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Lake Weir and Ocklawaha Dots.

J. C. Freeman, the hustling and all around business man of Ocklawaha, has just harvested several tons of first rate hay and has a fine prospect for a corn crop. He is the mail contractor and runs a hack line from Ocklawaha to North Lake Weir. He is clever and accommodating and always runs on schedule time.

Mr. Stark of Ocklawaha has a fine vineyard. His grapes are just ripening and are very luscious. He thinks there is more money in grapes than oranges and is preparing to enlarge his vineyard.

During the storm of last Monday a house was struck by lightning on South Lake Weir and burned up. Several horses were killed.

Geo. Morton, Tom Hollis, Geo. Ingram and Paul Harrison have gone to Georgia for the summer.

A Pleasant Occasion.

Communicated.

That popular military company, the Ocala Rifles, tendered their numerous friends with a card party last evening in their handsome armory. There were eight tables and promptly at 9 o'clock playing began and continued until about eleven, when the prizes were awarded. Miss Nevada Moring was the lucky winner of the ladies prize, a handsome turtle pin, while Mr. Bryant Hiers secured the gentlemen's prize, a pair of link cuff buttons.

During the evening Miss Mamie Harrison and Mr. Will Dale rendered several songs which were highly enjoyed. Miss Harrison has a very sweet voice and is always listened to with pleasure, as evidenced last night by the repeated encore she received.

The latter part of the evening was spent in dancing and at a late hour all repaired to their homes deploring the occasion one of the most enjoyable of the season.

Capt. Davidson was in a jovial mood, notwithstanding the fact that he received several wounds in the battle in the afternoon, and acted as scorer.

The Battle.

The skirmish yesterday between the Ocala Rifles and Gen. Proskys Artillery Brigade was a "howling success," and brought vividly before the minds of the few veterans that were present the scenes of the late war. The boys covered themselves with glory, sweat and powder. First there was a lively skirmish between the picket lines and the advancing body of infantry. Then a rear attack upon the latter by the cavalry resulting in the utter routing of the horse. Turning from the pursuit of the flying cavalry the irrepresable company came on to the front compelling the skirmish line to fall back. On they came in the face of a gattling fire from the battery on the hill and captured the enemy.

Birthday of Dr. Grothe.

Yesterday, the 4th of July and the birthday of the United States of America, was also the birthday of Dr. Otto Crothe, a distinguished chemist from Germany and now a citizen of Ocala. We hope that the learned Doctor will make this place his permanent home, and that he will live to celebrate many a birthday in the future in the midst of his genial friends here as he did on yesterday.

The Ocala Temperance Reform Club meets as usual Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Ocala Musical Club will furnish several pieces of music. Everybody welcome.

The Ocoela Club will give a social tonight at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. McIever.

C. S. McCrary leaves tomorrow for Atlanta and Chattanooga, where he will spend a few months in the interest of the Georgia Building & Loan Association.

Consecrated to His Work.

As the world goes, the first question in making choice of a calling is, "Which one pays the best?" But earth and Heaven measure human labor in very different ways, and devotion to a right service is never represented by the dollars it earns or the honor it brings. It is like the zeal for science in the soul of Professor Agassiz, who "could not spend time to make money."

One who enjoys doing good can not spend time to make either fame or money.

Dr. S. A. Steel of St. Louis says that he began his career as a preacher with a fortunate lesson. One Saturday, while a student in the college at Oxford, Ga., he was riding over the mountains to fill a Sunday appointment at a village church when he fell in with Dr. White, a veteran minister, whose saddle journeys "on the circuit" had already numbered many thousand miles.

Dr. White was a man of fine appearance, eloquent, scholarly and high bred, but the humble work he was engaged in had his entire heart.

Bound in the same direction, the two men traveled side by side up the difficult road conversing pleasantly together until they reached the top of the ridge, where they stopped to rest their horses. As they waited, Dr. White made some reference to a call he had received to the presidency of a celebrated college.

"You have accepted the call, of course," said his young companion.

"No, I have declined it," replied the doctor.

The position was one of high honor; influential, conspicuous and commanding a much higher salary than he was then receiving. Young Steel could not disguise his astonishment at such a refusal. But the doctor's reply silenced him. Gazing far away over the panorama of lovely valleys and majestic hill, he said:

"My brother, I would rather preach Jesus to the simple-hearted people living in these mountains than be president of the United States."

Twenty years afterward Doctor Steel had, he says, forgotten his college lessons in psychology and logarithms and Greek roots, but the lesson that the brave old clergyman's answer had taught him never faded away.

The magnificence of the scene may have helped to impress the sentiment of the speaker, but there was something sublime enough in the good man's renunciation, and earnest enough in his moral motive to make his words a life-long memory and inspiration. They cured whatever youthful ambitions might have been growing in the unfledged preacher's heart to weaken his singleness of purpose, and from that hour his motto was—"This one thing I do."

Let wealth and renown come, if they will, for noble and patient work, but let them come unsought; for in the wish and effort to make mankind better there is a spiritual quality which the hope of reward is sure to vitiate, if not wholly destroy.

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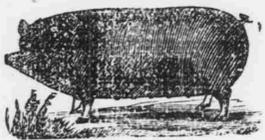
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