

William J. Bryan To Visit New Bern Saturday May 30

"The Great Commoner" Will Deliver Address Here On That Day Thousands Of Visitors Are Coming To Hear Him

SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, WILL ARRIVE IN NEW BERN ON THE MORNING OF MAY 30 AND WILL MAKE AN ADDRESS HERE ON THAT DAY IN FRONT OF THE GRANDSTAND AT THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA FAIR GROUNDS.

At last after weeks of patient waiting, the Honorable William Jennings Bryan (claimed by many to be the greatest man in the United States outside of Senator F. M. Simmons) has announced the date on which he can come to New Bern to make an address at the Big Home-Coming Celebration, Aviation Meet and Spring Racing, and the final preparations for this grand week of mirth, melody and enjoyment are now in progress.

J. Leon Williams, the leading spirit in the preparations being made for the celebration, yesterday afternoon received a telegram from Mr. Bryan announcing the date on which he would arrive here, and at once dispatched messages to all parts of the country informing those who are interested and intend to participate in making the event a success, of this fact and requesting them to make preparations to get to New Bern by May 27.

Just how many thousand people will be in New Bern on May 30 is a matter of speculation. However, it is a safe prediction to say that there will be at least five thousand visitors here, a larger crowd than has been assembled in New Bern from outside points, in many years.

A complete program for the "big week" will be published in the Journal in the course of a few days.

MURDERED AND BODY PLACED ON RY. TRACKS

FRANK SMITH OF WENDELL, SKULL CRUSHED—ENGINEER STOPPED TRAIN

(Special to the Journal) WILSON, May 18.—Evidently murdered and the body rifled of all belongings, then placed across the rails in order that the crime might be covered up, fate stepped in and the body of Frank Smith was discovered by the engineer of the Norfolk Southern railway eastbound passenger train in time to stop his engine.

Friday night, after supper, Frank Smith left the home of his brother in Wendell and did not return, although his absence was not noticed until this morning. The two brothers came to Wendell from Robeson county recently and are employed by a lumber concern at Wendell.

Saturday morning the body of Frank was found lying on the railway track a short distance from town. The skull was crushed, but no other marks are upon the body. There is no clue to the murderer and some people think that Smith was killed by a freight train during the night, but the absence of any injury except the crushed skull disputes the theory. Railway officials have no report of any such accident.

MUSICAL FRIDAY EVENING AT GRIFFIN AUDITORIUM

The recital Friday evening May 22, in Griffin Auditorium will prove of interest to many. There will be printed a varied program which will be printed later.

The recital will begin promptly at 8:15. On Friday evening May 29th, there will be a contest for the Dedication Medal. The program will be inspired with vocal and instrumental music.

Cloudburst in Colorado Causes Great Loss

RAILROAD TRACKS AND BRIDGES WERE SWEEP AWAY

(Special to the Journal)

PUEBLO, COL., May 18.—A cloudburst of great intensity today caused an overflow of Fountain river and the lowlands are flooded.

Railroad tracks and bridges have been carried away and the property loss is great. Anxiety is felt for several automobile parties who are believed to have been caught in the cloudburst.

Young Painter Met Death At Danville

DANVILLE TRAGEDY UNEXPLAINED, EXCEPT IT IS KNOWN BAD BLOOD EXISTED

(Special to the Journal)

DANVILLE, VA., May 18.—Alford Billows, 22 a painter by profession and unmarried, was shot twice this evening and killed by Luke McCall, a mill operative at Schoolfield. Witnesses at the coroner's inquiry who were beside Billows when the killing occurred said that McCall walked up to him and without a word, shot him in the stomach at close range, and then after abusing him as he lay on the ground, turned and fled.

Officers and mill operatives took up the chase and ran McCall into a swamp on the edge of the Virginia-Carolina line. He was brought back to the city, where he refused to make any statement. Bad blood is said to have existed between Billows and McCall for some time, though the former declared that the shooting was unprovoked and without cause. McCall is from Charlotte.

MURDERER SAVED. Governor Craig Commutes This Man's Sentence.

(Special to the Journal)

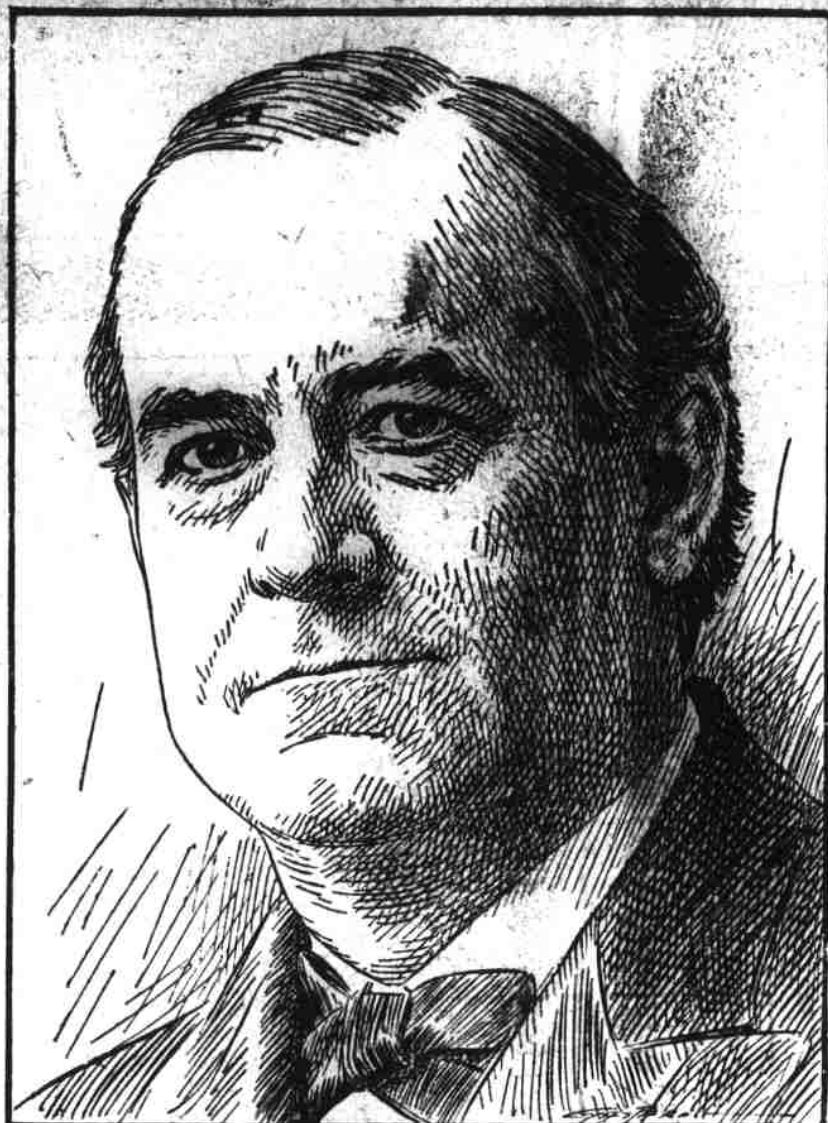
RALEIGH, N. C., May 18.—Governor Craig, late this afternoon, commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of W. H. McKensie, of Scotland county, convicted in Robeson county of murder of his brother-in-law, Peter D. Jones. Ex-Judge Walter Neal and Wilton McLean, Esq., saw the Governor this morning in behalf of the condemned man.

Joshua Mills, who cut to death Benjamin Ormond last year in a barber shop, at Washington, was given two years at hard labor on the roads, according to information received here. The trial occupied more than a week, according to a special from Washington.

HUERTA MAY RESIGN THE PRESIDENCY

(Special to the Journal)

VERA CRUZ, May 18.—A report current here is to the effect that Huerta has notified his mediators that he will resign upon condition that Carranza is forever barred from the presidency and that he be allowed to assist in choosing a successor and that the United States loan Mexico four hundred million dollars and that this country lease Magdalena Bay for one hundred million dollars.



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY PRESIDENT OFFICIALS HERE TODAY

PRESIDENT JOSEPH YOUNG TO ARRIVE IN THE CITY THIS MORNING.

Joseph H. Young, who was on last Thursday selected as president of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, left Norfolk yesterday morning in his private car accompanied by former president Hix and other officials of the road, for a tour of inspection.

President Young and party will arrive in New Bern this morning from Goldsboro but will continue on to Beaufort where several hours will be spent. Tonight the party will spend in New Bern and the following itinerary will be followed during the remainder of the week:

Wednesday—Leave New Bern 7 a. m. for Oriental; thence to Raleigh and tie up.

Thursday—Leave Raleigh 7 a. m. for Fayetteville; thence to Charlotte via Varina and tie up.

Friday—leave Charlotte 7 a. m. for Aberdeen and Asheboro Branches; thence to Raleigh and tie up.

Saturday—Leave Raleigh 7 a. m. for Norfolk.

New President's Policy.

"It is my purpose to try and let the road do its work," said Mr. Young to a reporter, when asked what his policy as president of the line would be. "We hope to be able to create new business and to develop the new country that the road has opened up. I shall do my utmost to accomplish this."

Asked if he contemplated any changes in his staff or the heads of his departments, Mr. Young replied that he did not.

"I hope to be able to continue with the same staff and the same officials," said Mr. Young. "No competent employes have anything to fear. They will be retained."

Mr. Young is fifty years old and look, even younger. He is a man of fine address and affable manner, but impresses one as a business man throughout. He has two daughters, Miss Jennette and Miss Kathrine, who are 12 and 9 years old, respectively.

Sketch Of Mr. Young.

In the Biographical Directory of the Railway Officials of America the following sketch of Mr. Young is given: Born January 17, 1864, at Salt Lake City, Utah. Educated at the University of Utah. Entered railway service 1882 as office boy and warehouseman Utah Central Railway at Sandy Station, Utah, since which he has consecutively to 1883 agent and operator at various stations and bill clerk at Salt Lake Station, same road at Ogden, Utah; 1896 to 1899, traveling passenger agent Chicago Pacific Railway at Salt Lake City and general superintendent Utah Central Railway; 1891 to 1891 to August 1, 1902; to December

RAILWAY PRESIDENT SPENDS DAY HERE

FRITZ SITTINGDING MAKES INSPECTION OF THE LOCAL LINE.

Fritz Sittingding, of Richmond, Va., President and a large stockholder in the New Bern Ghent Street Railway Company, arrived in the city Sunday night for an inspection over the line and was engaged all during yesterday in looking over the company's property here.

In conversation with a Journal reporter a short time before making his departure yesterday afternoon, Mr. Sittingding stated that he found the line in the best of condition and was greatly pleased at the manner in which it is being handled by Messrs McCarthy and Dr. Armstrong.

The visit of Mr. Sittingding to New Bern is believed to have been two-fold, although no definite information along this line was given out. It is known that the company contemplates the extension of the line to Jones county and have in fact asked permission from the county to run their track on the bridge over Trent river.

Those who are in a position to know, believe that in part Mr. Sittingding's visit to this city was in connection with this proposed work. The extension of the local line would be of real worth to New Bern and it is hoped that this will prove to be a reality.

RECOVERS FROM OPERATION FOR APPENDICITIS

George Moulton, who underwent an operation for appendicitis about ten days ago at Fairview Hospital, was discharged from the institution yesterday.

1904, general superintendent Rio Grande Western Railway; December 1, 1904, to December 11, 1905, to May 1, 1907, general manager same road; May 1, to October 1, 1907, general superintendent St. Louis and San Francisco superintendant Colorado and Southern Railway; December 11, 1905, to May 1, 1907, general manager same road; May 1 to October 1, 1907, general superintendent St. Louis and San Francisco Railway; October 1, 1907, to May 1, 1910, general superintendent Southern Pacific Company; May 1, 1910, to May 15, 1912, president Alaska Steamship Co.; Northwestern Steamship Co. and North Coast Lighterage Co. and vice-president Copper River and Northwestern Railway; May 15, 1912, to date, president Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway, Oregon Trunk Railway, Pacific and Eastern Railway and Spokane and Inland Empire Railroad, Oregon Electric Railroad, United Railways, Dallas, Portland and Astoria Navigation Co.

Nomination Of Hon. Chas. R. Thomas Beyond A Doubt

When Votes Are Counted It Will Be Found That He Has A Good Majority And Leads All Candidates. Hood Follows Thomas

Interest in Saturday's primary for the selection of a candidate for Congress is still at fever heat.

Returns from the District are incomplete and come in slowly on account of the form of the preferential ballot, but the general results from all the information received shows that the race is between Thomas and Hood, with Thomas far in the lead.

In Craven county, the New Bern afternoon paper admits that Thomas received 623 votes, first choice with four precincts to hear from. There are errors in this count and this vote is increased.

It is safe to say that Thomas' first choice vote in Craven will be about 700.

In one of the rising precincts at North Harlowe, Thomas received a count of 24 votes. At Pleasant Hill he ran ahead.

Pender County The following telegram was received by the Journal from Burgaw:

"Hon. Charles R. Thomas makes clean sweep in Pender county over all other candidates combined. Pender county gives Thomas six hundred and fifty first choice votes, all others combined three hundred and twenty-five. Light second vote Burgaw gives gives Thomas one hundred and thirty Faison thirty five, all others combined forty-eight."

Onslow County. Information received from this county by wire and telephone indicates that Thomas has received a large majority in Onslow.

His vote will be much larger than all the candidates combined. Estimated his vote in this county is at least 500 first choice. This will be increased by second choice votes.

At Swansboro, Dr. R. A. Daniels, and F. B. Pittman state that Thomas received 100 first choice votes out of 120.

Mr. H. C. Canaday, Secretary of the Democratic Executive Committee verifies the above as correct. Mr. Thomas has always been popular and strong in this county.

Duplin County.

In this county Mr. Thomas has also been very popular. He has undoubtedly received second choice on Faisons ballots throughout the county. Besides he has received a large number of first choice votes.

Telegrams received by the Journal say that lower end of Duplin county gives Thomas first choice.

The following wire was received from Wallace:

"Vote Wallace Precinct Faison sixty-two, Thomas Seventy-three. Island Creek Precinct: Faison twelve, Thomas ten, Wallace fifteen, Willard Precinct: Faison twenty, Hood five, Thomas thirty-four."

Also the following from Warsaw: "Warsaw gives Faison 114, Thomas 29."

These first choice votes out of four precincts total 146 votes, far in excess of any estimate of the afternoon paper of yesterday.

Hon. Charles R. Thomas also received the following telegram from Duplin county:

"Accept my sincere congratulations, your great success securing nomination Congress."

E. McNair Carr Jones County.

It is very clear that in Jones, Thomas has received good first choice vote and large second choice vote.

Returns from Maysville give Thomas first choice 36, second choice 12; White first choice 50, second choice 12; Hood first choice 5, second choice 31.

Returns from Trenton show Thomas received between 40 and 50 votes.

At Pollockville, reports show that Thomas was generally voted for as second choice and these will come to hWs credit.

Sampson County. Returns from this county Siving Hood

Property of Americans Ruthlessly Destroyed

Was Wrecked Before the Federals Evacuated Monclova, Rebel Commander Wires.

(Special to the Journal)

EAGLE PASS, Tex., May 18.—Before evacuating Monilovo their final stand on the Mexican National Railway between Piedras Negras and Saltillo, federals destroyed practically all American property in the town, according to a despatch today at Piedras Negras.

The message came from General Murguía, in command of the constitutionalist force at Sabinas.

He also said the federals, who left Monclova yesterday, were reported marching overland to Saltillo to join the garrison there under General Velasco and Joaquin Maas.

Preparations for opening the railroad line between Monterey and Torreon were announced in the despatch.

17,000 VILLAGERS FLEE FROM MT. ETNA

(Special to the Journal)

CATANIA, SICILY, May 18.—Sharp earthquake shocks were felt at several points on the eastern coast of Sicily today in the district which suffered heavily just on week ago.

Mount Etna's activity is increasing and the volume of smoke and flames issuing from the crater became so great today that the residents of Giarre, a village of 17,000 persons on the slope of the mountain fled.

RODRIGUES DENIES REPORT

(Special to the Journal)

NEW YORK, May 18.—Mediation delegate Rodriguez tonight denied the rumor to the effect that he had been notified of Huerta's offer to resign.

and Faison large votes are speculative only. Thomas received good vote first and second choice at Roseboro, Newton Grove and in McDaniels' he will divide this county with Hood and Faison.

Carteret County

This county will give Thomas good first and second choice vote.

At Beaufort the vote was Wallace 19, Thomas 64, Guion 17.

East Ward's Creek gave Thomas solid vote first choice about 30, Wir-Grass 19 out of 22 for Thomas.

At Straits, Thomas led on first choice votes. At Hull Swamp, Willwood, the vote was Faison 13 first choice, Thomas 12 first choice, Wallace 8 first choice, Hood 1 first choice, Guion 2 second choice.

Wayne County

The vote in this county is lighter than reported: at Mr. Olive the usual vote is 500, and only 225 were cast.

An analysis of returns would indicate that Thomas' vote in Craven, Onslow, Pender, Sampson and Pamlico, first choice, will largely exceed Hood's first choice vote in Wayne, Sampson and Pamlico, leaving Thomas a good majority to which will be added his first and second choice vote in Duplin Jones and Carteret, making his nomination beyond doubt.

It is probable that another primary will be held in order to select a representative to the Legislature. There were three candidates for this place, G. V. Richardson of Dover, G. A. Whitford of Ernul and D. W. Coppage of Vanceboro. Neither received a majority of the votes cast and as the two former gentlemen had the largest number of votes, they will be the candidates in the second primary. Mr. Coppage being eliminated.