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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 28, 1907.

Defeat of Senator Adams' County Convict Bill.

The failure of Senator Adams' county convict bill, which passed the Senate but which was defeated in the house by a vote of 15 to 36, should be a matter of regret among all who really understand the conditions which this bill was designed to correct.

The bill provided for the maintenance, protection, inspection, rules for regulation and control of county prisoners, manner of discharge and inspection of jails, placing the inspection in the hands of the commissioner of agriculture, who directs the inspection of the state convicts.

Under our present system the state has little if any authority over the conditions which exist in our county jails and county convict camps. In certain flagrant cases of improper conditions or treatment, the state inspectors have assumed partial authority over the county camps, going so far as to inspect them and make reports to the commissioner of agriculture and the governor, but there has always been a question as to such authority and it has been difficult for the state to exercise any real control over county convicts, whether the latter were worked on the public lands or leased to private individuals.

The need for state inspection and control, to those who know anything about the matter, is easily apparent. By far the greater part of the outrages that have been committed and the scandals that have resulted from convict mismanagement in Florida, at least in recent years, have been in the county camps—not the state camps.

The state convict authorities have made and are continuing to make a study of the convict question. They know how the best results have been accomplished and what systems should be employed to get those results. Moreover they have no interest, direct or remote, in prescribing rules other than those best calculated to provide sanitary, healthful, and moral conditions among the convicts and the element of self-interest does not enter into the question in their case.

Where the counties are alone responsible for the care of the county convicts, the elements of expense, profit, neglect, and cruelty are all apt to enter into the treatment of the convicts and when any or all of them exist, the results must necessarily be bad and often very bad.

In one county some nine or ten convicts were burned alive through the negligence or incompetence or drunkenness or some other fault of the county guards. In other counties, the sanitary conditions have been found to be outrageous and abominable. In no county is any definite provision made for checking the day when a convict's sentence expires, and if he happens to be under lease, the lessee can hold him indefinitely without much danger of being found out. Even in our own Escambia county, the report of the state inspector at one time had the effect of making some radical changes in the condition of the convict camps where the men were engaged in work on the public roads.

Senator Adams' bill would have placed the county convicts under the control of the commissioner of agriculture, just where the state convicts now are, and would have insured proper and uniform treatment in every county in the state.

But the pleas that it might require a couple more clerks to do the work and that it would be an interference with "local self-government" were successful and the bill was killed.

Representatives Reese and Baggett have consistently represented the wishes of their constituents in sustaining Governor Broward's drainage scheme and Senator Beard has in-

consistently opposed them whenever the question came up. The senator's objections have been on "constitutional" grounds—the same reason which Foraker, of the United States senate gave for opposing the rate regulation bill.

They may talk about republican dissent in Ohio, but Taft will get the solid republican delegation nevertheless.

If we are to judge by the attention it has received in the state press, John Beard's gopher bill is the most important measure so far considered by the present legislature.

The White Springs Herald suggests: "Now that two men have been convicted of peonage in Tampa it would seem that some apology is due to one Mr. Barry and Mr. Hearst."

Governor Broward has the legislature for his drainage scheme, but the amusing thing about the whole matter is that neither the governor nor the legislature found it out until last week.

Senator Lewis W. Zim is one of the true blue democrats of the present legislature. He was the author of the resolution endorsing Bryan and he has voted on the side of democracy in practically every measure that has come up.

SAID OF PENSACOLA AND PENSACOLIANS

So We Noted. The Pensacola boys were a clever set, but they were no match for Chipley, playing ball.—Chipley Banner.

Proximity a Misfortune. In the Pensacola papers is true, it is unfortunate that that city is so near the line of the state of Alabama, from which state rowdies come and commit the crime of peonage and are tried in Florida, to the injury of this state's reputation for law and order.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

To Grow Up a Bit. Not satisfied with growing round and about, Pensacola has decided to grow up a bit. One of her enterprising and successful citizens is going to erect a twelve-story building. That sounds good, but it will probably look a whole lot better.—Miami Metropolis.

Pensacola a Lumber Port. Thirteen million superficial feet of timber and lumber were shipped from Pensacola to foreign ports during the first four days of this month. As a lumber port Pensacola is unequalled by any city or port in the South.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

Pensacola's Troubles. Pensacola has her troubles too. With the commissioner troubles, the rumors of tampering with witnesses, the discharge of the attorney of the county commissioners, the attorney's open letter and the sheriff's reply, things look warm in that region.—Santa Rosa Star.

Mayor Bliss. Mayor Bliss, of Pensacola, who has been quite sick, so much so that his friends became alarmed at his condition, is now on the way to recovery, unless he takes a relapse. The recent municipal campaign was a little too strenuous for him.—Ocala Banner.

Pensacola Should Resent This. When the sandhill farmer sees a new gopher hole in his pea patch and a quarter of an acre of vines eaten off, he is apt to forget that Noah's ark was built of gopher wood, that the zopher has been used as a medium of exchange in Pensacola and St. Augustine and that its scientific name is testudo polyphemus. He is more apt to cuss the "damned critter" and wish there were no "sich" in the world. Very few gophers are ever eaten nowadays, the principal use of the animal being to turn it on its back in dry weather in order to induce rain. This procedure is said to be almost as efficacious as to hang a dead snake on the fence. If that senate bill is anything but a joke, it can rank among "Colonel Bunker's" bill to prohibit bricks being tied to mules' tails to keep them from braying.—Starke Telegraph.

WARNING NOTE FROM HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. Pierpont Says Mosquito Breeding Places Must Be Destroyed.

City Health Officer J. H. Pierpont, who returned last week from a visit to his old school at Richmond, Va., which he had not seen for nineteen years, was asked yesterday by a Journal representative what effort was being made to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes in Pensacola this season.

"The city health department is doing all that can be done under the circumstances," replied Dr. Pierpont, "but with only five inspectors, and one of them exclusively employed in the inspection of meat markets, fruit stands, cold storage houses, etc., it is absolutely impossible to give the attention to the mosquito problem which its importance demands."

"The warm winter and the copious rains," continued the energetic health officer, "have produced conditions extremely favorable to the breeding of mosquitoes and, while the city was almost free from them last year, there will be more than ever this year unless the health department has more inspectors or the citizens themselves voluntarily proceed to destroy the breeding places which exist on the premises of almost every residence in the city."

"The weather is hot and humid and the matter is not one of health alone, but of comfort as well," said Dr. Pierpont, "and there would be no trouble about getting rid of the mosquito if every family in the city would keep their premises clear of stagnant water. Water that lodges in an eaves trough, the hollow of an old tree, empty barrels, old tin cans, broken crockery which has been cast away—water that remains standing anywhere, in fact—all of these places breed mosquitoes, and all of them could be prevented from doing so if people would simply empty the water out."

Dr. Pierpont also regrets that more people have not provided their homes with screens and thus kept out both flies and mosquitoes. Flies are the most prolific source of the conveyance of tuberculosis and typhoid fever germs known, while mosquitoes are the sole and only means through which malarial and yellow fever are conveyed. If people would only protect themselves from these little pests by destroying their breeding places and providing screens for dwellings, there would be no danger of any of the fevers mentioned and little danger of consumption which is now so common all over the country.

Dr. Pierpont has sounded the note of warning. Will the people heed it?

THE ALFONSO IS REPAIRED AND FLOATED

Spanish Steamer Which Has Been Here Several Days Will Proceed Today.

The Spanish mail and passenger steamer Alfonso XIII, which was towed into this port last Monday, was floated from the naval dock at the Pensacola navy yard yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock, and this morning at daylight will cross the bar and proceed on her interrupted voyage to Vera Cruz, where she is awaited by a large cargo and a number of passengers, who will make the voyage to Spain.

The work done on the Alfonso was very satisfactory to Captain Ametzaga. There was a delay in getting the ship in the dock, and some time lost on this account, but as soon as possible work was rushed, with the result that yesterday morning the propeller was placed in position, a key driven in and the big nut, which had been made at the navy yard, placed on the end of the shafting. A trial of the propeller after the vessel had been floated showed that the work had been satisfactorily done.

It required about an hour and thirty minutes to float the Alfonso. At 11:30 a. m. the pumps were started and water began to flow into the dock, sinking it slowly with its big burden. At 12:35 there were indications that the vessel was afloat, but the pumps were kept going until the dock had sunk to a depth of nearly 25 feet. At 1:04 p. m. the Alfonso floated from the dock, and later was placed out in the stream and prepared to proceed to sea.

Yesterday afternoon the captain, accompanied by Vice-Consul Borrás, visited the custom house, where clearance papers were secured for Vera Cruz. The steamer will proceed this morning at daylight.

SHOP WINDOWS SHOW THE GREAT PROGRESS OF CITY

For Not Anywhere, Except in Big Cities, May Buyers Spend to Better Advantage than in Stores that Carry the Stocks Carried Here.

By J. Francis Keeley. From a small town not long ago, to a city whose exports amounted to a million and a half dollars in the month of April, is a record that Pensacola may well be proud of, and the manner in which improvements are being made, necessitating the outlay of large amounts of money, it shows that confidence is not lacking on the part of those who have seen the city's growth year by year.

It shows, they recognize what the past has shown, and that the future, glorious, as it must be, will place Pensacola in the foremost ranks of the Southern cities.

The fine homes that are being built in the residential part of the city, the erection of new and the improving of old buildings in the business section, all denote progress, and prove that the prosperity of the people has increased with the city's growth.

That the merchants and storekeepers are fully alive to the present order of things and that they are catering to the demands of their customers, is quite evident from the displays seen on all sides, not alone in the stores, but particularly in the windows. I will cite herewith, a few instances of this, mentioning several of the many stores that have kept abreast of the times, and have made their names household words in this charming city.

Some of them are quite young in business, but by their aggressiveness they have entrenched themselves firmly in the business world.

Yesterday afternoon I spent about an hour looking into the various shop windows, and picked out at random the following window displays that attracted my attention: Gerson's.

From a small beginning, twelve years ago, this store has grown gradually and steadily, until today it is one of the largest of its kind in the city, and might well rank with similar stores in many of the larger cities. They handle chiefly, chinaware, glass, and have a special and high class jewelry department.

As the business increased, more space was required from time to time, and the present location, in the new Brent building, was recently secured, and the jewelry department added. This department is in charge of Mr. E. Sharp, and it would be a difficult task to find a better stock of watches, jewelry and silverware than Gerson's have on display.

The north window will substantiate this statement. Ready-to-Wear Store.

Nine months ago, this store was created, and it at once sprang into prominence, owing to the high class goods carried. That it filled a long desired want, goes without saying.

Many of the frocks and costumes carried are reproductions of models designed abroad, and one purchasing this establishment has the satisfaction of knowing that she is practically alone in her selection, for the reason that few, if any duplicates, in exclusive ideas, are carried.

This is particularly true of the millinery department. The interior of the store is handsomely fitted up, and the articles of dress so arranged that they are easily accessible and shown to advantage, owing to the light and other arrangements.

The Ready-to-Wear Store is unquestionably first in its line, and might well be boasted of, for the reason that it is far superior to similar stores in many of the larger cities of the country.

A. A. Friedman has arranged a special waist sale, for the early part of this week, as a glance in the north window will show. Standard Clothing Company.

On October first, 1904, the above store, dealing exclusively in men's (boots, "Patric and Big") togs, was originated, and from its inception has won the hearts of the people. This store carries one of the largest and most up-to-date stocks of haberdashings in the city, and are headquarters for novelties in every line at the present location, the Thiesen building, is practically in the heart of the business district, and the stock is tastefully arranged throughout.

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For Not Anywhere, Except in Big Cities, May Buyers Spend to Better Advantage than in Stores that Carry the Stocks Carried Here.

Although but six years old, the Meyer Shoe company control to a great extent, the shoe trade in Pensacola. There is of course a reason, viz: fair treatment and modern methods,—a strong combination.

Mr. H. P. Neuman is the manager. Maura Stationery Company. On December seventeenth, 1906, the above company was organized and today it has one of the largest stores of its kind in the city. The new location, 109 South Palafox, became necessary, owing to the large amount of stock carried, and is very handsome being trimmed in the new but popular shade of green mission oak. While they do a general stationery business, their interests are not wholly confined to this line, inasmuch as the stock of framed and unframed pictures, moulding and kindred supplies, is equal to any in this section of the state.

In conjunction with the above mentioned departments, is also a printing establishment, well in keeping with the progressiveness of the establishment throughout. Their motto is, "Anything and everything in the stationery line, when you want it." This speaks volumes, in itself.

Mr. Joe Maura is the manager. In the north window also will be seen a display of the new "Snow-Walker" system of filing devices," a recognized office accessory which is largely used by the mammoth corporations of the country. Their uses cover a wide range, which will be explained in a concise manner by Mr. Maura.

At some future date I shall have more to say on matters pertaining to the city, its future prospects and developments, and the many opportunities offered for making it a manufacturing center of note, capable of providing for those who care to come here and make a new home—with work that will enable them to support it.

SCHOOL HOURS END HAPPILY

Closing of the Schools at DeFuniak—Names of the Medal Winners.

Special to The Journal. DeFuniak, May 27.—The exercises of the school children given at the tabernacle last Thursday evening before a large audience, were fine in every sense of the word. Miss Frances Miller was awarded this gold medal given by Mr. Storrs for the best essay on "How Best to Make DeFuniak Grow." Miss Winnie Warren received the gold medal given by Mr. H. Thorner for the greatest improvement made by any scholar during year over last. The contestants for the gold medal given by the Walton Land and Timber Company for the best oration were Misses Annie Lou Burks, Elizabeth Berry, Annie McDonald, Sallie McLean, Christine Gillis and Frances Miller. The judges, Mrs. McPhail and Messrs. Kenneth Bruce and A. G. Campbell, awarded the medal to Miss Christine Gillis.

High School. Last Friday evening the commencement exercises of the high school were given in the tabernacle. The exercises were opened by an invocation by the Rev. John Stanly Thomas. The address of the evening was by the Hon. N. P. Bryan, and was most inspiring and eloquent.

The male quartette gave two numbers, and the school chorus three, which were all well rendered. The graduating class consisted of four young ladies, Misses Irene McSweeney, Myrtle Warren, Grace Tappan and Gussie Storrs, all of whom read excellent essays. The young graduates looked charming in their pretty dresses, and judging by the number of choice bouquets they received, the town must be depleted of flowers.

Personal Mention. Mr. A. G. Campbell was in Tallahassee last week on professional business. H. E. Wickersham has been elected secretary and treasurer of the Florida Association of Funeral Directors. Mr. Faus, of Gainesville, has taken a position in the DeFuniak Herald office.

W. J. Campbell, who has been in bad health the past year, died last Friday at the home of his brother, A. R. Campbell. He leaves a wife and four children. Mr. J. P. Dillon has returned north after spending the winter with his brother-in-law, A. C. Bailey, Miss Lola Baily returning with him.

Rev. John Stanly Thomas returned from Florida Monday. The senior members of the high school were given a reception last week at the gymnasium. Miss Lily Eaton is the guest of Miss Mary Campbell.

Dr. J. W. Walden returned Wednesday evening from an extended trip in the interests of the Presbyterian college to be opened here this fall.

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PRESIDENT OF THE PLUMBERS UNION. GEO. L. ALPINE VISITED PENSACOLA SUNDAY AND MET THE LOCAL MEMBERS.

George L. Alpine, president of the International Plumbers Union, visited Pensacola Sunday, arriving in the forenoon and departing at night, and during his stay in the city met with the members of the local union of plumbers. Mr. Alpine was en route to New Orleans, where he has been called on account of a strike in that city, and in passing through Pensacola decided to remain here a day and become acquainted with the officers and members of the local union. The latter entertained him during his visit to the city.

KILPATRICK HELD TO CRIMINAL COURT. MAN CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING LITTLE GIRL IS GIVEN A PRELIMINARY TRIAL.

Caleb Kilpatrick, the white man who was arrested during the latter portion of last week upon the charge of assaulting a nine-year-old white girl, was given a preliminary trial before the county judge yesterday morning and held for trial in the criminal court upon the serious charge.

NEGRO SHOT HIS MAN AND SKIPPED. By Associated Press. Bay Minette, May 27.—As train No 5 rolled into the L. & N. yards yesterday one negro passenger shot and mortally wounded another negro passenger, and succeeded in escaping to the woods, and is at large.

W. K. ROBINSON, FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND EMBALMER, 17 N. PALAFOX. PHONE 665.

City Democratic Ticket. For Mayor: CHAS. H. BLISS. For Marsnal: FRANK SANDERS. For Comptroller: GEO. O. MORGAN. For Treasurer: HARRY T. HOWLAND. For Tax Collector: JOHN CARLY WHITTING. For Tax Assessor: THOMAS H. JOHNSON. For Recorder: W.M. M. JOHNSON. For Chief of Fire Department: W. R. BICKER. For City Attorney: JOHN D. GORS. For City Physician: E. F. BRUCE. For Street Superintendent: JOHN BURNS. For Registration Officer: J. D. GORS. For City Electrician: LEN LEBARON. For Building Inspector: JOHN D. RENDALL. For President of Council: C. E. GOODMAN. For Aldermen, Precinct 12: J. N. ANDREWS, WILL L. MOYER, B. S. WILLIAMS. For Aldermen, Precinct 13: FRANK BILLY, B. ROCHEBLAYE. For Aldermen, Precinct 14: LUCIUS S. BROWN, SOL CAHN. For Alderman, Precinct 15: W. A. DUNHAM. For Board of Public Works: LEE DANIELS, W. J. FORBES, FRANK ROACHE, C. THIESSEN, JAMES O. WALKER. For Board of Public Safety: W. G. DALEY, JOHN G. OLIVER, FRANK ROACHE, C. F. SCHAD. For Board of Equalization: W. R. BICKER, H. G. DESILVA, J. GEO. WHITE.

JUDGE REFUSES TO HELP OUSTED MEN. DENIES RELIEF BY INJUNCTION IN FAVOR OF BOARDMEN OUSTED BY BUSSE.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Ill., May 27.—Judge Windes in the circuit court today refused to grant the petition of the eight members of the board of education, whom Mayor Busse had compelled to resign to make room for his appointees, to restrain the city's executive from removing them before expiration of their terms.

ANOTHER BIG STRIKE THREATENED IN RUSSIA. By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, May 27.—Searches of the lodgings of social democratic deputies are now of almost daily occurrence here. Officials of the secret police yesterday visited the apart-

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