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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Alvarez, of Starke, is in the city visiting Mrs. W. E. Hutson.

Mr. E. P. Pittman, of Coleman, was a visitor to the city Wednesday.

Dr. S. T. Carswell, of Citra, was numbered among Ocala's visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. John Lovell, of Sparr, formerly Miss Fanny Hunter, is visiting relatives in Ocala.

Mr. Leon Fishel has returned from his trip to Cuba and spent yesterday in Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ad Aldrick, of Paris, Mo., have gone to Apopka to spend some time before returning north.

Mr. S. A. Rawls and his mother, Mrs. H. N. Rawls, have been spending the past several days in Jacksonville.

Mr. Charles W. White, of New York, is again a visitor to Ocala after spending several days in Gainesville and Citra.

The Fonce de Leon hotel at St. Augustine is now open for the winter tourist season and its prospects for the winter are very bright.

The governor has not yet appointed a prison inspector to fill the place of Hon. Newton Blitch, now a railroad commissioner.

Mr. Joseph Peyer, representing the Southern Printer's Supply company, of Washington, D. C., is in the city calling on the various printing establishments. He says that business in his line is top.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson, of Berlin; Mrs. Vance Weathers, of York, and her sister, Miss Bobbie Harrison, of Leesburg; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. French, of Spring Park, and Judge F. J. Titcomb, of Rockwell, were among the visitors to Ocala Wednesday.

Mrs. Charles Brewer, of Bronson, and her daughter, Mrs. Ronkle, of Los Angeles, Calif., spent Wednesday in Ocala the guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Howard. They were on their way to Williston to attend the funeral of their relative, Mr. Peacock.

Miss Ida Thomas, of St. Petersburg, after a week's visit in Ocala the guest of Miss Anna Mixon, has returned home. Miss Maggie Bailey, of Mississippi, who has been Miss Mixon's guest since the first of December, accompanied Miss Thomas to St. Petersburg.

Mr. David S. Woodrow has purchased the sixteen negro cottages on the property in the second ward recently bought by the A. C. L. railway and will have them moved on the lot adjoining and will rent them to colored people.

The Ocala lodge of Odd Fellows had a very delightful meeting Tuesday night at Yonge's hall. Mr. L. J. Lester, of Tampa, Grand Master of the lodge, was present and made a very interesting talk as did also Past Grand Master J. A. Preston, of Jacksonville. After the business session a delicious oyster supper was enjoyed.

Mr. John D. Robertson, who was elected president of the city council, felt highly honored by the compliment and after the adjournment of the council gave a champagne supper to the members and to a few outside friends. It goes for the saying that a pleasant hour was passed by Mr. Robertson's guests.

Mr. William C. Gordon, of Chicago, one of the Ocala Banner's subscribers, is a visitor to Ocala and is a guest at the Montezuma hotel. Mr. Gordon made us a pleasant call yesterday afternoon and will spend a fortnight in our city. He says the weather in Chicago is very charming and is almost spring-like. Mr. Gordon is a very pleasant gentleman and is very much pleased with Florida.

Mr. Henry Thalgot, who is conducting a successful bakery in Dunnellon, passed through Ocala Wednesday on his way to Palatka, where he goes on a vacation and to look after some property interests. Mr. Thalgot says that the trade of Dunnellon is fine. That the city is improving right along and now rejoices in an electric light system and that an early sewerage system is contemplated. He says, indeed, that they have down there a "little New York."

The Shah of Persia died Tuesday night.

Mr. Lowry Dale leaves the latter part of the season for New York, where he will study music and the encouragement he was given from the authoritative sources in New York to continue the cultivation of his voice promises well, with the knowledge in Atlanta of his talent and ability for a successful music future.—Atlanta Constitution.

Mr. Dale is an Inverness boy and is a brother of Mr. W. M. Dale, formerly of this city. During his few years residence in New York he has won for himself many laurels in the music world. He has an exquisite voice and bids fair to make his mark in the world as a singer.

We stated in our paper that the county convicts had been leased to the Edwards Brothers, Naval Stores business but at that time the several bids had not been announced. The following were the bids submitted:

H. Massey & Co., of Orange Springs, bid \$15 per month for all sizes, sexes, conditions and ages; R. F. Rogers & Co., of Lynne, ranged from \$15 to \$30 per-month, depending largely on the class of men; S. A. Rawls & Co., made two bids, from \$30 to \$40 per month, with certain reservations; second bid, \$26 to \$35. Edwards Brothers bid was \$26 for all county convicts in service less than three months; for all county convicts in service from three to five months, \$29, for all convicts in service over six months or twelve months, \$31.95, for females and boys under fifteen years, \$15 per month.

Tuesday afternoon was the occasion of a very pleasant surprise party in honor of Mrs. Dame's birthday at her lovely home on South Line street. It was planned by about twenty of her friends. Mrs. Dame's surprise was complete as she did not realize it until about seven or eight of her friends had arrived. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent in conversation, games, music and recitations. Miss Margaret Spellman rendered several solos in her sweet and impressive voice. Miss Vivian recited and played in her usual graceful manner. Mrs. Weatherbee recited in very fine style, much to the enjoyment of all present, after which they were invited to the dining room, where delightful refreshments were served. Mr. Dame and Miss Stone were let into the secret and had made preparations for the occasion. All left wishing Mrs. Dame many happy returns of the day.

A Delicate Dish.

A new delicacy has been discovered by the epicures. At a recent banquet of a Michigan yacht club, about 15,000 muskrats were eaten with great relish. This yacht club will render a great service to humanity if they would broaden their appetites enough to include the common house rat in their menu.—Estero Eagle.

Judge Williams Presented With a Handsome Watch.

At the meeting of the Elks on Tuesday evening Judge D. S. Williams, the secretary of the lodge was completely taken by surprise when Mr. G. A. Weaver, a member of the Elks who resides at Belleview, in a lull in the proceedings advanced to the secretary's desk and told Mr. Williams that he had been commissioned to perform a very pleasant duty—a pleasure shared by every brother of the order and drawing from his pocket a very handsome gold watch in a most fitting and appropriate speech handed the same to Mr. Williams.

The watch is a gold hunting case with a handsome Elk head with a diamond eye engraved on the cover. The inside of the case is engraved as follows: "To Brother David S. Williams, secretary of the Ocala Lodge, B. P. O. E. 551, Christmas Greeting."

The watch was made at Canton, O., has what is known as the William McKinley movements and was manufactured at the Hamden works.

Judge Williams has been secretary of the Ocala Elks since the organization of the lodge and has taken great interest in it and it has been largely through his efforts that it has been so successful. He has made a most efficient officer, is always pleasant, affable and agreeable and the esteem in which he is held is shown by this gift and the superb manner of its presentation.

Judge Williams was entirely surprised, so much so, indeed, that he could scarcely find words sufficient to express his appreciation and gratitude but he quickly recovered himself and returned his thanks to the lodge in a most pleasing, touching and eloquent manner.

Dr. Dodge Preaches Introductory Sermon.

Dr. W. H. Dodge, who has accepted the call to the Presbyterian church of Ocala preached his introductory sermon in this city Sunday morning.

A large congregation was present to welcome Dr. Dodge and the service was a most interesting one.

Mr. A. E. Gerig rendered a beautiful cornet solo and Miss Sara Whitfield sang a beautiful solo after the morning offering was taken up. The choir was composed of Miss Whitfield, Mrs. A. E. Gerig and the Messrs. Gerig.

Dr. Dodge chose as the text for his discourse the following words in the fifth verse of the fourth chapter of Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians: "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus, the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."

Mr. Dodge said that he hoped to get very close to the people of his congregation and hoped that they would get very close to him. He said that during his ministry here it would be his duty and his pleasure to preach not himself but Christ Jesus and he expected the members of his church to stand loyally by him. That he was not sent to preach to empty benches but to human beings and that whenever there were services in the church he expected his members all to be present.

Dr. Dodge is a finely educated man, a pleasing speaker and an excellent minister and it is expected that his pastorate in this city will prove of inestimable benefit to the church and to Ocala.

At the conclusion of the service the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. P. T. Randall, of Connor, in the city Monday. He owns a very attractive orange, tangerine and grapefruit grove on the Ocklawaha river and we are glad to hear from his own lips that his trees escaped injury and that much of his fruit was also uninjured. He says that he does not think that his grapefruit are injured a particle. He is afraid, however, that the present warm spell will cause the trees to bud out afresh, which will put them in a dangerous condition to withstand another cold spell should we be so unfortunate as to have one.

Mr. G. B. Tankersley, of Coleman, was in Ocala Monday and stated to us that the celebrated Monarch grove, near Wildwood in Sumter county, escaped the late cold weather with very little injury. This is one of the largest and most famous groves in the state and the news Mr. Tankersley brings of it is exceedingly encouraging. He says that some of the vegetable groves in his section are hurt to the extent of about fifty per cent, but that others, who planted early, did not suffer so severely.

In the Circuit Monday.

All day Monday the circuit court was consumed in the trial of Sheriff Henry Gordon, who was indicted for assault with intent to murder. The jury was composed of the following gentlemen: C. J. Phillips, T. D. Bryan, Geo. B. Turner, D. S. Shaw, Henry Dudley and Peter Loos.

The defendant was represented by Hon. R. L. Anderson and Hon. Carlos L. Sistrunk and State Attorney Davis looked after the state's interests.

Dr. D. M. Smith and others testified as to the mental condition of Sheriff Gordon at the time this offense was committed. All testified that the sheriff was mentally irresponsible. Dr. Smith treated him for paresis or some other mental trouble for several months and was very positive in his statement that Mr. Gordon was mentally in an irresponsible condition at the time of this occurrence.

The jury after being out for about half an hour returned a verdict of not guilty.

Death of Mr. Peacock.

Mr. J. B. Peacock, a prominent citizen of Williston, died at his home at that place Tuesday night after a brief illness.

He was a lively man at Williston and was also largely engaged in the Argentine business and had many friends, who will regret to learn of his death.

The deceased was the uncle of Mr. Q. E. Peacock, of this city.

The Knights of Pythias had an oyster supper in their lodge rooms Monday night. Quite a number were in attendance, the supper was entirely informal and all had a general good time.

Mr. Albert Anson Graham has returned to Gainesville. He is in love with the "University City."

Colonel and Mrs. Rogers Hold Family Reunion.

Colonel and Mrs. R. F. Rogers, of Lynne, entertained their sons and daughters and grand children in a very delightful way last Friday and Saturday. In all there were twenty-six present.

Saturday the entire family convention spent a very pleasant day on Lake Briant and an elegant dinner was enjoyed and this was the first time in nearly fifteen years that the entire family had been together and the event was in every way a most happy and memorable one.

Colonel and Mrs. Rogers' guests were the following: A daughter from Jackson, Tenn.; one son, with his wife and two children from Electra—one son, wife and five children from Welborne; son and daughter-in-law from Atlanta; a daughter from Lake Butler; a daughter and her husband and child from Lake City and their three sons and a grandson of Lynne.

Keep Your Blood Pure.

No one can be happy, light-hearted and healthy with a body full of blood that cannot do its duty to every part because of its impurity; therefore, the first and most important work in hand is to purify the blood so that every organ will get the full benefit of a healthy circulation. There is no remedy we know of so good as that old family remedy, Brandreth's Pills. Each pill contains one grain of solid extract of sarsaparilla blended with two grains of a combination of pure and mild vegetable products, making it a blood purifier unexcelled in character. One or two taken every night for awhile will produce surprising results.

Brandreth's Pills have been in use for over a century and are sold in every drug and medicine store, either plain or sugar coated.

The Episcopal convocation will meet

in Ocala week after next and the committee from Grace church are now making great preparations for that event.

Miss Onal Smith, of Griffin, Ga., is the charming guest of her cousin, Mrs. G. H. Harrison at the rectory on Ocklawaha avenue.

Mrs. Harry Dozier and little daughter, Corolla, have gone to Columbia, S. C., having been called to that city by the critical illness of her mother. Her Ocala friends hope that she will find her mother greatly improved.

Mrs. William Anderson very pleasantly entertained the married ladies' card club Wednesday afternoon at her home on Fort King avenue. Her guests enjoyed the afternoon very greatly.

Notice to Non-Resident Sportsmen.

Notice is given to non-residents hunting game in Marion county that the laws of Florida require them to first procure a license before doing.

The amount fixed is \$10.00 and the official issuing the license is the clerk of the circuit court. This notice is given for the purpose of giving warning and saving trouble.

E. J. McCRANEY,
Game Warden.

A Big Blaze at Crystal River.

Wednesday morning about two o'clock a fire occurred at Crystal River which proved to be quite destructive. How the fire originated is unknown.

Passengers from there say that the A. C. L. depot and all the buildings adjacent to it were completely destroyed. Among the buildings destroyed were the following: Knight & Barco's store, the office of the Crystal River News, Dr. Moody's Drug Store, the postoffice, Mr. Paul Roelert's store and warehouse and Dr. J. D. Bennett's office.

Crystal River was without a fire department and the heat was so intense that the efforts of the bucket brigade proved futile.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors, legatees, distributees and all other persons having claims against the estate of Julia T. Munroe, deceased, to present the same to the undersigned within two years from this Jan. 11, A. D., 1907, at Ocala, Florida.

T. T. MUNROE,
Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Julia T. Munroe, deceased.
1-11-07

Acquitted of Murder

Mr. Gabriel Priest, who was indicted for the murder of I. N. Chance and was tried in Levy county circuit court, was Saturday night pronounced not guilty by the jury, after being out only fifteen minutes. The shooting occurred at Williston, but Mr. Priest and Mr. Chance were both living in the western part of this county. Mr. Priest was defended by Hon. Frank Clark and Hon. S. L. Carter, of Gainesville.

Melon Growers Meet in Jacksonville.

The Gainesville Melon Growers Association held their eighth annual meeting in Gainesville on January 5, and adopted a resolution calling a convention of the fruit and vegetable growers of the state to meet in Jacksonville, Wednesday, Jan. 30.

The principal object of the meeting in Jacksonville will be to take certain action in the matter of exorbitant freight and refrigerator rates and adopt the best methods of bringing the same speedily before the interstate commerce commission.

The melon growers' association of Gainesville hopes that all melon growers throughout the state will take a personal interest in this matter and be represented at the coming convention.

In a circular letter sent out the Gainesville Melon Growers Association says:

It is a fact that we have no car load rates to the east on many of our products, and that the grower has to pay just as much per package whether he ships two packages or a car load of four hundred.

There is a car load rate on cantaloupes and all other classes of freight to all points, and if we make the proper effort there is no reason why we should not get relief from this arbitrary action of the railroads, as well as a reduction from the present high freight and refrigeration rates charged us on all perishables.

Before the present rate law went into effect it was almost useless to try; but conditions have changed, and if you will give us your hearty co-operation and appoint at least one delegate to meet us in Jacksonville to discuss this all-important matter, and to formulate some plan of action, we can no doubt get relief and save the growers thousands of dollars every year.

Sun Brothers' Circus.

This well known show, which has visited our city several times before, gave two performances here Wednesday, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Many attractions have been added to it and the performance was much enjoyed and was especially pleasing to the little folks.

One good feature about this circus was the fact that it had no fakirs following it and the acts were all clean. The press agent was especially accommodating and was not slow in distributing his favors to members of the press showing them every courtesy.

There was a good attendance at each performance and everybody seemed well pleased with the show.

Telling Tales Out of School.

Governor Vardeman, of Mississippi, is feeling the pricks from the thorns of public office and finds them quite annoying.

In retiring from the management of the Mississippi penitentiary his warden, J. J. Henry, in a formal report to the board of control, makes the following charges of "graft" against Mississippi's chief executive:

"It seems," writes the warden, that the governor was so honest, that when shortly after he was inaugurated, I offered him a convict to work at the mansion, the governor, with an air of apparent superior virtue, said that he would not accept the tender, and that he was going to run an honest administration.

However, it was not very long before he changed his idea of honesty and called on me to assign him a convict to work at the mansion, which direction I obeyed.

"Later his idea of honesty became still more elastic, and he soon had two convicts at work instead of one. "Another sample of his ideas of honesty is purchasing horses for himself in connection with purchases of horses for the state. He bought on one trip a horse which was shipped in the same car with the state's horses. It is also a fact that he shipped another horse in connection with the business of the state, which demonstrates that he at least was not careful to avoid the appearance of evil.

"If I had been guilty of acts that bear such striking resemblance to graft as these acts of Governor Vardeman, I would enter a plea of guilty to the charge brought by the governor's legislative committee of appropriating public property to private use."

The editor of the Monticello News says "municipal government is business, not politics." Down this way it is neither business nor politics. It is all patriotism.

VERY GREAT INCREASE IN TAXABLE VALUES.

A dispatch from Tallahassee says the assessment rolls in the comptroller's office show the increase of valuation in taxable property in the state for the year 1906 over the assessment of the previous year as follows:

The tax values for 1906 show a total valuation of \$142,918,871.00, an increase over 1905 of \$19,582,270.00.

The total real estate valuation is \$89,071,434.00. This is an increase of \$6,664,222.00. Of this, the gain in city and town property is \$4,997,435.00 and on wild and farm lands is \$1,666,787.00. The total valuation of personal property is, \$26,994,593.00. This is an increase of \$2,645,978.00.

The increase in value of animals is \$389,605.00; the increase in value of other personal property is \$2,256,978.00.

The total valuation of railroads and telegraph is \$25,942,884.00, an increase of \$1,272,978.00. Made up principally from increase in mileage, valuation in southern part of state and in adjustment and equalization of values of rolling stock.

A (1-1-2 mill tax) general revenue, will bring \$213,028.00; licenses (estimated) \$350,000.00; total, \$563,028.00.

Summary Taxes for 1906.

For general revenue from direct taxation 1-1-2 mill levy, \$213,028.00, for general revenue from license (estimated) \$350,000.00.

For general revenue from other sources: Increase premium tax, charter tax, etc., estimated, \$100,000.00—total \$663,028.00; for constitutional state 1 mill school tax, \$142,028.00; for pensions, 3 mill tax, \$12,056.00; for state board of health 1-2 mill tax, \$71,069.00—total state revenue (estimated), \$1,302,111.00.

New York as an Example.

Why, asks the New York West, New York so fascinating. The magnets of its attraction are its bigness and its cosmopolitanism. In its struggles for commercialism along all lines it was not choice in the selection of its population. It took all that came. It proscribed none. It gave to all the blessings and allurements of citizenship. The result is that New York today is the greatest city of the New World and in many respects the greatest city on the globe. Men who are descendants of those who went there with a pack on their backs are now numbered among her millionaires and multi-millionaires and are its controlling spirits along all lines of commercialism and enterprise. The descendants of the immigrants who in this day would be rejected have become the chief stone in this great commercial edifice.

Change in the Ownership of the Florida Agriculturist.

The Florida Agriculturist is the oldest agricultural journal in Florida, having been established by the elder Codrington in 1873 and it has done a magnificent work for Florida. A dozen years or more ago it was purchased by E. O. Painter but in these later years Mr. Painter's outside business has grown so rapidly that it has been impossible for him to give much attention to this well known newspaper and it has not had the snap and sparkle and vigor and animation of former years and has gradually gone down hill. It was however, recently purchased by Mr. Walter Connolly, for a long time an attaché of the Jacksonville Metropolis and an able newspaper man. The new owner not only proposes to restore the Agriculturist to its pristine splendor but intends to add new features to it and make it even better than it was in the old days.

Wester Escapes.

Mr. J. F. Wester, who was tried and convicted at the recent term of the circuit court in this county, and who was sent to the Rogers' turpentine camps at Lynne for three years, has escaped.

A reward of \$100 is offered for his capture. He forged Sheriff Gordon's name to checks to the amount of several hundred dollars and was captured at Miami. One C. Higgins also made his escape at the same time.

The discussion of the episode in Brownsville, Tex., which resulted in the discharge from the service of three companies of negro troops by the president will continue this week to be the topic of paramount interest in the senate and the end is not yet.

Efforts are now on foot to start a hen trust. The plan contemplates establishing immense poultry farms near all the big cities of the country.