

GRAHAMVILLE AND CONNOR

Special Cor. Ocala Banner:
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Perkins wish to express their sincere thanks to Mr. Chalder, and to the friends who kindly assisted them to nurse their son, Walter, while the young man was on the summit of the very silent divide and while he lingered very low for several weeks.

The many friends of Mr. Walter Perkins, who is in the hospital in Ocala, are jubilant over the news that he is "coming around," and will be over in Grahamville soon to recuperate.

Mr. Hatton Perkins went up to Ocala Saturday to do some trading. Mr. Perkins' mother, who has been up at Ocala for the past month, nursing her son, Walter, accompanied him home.

On account of the smallness of the crowd Saturday, the Wenona did not run on the planned excursion trip to Silver Springs. Mr. Mason's launch, the Oregonian, went up with the party that came down to go. At the Springs, Mr. Frank Mathews, in his Merry Widow launch, set a pace over the rippling waters that, it is said, the Oregonian failed to keep up with. The Merry Widow is a stunner, and also a runner.

During the Marion county fair next year the Wenona and Oregonian will run daily excursions up and down the river.

Mr. J. B. Griggs, the fruit man, is still holding his oranges. In a few weeks they will be ripe, and then Mr. Griggs will sell.

The party that went over to Lake George on a camp hunt has returned home. They had plenty of fish and squirrel while away.

Mrs. Sue Frink has returned to her home at Ocala, after a two weeks' visit with friends here.

Miss Bertha Snow is teaching the Eaton Creek school. At Lake Bryant Miss Dixie Pillans wields the willow. Ocala sure is the "City of Sweet Content." When we were in the town the other evening the millinery stores were opening, and when the hinges to the doors were taken clear off they bloomed into regular palm and flower gardens, and the bonnets looked winsomely splendid under the electric bulbs and on the charming ladies who were there in large numbers. The ladies looked awfully charming, too. Then, later in the evening of Thursday we got with our young folks—our younger city cousins—and went down on North Orange street to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brooks, and enjoyed several pleasant hours chatting and playing games. We believe they called it a young people's missionary meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are very southern in their hospitality.

Having read in recent issues of the Ocala Banner about sugar cane, its growth, and in the making of the syrup, etc., a Boston capitalist came south last week, and at Ocala took a spin down into the Goolsby cane plantation, near the Grahamville ferry and the Rentz railroad. The gentleman carefully looked over the cane patches, and the while asked questions of his chauffeur, and the latter, being a Floridian, and home boy, answered with the true Florida spirit. Then the gentleman from Boston had his chauffeur to drive him to the ferry at Grahamville. He spent all the afternoon in our village and returned to Ocala late in the evening. The chauffeur said that the Bostonian and a Belleville, Kansas, man are preparing to buy up thousands of acres of the swamp lands on Silver Springs run and the Little Oklawaha and later on will clear the land and plant it to cane and orange trees.

Dillon Graham and his sister, Mrs. W. H. Carlton, and her interesting children spent Sunday in the Key Pond community at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holly.

CHATTEN CHUM.

BOAT RACE AT SILVER SPRINGS

Mr. Patrick Todd Randall was in Ocala Thursday, and to a reporter of this paper stated that there will be an excursion to Grahamville and Connor, up the Oklawaha river to Silver Springs tomorrow. A thrilling feature of the excursion will be a race between Mr. Randall's boat, the Wenona, and Mr. Henry Mason's boat, the Oregonian. Mr. Randall has secured Mr. Charles Peyser's large United States flag and will fly it from the masthead of the Wenona on this occasion. Everybody living along the river and Silver Springs run are looking forward to this excursion with a great deal of interest, and are anticipating a delightful time.

Before the dam and lock are put in the Withlacoochee river near Port Inglis, to get a fall of 45 feet we suggest that a surveyor be employed to put his level on the stream and the surrounding country. Dams and locks might pay, but 45 feet is a good deal of elevation in that propinquity. —Tampa Times.

Atlanta is complaining of her unnatural and unearthly noises.

REPLY TO VERITAS

To the Editor Ocala Banner:
A few days ago there appeared in your paper an article entitled, "Are These Things True?" and signed "Veritas."

In reply to the same we will say: No. Hon. Veritas, they are not true.

Marion county is due you many sweet smiles for your impromptu "spy work," so to speak, and for giving what you overheard to the Banner.

Florida takes special pride in Marion. She is the banner county in the Land of Flowers. Clear springs bubble up, and in some places make navigable runs throughout the county. On the east Lake George and the St. Johns river court her, and down on the southern borders billowy Lake Weir waves serenely. Oklawaha and Silver Springs cut their crooked and weird and wet trail through, and on the western divide the old Indian Withlacoochee ripples by, then passes on to the gulf of Mexico.

Phosphate takes up two-thirds of her western yard, and over in the north are great rolling truck lands. The Seaboard and Atlantic Coast Line railroads run through beautiful orange groves all the way through, and the palmetto, magnolia, et al shake their leaves gleefully and in rhyme with the moaning pines and the singing birds.

Over the main the Banner and the Star and the great and good Times-Union are read.

Everywhere the farmers are happy, and are ready, at a moment's notice, to do things.

Everywhere the cattle and swine are thriving, and everywhere here in Marion pumpkins, cane, oranges, corn, etc., are in such condition and quantity that it will be with no effort whatever to still carry Marion on the top of the list as the banner county.

Yesterday we chatted with Mr. M. P. Frink, a prosperous Berlin farmer, on the county fair subject. Mr. Frink said that he would be sure to bring something in to exhibit. Just let me tell you, Mr. Frink has good old country sausage and smoked hams all the year round. We ate a piece of the sausage yesterday, and know whereof we speak.

Mr. Ayer, our tax assessor is in love with Miss Marion, and he wants others (strangers) to see her and to locate in her angel gardens. Mr. Ayer has a big farm up in the McIntosh country. He will send down several exhibits.

Mr. J. B. Griggs, the man across the river at Grahamville, who grows the best oranges in Florida, wants the fair.

In a conversation with Colonel Millson, the mayor of Belleview, we mentioned the fair. He said "Belleview is smiling at the prospects of the fair."

We then "rang up" several farmers and asked their opinions in regard to the fair, and everyone we talked with enthusiastically told us over the wire that the fair would be fine for the county, and that they were ready to bring in something to exhibit.

Now, Hon. Veritas, help all you can on the fair subject. We have an idea, though, that you are a great man who is doing a lot of good in disguise. Well, so long.

HAY RUBE.

P. S.—Press in Mr. Galloway's services should you hear these "knockers" again, and we will tar and feather them and send them to Africa.

H. R.

"VERITAS" IS "FROM MISSOURI"

To the Editor Ocala Banner:

An article recently appeared in your paper signed by a person who, under the nom de plume of "Hay Rube," would have the good people of Marion county believe that he represents the "tillers of the soil." His disguise might possibly have escaped the ken of ordinary mortals if he had not mentioned the fact that he had recourse to the long distance telephones and used euphonious sounding Indian words to bolster his defense of the farmers for their lack of interest and pride in our county.

We have heard of a long distance ordinance. It is admitted that our government produces guns that will send a shot half across Marion county—but this long distance firing is not what we want. We are looking for deeds and works; "For by their works shall ye know them."

In the interests of a county fair the people of Ocala have put their hands in their pockets and expended over \$6000 to prepare grounds for holding the same. They have a live organization which proposes to spend several thousand dollars in addition to that already spent, to provide premiums and to insure the success of the fair.

What are the farmers doing to assist?

They have their unions which meet at stated periods, and it would be a simple matter to select a good, live man to co-operate with the Ocala people to make a creditable display of the products of their several localities. Why don't they get to work and do something? Why don't they

appoint a good, live man to collect exhibits and make sure that their section will be properly represented at the fair?

"Hay Rube"—or Hay Seed—can't fool us by his long range firing. We must have some evidence of life among the soil-workers before we are convinced that the statements made in our former communication are not true. "For by their works shall ye know them." VERITAS.

SHOOTING IN JACKSONVILLE

L. D. Howell, justice of the peace for the tenth district and one of the rising young attorneys of the city, was shot and dangerously wounded shortly before two o'clock this afternoon by W. R. Coulter, a clerk in the office of E. E. Willard, justice of the peace of the eleventh district. After he was shot Howell wrested the revolver from Coulter and shot him in the breast. The shooting occurred in the Washington Cafe, a Chinese restaurant, at 415 West Forsyth street.

The cause of the shooting seems to have been a friendly argument over business matters, in which Coulter became angry and pulled a gun.

Both were taken in an automobile to the office of Dr. P. C. Perry, where they were placed on couches until ambulances arrived. From there they were removed to St. Luke's hospital for surgical attendance.

Howell was wounded in the left side just above the intestines, the powder marks on his clothing showing that he was close to the gun when the bullet was fired. Coulter's wound is only a slight one in the left side and does not seem to be dangerous, though Howell is thought to be fatally injured.

Howell Talks

While on a couch in the office of Dr. Perry Howell stated that he was seated in the cafe eating dinner when Coulter entered. There has never, so far as is known, been any trouble between them before, and Howell says they were discussing business matters, when the argument grew heated and Howell called Coulter a liar. Before he could prevent it Coulter drew his gun and fired. Howell succeeded in getting the gun away from Coulter and fired, the bullet striking Coulter in the side. Nothing further could be learned from Justice Howell, for the doctors asked that he be allowed to remain quiet, fearing the exertion of talking might result fatally.—Metropolis.

TIME TO CALL A HALT

Supreme Justice David J. Brewer recently asked the chairman of the appropriations committee in the house of congress why it was that this nation had not paid off any of its billion dollar debt in the last ten years. He received this reply:

"In the last ten years the total appropriations for the army were eight hundred and nineteen million dollars. Of course, I omit giving anything but round figures. This is exclusive of pensions. For the prior ten years the appropriations were only two hundred and forty-five million dollars. During the last ten years the appropriations for the navy were eight hundred and ninety-seven million dollars, the ten years prior two hundred and sixty-two million dollars, or an excess in the appropriations for the army and navy during the last ten years over the prior ten years of one billion, one hundred and nineteen million dollars. That is why we have not paid the national debt."

The bugbear of war, and the war spirit and the army and navy aristocracy are yearly plunging this nation more and more into the class of army-ridden Europe. It is time to call a halt and to stop the extravagance. The only way to do it is to elect peace-loving and peace-believing men to the highest offices.—Lawler (Iowa) Dispatch.

TAMPA'S WELCOME TO CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Aged and footsore with life's weary way, slowly passing down the sunset slopes, their strength and glory only a memory, their once proud army only a remnant, the surviving Confederate Veterans of Florida will meet in this city late in this month in annual reunion.

A city which is honored with a gathering of this character should need no stimulus to civic pride to bring forth its most cordial greeting, to inspire its most hospitable treatment of these gray heroes of the war.

Tampa must do its full duty as host to these veterans. We must see that they lack for none of the civilities and the comforts which the city can afford. We must do more—we must make them feel that Tampa is appreciative of their coming, and esteems them as guests.

What more appropriate, in addition to the formal program of welcome and entertainment, than the decoration of buildings?

The Tribune would suggest that the mayor request citizens generally to show this mark of simple courtesy.—Tampa Tribune.

COLDEST WINTER SINCE 1905

THATS WHAT THE WEATHER MAN SAYS

You had better prepare for the cold wave by putting in your supply now, while our stock is complete.

FINE COATS FOR ALL

Our stock of Coats for Men, Women and Children are better for the price than to be had anywhere. They are made right up to now, and we can fit almost anybody who is looking for a garment at a moderate price. Our Ladies' Coats especially, are the best values we have ever seen. Come and glance at them, it cost you nothing to take a look at them.

LADIES' SHIRT WAISTS

Ladies' Shirt Waists in all kinds of materials, from Outing Flannel at 49c to Silk at \$3.98. They are made in the very latest styles and colors.

BIG STOCK OF DRY GOODS

The Dry Goods in our store fairly shout their praise, and the prices placed on them should rid the shelves long before the season is out.

LADIES' TRIMMED HATS

You should by all means see our line of Ladies' Trimmed Hats at \$1.98 to \$4.98. They are the greatest values to be had in this city yet.

IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER

We have thousands of new things to call your attention to but as our manager is busy opening up and checking more new goods we will ask you to read our large display advertisement in this paper next week.

THE VARIETY STORE

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REMOVAL

Our constantly growing business has made it necessary for us to have more room, and we have leased the corner store next to the one we have heretofore been occupying in the Wallis Block. The former store will be given over for warehouse purposes, while the entire corner room will be used for display and office quarters. We are now carrying a larger and more select stock of

GROCERIES

than ever before in the history of our business, and we invite our old friends as well as new ones to come in and inspect our store. We pride ourselves on the cleanliness of our store as well as on the fact that we handle a clean, up-to-date line of goods, and always endeavor to give 100 cents worth for every DOLLAR spent with us. Give Us a Call.

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