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### GOING AWAY?

When you leave the city for your summer vacation have The Pensacola Journal follow you. Notify circulation manager, Phone 38.

### The Renewal of Projected Railroad Franchises.

The action of the City Council in renewing the two franchises for the projected railroads from Pensacola to Memphis and to Andalusia is the proper thing to do.

These franchises recently expired by limitation, but as the projectors of the roads had not been able to begin work within the required time they ask for an extension with the expectation of beginning the work in the near future.

It has probably occurred to numerous people that if Pensacola had a railroad for every railroad franchise which she has granted she would today be the biggest railroad town in America. That, however, is not the point.

Pensacola has never lost anything by granting railroad franchises and she stands a big chance of gaining something. If nothing results from the granting of a franchise nothing certainly is lost, so that we have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Let the council grant all the franchises that are asked for and let the present renewal of the recently expired franchises be made as soon as possible.

So far there are four entries for the presidential race in 1908. Taft, Fairbanks, Shaw and Root will all be at the post when the flag drops.

### MR. WALLACE SHOULD STATE HIS CASE.

The Taft-Wallace controversy refuses to be downed, and the latest feature of it is the intimation that Mr. Wallace will soon tell a few things relative to the plans for digging the Panama canal which the administration would much prefer kept secret. The Birmingham Ledger has the following to say relative to this phase of the matter:

There is a quiet story abroad in the land that there are engineering difficulties at Panama that make a lock canal impossible. The story is that Engineer Wallace told Mr. Taft of the difficulties, and that he was not willing to have the responsibility rest on him of attempting what could not be done.

It is also said that the other great engineers of the country are urging Mr. Wallace to tell the conditions and difficulties, so that their profession may not rest under the frown of the nation as Mr. Taft wishes. Mr. Taft did not tell the public what Mr. Wallace told him, and the engineers want all the facts brought out.

No great harm will be done if the lock idea is abandoned. The most satisfactory plan will be the one ultimately adopted—a sea level canal. No matter if difficulties are encountered a sea level canal can be cut. It may cost some millions, but it can be done.

Any way, Mr. Wallace should tell the public the difficulties he encountered for there are people who think that he was in error some way or Mr. Taft would not have scolded him so severely in such a public manner. It was probably only a case of bad temper, but the public would like to know, and the administration doesn't seem inclined to tell it.

The public in general has by no means lost confidence in the ability of Mr. Wallace as an engineer, however much they may believe he acted wrongly in resigning the position of chief engineer so soon after having accepted it, and, in view of all the circumstances, it is to be hoped that he will tell his side of the story without delay. The public is entitled to it.

The New York World estimates that it will take 200 years to complete the Panama canal, which leads the Memphis Commercial-Appeal to remark: "By that time ships and canals will probably be obsolete, and our descendants will no doubt be tele-

graphing themselves from one place to another."

The Birmingham Ledger says the way to dig the canal is to dig it. Correct. Pass up ahead.

New York has a beggars' trust and Chicago a burglars' trust. St. Louis should get in line by organizing a graft trust.

The Florida News is getting to be a mighty institution, judging from the following paragraph from its last issue:

The Florida News and the big mills paid off Saturday and as usual there was several thousand dollars in circulation the first of the week. Of course it will be generally understood that the mills constituted only a small proportion of the wealth in circulation.

### PEARY AT THE POLE.

He'll hear no graphophones up there. Nor cheap musicians play; He will not have to hurry out Of some collector's way.

The trolley cars will be forgot And in broad fields of ice There'll be no need for soda founts Or girls who say, "How nice." Most all the ills of modern life He'll leave back in the rear— No wonder that he sails away Without a single tear!

The trusts will scarcely bother him, No matter what they do; A frost's about the only thing To make him think he's blue.

Free from the bores and worldly cranks Far from the maddening crowd, He hopes to turn a ticklish trick To make the nation proud. Of course he's glad to get away And wears an aspect bold Because the worst he has to face Is just a bit of cold.

Paul Cook in Birmingham Age-Herald.

### A Polite Necessity.

"Your daughter is highly accomplished."

"Well," answered Mrs. Cumrox, "she knows a great deal about English literature and can speak several languages, but I wish I could hire somebody to teach her just what slang it is proper to use in fashionable society."—Washington Star.

### Franks of Fate.

"There goes Tufnut, the puglist. Under other circumstances he might have made a success of a very different kind." "No doubt. With a fair tenor voice and his peculiar system of fighting he would have made a tremendous success on the opera stage."—New York Press.

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June 5	4,700	June 20	4,450
June 6	4,500	June 21	4,450
June 7	5,000	June 22	4,450
June 8	4,450	June 23	4,450
June 9	4,450	June 24	4,700
June 10	4,450	June 25	4,800
June 11	4,700	June 26	4,450
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of June, 1905.

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### THE RESIGNATION OF STATISTICIAN HYDE.

Savannah News.

Mr. John Hyde, crop statistician of the department of agriculture, says he resigned under fire rather than risk the loss of health by holding on to his job. There will not be profound regret that he came to that conclusion. He doesn't seem to have all the qualifications for filling the place successfully.

There is nothing to show that he hasn't been an honest official, and it is probable that from his point of view he has been faithful and conscientious in the discharge of his duties, but he didn't prevent speculators from finding what his reports indicated before he was ready to communicate them to the public. Hence, the professional speculators were possessed of potent means of robbing the public.

Mr. Hyde says that there have been five investigations of his bureau since he succeeded in making his crop reports sufficiently accurate to be valuable to the agricultural and commercial interests of the country, and that on each occasion he has been vindicated.

He was vindicated to the extent that he was honest and did the best he knew how to protect the interests entrusted to him, but he must admit that it finally developed that there was a leak in his bureau. He certainly cannot claim that the dismissal of his associate, Holmes, was a vindication.

The position of statistician of the Agricultural department is not an enviable one. No man can occupy it without inviting attacks. Millions of dollars depend upon every crop report that is issued. One interest wants a favorable report and another an unfavorable one. Both cannot be pleased, and the one that is disappointed is certain to do all it can to make trouble.

One reason for the feeling against Mr. Hyde was the stubbornness with which he insisted there was no leak in his bureau, and, that too, in the face of the facts that were calculated to raise a strong suspicion of a leak. If he had made a thorough investigation and failed to find the leak, the feeling against him wouldn't have been so strong.

His successor, whoever he may be, will have about the same experience that he had, but if he wants to hold on to his job he will not follow Mr. Hyde's example when he is notified that the speculators are getting his reports before they are officially published. He will proceed on the supposition that there is a leak, and will try to find it.

### EAST COAST EXTENSION INJURIOUS TO MIAMI.

Miami Record.

The Evening Record is not now, nor ever has been opposed to the building of the extension of the East Coast railroad to Key West. It would, probably, make no difference if it was.

No community, no individual, can stand in the way of a great public improvement.

It is probable that in the plans of those who projected and have built the East Coast railway and who propose to continue it down the keys to the extreme end of the chain of islands, Miami is and has been nothing more than an incident.

Those who built on seeming promises that this city should always be the southern terminal of the road were building on a foundation of sand, the same as every other town on the east coast that relied on the statements of the road's projectors.

Whether the extension of the road to Key West will be a benefit or an injury to this city will not be determined until the road is completed and in operation. No human being can tell exactly what influence the extension will have.

Every citizen of Miami has too much at stake to take any chances. The wisest thing is for every man who loves and is interested in the town to do is to conclude that the extension will injure Miami, and govern himself accordingly.

The road is going on to Key West—that is settled.

Now, what are we going to do about it?

Practically, there are three things that will make for the prosperity of Miami, if we can secure them.

The first is the opening up, by drainage and otherwise, of the vast amount of arable land directly tributary to this city.

The second is the speedy opening up of a deep water canal, by which cheap transportation may be secured to northern ports.

The third is by a railroad reaching from this city, through the center of the state to Jacksonville and points north.

Not one of these propositions is chimerical; not one but what can be accomplished by effort.

Miami is strong enough to assist herself and should promulgate a declaration of independence, firmly resolving that she will establish more than one route by which connection may be established with the outside world.

The building of the road to the south of us ought to convince mistaken friends of the road that neither Miami or her people have any place that insures her or them the friendship or support of the managers of the great system, now pushing to the south. We don't have it; we never have had it; we never will have it.

### NEWS AND VIEWS FROM STATE PAPERS.

Millions in It.

The Buoy understands that Mr. Paul Wright contemplates starting a newspaper at Milville. Inspired, doubtless, by finding the editor of the Buoy rolling in wealth, he sees "millions in it" and the Buoy hopes his vision may not prove a mirage. Well, experience is the very best of schools, but it is sometimes a very expensive one.—St. Andrews Buoy.

### Dead Just the Same.

"There was no consumption among the aborigines of America," says a medical sharp. Possibly not, but they are all dead, just the same.—Miami Metropolis.

### Melon Thieves Fooled.

We have a farmer in this country who has solved the watermelon problem and will no doubt make his name famous in the years to come. Mr. F. W. Sarron of Evinston has been improving on his variety grown until now he produces every fine grade of melons that grow to such a mammoth size that the average colored man is unable to carry them very far without the aid of a horse and wagon. His largest ones this season weighed upwards of a hundred pounds.—Gainesville Sun.

### Pardons Hard to Get.

The pardoning board declined to interfere in the case of Walter Taylor, convicted of a murderous assault upon Congressman W. B. Lamar, and he will be compelled to serve out the sentence of five years to the penitentiary which was meted out to him by the court. Strong pressure was brought to bear upon the pardoning board for favorable action in Taylor's behalf and the fact that clemency was denied is evidence that the violators of law need not expect the road to pardon to be as smooth as it has been heretofore.—Madison New Enterprise.

### Depew a Crook.

It will, we suppose, hurt the feelings of Chauncey M. Depew to be ticketed and proclaimed a thief, and yet that is exactly what happened to him. His real estate transactions with the Equitable company, of which he has long been a director, is denounced by all newspapers which say anything about it as "plain stealing." His cynical statement when under examination that his verbal guarantee of the investment was not "legally binding" shows that he stole with his eyes very wide open. He may have to make the promise good or go to jail.—Tallahassee Capital.

### Something to Show for it.

How would you like to be a tax payer in Manatee county? 24 mills is the county tax for 1905. The total school tax is 11 mills, roads 6 mills, general revenue 5 mills, fine and forfeiture 1 mill, building tax 1 mill. The state tax will make this about 30 mills. But Manatee has something to show for it, which is not so bad.—Bronson Times-Democrat.

### Will Be a Big Rush.

The True Democrat advises all the printers of Florida to be at Tallahassee on August 1st and bid on the state printing. As it only requires that each one take with him a certified check for \$12,500 and be prepared to give bond in \$25,000 for the proper execution of the work, we think we see crowded trains for several days previous to the time named and the boarding houses and hotels at Tallahassee will be overrun with those who will bid.—Lake City Index.

### Paul Jones As a Pirate.

In the reception room the secretary of the navy at Washington a collection of steel engravings of John Paul Jones is on exhibition. Most of them are more than a hundred years old. Several of them are caricatures. They were mostly made in England at the time Jones's raids on the English coast created so much fear and anger.

Generally he is represented in these cartoons as a pirate. In one he is the typical buccaner of the Spanish Main, with long black hair and beard streaming in the breeze. He carries a cutlass in one hand and a big pistol in his belt. He wears a leather apron, on which is a skull and crossbones.

In another the commodore is represented as a Chinese pirate in the act of scuttling a ship. In addition to his equipment of pistols he has a lot of cat-o'-nines and is surrounded by a brood of dead men.

One of the engravings is a portrait of Jones in the uniform of a Russian Admiral, and there are several representing him in the uniform of the United States navy.—Tampa Herald.

### "Handle With Care."

If you send a package marked "Handle With Care" by freight, the railway employees will take every opportunity to tumble it around and dump it on the depot platform as though it were a bale of hay. We once saw a railroad employee so sick he could scarcely hold up his head, but when his wandering eye happened to fall on a package marked "Handle With Care" he arose with an expiring effort and threw the blamed thing the length of the depot platform, danced upon it, then shrieked and died.—Alma (Kan.) Signal.

### Francis Abt's Companion at Dinner.

Francis Abt, the famous composer, was strolling home one afternoon in Brunswick when he met a friend, who said to him: "You seem very happy, dear fellow. Have you heard any good news?" "Oh, no, I've just taken dinner," was the reply. "You evidently enjoyed it. What did you have to eat?" continued the friend. "A turkey," replied Abt. "And how many were at table?" asked the other. "There were only two of us," said Abt. "Who was your companion?" inquired the friend. "The turkey," replied Abt.

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