy department recently remarked. "Just think of how many vessels, large and small, there are and that every one has to be supplied with 250 flags, which have to be renewed every three years! The annual cost is about \$60,000, and a hundred women are kept busy at the Brooklyn navy yard the year around. "The foreign flags are rather elaborate as a rule, especially the American republics, and their cost is consequently considerable. Each ship must have forty-three foreign flags constantly on board, the standard size being 25 by 13 feet. The cost of making one will depend upon the design. A simple flag, as that of France, costs comparatively little, while to make that of Salvador means just \$52.50, it being a veritable landscape. China's flag amounts to about \$40 and that of Costa Rica, which runs to scenic effect, nearly \$50.

"The largest American flag used is 19 by 36 feet and costs \$40. There are eight sizes of the American flag used altogether, and they are less expensive than the foreign flags by reason of the fact that they are largely machine made. There is a special machine that cuts out the stars, stamping out 100 at every stroke. "Then there are the special flags of the president, the secretary and of the flag officers. That of the president, while simple, means long and careful work. This flag is a blue field, with the arms of the United States in the center. The design is entirely hand embroidered with the finest silk and requires a month of constant effort." — New York Herald.

Two Boys Killed at Crossing.

Fitzgerald, Ga., May 11.—Judd Rook and John Book, aged 9 and 11 years, respectively, were killed by a train on the Ocala & Valdosta Railroad this afternoon. The boys were driving in a wagon. As they approached a crossing they failed to see the train, their view being obscured by a warehouse and some box cars on a siding. Nor could the engineer see the boys in the wagon. The train was moving slowly and could the engineer have seen the boys he could probably have stopped it in time to prevent the accident. As it was the wagon was struck by the engine and the boys were thrown beneath it, one having his head cut off, and the other having his body severed at the middle. The coroner's jury exonerated the train crew.

Dr. Kemp Battle Honored.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Chapel Hill, May 12.—Dr. Kemp Plummer Battle, L. L. D., who has for so many years served the University with such efficiency as alumni professor of history, and from 1876 to 1891 as president, has received the honor of an annuity from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Education, his annuity of \$1,650 to go into effect whenever Dr. Battle shall see fit to retire from his duties in the University and accept it.

Sleeping Over Forty Days.

Kansas City, Mo., May 13.—T. C. Webster, sixty years old, who was taken unconscious from an eastbound train here on April 2, and removed to the city hospital, has slept constantly for the last forty days and is still asleep. Physicians say he is suffering from acute melancholia. He has been aroused from time to time sufficiently to take nourishment but at no time has he been thoroughly awake.

Florida East Coast Canal Opened.

St. Augustine, Fla., May 13.—The Florida East Coast canal was opened through from St. Augustine to Biscayne bay by finishing the cut between the Matanza and Halifax rivers today, giving an inside waterway for four feet draught vessels.

LAND SALE.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Chatham County in the cause therein pending, entitled "L. B. McDonald vs. F. B. Sorrell et al.," with on Monday, 20th May 1907, at the courthouse door in Pittsboro, N. C., expose to public sale a tract of land in Chatham County, North Carolina, in Oakland township, lying and being on the waters of Aaron's creek near Deep river, beginning at said creek in the McQueen road and running with said road northwardly 67 poles Stephen Johnson's line, thence with said line south 57 east 53 1/2 poles to a stake, thence south 44 east with Gilmore's line 15 poles to a stake in R. Burns' line, thence with said line south 64 west 55 poles to a stake, his corner, thence with his other line south 43 east 58 poles to a stake near a drain, thence with his other line south 42 west 7 poles to a branch, thence down said branch as it meanders on a direct line about 10 poles to Aaron's creek, thence up said creek as it meanders but on a direct line about 170 poles to the beginning, containing 100 acres, more or less.

Terms of sale one-third cash, one-third in six months, one-third in 12 months, deferred payments to bear interest from date of confirmation of sale. Title reserved till all purchase money is paid. This the 18th day of April, 1907.

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