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James A. Bryan Likely to Go In September 1st.

Charges of Penitentiary Cruelty. Life Insurance Company. Geo. Rountree's Speech. Hot Times in Supreme Court Sessions

RALEIGH, May 13.—Frank Strong and R. J. W. Brewster, of the United States Department of Justice, left here for Washington having completed investigation into charges of cruelty at the North Carolina penitentiary which some federal inspectors made to a Washington paper. Both inspectors declined to be interviewed. They gave the federal convict a hearing. As to charges preferred by federal convicts, officers of the penitentiary say they are misleading and false. One officer says there is not a true statement in the entire complaint as it was published in Washington dispatches.

Complaint was undoubtedly smuggled out of prison by a convict who had completed sentence and was then mailed. Prison officials do not deny they have worked convicts outside of prison, nor leaving punished them by whipping. Special permission was obtained from the Department of Justice to work federal convicts at clay pits, with the understanding they were not to stay out of the building at night. As to flogging, rules and regulations for government of federal prisons permit such punishment.

Among these prisoners one charges that fingers of both hands were frozen while during the cold weather none of the federal convicts worked outside the building.

The state commissioner of insurance, J. R. Young prepared the statement of companies licensed under the new law. These embrace thirty three life, thirteen accident and surety and four fraternal orders.

State Treasurer Worth is back from Greensboro and stated that it is decided to double the capacity of the recently started steel works there. There are now four "trains" a day. The ore comes from Ore Hill, is of high quality, and the supply is immense.

The Democrats are publishing as an advance campaign document the extremely able speech which George Rountree, member from New Hanover in the lower House of the last Legislature, made in support of the constitutional amendment limiting the negro franchise. Arrangements have been perfected for another cotton mill at Mount Pleasant, Calabrus county.

Notices were sent Wednesday to sixteen white persons all in one ward—who had refused to be vaccinated. All save four were ante-vaccinated. Three of the four gave in before the time when they had to face the Mayor. The one who remained obdurate was G. M. Lindsay. He was made to leave the city. The Mayor's order was "be vaccinated or leave Raleigh in twenty-four hours." All the sixteen who were thus obstinate, and for whom warrants were issued, were white. Fourteen warrants were served on those in another ward. In case any of the obstinate stand out they will be sent to jail, and not fined.

One white man who refused to be vaccinated and ridiculed smallpox, and who has the disease, will probably die, as he has the disease in his throat.

The students of Shaw University, (colored), here, some four hundred in number, have gone home. E. E. Smith, of Goldsboro, ex-stimulus to Liberia, delivered the annual address.

The building and loan associations are paying State taxes on the basis of that in 1898. The revenue act does not impose any tax on building and loan associations, by an oversight, but the Corporation Commission has power to levy a tax, and the latter would be higher. Hence the action of the companies in paying now.

By the decision of the Supreme Court in the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad case, D. M. Patrick continues as president until his term ends. That is on September 1st of this year.

James A. Bryan will bring another suit before that time, to get possession at that time. Some persons have intimated that Governor Russell may reappoint Patrick, or that the fusion directors may take some action. Mr. Bryan will not

IMPEACHMENT TALK.

Letting Governor Russell Alone Considered Mistake.

Ill Feeling Among Members Supreme Court. Southern Gets A. & Y. Road. Wild Cow Injures Child. Strawberry Movement.

RALEIGH, May 15.—In the Supreme Court during the present term there was very plainly shown to be no good feeling among Justices Furches and Douglas, republicans, and Justice Walter Clark, democrat. Judge Furches rendered the opinion of the court in the case of Rhyne, a negro who committed murder in Gaston county, and who was brought to Raleigh for safekeeping.

A new trial is given Rhyne, on the ground that while there are two degrees in murder, the first degree requiring malice, there was not shown to be malice in Rhyne's case. Clark filed a dissenting opinion, in which he said the decision of the lower court ought to stand and went on to say that delays in punishing such crimes caused lynchings.

This provoked a reply from Justice Douglas, a son of the famous Stephen A. Douglas, in the shape of an opinion concurring with that of the court. In this Douglas attacked Clark in the plainest manner.

At an adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company, held at Wilmington Saturday, a deal was perfected between that company and the Southern Railway Company, by which the Southern gets that part of the Atlantic and Yadkin Road (late the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley) between Sanford and Mount Airy, the Wilmington and Weldon retaining that portion of the road between Sanford and Wilmington, including the Bennettville branch.

As a result of this deal most of the general officers of the Atlantic and Yadkin resigned and Col. A. B. Andrews was elected president; Mr. W. A. Finley, vice-president; Mr. F. S. Cannon, general manager, and Mr. W. H. Miller, secretary.

There will undoubtedly be strong pressure in 1900, the Legislature meets in June in case to impeach Governor Russell.

Many Democratic papers are now saying a mistake was made in not impeaching him last winter. But the Democratic caucus considered that matter and so did the Democratic State committee, and decided that it was best not to take the step, while agreeing that there would be conviction if there were impeachment.

A wild cow at Salisbury attacked a party of school children and tore out an eye of Mamie Lusher. Her face was badly injured. The cow was on the way to a slaughter house and became wild.

Up to date over 200,000 crates of strawberries have been shipped north this season from points on the Wilmington and Goldsboro.

EXTRA SESSION TALK.

But no signs of its materializing. Philippine and Congressional Action.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Extra Session talk is much less positive than it was a week ago, but this is probably accounted for by the absence of the President and the few Senators and Representatives at present in Washington, rather than by any lessening of the probabilities for an extra session. Some men who ought to know say that an extra session will depend upon how soon General Otis can force Aguinaldo to surrender—he is now trying to do some more negotiating.

They argue that the President cannot determine what to recommend in the way of Congressional legislation for the Philippines until we have peaceable control of the islands, and that he will not call Congress in extra session unless he sees his way clear to make such recommendation.

But without considering the Philippine situation at all, there are strong reasons in favor of Congress meeting a month or two earlier than usual. It will be at least a month after Congress meets before the House Committees will be appointed, owing to the election of a new Speaker; and next year being Presidential year, the politicians, regardless of party would like to have Congress adjourn before the National Conventions are held. This it can scarcely do, if it does not get down to business before the 1st of January.

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MANILA, May 14.—The civilian members of the United States Philippine Commission are favorable to a meeting with a Filipino commission, as was suggested yesterday, on behalf of Aguinaldo by Lieutenant Reyes, of the staff of General Del Pilar, who went to General Lawton under a flag of truce bearing the proposal.

It is thought by the American Commissioners that the plan may have resulted from a recent meeting of the so-called Filipino Congress at San Isidro. Definite information on this point can not yet be obtained. The local Filipino committee, which is in close communication with the leaders of the revolution, is doing its utmost to secure peace.

Reyes was accompanied by a barfooted pugler. The two were escorted to Manila by Captain Sewell, of General Lawton's staff. Reyes told General Otis that Aguinaldo desired passage for a military commission to come to Manila and confer with the American Philippine commissioners. General Otis replied that passage would not be necessary as unarmed commissioners could enter the American lines. Lieutenant Reyes returned later to Bacolor.

Ten members of General Lawton's band of scouts, under W. M. Young, an old Indian fighter, entered the town of San Miguel, about fifteen miles north of Norzagaray, not aware of what place it was. They found 200 Filipinos there, but the natives taking the scouts for the advance of Lawton's army, fled after firing a few shots. Young and another scout were wounded and have been brought to Manila.

The uniform quiet now prevailing in Manila has led the authorities to relax the rule under which the streets were cleared at night. This evening there is a large and brilliant assemblage of pedestrians and persons in carriages listening to a band concert on the Luneta.

The Filipinos are entrenched so close to San Fernando as to make life in that city uncomfortable while they remain in their present position. The American army has advanced so far that the question of transportation has become the great problem. To solve it, engineers are repairing the Bagbag bridge so that it will be safe for the passage of trains and give railroad connection between Manila and San Fernando.

AGUINALDO'S AGENTS.

How They Spread False Stories in the Philippines.

Several private letters received here by the steamship America Maru that arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama, tell of the persistent and treasonable efforts of a gang of so-called Americans who reside in ports adjacent to Manila to belittle the work of the American army in the Philippines and spread stories concerning atrocities practiced by American troops. The detestable Filipino press agents seem to be well provided with insurgent money, and they every now and then circulate rumors to the effect that all is not as well in the islands as the military authorities would like them to be. At Singapore there seems to be a hotbed of the pests, and Manila is not far behind with its quota of lie manufacturers.

One story circulated through this medium concerning the cowardice of a certain American regiment in the battle of Pang. The story, traced to its source was found to emanate from an English agent for the Filipino republic who has for some time been considered a spy among our troops.

The yarn that the American soldiers do not desire to fight the natives, but are forced into action from hope of securing a little cheap glory, is denied. The truth in the matter is that the American forces to a man have the utmost hatred of the Tagalogs who oppose them, though they have kind feeling for the peaceful natives. The soldiers have found that the rebels are treacherous, and though they are anxious to get back to the United States, they are also itching to annihilate the men of Aguinaldo's army and would suffer most any kind of hardship if they could only get a good square crack at the insurgent army.

Arms and ammunition sent to Aguinaldo's men certainly come from firms in Japan, Hong Kong and Singapore, and most of the arms recently purchased are of American make. Shipments are sold to firms in the Orient, and the guns and shells are then put on board vessels by those Far East merchants and sent to Luzon. Not until a very recent date was the blockade of the island amounting to much. Dewey is preparing his captured Spanish gun boats for blockading, and the harbors of Luzon will soon be closely watched.—San Francisco Bulletin.

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