

THE OCALA BANNER.

The paper "Of the People, for the People and by the People."

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DOLLAR A YEAR.

NOTE: THE BANNER, BELIEVING THOSE AT THE TOP WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, HAS TAKEN ITS STAND IN THE BARRICADES WITH THE COMMON PEOPLE, AND ITS FIGHT WILL BE MADE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THOSE AT THE BOTTOM.



Profit By the Experience Of Others. Wear the Best Make.

Sole Agency at
J. M. NEELY'S,
THE SHOE AND HAT MAN
Merchants' Block. Ocala, Fla.

And this is the first day of spring. Men's hats are the talk of the town. M. Fishel.

Mr. F. H. Bullum, of Tampa, was in town last Sunday.

Mr. Ellis, of Gaiter, is starting a new industry. He is trapping otters.

Don't you need a corset? We have the kind that don't break. M. Fishel.

Mr. A. O. MacDonell, of Jacksonville, was registered at the Ocala yesterday.

Mr. Wm. E. Payne, a prominent Orange lawyer, was in Ocala Wednesday.

Geo. T. Chamberlain, a prominent citizen of Tampa, died last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. G. T. Van Hoesen, of Gaiter, has built himself a new and comfortable dwelling.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will be entertained this afternoon by Mrs. Livingston.

The Railroad Restaurant is up-to-date in every respect. Special rates to the week or month.

Mr. Charles M. Schwab, head of the new steel combine, is to receive a salary of \$80,000 per annum.

Mr. A. C. Dittmar was recently elected mayor of Fort Pierce. Mr. Dittmar is a brother-in-law of Dr. E. Van Hood, of this city.

Shirts to please everybody in silk, percale and madras. M. Fishel.

Mr. S. Kats, of the firm of S. H. Benjamin & Co., of Micanopy, is in Ocala, and was among the pleasant callers at this office.

Our spring goods are arriving daily. Come and inspect them. They are beautiful. M. Fishel.

Mr. W. D. Mathews, of Flemington, paid this office a fraternal call Wednesday. As his looks indicate, Mr. Mathews is one of the most prosperous farmers in our county.

Henry McIntyre, a respected and well-to-do colored citizen, was called from his home at Montague on February 29 to eternal glory. He fought the Christian's battle and won the martyr's crown.

Our line of shoes seem to please everyone who tries a pair. Come around and we'll please you, too. M. Fishel.

Mr. Charlie DaCosta, of the East Coast Printing Company, and Editor Carter, of the Jacksonville Metropolitan, both handsome bachelors, will attend the meeting of the Florida Press Association at Miami on March 20.

It is getting time to get out of those heavy clothes you are wearing. We'll show you the newest in spring and summer goods. Don't let the price worry you. We'll make that right. M. Fishel.

We learn that Mr. T. W. Troxler has purchased the home of Mr. Charles Peyser. Mr. Peyser has also sold his home on Sanchez street—a pretty residence in the second ward—to Dr. A. L. Izlar. Mr. Peyser and family, we are sorry to learn, will leave in a few months for New York, where they will reside in the future.

ABOUT THE STATE CONVICTS.

To the Editor of the Banner:

For the past few weeks there has been much excitement in certain circles over the leasing of the state convicts. There has also been some talk in newspapers and in public places which suggests things not very nice to think about, and which imputes to certain officials of the state conduct that is scandalous, if not worse, in the making of these convict leases.

As to these scandalous charges, they may be inventions, or they may contain some element of truth, or we may conclude that the presence of so much smoke indicates the proximity of at least some fire. There is no purpose of discussing them here. This branch of the matter may be dismissed with the statement that it would be strange indeed if Florida's method of treating and dealing with her convicts does not produce and develop corruption as well as cruelty—if bribery and barbarity do not go hand in hand in this matter.

The main purpose of this article is to call public attention to a good opportunity. The present situation gives our people the chance to rid themselves of the entire convict lease system. Now is the time to get upon the statute books a law which shall forbid the hiring, leasing or working of these unfortunates by private individuals or corporations. Are you, the reader of this, in favor of a continuance of this mode of dealing with the state's prisoners? As a Christian, as a citizen, are you willing to consign these helpless and friendless wretches, year after year, to merciless and un pitying greed?

Do you not know that there is not a mule within the limits of Florida which cannot boast of treatment equally as good, and in many respects more humane, than that suffered by these condemned creatures?

You have all heard the stories that come up from phosphate mine and turpentine farm, and are told in the streets, in the shop or office—wherever men meet. These stories, true as they are, terrible as they are in their telling, give but a momentary and inadequate view of the truth.

What are the good and humane people doing, in this situation?

Will the good women of this land remain longer silent and inactive while barbarities incredible and indescribable are done at our very door, and that, too, under the authority and sanction of law?

The legislature convenes in April. If you have any influence see that it is exerted in urging your representative, your senator, to vote for and have passed such measures as will put at an end the present disgraceful system. Make it impossible to lease or hire these convicts.

It will be time enough to consider what is to be done with the convicts after we have definitely broken up the system of hiring them to men whose interest it is to work them all that flesh and blood will stand, and to spend the minimum amount in caring for them. There are plenty of practicable ways of managing the state's prisoners, humane in method and inexpensive in practice.

Now, while those who hope to make large profits out of this "traffic" are holding conferences in secret, making "deals," sending their attorneys and emissaries to the capital of the state, and busying themselves in abusing one another and the state officials, why not have an organization of those who want this thing stopped, who believe that our growing state does not need money badly enough to extort it from a vicious system of slavery and barbarity, who are willing to work for such change as will relieve our commonwealth from such disgrace?

All those who are in sympathy with this course may address the undersigned, for the present, in care of the Ocala Banner.

J. D.

Boys' knee pants in endless variety and at low prices, too. M. Fishel.

THE BOSTON STORE ANNIVERSARY.

It has just been one year ago today that the Boston Store began business in Ocala.

It opened its doors in a modest way on a side street. Today it is occupying the principal corner store in the city on the principal business street, and its shelves and counters are crowded from floor to ceiling with as popular a stock of goods as was ever brought to Ocala.

Largely instrumental in the success of this establishment is the judicious system of advertising it inaugurated on the very day it began business, and which it has persistently and judiciously maintained under the efficient management of Mr. Marcus Frank.

The proprietors of the Boston Store have purchased a home in Ocala and are here to stay and to share the fortunes of our people.

The Ocala Banner speaks for this firm a continued share of patronage.

Presbyterian "Stocking Social."

Make your arrangements to attend this unique entertainment, to be given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church, Friday evening, March 1, at the Kindergarten rooms, on Fort King avenue.

Refreshments served free. The following lines, composed by a gifted lady from Indiana, now visiting Ocala, afford some idea of the features of this entertainment:

If you're looking for a bargain
Of any sort or kind,
Then attend the "Stocking Social,"
For you surely there will find
A most wonderful assortment
Of dainty things displayed
On the ten-cent bargain counter.
All of which the ladies made.
There'll be pressing games and prizes
And a sale of homemade cake,
Just the sort you're always saying
That your mother used to bake
And you need not be embarrassed
Even though your sock's immense,
For you'll be most warmly welcomed
If you'll pay us twenty cents.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists. 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Will Hold a Political Conference in Ocala.

Thomas Gilroy, a prominent member of Tammany Hall and ex-mayor of New York, John Carroll and Bernard York, president of the New York board of police, New York politicians, compose a party now at Palm Beach. Rumors are current in New York that they were to meet Hugh McLaughlin, the Brooklyn democratic boss, who is now wintering at Merritt's island, and it was said in New York that a conference with Mr. McLaughlin would be held at Ocala. The object of the conference is supposed to be to discuss the New York police situation.

The reason these parties come to Ocala is because it has become famous as a place for political inspiration.

Stepped Into Live Coals.

"When a child I burned my foot frightfully," writes W. H. Eads, of Jonesville, Va., "which caused horrible leg sores for 30 years, but Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured me after everything else failed." Infallible for burns, scalds, cuts, sores, bruises and piles. Sold by Garrett & Gerig. 25c.

Wanted at Once.

500 bushels Peanuts.
500 bushels of Velvet Beans.
100 bushels Cow Pease or field Pease.
10 bushels of Chufas.
For which I will pay cash.
J. B. SUTTON, Seedsman,
2-8m Ocala, Fla.

Geo. Wrsy, the expert tuner of the Halifax Music House, Daytona, is in town. Leave orders at Weihe's.

Death of a Prominent Citizen.

The death of Mr. Alfred M. Martin, Jr., of Augusta, Ga., is announced.

Mr. Martin, who owns a large property interest here, and has for many years been a winter visitor to Ocala.

The deceased was a graduate of the University of Virginia and of Heidelberg, Germany, and was respectively alderman and mayor of Augusta. He was under forty and his life was one full of promise and usefulness. He leaves a wife and two small children. His aged parents also survive him.

A Raging, Roaring Flood

Washed down a telegraph line which Chas. C. Ellis, of Lisbon, Ia., had to repair. "Standing waist deep in icy water," he writes, "gave me a terrible cold and cough. It grew worse daily. Finally the best doctors in Oakland, Neb., Sioux City and Omaha said I had consumption and could not live. Then I began using Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by six bottles." Positively guaranteed for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles by Garrett & Gerig. Price 50c.

Judge Hocker Enjoying a Fishing Outing

The Brooksville correspondent of the Times-Union and Citizen says that Judge Hocker, of Ocala, arrived in that city Tuesday, and in company with Colonel Martin, L. B., G. W. and W. T. Varn and Nevitt Cook, left today for Bay Port, where they will spend several days fishing. The steamer Nat Stone will carry the party on the outside of the bay into the deep water, where it is said extraordinary large fish are to be found.

Banner Salve.

Tetter, eczema and skin disease yield quickly to the marvelous healing qualities of Banner Salve made from a prescription of a skin specialist of world wide fame. 25c.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

To The Public.

The firm of S. H. Benjamin & Co., as now existing at Micanopy, will terminate on July 1st by limitation, and as we are contemplating some changes to be made, we will offer our entire new spring and summer stock, consisting of dry goods, skirts, waists, notions, clothing, shoes, etc., at actual cost, beginning March 1st, 1901. Come and get these cheap, seasonable goods. No souvenir coupons given. Terms cash. Yours truly,
S. H. BENJAMIN & Co.

For Sale.

The best 44-acre fruit and truck farm in Marion county; only one-fourth mile from station at Sparr. Also 200 barrels velvet beans, bean sheller, feed cutter and other farm and household utensils; a good mare; also a large lot of domestic wine. A big bargain and easy terms to the right party.
J. D. BACON,
3-1-01 Sparr, Fla.

Huyler's Fine Candies.

These fine goods are now on sale at W. M. Martin's News Stand; also all the leading papers and magazines of the day. Subscriptions taken for any periodical published in this or foreign countries. Next door to Burnett. 222

House for Rent—Furniture for Sale.

Will sell furniture for one-third of its value, owner non-resident, must be sold. Address, P. O. Box 833, or call on A. R. Toph, over R. E. Yonge & Co's Plumbing Store, Main St. 21

Orange Springs Normal.

The Normal and Commercial Institute at this place will open its second session on Monday, March 4, to continue twelve weeks, closing May 24. In addition to the regular normal work leading to all grades of county teachers' certificates, students will have best services in the commercial branches. Board at lowest rates with nice families. Come and recreate at the famous spring while taking advantage of the normal. For full particulars address J. H. BRINSON, 1-25-1m. Principal.

GREAT CLOSING OUT SALE!

ENTIRE STOCK SACRIFICED!
MONEY NO OBJECT

As our buyer has gone to New York and other northern markets to purchase our spring and summer stock we have decided to close out the entire or the larger portion of our stock of

Dry Goods, Clothing and Shoes

At a Great Sacrifice

It will pay us better to do this than to carry the goods over until next season, as we can take the money and space now involved and buy New Goods for the coming season. Now is the time to make your dollars talk. Fifty cents will buy one dollar's worth of goods; \$2.50 will carry away \$5 in goods from our store. This is no humbug, but a SALE. Come and be convinced. Mail orders promptly attended to.

THE BOSTON STORE.

Opera House Block

Ocala, Florida.

To the Public:

It is with pleasure that I hereby announce that I have this day taken charge of

THE McGRATH BAR

and in doing so ask a continuance of the liberal patronage heretofore extended, promising in return to handle the very finest Liquors, Wines, Beer and Cigars that can be procured and give the best possible attention to all.

Very respectfully,
Geo. Hutchins.

MONTEZUMA - EXCHANGE

J. P. GALLOWAY, Prop.

Liquors, Wines, Beer, Cigars.

FIRST CLASS POOL ROOM.

Pract and Satisfactory Service Assured Everyone.

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Ocala, Fla.