

ON FLORIDA EAST COAST.

Variety of Climate Enjoyed—Social Pleasures.

St. Augustine, Fla., March 10 (Special).—March is supplying this city with a variety of climate, one day bright and clear with strong winds blowing, the next the skies are overcast but the air balmy.

Scores of visitors arrive from the North daily, but their visits are transitory. They stay here a day or two, then visit Cuba and Nassau, and then go home again.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lawton had a launch party on Tuesday, going to Matanzas Inlet, with luncheon put up at home and oysters roasted on the shell. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Asch, Dr. Andrew Anderson and Mrs. W. H. Ray.

Mr. Hewson, with Mrs. W. E. Bond and his granddaughters, the Misses Bond, spent part of last week at Palm Beach. Mr. Bond joining them on their return, and spending a short time at Alcazar. Miss H. W. Schenck and Miss Stuart, of Brooklyn, who have been South as far as Palm Beach, returned early in the week to the Alcazar. Mrs. Henry Helman, of New-York, joined a party from St. Louis for a jaunt South recently.

Among the visitors coming up from the South recently and registering at the Ponce de Leon are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Frazier, Mrs. F. T. Turrell, George P. Day, William E. Turrell, J. F. Turrell, George P. Day, Mrs. Lawrence P. Kerr, W. A. Maderic, Andrew J. Steel and Miss Florence B. Steel.

Guests coming from the North to this hotel include Mr. and Mrs. James W. Ransberr, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Furniss, Mrs. Saunders Lewis, Mrs. Edgely L. Keith, Mrs. H. W. Davis, Mrs. William Day, Miss Louise Johnson, Miss Kimball, Miss Parsons, Miss M. L. Ring, E. M. Fell and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hitchcock.

Among the New-Yorkers coming to the Alcazar recently were Miss Schenck, Miss Stuart, Mrs. Henry Helman, Jack Burnham, Henry H. Broditch, J. B. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Beale, Miss Mary Lyon, John W. Washburn, W. Ira Washburn, E. Brooks, Miss Brooks, H. P. Lounsbury, Alfred Denton and Jacob Denton.

Although the Hotel Ormond is well filled with guests, there are hours in the day when the public rooms are completely deserted—every one out walking on the river, while midday finds many on the beach, where often a number take a plunge in the ocean.

There is golf on the links daily, frequently a tournament for a trophy presented by a player. There is a great deal of speculation about the coming tournament for the Ormond cups—five in number—and some of the players are getting into form for the contest.

This has been a week of welcomes and farewells at Palm Beach. The sailing society affair of the week, the musical at Whitehall, for which Mrs. Henry M. Flieger had issued many invitations and made elaborate preparations, was postponed, on account of the death of General Schofield, a warm personal friend of Mrs. Flieger.

Among the New-Yorkers at Palm Beach are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Chisholm, who recently gave a party at the Royal Palm. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Willis S. Paine, Mr. and Mrs. Anson R. Flower, General and Mrs. Howard C. Taylor, Mrs. M. L. Ring, Mrs. J. C. Miller, Mrs. Bertram L. Taylor, Miss Dorothy Taylor, Colonel William Hester and John G. Sinclair.

Although fishing is not so popular as it once was, the guests at the Royal Palm find many of the best fishing spots in the State. There are there more beautiful roads, and the drives out into the Everglades and down to Coconut Grove are delightful. Many of the guests take frequent trips out on the road to Palm Beach.

Among the New-Yorkers enjoying the fishing are Mr. and Mrs. George H. Moulton, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Murray, M. J. J. Steele and Miss Steele. Nassau did itself proud in entertaining the officers and men of the United States gunboat, the Paducah. The officers of the Paducah kept open house on the gunboat, entertaining a number of officials.

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roller skating artists of the country will be brought there occasionally to give exhibitions.

Arrangements have been made by the Oxford Hotel Company, of this city, and the Oxford Park Company, of New-York, represented by H. L. Bowdoin, to establish a Luna Park on the site of the old Japanese Tea Garden, on the boardwalk, between Massachusetts and Connecticut avenues. The papers were signed last Saturday, and the work of building the park will be started in the course of another week, and will be completed in time to place it in operation this coming summer. A great theatre, after the style of the New-York Hippodrome, will be built, at a cost of \$100,000. An electric tower more than 200 feet high will be reared in the center of the park, which will be twice as high as the tower of Luna Park, at Billionaires' Row, and will be lighted as the tower of Luna Park, at Billionaires' Row.

The second race meet of the Atlantic City Automobile Club will take place on the beach at Ventnor on April 10, 11 and 12. The tides on those dates will be favorable to afternoon racing, and word has been received from Alfred Reeves, of New-York, who has been looking up the speedy drivers, that he has met with wonderful success, and predicts that this will be one of the largest and most interesting series of short track races ever held here at this time of the year, and the races will undoubtedly be largely attended.

For the benefit of the New-York Lenten travel to the shore the Pennsylvania Railroad will run a train from New-York to the resort every Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, arriving here at 4:30 o'clock. A train will start from here every Saturday morning at 7:45 o'clock, and will reach New-York Monday morning at 7:30 o'clock and reach New-York Tuesday morning at 7:30 o'clock.

After an absence of two years, during which time he has been engaged in running the Rittenhouse, in Philadelphia, Alfred Wyman, owner of the Hotel Scarborough, in South Maryland-ave., has returned to the resort, and will again assume the duties of an Atlantic City house. The hotel has been greatly enlarged, and thoroughly renovated, and is now open and ready to receive all its old patrons. The house is open all the year, and its location, only a few steps from the boardwalk and three minutes' walk from one of the fashionable piers, make it a most desirable stopping place. Mr. Wyman has made all connections in Philadelphia, in order to devote his entire attention to his resort hotel.

Miss Magruder, daughter of Brigadier General P. L. Magruder, a retired officer of the United States Army, has joined her parents, who are making a protracted stay at the shore. They have established headquarters in a handsome suite of rooms at the Hotel Scarborough. Commodore Jackson McElwain, a retired officer of the navy, has taken apartments at the Hotel Scarborough for a stay of a fortnight at the shore. He is accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Helen C. Barry, of Philadelphia. Rear Admiral Thomas N. Gill, of the navy, has taken apartments at the Hotel Scarborough for a fortnight's stay at the shore. It seems almost impossible to keep the shore from being a part of their lives on shipboard, away from the smell of the salt water.

Commodore John Moller, of New-York, is among the Lenten visitors at the shore. He is accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Moller, and their children. They have taken apartments for an indefinite stay at Earl Mar Hall. Mrs. Charles A. Killie, who is a missionary in China and was cooped up at Peking during the Boxer troubles of 1900 and 1901, is spending a few days here, as accepted at Altman's Craig Hall. Mrs. Charles M. Schwab, formerly of Pittsburgh, but now of New-York City, has arrived in this city and is occupying a suite of rooms at the Marlborough-Blenheim. She is accompanied by her two children, and Mrs. M. R. Wood and children, of Pittsburgh.

Mrs. A. S. Knight, of New-York, and Miss Knight are at the Hotel Traymore for the Lenten season. They are accompanied by their daughter, Miss Marie Taylor, who is also at the hotel. Mrs. J. C. Miller, of New-York, is also at the Chalfonte. Miss A. I. Griffiths and Miss Eaton, of New-York, are at the Hotel Traymore. Mrs. F. C. Lyon, of New-York, is at the Hotel Villafranca for a long stay at the shore. W. C. Cherry, of New-York, is a visitor at the same hotel.

San Francisco, March 9.—No real estate transfer for years has excited so much interest as the exchange by Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, of New-York, of the Fairmount Hotel, on the crest of Nob Hill, with Lav Brothers for the Crossley and Rialto office buildings, on opposite corners of Mission and Montgomery streets. It is understood Mrs. Oelrichs agrees to fulfill her contracts and furnish the Fairmount Hotel throughout, and in return Herbert E. and Dr. Hartland Lav will pay her a bonus of \$500,000. The two office buildings are worth a trifle more than \$2,000,000 and bring in 4 per cent net at that valuation. The hotel is valued at \$3,100,000, and Mrs. Oelrichs was unable to get 3 per cent net on this valuation from the tenants. The Lav Brothers, who have made millions out of patent medicine, will add two stories to the Fairmount and will manage the big hotel themselves. They declare that in furnishing it will surpass the St. Regis. Mrs. Oelrichs this week also transferred valuable property in Oakland, near Newark, in Alameda county. The total value of her holdings which she has sold is \$500,000.

The Schroth Company will begin at once erecting a seventeen story office building on a lot at the corner of Union Square and Stockton street, overlooking Union Square. The same company has also decided to double the size of the Charlemagne apartment house at Geary and Van Ness avenues.

The Unitarian Club this week gave a dinner in honor of Dr. Samuel A. Eliot, president of the American Unitarian Association. Dr. Eliot, in his address on "The Federalist as a Liberal Thinker and Worker," made two announcements of general interest. One was that owing to the generosity of Starr King's children the Unitarian Association had acquired the ownership of plates and copyright of the famous Dine Works, and would issue them hereafter. The other was that the Unitarian School of Divinity would soon be added as an affiliated college to the University of California.

Two new directors were added to the officers of the Western Pacific Railroad Company at the annual meeting this week, and four changes were made in the old board. The new directors are Warren Olney, Jr., and Auditor J. F. Evans. Four other directors who displaced members of the old board are George J. Gould and W. W. Miller, of New-York, and Judge Charles W. Stack and H. H. McCartney, of San Francisco. This gives a much larger representation of local men in the directorate.

After fifty-three years' service as watchman in the custom house, Edward Durkin was retired this week, as his office was recently abolished. The old man had been a faithful public servant, and the general opinion here is that he should have received a pension.

George H. Thomas Post of the Grand Army is protesting against the reduction of salaries of veterans in the Postoffice Department. It seems Postmaster Flisk has reduced the salaries of many employees who have served through age, and among this class are veterans. The local post will refer the subject to the department encampment, which meets in May, and then to the President.

George D. Collins, whose case has pervaded the local courts for ten months, had a new trial refused him this week on the charge of perjury, on which the jury disagreed. Collins presented thirty-seven points on which he wished the court to rule, but the judge swept away his three hours of argument by declaring that most of his points were without merit.

Miss Elizabeth Vincent Huntington, daughter of H. E. Huntington, the Los Angeles traction man, was quietly married here this week to John Brockway Metcalf, son of the Secretary of Labor and Commerce. The young couple will make their home here, the bride's father giving them a handsome house.

After being shut down three years, the big beet sugar refinery at Crockett opened yesterday. The machinery has all been overhauled and new labor saving appliances have been installed. The refinery is now running, and will produce about forty-four thousand sacks of raw sugar a day. In the refinery, and the steamer Nevada, with 5,000 tons, arrived this week and is now unloading. The sugar trust paid \$200,000 a year for the enforced idleness of the refinery, but the contract ran out on March 8, and the independent planters of Hawaii decided to handle and refine their own sugar.

New Jersey Central

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SATURDAYS. Lv. New York, via 23d St. Sta. 12:30 P. M. Ar. Atlantic City 4:00 P. M. Lv. Atlantic City 4:00 P. M. Ar. New York, via 23d St. Sta. 1:00 P. M.

MONDAYS. Lv. Atlantic City 7:00 A. M. Ar. New York, Liberty St. Sta. 10:00 A. M. Ar. New York, via 23d St. Sta. 10:10 A. M.

FL. W. 23d St. (9:30 am. daily), 3:20 pm. week days only. FL. Liberty St. (9:45 am. daily), 3:40 pm. week days only.

GERMANY'S CABLE LINES.

Yap Circuit Completes Non-English System Around World.

When Cyrus W. Field proposed the first ocean cable his ideas were characterized by doubters all over the world as "Yankee nonsense," but the cable was laid, and it success as a medium of communication between the two worlds was immediate and pronounced. The result was that deep sea cables soon became a "fad" with enterprising capitalists, and the electric spark traversed the civilized world through the wires of the submarine cables. When, from any accident, the wires are blocked and communication ceases temporarily, the world of business suffers a shock which almost paralyzes its energy, and until the connection is again made the commercial community is practically at a standstill.

Of all the nations of the globe Germany is one of the most energetic in the work of sinking electric cables in the depths of the ocean. She has just completed a new line between Shanghai and Yap, in the Caroline Islands, which covers the distance of more than two thousand miles. This cable is laid at the greatest depth of any in the vast system of the world, and it closes a gap which makes it the first continuous non-English line to encircle the globe.

The year 1905 was, for the German cable industry, a most significant one. It not only gave the Kaiser's dominion a great many new cables, but it showed that the process of laying these lines had advanced wonderfully in its technique, so that the work can now be done rapidly, in comparison with the records of past achievements in this line of industry. The new cable, which traverses only about a length of more than sixty-two miles, has been increased by this new cable to thirteen. These include lines to England, to Norway, to Ireland, to Spain, to Sweden, two to New-York, a distance of 4,700 and 4,811 miles; two to China, to Constantinople and to the Levant islands. And these large ocean cables, there are a great number of shorter ones, which are partly in use between various points of the coast and between Germany and neighboring countries.

Altogether, Germany has more than 18,516 miles of submarine cable, of which, however, only about 2,320 miles are owned directly by the government. The total cable length in service in the world is believed to be 72,000 miles, so that Germany's percentage, notwithstanding the progress which she has made in the last year, is very modest. The cable length of the world is only about 10 per cent of the service of Germany is German in its proprietorship, while England owns more than 50 per cent of it. Over a million two years ago, however, Germany did not own more than one-twentieth of the cable length upon which she depends for so much of her foreign trade.

Up to a few years ago no ocean cable was in a greater depth than 16,644 feet. The American cable in the Pacific Ocean was, in 1903, laid in depths of 20,860 feet. The cable between Yap-Guam, laid by the German cable steamer Stephan, in 1905, surpassed this record, as it reaches depths of 23,965 feet, and in laying the Shanghai-Yap cable, it was necessary, in the vicinity of the Lukin Islands, to reach depths of 30,340 feet, the greatest depth of any cable to be found anywhere in the oceans of the world. The new cable was manufactured in Germany, at the works of the Telegrafische Werke, in Nordenham, at the mouth of the Weser.

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NATIONAL GUARD NEWS.

New-York national guardsmen will encamp this season at the State camp grounds at Peekskill, as heretofore, and the camp will open for the season on Saturday, June 2. The authority for this statement is Major General Roe, commanding the National Guard, who also states that the camp will be practically conducted on the same lines as last year. Statements which have appeared to the effect that the National Guard was to go into camp at Putnamburg were unauthorized, and no such plans have even been considered by the state authorities. The War Department does not know what it can do in the way of summer encampments, because Congress has not yet made the necessary appropriation.

An interesting series of battalion reviews will be held by the several companies of the 7th Regiment, and in each case the reviewing officer will be an ex-member of the regiment. Companies K and C will be reviewed on March 14 by Captain Louis E. Lefferts; A and H on March 16 by Major John J. Byrne, of the 9th Regiment; F and E on March 20 by Lieutenant Colonel William F. Roope; B and I on March 22 by Colonel Jacob Rupert, Jr.; G and D on March 26 by Colonel Henry W. Freeman. Each of the battalions will be divided into four commands. Colonel Appleton, in announcing the coming celebration in May of the 100th anniversary of the organization of the regiment, states that all who have ever served with the colors are cordially invited to participate. He recounts the history of the regiment, and states that upward of nine hundred 7th Regiment men have received commissions in the armies of the United States, and its members to the number of hundreds have received commissions in the National Guard of this and other states. "And the regiment," said the colonel, "bears the distinction that not a single officer coming from its ranks has been discharged from the service in disgrace. The colonel expresses the hope that every living man who has served in the ranks of the 7th will be present at the celebration, and that all the veterans and active members will join together in an effort to make the occasion a memorable one in the history of the city. Company F has elected Second Lieutenant Covell first lieutenant. He is a popular member of the regiment. Sergeant Hill, in the same company, has been elected sergeant. The company is a lieutenant in the Philippines, and took part in many "hikes," gaining a valuable knowledge of soldiering.

Adjutant General Nelson H. Henry will review the 9th Regiment on Friday evening, March 30. Company E has elected First Lieutenant H. E. Kenyon, of Company B, captain. He joined the Guard as a private in the 22d Regiment in October, 1896, and served with that command in the volunteers in 1898. There will be a double game of basketball on March 24 between Companies B and G and the Yorkvilles and Brownings. Madison Square Garden next month. It has been definitely settled that the battery will go to Peekskill camp this season.

The 1st Battery, Captain Wendel, will parade for review by Adjutant General Henry on Wednesday evening, March 21. The battery riding club will hold a club ride next Saturday evening, and on March 31 will give a masquerade ride.

Major General Charles F. Roe will review the 8d Battery, Captain Rasquin, in its army on Friday evening, March 30, and there will be some interesting mounted gun drills. The battery is practicing regularly for the tournament of the Military Athletic League to be held in Madison Square Garden next month. It has been definitely settled that the battery will go to Peekskill camp this season.

Colonel Thurston