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PULLING FOR THE FAIR.

Tomorrow morning a delegation of Palatka citizens will go to Jacksonville to urge the centennial exposition committee to consider Palatka's advantages as a site for the holding of the centennial.

This is the first definite effort that Palatka has made for anything big in a great while.

The immensity of the proposition is such that many of those who have long since turned up their toes, figuratively speaking, dismissed its consideration with a shrug of the shoulders and a knowing wink.

They, such men as these, are drones in the hive. With such men hanging around its neck Palatka will suffer the fate of so many other cities which have permitted opportunity to knock at the door continuously and often without answer.

But there is a new spirit developing here. It is a spirit of cooperation. It is fostered by men who couple enthusiasm with patience. Of men whose vision opens to their perspective a growing and prospering Palatka and a development of its resources and location advantages.

Palatka may not get the centennial. It is barely possible that the commission will decide that the people of the entire state are not sufficiently interested to warrant the expenditure of money that will be required to make it a success.

But there is one thing certain. The effort made by Palatka will not have been altogether in vain. The city will have established itself as at least holding the door open to opportunity. It will have proven to the rest of the state that it does appreciate its own advantages and that it is ready to exploit them. It will mean much for the future of the city whether this enterprise succeeds or fails.

The delegation which goes to Jacksonville will not be limited in number. Every citizen who can spare the time is urged to join it. There is strength in numbers. The commission will be more impressed by a large delegation, perhaps, than by a carefully prepared resume of our facilities for handling the exposition. Let's pull for the fair and after we have bitten off the chunk, let's chew it.

These are days when perspiration must follow inspiration if we are to realize. We have the inspiration. Perspiration will bring a consummation.

LIVING IN THE CITY.

A few days ago four or five young men were arrested in St. Augustine on a charge of loitering. This was the technical charge. Citizens appeared in court and made the statement that these young men congregated on corners and on the benches set apart in the parks for ladies and children, as well as the aged, and that they made offensive comments about ladies as they passed.

Such instances as these are not individual to St. Augustine. They are noticeable in Palatka and elsewhere. There is not a business concern in the city that is not badly in need of labor of one kind or another. The News could use two or three good men now, and has been advertising for them and wiring all over the country. We are daily told by business men in every trade or profession that they are short of help. Yet one can walk down Lemon street and in one particular block see from ten to twenty young white men who seem to have no means of support, loitering or supposedly engaged in some occupation which does not require any continuous effort. Many of them are from the country and smaller towns. They have seen service overseas, or went to training camps. They learned city ways and city life, they tasted the bitter-sweets of idleness for a period after being discharged from service. They find it irksome, some of them, to return to work. Most of them are missing from the farms. They find it tedious on the farms, they want to stay in the towns and cities.

And, after all, they are not so much to blame. Suburban life is not what it might be for the young. There should be more amusement for them. The State Board of Health recognizes this and already is making plans to furnish more amusement and more organizations to absorb the interest of the residents in rural communities during their leisure time. It is a problem which the business men in the cities might well lend their interest and attention to.

CAPITAL DEMANDS PROFITS.

In the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post an editorial points out that industrial enterprises are raising more new capital through the sale of stocks at the present time than ever before in their history. "But the direction which new investment capital takes is highly suggestive," The Post says. The second greatest industry in the country, railroad transportation, receives none of this nourishing food.

Why? The answer is simple. Investors demand more profits than the railroads are able to pay on their stocks. A chewing gum or phonograph factory will earn five times as much on the capital stock as a railroad. A

moving picture producing concern will earn, perhaps, ten times as much. If this is true the prices fixed on the products of the factories is not equitable with railway charges—or railway operation.

In operation there, is perhaps, the real secret. There is such a thing as initial or prior profits. If the railroad employes was the first to receive excessive wages he was able to buy more extensively from the manufacturers who employed less expensive labor. He enjoyed prior profits. The lost motion between increasing wages of all other branches up to an equitable basis with pay of railroad men gives opportunity for big profits on the part of employers of less highly paid labor.

Return of the railroads to private ownership may bring about a solution. We doubt it. The readjustment must come all along the line, and the railroads, it is certain, cannot reduce the standards already set. It would be contrary to human nature for the workers to accept the reduction.

The sugar profiteers are extracting all of the sweetness out of life.

The female Democrats have tentatively declared for Mr. Wilson for President. Now let the band play.

Cannibalism has broken out in Vienna. Case of dog eat dog.

Where, oh, where is the farmer friend who used to pay his subscription with potatoes, sausage or spare ribs?

With only four candidates for governor in the field up to date our expectations of a lively spring go glimmering.

This time next year we hope to refer to Palatka as the Centennial City.

The G. O. P. will hold its convention in the home of the packers. Very significant, very significant.

A super-optimist tells us that two thirds of the troubles of individuals are imaginary. We are glad to hear it.

Tampa Tribune says eggs are bringing \$1.20 a dozen in New York. That's too much for an egg to carry, or bring.

Christmas is the season of cheer. We'll cheer any man who can bring us in a fat turkey at the price charged in them good old days.

We are in receipt of about eighteen or twenty pounds of annual reports of various governmental departments which we would like to trade for a hunk of pork or some sausage.

Mr. Merchant, are you advertising the goods you have to offer to the public or are you sitting back waiting for customers to come in and inquire? If the latter you are pursuing methods that are long since extinct.

A classified ad always catches the eye. Do you, who read this, find them interesting? If you read them, others will. If you don't believe it advertise something generous and see how many responses you will receive.

Some people seem just to be finding out the growth in value of commodities between the time they leave the producer and the time they reach the consumer. A pork roast is worth twelve cents on the hoof or fifty cents on the table.

Alex Berkman will now be on his way, we hope. There has been one delay after another. Sometimes we are provoked to the belief that our government is a little too careful to see that every man has every chance possible to evade the law.

WITH OTHER EDITORS.

A "CLOSE-UP" OF BOLSHIEVISM.

Not unexpectedly articles are beginning to appear, interviews with persons returning from Russia and the like, tending to create the impression that the bolsheviks are not such bad fellows after all and at least they are starting to do something for the unhappy country, educationally and otherwise. But other persons, who are better known and who are equally acquainted with conditions in Russia, tell us to look with suspicion on these statements, which are part of a systematic bolshevik propaganda to influence public opinion in America.

Thus an article that has been widely circulated describes the wonderful educational scheme put in operation by the bolsheviks. But the records tell how many professors in Russia universities and colleges were murdered by the bolsheviks simply because they refused to preach their pernicious doctrines. Many other respected educators managed to escape from Russia to civilized countries and thus saved their lives.

A correspondent of the London Times who has been visiting among the Russian peasants to learn their opinion of the new order of things, tells of a call at a humble dwelling whose owner had been branded as a capitalist because he had possessed three horses and five cows. Four cows and two horses had been "requisitioned" and half his land had been seized by the village "pauper committee" with which to start a commune.

The peasant was asked if he voted for members of the local soviet. "Oh, no," he replied, "they don't let me vote. I once had nothing, but I worked hard until I owned this little farm. Vasia here was my helper. Of course I have no vote."

No person who employs another or who owns property except a certain low value is allowed to have any vote at elections. Consequently he has no representation in the soviet. This peasant remarked that "the paupers were very glad at first when they were told all our little belongings would be divided up among them. But the committee kept most of it for themselves and the grain was never distributed, and so now the paupers are very angry."

The original plan for robbing the frugal and industrious to support the poor was a bad enough instance of class oppression, but what shall be said when the robbers keep the booty for themselves? Bolshevism is founded on the principle of oppression of the many for the benefit of the few. And it is this doctrine which impudent and criminal foreigners are seeking to impose on free America.—Tampa Tribune.

AMUSEMENTS!

Pollyanna Coming.

Next Wednesday night is Pollyanna night at the Arcade Theatre. You will meet there all who have a feeling for the better things of character and life. The principle of happiness which does not eat itself away in selfishness will glow like a wild flower and none will be so poor in spirit that he shall not leave the scene of gladness with a feeling that his hard literal world is no longer a thorn. All the hands and trappings of toil will be loosened for the evening by the hands of imaginative sympathy. The spirit of play will lead the way, and curling and snapping with the joy of living not even a shadow of care can get by the gates of your heart. It will be a night at the theatre that will cling to memory like ivy and harvest thought that will put a tonic quality into living. The essence of happiness will be yours by bringing others to enjoy the red letter night, and learn "the glad game." Get your seats early, and be glad. The appeal of Pollyanna is so absorbingly human and refreshing no one can afford to miss it.

In the cast that will present this glad play in Palatka Klaw and Erlanger, and Geo. C. Tyler are sending players that are known here.

Miss Viola Harper, the youngest leading lady on the American stage, will play the leading part, that of Pollyanna Whittier, and prominent in her support will be William Blaisdell, George Allison, Garland Gaden, Fanny D. Hall, Helen Gurney, Gertrude Rivers, Alice Baxter, A. W. MacCollin, Halod McArthur, and others.

NOTICE TO BRIDGE CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Florida, at Palatka, until 11 o'clock, a. m., January 5th, 1920, for one re-enforced concrete bridge over Duval Branch, in accordance with plans and specifications on file with the Clerk of the Board, and approximately 2300 cu. yds. earth fill for improving approaches at bridge site. Bids for the bridge must be in a lump sum for bridge above base line of foundation and an additional price per cubic yard of concrete below the indicated foundation of base line shall be named in the bid. Each bidder shall name in his bid a certain definite number of working days in which he will agree to complete the work as outlined. The bridge is to be 20 foot clear span by 16 foot roadway, and an alternate bid for bridge with 25 foot clear span by 16 foot roadway will be considered. A certified check for \$500.00 payable to A. M. Steen, chairman, must accompany each and every bid. Any bidder may bid on the bridge and the fills separately or jointly. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. This December 12th, 1919.

R. J. HANCOCK, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, Putnam County, Florida. 12-12-4t-wky.

BASKET BALL TONIGHT.

First Game of Season Between Local Teams.

Promptly at 8 o'clock tonight the curtain will rise on the initial basket ball game of the season, the opponents being the Palatka team and that of the Putnam High School. Right after the game the regular Friday night dance will take place.

Both of these teams are in excellent shape and an interesting contest is assured.

A large and enthusiastic body of spectators should witness this game and give the boys an encouraging start off for the season. The Club House will hold plenty of people so let everyone make a special effort to get there by 8 o'clock.

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WANTED—To rent Underwood or Remington typewriter. Must be reasonable. HENRY COMBS, Panama, Fla. 10-23-tf.

John Bryant, fresh fish daily. 519 Lemon St., Opposite Yelverton Furniture Co. dly.

WANTED—Messenger at Western Union. Above school age preferred. Could use boy forenoons. 12-5-tf

WANTED—Room and board by young man. Must be neat and clean. References Exchanged. Address Southerner, care News.

FOR SALE—Second hand Remington typewriter. Has been used but a short time. Address Typewriter, care News.

WANTED—To buy Ford. Must be in good condition. Will pay cash. Address Ford, care News.

WANTED—Room or light house-keeping suite by couple. Address Couple, Care News.

FOR SALE—Sweet oranges and grape fruit. Oranges \$1.00 per 100, 25 or more delivered. Grapefruit 25c doz. None sweeter on the River. Leave orders at Earnest Store, Ed. M. EARNEST. tf.

FOR SALE—7-Room 2 story house, plastered and papered, 2 1-2 acres in cultivation, nice fowl house, grape vines, peach and pear trees, nice garden, cabbage, turnips, carrots, beets, tomatoes and fresh potatoes. Within 200 ft. of Depot and Postoffice. Cash price \$1250.00. A. M. RAY, P. O. Box 573, Palatka, Fla. 11-10-tf

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Little Chance for Confession. "A good husband ought to tell his wife all his faults," explains the professional solver of domestic problems in a Milwaukee newspaper. A very original idea, but what is the prescribed method of conduct when she persists in telling about them first?

Dependent on Language. Many thoughts are so dependent upon the language in which they are clothed that they would lose half their beauty if otherwise expressed.—Buskin.

The Fly and the Flea. A fly and a flea in a fine were imprisoned. Said the fly: "Let us flee." Said the flea: "Let us fly." So they flew through a flaw in the flea.