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DOLLAR A YEAR.

How dear to my heart is the steady subscriber who pays in advance at the birth of each year—Who lays down the dollar and offers it gladly, And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer, Who never says "stop it, I cannot afford it!" Or, "I'm getting more papers now than I can read." Always says, "send it, the family likes it—In fact, we think it is a household need." How welcome he is when he steps in the sanctum—How he makes our heart thrill! How he makes our eyes dance! We outwardly thank him—we inwardly bless him—The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

**Ocala Greenhouse Co. Florists**  
Phone, No. 2.

Mr. R. F. Hyman is in Ocala for the holidays.

Mr. Ed. Moody, of Lakeland, is in Ocala visiting his mother.

Col. T. P. Lloyd, of Inverness, passed through Ocala yesterday afternoon en route to Tampa.

Messrs. Henri Hatton and P. Jumeau went to Floral City yesterday afternoon.

O. T. Green, a prominent attorney of Ocala, was here Friday on legal business.—Inverness Chronicle.

Mr. Asa Gaskill, formerly a resident of Ocala, but late of Indiana, was in the city yesterday on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam C. White, of Citra, were among the shoppers to Ocala yesterday.

Mr. W. Allsup, a prominent merchant of Weirsdale, was among the prominent shoppers in Ocala yesterday.

Mrs. J. D. Baskin and Mrs. Ham Smith, of Anthony, were among the many Christmas shoppers in Ocala yesterday.

Mrs. Israel Brown, who has recently moved here from Ocala, will have as her guest this winter her mother, Mrs. Israel.—Times Union and Citizen.

The Nine O'clock German club issued invitations yesterday to their Germans for the season of 1902-03. The first of these delightful affairs will be on Christmas night.

Mrs. Henry Schoell and two daughters, formerly of Ocala, passed through the city yesterday afternoon from Savannah on their way to Tampa where they will make their home in the future.

Dr. Biges, of Ocala, editor of the Religious Digest, was a visitor here the latter part of last week. On Sunday afternoon he preached a very able sermon in the Christian church.—Inverness Chronicle.

The following Ocala young ladies and gentlemen will return home Saturday for the Christmas holidays, viz: Miss Ethel Robinson and Mr. Oscar Zewadski from the East Florida Seminary at Gainesville; Miss Edna Dozier from Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.; Miss Hattie Mae Porter from the Baptist Female College at Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Miss Bessie Porter from Stetson University at DeLand.

A puny child is always an anxiety to the parents. There seems generally no reason why the little one should be weak when it is so well fed. But the fact is that it does not matter how much food the child takes if the stomach cannot extract the nourishment from it. That is the condition of many a sickly child. The stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition are not doing their work, and the body is really starving. It is little use to give fish foods, like cod liver oil or emulsions in such a case, as those also have to be digested; they may lighten the stomach's labor but they don't strengthen it. Strength is what the stomach needs. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery strengthens the stomach, nourishes the nerves and increases the amount of the blood making glands. It is superior to every other preparation for children's use, on account of its body building qualities, and also because it is pleasant to the taste and contains no alcohol, whiskey or other intoxicant. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are a valuable aid when the bowels are irregular. They are small. Children take them readily.

**Robert McNamee in Ocala.**

The above named distinguished statesman, representing the great West Coast of Florida, passed through Ocala Tuesday en route to the seat of government where he goes on a triple mission.

1. Mr. McNamee will appear before the pardoning board to have pardoned William Blount, sentenced to life imprisonment from Polk county and who has served eighteen years of his term. There have developed circumstances in the case which Mr. McNamee thinks will procure for him a pardon.

2. Mr. McNamee will appear before the railroad commission and ask that better accommodations be given the patrons of the Atlantic Coast Line railway in his home city. He wants the passenger depot enlarged and other improvements made.

3d. Mr. McNamee will incidentally look after his political fences all along the route from St. Petersburg to Tallahassee and is making a stop over at all principal points.

Mr. McNamee is in good health and is accompanied by his old friend which is now enshrined in song and story—that overcoat.

**A Christmas House Party.**

Misses Mary and Rebecca Anderson, who are students at the Randolph Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Virginia will arrive in Ocala Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Anderson. They will be accompanied home by the following young ladies who will be their guests for the holidays:

Miss Linda Smith, of Louisville, Ky., Misses May Payne and Lizzie Adams, of Lynchburg, Va., and Miss Elizabeth Bell, of Spencer, Va.

Messrs. Frank and Guy Winthrop, of Tallahassee, will arrive at the same time to spend the holidays with Mr. Clifford Anderson. These guests will be the recipients of quite a number of charming social attentions during their visit.

**The Reading Club.**

An unusually interesting meeting of the Reading Club was held with Mrs. Frank A. Teague Tuesday afternoon. John Ruskin was the afternoon's study. His life and works were discussed by the club and portions of "Sesame and Lilies" was read.

Mrs. Teague read a very interesting paper on the life and work of the artist, Turner, which was greatly enjoyed.

Current events were discussed as usual. This is one of the principal and most interesting features of the club.

The next meeting of the club will be with Miss Mota Jewett on the first Tuesday afternoon in January.

**Ocala Rifles Minstrels.**

The best home minstrels ever given in Ocala will be presented in a few weeks under the auspices of the Ocala Rifles. Mr. C. T. Fales, of New York who has just successfully conducted the Jacksonville Light Infantry minstrels, will have the performance in charge. He has been secured by Mr. G. A. Nash at a heavy expense. Ocala's best talent will be seen to advantage, new and special scenery, etc. has been secured and the minstrel will be the swell event of the season.

**Miss Dunning to be in Ocala.**

Miss Eva L. Dunning, a gifted reader and impersonator, will give one of her admirable performances in Ocala at the armory Tuesday night, Dec. 23, under the auspices of the K. of P. lodge of this city.

Miss Dunning comes highly recommended and is vouchered for by the K. of P.

The admission will be 15c and 25c.

**For Sale.**

One one-horse Studebaker wagon, Apply J. H. Bell, Ocala, Fla. 12-19, w21-d21

Mr. W. H. Price, of the Collier Publishing Company, is in the city.

## JOHN BULL DECLARES WAR ON VENEZUELA.

### No "Pacific Blockade" is Now Existing.

## PREMIER BALFOUR'S STATEMENT.

### State of War, Says Premier, Actually Exists With Venezuela and Notification of Blockade will Shortly be Given Powers.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—In the course of a long statement in the house of commons today Premier Balfour said there was no such thing as a "pacific blockade."

A state of war actually existed with Venezuela and an intimation of the blockade would shortly be given to the powers.

Lord Balfour added that the blockade would be carried out with as little inconvenience to neutrals as possible. Nothing definite had occurred with reference to the arbitration proposals since his previous statement on the subject.

The premier also said the operations were voluntarily undertaken, not to recover debts, but after a long and patient delay, to recover compensation for assaults on British subjects and the seizure of British vessels.

Mr. Balfour concluded his statement with a promise to make no announcement as to whether the offer of arbitration from Venezuela would be accepted by Great Britain.

The statement was made in reply to the desire of the Liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, for information on the Venezuelan situation. A year retreating Lord Lansdowne's statement in the house of commons yesterday, the premier concluded:

"The blockade will be carried out by Great Britain and Germany along different portions of the coast and though the two fleets will have the same objects, they will not act as one force. We never had any intention of landing troops in Venezuela or of occupying territory—even temporarily. We do not think it desirable on either military or other grounds. All the conditions governing such a blockade have been carefully considered, and will be published in due time for the information of the neutrals. The government is most anxious that in these operations, the necessity for which we deeply regret, there should be as little inconvenience to neutrals as possible. No difference will be made between the vessels of the various neutral powers. I think it is quite likely the United States will think that this cannot be such a thing as a 'pacific blockade' and I, personally, take the same view. Evidently, a blockade involves a state of war."

**HAY CABLES TOWER.**

Germany Asked to Define What is Meant by Peaceful Blockade.

New York, Dec. 18.—Secretary Hay has cabled to Ambassador Tovar at Berlin, says The World's correspondent at Washington, to ask the German government to define for this country exactly what is meant by a "peaceful blockade."

The dispatch was couched in the suavest of diplomatic language, but it was insistent that German should reply.

This inquiry was decided upon at the cabinet meeting where it was discussed fully.

Although it has not yet been put into public expression, this government contends that there is no such thing as a "peaceful blockade."

If a state of war does not exist, this government contends at the present time that United States ships must be allowed to pass.

The rest will come when the Red D line steamer Caracas arrives at La Guayra, probably next Saturday. If that ship goes through, as it is expected it will, other ships from other nations will also demand to go through, and the "peaceful blockade" will become a farce.

If Germany insists on its right to blockade peacefully and refuse to let American ships through, then Admiral Dewey's fleet will be sent to Venezuela to convey the American ships through the German and English lines. Admiral Dewey has been told to keep his fleet together. The reason this government makes this demand of Germany is because it has in writing the black and white, the fullest

statement of Germany's intentions in Venezuela. It has no such statement from England. The diplomats of that country were shrewd enough to make only a verbal statement of intent.

The administration is awaiting Germany's answer with some anxiety. The situation is now more critical than it has been since the trouble began.

**REBELS THREATEN CASTRO.**

Six Thousand Revolutionists Said To Be Marching on Caracas.

New York, Dec. 18.—Senor Rotas, agent in this island of the Venezuelan revolutionists, according to The Herald's Port of Spain, Trinidad, correspondent, denies the report that they have joined common cause with Castro against the allies.

On the contrary, according to reports received, the government troops, under General Volzini, have been twice defeated by the revolutionists, first at Guayra and second at El Chaco, where they were completely routed and did in disorder.

Moreover, it is reported from Alta Gracia that General Bolando, at the head of 600 revolutionists, is marching on Caracas with the object of capturing the city and overthrowing Castro.

The rebels in Trinidad believe that Bolando's movement proves successful he will elect a new president, who will treat with England and Germany and thus quickly end the difficulty.

**AS VIEWED IN COSTA RICA.**

President Castro's Attitude Approved. Monroe Doctrine Ridiculed.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Dec. 18.—The Costa Rican government will not discuss the Venezuelan situation, but it can be said on good authority that the ministers favor President Castro's attitude.

Public feeling here is bitter against the British and German action. The United States is much criticized and the Monroe doctrine is ridiculed. President Castro is looked upon as a great benefactor to Spain's interests.

**They Shout For Venezuela.**

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Dec. 18.—A patriotic demonstration took place here today. A large number of people who had attended a meeting went to the Venezuelan consulate and to the South American consulates shouting: "Long live Castro!" "Long live Venezuela!" and "Long live the South American countries!" The participants in the demonstration before dispersing adopted a resolution asking President Piaz to protest against the action of the allied powers.

**Castro Is Sustained.**

New York, Dec. 18.—The congressional approval of Venezuela in this city today received the following cablegram: "Caracas, Dec. 17.—Bankers, bar, commercial society and clergy constituted in committee approve the government's attitude and offer President Castro their full unreservedly. (Signed) Torres Cardenas, secretary of the president."

**Shot by Companion.**

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 18.—Balden Hope, aged 40, a charcoal burner living at Rossdale, a settlement across Red Mountain, was shot and instantly killed in his wagon in the city while en route home. He had three companions, one of whom was in his wagon and two in another wagon. A dispute arose between them when one of them shot Hope, who fell from his wagon dead.

**Transmigration.**

"So dey conveyed dat feller dat was switching a high society bluff so as to lift jewelry," said Piddler Pete. "Yes," answered Meandering Mike. "He's got his prison clothes on now. I've changed him from a social lion into a pig."—Washington Star.



ALWAYS

## A WELCOME VISITOR

Here is the store that helps happy hundreds to give Old Santa a right royal welcome year after year—that helps to spread the Christmas cheer by making the Christmas money go further. This is the one place you must not fail to visit in your holiday preparations. Just a few of the good things are mentioned below.

**FRUITS OF ALL KINDS**

We will have the best fruits that can be obtained, both foreign and domestic, pure, wholesome and attractive: Catawba Grapes and Malaga Grapes, Bananas, Apples, Pineapples, Lemons, Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines and fresh Tomatoes.

We will have a good stock Raisins, Figs and Dates, all fresh and of the finest quality.

**NUTS**

We have taken great pains to secure the best Nuts and feel sure we have fresh, new crop Nuts. We have Walnuts, Almonds, Brazil Nuts, Filberts and Pecans.

**FINE CANDIES**

Candies we will have from the cheap mixtures up to the highest grade Chocolates and Bon Bons. In package Candies we will have several novelties. Something new will be some very handsome glove and Handkerchief Boxes filled with the highest grade Chocolates and Bon Bons, which would make elegant Christmas presents. Will also have an assortment French boxes filled with fine candies from both of our agencies—Wiley's and Lowney's.

**FIREWORKS**

We will have a full assortment of Fireworks. Several novelties and all the staples and cheap, too.

**CIGARS AND TOBACCO**

There are many things here that will add to the happiness of the smoker at Christmas time. In the first place there's a box of those clear Havana cigars made by Sanchez & Haya. Then there are fancy Pipes, attractive Cigar Holders and everything in the smoker's line.

Yours for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

## T. W. TROXLER

**CAPT. INGLIS GROWS REMINISCENT.**

grew into a city as large as Newport was at that time.

Sitting on the porch of the Ocean House the other night, Capt. John L. Inglis grew a little reminiscent.

He came from Scotland, he said, to take charge of a large machine shop at Newport (below Tallahassee) for that former estimable old man, Daniel Ladd.

He remembered reaching Valdosta and going by stage to Madison, and from the latter place to Newport by private conveyance.

Valdosta was just being laid out; the trees were being cut down and the trash and limbs piled and burned. There were only one or two houses in the place and they were built of logs.

But when Capt. Inglis reached Newport he saw a busy, bustling city built of brick and mortar, and was noted scarcely less for its fine residences than for its commercial prosperity.

The harbor was crowded with masts. It was the shipping point for merchants and farmers almost as far into Georgia as Sunbury (another extinct town) and easily measured strength with Pensacola and Mobile.

There is not now a building, pier, rail, chimney, nor a brick to tell where the city stood.

Newport has been wiped entirely off the map and is planted to cotton and corn.

On the contrary, Valdosta has

grew into a city as large as Newport was at that time.

Capt. Inglis was then a full grown man, and is yet not an old man, but has witnessed many changes.

He is full of interesting reminiscences, which from time to time we shall get him to repeat for the edification of our readers.

**Made a Fortune in Cuba.**

Mr. J. W. Paine, formerly of the Meadows, was in Ocala Thursday, and made this office a pleasant visit. He was on his way to Cuba from his old home in Vermont.

Mr. Paine, perhaps, is the most successful American who has operated in Cuba. In partnership with Capt. L. M. Thayer, formerly of this city, the two cleared on one deal ninety thousand dollars.

Mr. Paine has about a thousand acres of unsurveyed land in one of the richest spots on the island and is going there now to have the same surveyed and improved.

He, however, will spend his summers in Vermont and winters in Florida and will only make occasional trips to the island.

We are glad of his good fortune and we are only sorry that every American who went to Cuba did not do as well.

Col. J. M. DesRochers, of Jacksonville, is again a visitor to Ocala.