

MR. Bird's Charges Are Emphatically Denied

Supt. Mann's Letter to Governor Aycock With Regard to Removal of Convicts From Mitchell County to Marion

A few days ago published... Superintendent Mann's letter to Governor Aycock...

The State's Prison, Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28, 1903.

Dear Sir—I am in receipt of your letter of January 25th, enclosing a clipping from the News and Observer in reference to a movement of convicts from Spruce Pine to Marion...

It is to be stated that the report contained in the clipping is absolutely and unqualifiedly false. No prisoner who started from Spruce Pine died anywhere en route...

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Mrs. Cowper Entertains... Delightful Luncheon in Honor of Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Tyce... Mrs. Grimes Cowper gave a guessing party at her home yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock.

THE GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION

A Brilliant State Function in Progress from 8:30 to 11:30 O'clock at the Mansion... From 8:30 to 11:30 o'clock Friday night there was in progress at the governor's mansion one of the most elegant and thoroughly enjoyable state functions ever given in Raleigh.

ing Marion the convicts were placed in passenger coaches, with good fires, and made as comfortable as possible. After they were placed on the cars every prisoner was given supper and a drink of whiskey, which seemed to do them much good.

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ings, elaborate decorations, handsome uniforms worn by the governor's personal military staff and the rich costumes of the hundreds of beautiful women who graced the occasion, presented an ensemble of rare brilliancy.

Every feature of the reception was in thorough order and the manner in which the guests came and went relieved the affair of that terrible crush and congestion which so often in a measure mar these state affairs.

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The following ladies assisted in the various apartments contributing much to the great success of the reception: Dining room door—Miss Pearl Dixon and Miss Julia Howe! Hall doors—Miss Susan Clair, Miss Mildred Dorch of Goldsboro, Miss Alice Jones of Goldsboro, Miss Lella Suttle of Shelby. Parlor door—Mrs. Mary Grimes Smith and Mrs. Charles Galinger of Goldsboro.

In the salad room—Miss Essie Morgan, Miss Morrill of Snow Hill, Miss Ellen Dorch of Goldsboro, Miss Frances Lacy, Miss Young, Miss Alice Aycock, Miss Elizabeth Boushall of Camden, and Miss Mary Aycock and Miss Pearl Fort of Pikeville.

Ladies who served in the ice cream room—Miss Ma. Garret Connor of Wilson, Miss Elizabeth Aycock of Fremont, Miss Estelle O'Berry of Goldsboro, Miss Josephine Gilmer, Miss Louise Evans of Wilmington, Miss Young, Miss Gretchen Barnes of Wilson, Miss Hodges of Wilson, Miss Alice Spruill of Louisburg.

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sionally speak before we think, or rather speak without thinking. That is the only good and sufficient cause we can assign for the utterance quoted above.

In mentioning the number of casualties, it is stated by the Leader that such a showing is inexcusable. Now, just whom does it mean to accuse? Evidently, from the context, the railroads. Yet why should one say that railroads are blamable for the accidents which occur upon their lines?

Surely, they take all possible precautions, as a general thing, to insure the safety of their passengers. And even if they are moved to act thus from no humanitarian motives, as a matter of dollars and cents it is immensely to their advantage for them to do so. Any wreck, or accident on a railroad costs that road heavily, not only in the value of their property damaged or destroyed which is often great, but in the defense of damage suits and in the payment of damages. Certainly it costs a railroad less to guard against accidents in every possible way than to bear the resultant expenses of their occurrence. If railroads ordinarily, then, exercise due diligence to avoid accidents is it reasonable for one to say that they are primarily responsible for same?

Accidents necessarily occur in any line of business, attended by greater or less fatality. Railroad is naturally a hazardous occupation, and it is very easy for one to understand that, under any conceivable conditions, the omnipresent danger of accidents in all walks of life is considerably augmented on railroads or on the trains which run over them. But we admit that the number of casualties on railroads is abnormal and the continual increase thereof almost inexcusable.

However, if we study this matter thoroughly we perceive that a large share and probable the major part of the responsibility for these accidents of which we are speaking, or at least for the fatalities by which they are attended, rests upon the traveling public.

It is the height of folly to assert that a train making sixty miles per hour is as safe as one making forty. It is likewise the height of the ridiculous to say that the railroads would be not only continually putting on faster trains but also endeavoring to increase the speed of same unless there was a demand by the traveling public that they do this. This demand is illustrated by the fact that people seldom take a slow train when opportunity is afforded them to take a fast one. In other words the people want the fastest trains which the railroads can put on, and they patronize them.

We are not saying anything against the reasonableness or expediency of the popular demand for fast trains, nor are we saying anything detrimental to the idea that, in case it is necessary, legislation should be resorted to to compel the transportation agencies to use all possible means and appliances for the prevention of accidents over their routes of travel. But we do say that the traveling public can not reasonably demand quicker schedules and fewer accidents; and that to the popular demand for faster time is due a large proportion of the increase of railway accidents.

Seven Years in Bed

"Will wonders ever cease?" inquire the friends of Mrs. L. Pease, of Lawrence, Kan. They knew she had been unable to leave her bed in seven years on account of kidney and liver trouble, nervous prostration and general debility; but, "Three bottles of Electric Bitters enabled me to walk," she writes, "and in three months I felt like a new person." Women suffering from Headache, Backache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Fainting and Diarrhoea will find it a priceless blessing. Try it. Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists. Only 50c.

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Her all of life now drapes that wall, Poor and patient still she waits On God's good time to gently call Her, too, within the Jeweled Gates; And all she craves is here to die— To part from these, and pass away To join her loves eternally. That wore the slip—the coat of gray, The shell-torn relic of the fray— Her soldier's coat of faded gray. Geo. W. Harris.

The Mol-ass Foot-Log (Rocky Mount Motor.)

We are handed the following by a reputable attorney of Rocky Mount, who vouches for its truthfulness: There is a point on Fishing Creek, in Nash county, near the farm of Hon. J. C. Bellamy, a relic of an indolent animal of prodigious size. The creek at that place mentioned is 40 yards wide. A few years ago the vertebrae of some enormous animal reached across the creek at this place and old people in low water used the "great bone," as it was called, as a "foot-log." The rush of water finally broke the great back bone into many places, and sections of it can now be found scattered on the sand bars far down the stream. Dr. Jno. T. Bellamy, about 1851, dugged in the bank at one end of the bone and procured the head bone of this wonderful prehistoric animal. It was carried to the State Museum. Many traditions hang around the spot. The coon hunters say no dog will trail a coon near the place, while red men of prodigious size paddle birch bark canoes by the place on stormy nights.

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Stock For the South

J. W. Crow in Southern Far Magazine of Baltimore for February: We believe the tie has fully come in view of the above and other conditions, when the wonderful possibilities of the South as a stock country should be prominently exploited, all conditions being exceptionally favorable, and considering, as already observed, that the vast free range territory of the West, which for half a century past (though notably the past twenty-five years) has been sending hundreds of thousands of grass-fed cattle to the markets of the world at prices very much below those realized for the corn-fed of the East and Middle West, has been practically wiped out of existence, our nation having thereby lost one of its most prolific sources of supply. The great body of these pasture lands can never again under any circumstances figure as a prominent factor in the cattle industry of the country. The cattle barons, who have been the sole beneficiaries of free ranges, are being forced by the United States government to vacate these vast tracts of public lands they have so long used without leave or license, and must now retire from the business or seek new fields where they can own their own range. The South alone can meet this exigency.

The Height of Waterfalls

A correspondent of the Washington Evening Star says the article in a recent issue, from the Denver Republican, headed "Waterfall of 978 feet," attracts my attention not alone because a certain Mr. Durham shows so little knowledge of the world's great waterfalls, but because the Star gives currency to the Republican's guess that this fall "probably enjoys the distinction of being the highest waterfall in the world." While I recognize the untamable desire of an average newspaper man to talk of each new discovery (that is new to him, though not to geographers and travelers) as the biggest in the world, I cannot refrain from pointing to our California Yosemite, the first fall being 1500 feet, and to quite a score of other falls on this globe of considerably greater height than the Mexican one in question, even if it were 978 feet high, which it is not. The Republican's own State furnishes one such rivulet that falls a greater distance, if not two, I say rivulet advisedly, as the falls described by Mr. Durham are dry a good part of the year. The measured height of this cataract, taking a mean between the very similar results of two careful explorers, is 792 feet, or but little over one-half of that of our greatest Yosemite.

We trust the gentlemen on the other side who think they have discovered a new comet are aware of the fact that Gen. Miles is fitting about that vicinity—Washington Post.

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