

SING SING PRISON NINETY-FIVE YEARS OLD MAY 16

Was First Called "Mt. Pleasant State" Prison - Many of the Inhuman and Cruel Practices Have Been Abandoned.

(From New York World.) Sing Sing Prison is ninety-five years old to-day, counting from the day (May 16th, 1825), when a chain gang of a hundred convicts from Auburn Prison, under Captain Elam Lynds, landed from canal boats on the banks of the Hudson at Sing Sing village and began work on what was first called "Mount Pleasant State Prison."

Since then the prison has undergone many changes. Its name was changed after thirty years to Sing Sing, to conform to the name of the village. Twenty years later, the villagers, displeased, changed the name of their place of residence to Ossining. Its history is full of tragedy, scandal, humor, cruelty, experiments in the humane treatment of prisoners, and as many other conflicting motives as human life itself. Year by year the treatment of prisoners has improved and the old barbarity has disappeared.

Beginning with Capt. Lynds, and including Major Lewis E. Lawes, the present warden, Sing Sing has had forty-three wardens. Major Lawes is the youngest warden the prison ever had. Thomas Mott Osborne, millionaire reformer, attracted more attention than any other warden. Augustus Brush served the longest term—eleven years. The shortest was that of James Williamson, who was installed on September 12, 1874, and quit three weeks later because he was tired of the job.

The prison was located where it is because of the stone in the hills near the place; the State wanted to use the labor of convicts in the quarries. The prison cell-block was first built three stories high, but a fourth story was added before the roof was put on in 1828. It then housed eight hundred prisoners. Later two more stories were built, bringing the prison to its present size, with room for twelve hundred cells. It is built of stone, thus being appropriately named, "Sing Sing" comes from the Indian words, "Ossine, Ossine," meaning "stone upon stone."

Seventy thousand prisoners have passed through Sing Sing's gates. From 1840 to 1877 Sing Sing had a prison for females, Mrs. Henrietta Robinson, "the veiled murderess," who went insane after sixteen years' imprisonment, being the most celebrated inmate.

In its early days Sing Sing was the terror of evil-doers because of the barbarity of the keepers. As soon as a criminal reached there he was made to stand with his arms folded, in the cell-block and face west while his pedigree was taken. Then his head was shaved and he was fitted out in stripes and put in a dark cell for forty-eight hours, and during this period, "designed for reflection," got only bread and water for nourishment. Later he was assigned work either in the quarry or on the State farm adjoining the prison.

A prisoner was never allowed under any circumstances to talk to another convict. He could speak only to attendants, and not even to them unless on business. Prisoners marched in lockstep and always stood with arms folded.

For the most trivial infraction of rules convicts were unmercifully punished. The first forms of punishments used were the whipping-post, the pillory (in which men were suspended by hands and neck), and the ball and chain.

The food was of the coarsest kind. Mush and soup constituted the best part of the menu. Griddle cakes were sometimes added as a holiday luxury. There was no mess-hall, so convicts ate in their cells. In those tomb-like stone cells they spent all the time they were not at work, except during chapel exercises, during which they were closely guarded by keepers equipped with side-arms and cudgels. They were locked up all day Sundays.

TIME TO ACT

Don't Wait for the Fatal Stages of Kidney Illness—Profit by Monroe People's Experiences.

Occasional attacks of backache, irregular urination, headaches and dizzy spells are frequent symptoms of kidney disorders. It's an error to neglect these ill. The attacks may pass off for a time but generally return with greater intensity. Don't delay a minute. Begin taking Doan's Kidney Pills, and keep up their use until the desired results are obtained. Good work in Monroe proves the effectiveness of this great kidney remedy.

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Here it is at last: the story that can't be beat! It comes from Iowa: Seven years ago a farmer hung his vest on a fence in the barnyard. A calf chewed up a pocket of the garment in which was a standard gold watch. Last week the animal, a staid old milk cow, was butchered for beef, and the timepiece was found in such a position between the lungs of the cows that the respiration—the closing in and the filling of the lungs—kept the stem-winder wound up, and the watch had lost but four minutes in the seven years!

TRIED TO GET TOURING CAR BUT THE GAS WAS TOO LOW

Two Negroes Steal Truck From Mr. James McKee of Chesterfield and Are Now in Jail.

Wednesday night of last week two young negroes went to the home of Lovania Alsbrooks, colored, who lives in Buford township, near Altan, and inquired if the occupants of the house owned an automobile. They were informed that a member of the household owned a Ford car and that the aforesaid car was on the premises. The negroes carried a Winchester rifle and acted in a suspicious manner. The owner of the automobile suspected that they might be looking for an opportunity to take a ride in it, and took the switch key out.

Some time during the night the thieves came back and managed to get the car out of the building and about fifty yards away by knocking the top off the coil box, but as there was no gas in the car, it was left in the road.

The two then went over the line into South Carolina where they got the Ford truck of Mr. James McKee and drove it to Kershaw. There they bargained it to a man for \$150, telling the purchaser that the truck belonged to them, and that their father had agreed for them to dispose of it. As the negroes were rather youthful in appearance, the purchaser of the truck suspected that something might be wrong with the transaction, and before paying the money insisted on getting consent of the father of the sellers. While this delay was taking place parties in search of Mr. McKee's truck arrived on the scene and the negroes, whose names could not be learned, were taken to Chesterfield and lodged in jail.

Business Lecture Coming.

Monroe business men are looking forward to the lecture on Business Efficiency which will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening, June 8th, at 8 o'clock. Arrangements have been completed to bring to Monroe the most famous American business lecture on the platform: "The Troubles of a Merchant and How to Stop Them."

Under this head Mr. W. H. Farley, well known business expert and organizer, will show how co-operation and organization will make for a better community or city. How petty antagonism and cut-throat competition among merchants is bad for them, as well as the community. Mr. Farley, with the aid of stereopticon views and motion pictures, will give a great deal of practical information on store organization, efficiency of the sales force, newspaper advertising, window display, delivery problems, and system in retail business.

Every merchant or wife of a merchant, every salesman or clerk, every business man and all those interested in seeing Monroe become a better business center should not fail to hear Mr. Farley.

Our Chamber of Commerce has secured this service through the courtesy of The National Cash Register Co. of Dayton, Ohio.

The lecture has been given before state and national conventions, chambers of commerce and other business organizations all over the United States and Canada. It is universally admitted to be one of the most popular and instructive exhibitions of business principles ever given. We urge that Mr. Farley be given a capacity audience at the Chamber of Commerce. No charge for admission.

Train's Narrow Approach to Wreck.

An Atlantic Coast Line passenger and express train crashed through Cape Fear river bridge on the crosses without leaving the bridge and without injury to any of the passengers or crew, when the cars left the rails five hundred yards south of the bridge, just after the train had left the Fayetteville yards on its run to Richmond early last Friday morning.

The engine did not leave the track and the coaches were held on the bridge by the guard rails. As the last car cleared the bridge the train was brought to a standstill with practically the entire train, except for the engine leaning at an angle of forty-five degrees over the edge of a forty-foot embankment. The escape of all persons on the train was considered a miracle.

The world is given as a prize for the man in earnest.—F. W. Robertson.

CONQUERS RHEUMATISM

It is an established fact that one teaspoonful of Rheuma taken once a day for a very short time has driven all the pain and agony from thousands of racked, crippled and despairing rheumatics.

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Political Announcements.

FOR COTTON WEAVER. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for cotton weaver at Marshville, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—Hiram W. Griffin.

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FOR SHERIFF. I hereby announce myself a candidate for Sheriff subject to the action of the Democratic primary in June.—Clifford Fowler.

FOR SHERIFF. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for sheriff, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—WILL H. PRESSLEY.

FOR COTTON WEAVER. I hereby announce myself a candidate for cotton weaver at Monroe subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—H. M. Presson.

FOR SHERIFF. I hereby announce myself a candidate for Sheriff subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—Russell W. Rogers.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—C. J. Braswell.

FOR SHERIFF. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for sheriff subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—W. Frank Benton.

FOR SHERIFF. I hereby announce myself a candidate for Sheriff subject to the action of the Democratic primary in June.—Raymond C. Griffin.

For Prosecuting Attorney. I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as Prosecuting Attorney, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—Julian C. Brooks.

For Register of Deeds. I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as Register of Deeds subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—M. C. Lane.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. We hereby announce ourselves candidates for re-election as members of the county board of commissioners, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—W. D. Bivens, W. L. Henby, A. A. Secrest.

FOR ROAD ELECTORATE. We hereby announce ourselves candidates for the road electorate of Union county subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—Monroe township, J. C. Winchester; Jackson township, W. N. Davis; Sandy Ridge township, Sam Redwine; Vance township, W. E. Lemmond; Goose Creek township, T. L. Price; New Salem township, G. W. Smith; Marshville township, J. C. McIntyre; Lanes Creek township, H. F. Parker; Buford township, T. C. Eubanks; At Large, W. C. Heath.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—Earl Ezzell.

For Cotton Weaver at Waxhaw. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for cotton weaver at Waxhaw, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—D. F. Short.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—T. F. Limerick.

FOR CORONER. I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as Coroner of Union county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—T. B. Davis.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.—Henry McWhorter.

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NOTICE.

North Carolina—Gaston county. Under and by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by that certain deed of trust executed on the 2nd day of December, 1918 by J. L. Price and his wife, Dora E. Price to secure a certain indebtedness therein mentioned in the sum of six hundred (\$600.00) dollars and interest, to Marvin A. Turner, default having been made by breach of conditions therein contained by J. L. Price and Dora E. Price, and demand having been made upon me by the holder of said note and indebtedness, I will, to satisfy said indebtedness, cost and expenses, sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the court house of Union County, in the City of Monroe, North Carolina, on Monday, the 28th day of June, 1920, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, the following described real estate:

Lying and being in the township of Unionville, above County and State, adjoining the lands of Dr. A. D. L. Whitley, T. L. A. Helms, O. C. Hamilton and others, and bounded as follows, viz:

Beginning at a stone standing in the middle of Main Street, and running thence South 1 West 5.58 chains to a stone; thence North 89 East 2.08 chains to a stone; thence North 1 East 5.58 chains to a stone in the middle or center of Main Street; thence with the center of Main street 2.08 chains to the beginning, in the town of Unionville, N. C., containing 1 1-16 acres. This 19th day of May, 1920. A. C. JONES, Trustee.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Clerk of the Superior Court, and under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the last Will and Testament of John C. Bass, deceased, said Will being recorded in Book 2, page 247, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior court of Union county, I will, on

Saturday, June 5th, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the court house door in Monroe, N. C., sell at public auction, the following described tracts of real estate, said tracts being the old home place of John C. Bass, and willed by him to Eleanor Bass, deceased, his wife, for and during her natural life. First Tract—Beginning on the old line by Elm and on Bull Branch and runs thence N. 16 1/2 W. with a well defined hedge row 14.70 chains to a P. K.; thence a new line N. 76 W. 17.63 chs. to a P. K.; thence S. 13 W. 19.76 chs. to Cow Branch; thence down Cow Branch to the intersection of Bull Branch and continuing with the above named Branch 38.18 chs. to the beginning, and containing 43.56 acres.

Second Tract—Beginning at a P. K. corner of Lot No. 4 and runs thence S. 70.10 W. 6.67 chs. to a stake; thence S. 156 E. 26.50 chs. to a P. K.; thence N. 77 1/2 E. 11.08 chs. to a P. O. stump on a branch below a spring; thence N. 13 E. (Passing corner of Lot No. 1 at 19.76 chs.) to a P. K. on line of Lot No. 4; thence with said line S. 71 E. 12.40 chs. to the beginning, containing 39.73 acres.

Third Tract—Beginning on Bull Run Branch and runs a hedgerow S. 68 1/2 W. 12.20 chs. to a stake at junction of two hedgerows; thence a new line S. 71 1/2 W. 11.40 chs. to corner of Lot 2; thence with a line of Lot No. 1 S. 76 E. 17.63 chs. a pile stones in a field; thence N. 77 E. 8 chs. to Bull Run Branch; thence with various courses of said Branch 24.75 chs. to the beginning and containing 45.56 acres.

Fourth Tract—Beginning at a stone on N. W. side of the Olive Branch Road, Brewer's corner and runs thence S. 15 1/2 E. 16.26 chs. to a P. K. in a hedgerow; thence N. 71 1/2 E. 23.43 chs. to a stake; thence N. 11 1/2 W. 26.50 chs. to a stake in the Olive Branch Road by an Ash; thence with the various courses of said road 27.54 chs. to the beginning, and containing 52.78 acres.

Terms of sale—One half cash, balance secured by note, due and payable January 1st, 1921. Rent for the year 1920 reserved. Possession to be given on January 1st, 1921.

Bidding will start at \$7,315.50. JOHN IRWIN CHANEY, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of John C. Bass. This 14th day of May, 1920. Stack, Parker & Craig, Attorneys.

NOTICE.

Having disposed of my interest in the F. W. Causey & Co., known as the Wingate Drug Co., on October 28, to W. M. Perry of Wingate, this is to notify creditors that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by him, or his associates. F. W. CAUSEY.

April 14, 1920.

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