

THE Ocala BANNER

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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Makes delicious hot biscuit, griddle cakes, rolls and muffins.

The only Baking Powder Made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar

Local and Personal

State and county tax books will close March 31st. Save costs by paying your taxes before the above date. Do not forget to bring a correct description of your property.

E. L. CARNEY,
Tax Collector.

The Elks will have a regular election of officers March 23.

Bliss Triumph Seed Potatoes at Fishel's.

Ben Shelton, a negro man 60 years of age, died Friday night while sitting in a chair.

Mr. Wilbur Counts is now behind the counters at the Guarantee Clothing and Shoe Store.

DONT DRINK! But if you do, see Hogan, and get the best that money can buy. If it's a good drink, we have it.

Dr. W. V. Newson has caught the building spirit, and will enlarge and beautify his home near the R. S. Hall mansion.

Mr. W. R. Cox, a farmer across the river, who pulled up stakes and went to Texas, has returned and gone to farming in the Kendrick section.

Is it chills or fever? Frank's Chill Tonic is guaranteed to cure. 25c. Seed Oats and Seed Potatoes, at Fishel's.

Capt. Geo. A. Nash of the Ocala Rifles has been promoted and assigned to duty as acting major of the Second Infantry, 3rd Battalion State Troops. This paper salutes our new major.

We are headquarters for all good things to eat and drink. Good service and prompt attention. Hogan, the whiskey man.

The gymnasium is now making very fine progress. It has sixty-three paying members, and a great deal of interest is manifested in it. Every young person in the city ought to become a member of it. It would not hurt the middle aged ones, either.

Mr. Fishel struck a severe snow-storm at the inaugural ceremonies at Washington on the 4th. The inauguration of the president of the United States ought to be transferred to some city in Florida, where good weather can be guaranteed.

When you want a quick meal, drop in Hogan's Cafe, where you'll find everything in season on the bill of fare.

Mr. William Hinton of the Oklawaha river section, was in the city Friday and reported everything moving along fine on the other side of the river. He says the new bridge across the river is much appreciated by the citizens in the eastern portion of the county.

Say, good people, when you get hungry, go to Hogan's place. He keeps good things to eat and drink. G. D. is the man.

Mr. M. E. Robinson of Tampa, formerly a resident of this city, and better known as "Sunny Jim," was in Ocala yesterday. He travels for Joseph Rosenheim of Savannah, the firm that sells the "Hub" shoes. The firm has twenty-three traveling salesmen. The house has a convention usually, at which all the salesmen are called in and invited to attend. They all read papers giving their experiences and making suggestions as to a best method to increase trade. A banquet follows. This convention this year will be held on March the 12th. It is always looked forward to with much delight.

Dr. D. A. Smith was in from Anthony yesterday. It will be regretful news to his friends to learn that he is growing feeble. He was at one time a member of the Georgia legislature and also occupied a place on the floor of the Florida legislature. He is a member of the Marion camp of Confederate veterans and has many friends in this county.

Mr. Jasper Waters was in Ocala Friday and says that his brother, Mr. Jere Waters, is gradually growing weaker—that the sands in his hour glass have nearly run their course. He is one of our early settlers and in his affliction he has the sincere sorrow of his old friends and neighbors.

'Possum dish is becoming more and more popular. One of our subscribers writes us from Connor that he has four fat ones, and is going to bring them to Ocala for some of the admirers of the new president to give a Taft 'possum dinner. He wanted to bring them in time to have the dinner on the 4th of March, but was disappointed. The 'possum is now the emblem of the new administration.

If you must drink, see Hogan and get a good, pure distilled whiskey. x

Mr. E. B. Kellum of South Lake Weir was a pleasant visitor Thursday. He has been a resident for five years at the lake and is very much in love with his new home. He came because he was a sufferer from asthma, and has found the climate exceedingly beneficial. He has an orange grove and is very much gratified with the general outlook of the state and Lake Weir especially.

90-day Seed Oats, at Fishel's.

Mr. C. H. Baker, manager of the accident department of the Florida Life Insurance Company, of Jacksonville, was among the business visitors to Ocala yesterday. This department of the Florida Life's business has been especially successful since it was installed, and much of this success is due the efficient and untiring efforts of Mr. Baker, than whom there is no better versed insurance man in Florida. He was the guest of Mr. B. R. Stripling, the Florida Life's local agent here, during his stay in the city.

Mr. J. S. Keith of Bevier, Mo., is in Ocala on a visit. He was formerly from Pennsylvania, and in his younger days was acquainted with the editor of the Ocala Star. He says also that Mr. G. W. Marshall was a member of his company, and that he was near him when he was severely wounded in the head, and his recovery seemed a miracle. Mr. K. was at one time captured by Forrest and while a prisoner he received nothing but excellent treatment. He is very much charmed with our little city, and will make his visit among us longer than he at first intended.

Mr. C. M. Carn, a prominent citizen of Reddick, was one of our callers yesterday. He said that he had not increased the capacity of his canning factory, but that he could sell the output without trouble if it were forty times its present size. He says also that the product is as staple as bacon and will always command a ready sale, and unless the cans are permitted to rust will keep indefinitely. He said that he tested two cans, one a month old and the other three years old, and even an expert could not distinguish between the two. This ought to be a pointer for our board of trade. A cannery ought to pay in Ocala. Mr. Carn has discovered an immense deposit of lime on his place and will soon begin its manufacture. It is of excellent grade and is near the railroad. He is a lucky man.

ASHER FRANK IN BIG LUCK

Since Mr. Asher Frank has made such a big success in the real estate business and the auction sale of lots, his name has been heralded abroad, and he is falling up against all sorts of easy propositions.

His last is a letter from Madrid, Spain, which is from a noted banker of St. Petersburg, Russia, who absconded, leaving a deficit of five million rubles. The absconding banker landed in Spain under an assumed name, and there committed manslaughter. The police hunted for him a long time in vain, pursuing the search in all parts of Europe and America.

Luckily for the law, but unfortunately for the very noted banker, the minions of Scotland Yard ran up on him by accident and landed him in prison in Spain.

There is a secret spring to his portmanteau and he has his boodle intact, and he thinks that it is so concealed that the detectives will be unable to discover its hiding place.

His proposition to our hustling land agent is to embark immediately for Spain, advance the money for his prosecution, and in return he will give him the key to the secret pocket of his portmanteau, and he can take for his share one-third of the whole amount, to-wit: The sum of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars, and the hand of his beautiful and accomplished daughter in marriage.

Asher's friends see him leaving, and are bidding him bon voyage.

The following is the London Times' account of the noted banker's arrest: Some months ago, as our readers may remember, we referred in these columns to the great scandal caused in St. Petersburg, and in Russia generally, by a noted banker who absconded, leaving a deficit of over five millions of rubles.

The Russian police sought for him for a long time in vain, for it seems he had not left the least trace of his flight, and the continued search over Europe and America proved unavailing.

Yesterday, however, a Spanish inspector, accompanied by two officers from Scotland Yard, and acting under instructions of the Spanish ambassador, who had previously interviewed the home secretary, arrested him on his way from the hotel while he was going to the steamship office. It seems that it was his evident intention to take passage for New York. From information received by the ambassador, he had been in hiding in Spain, where he lived with a woman and with his daughter. A few days before arriving in London he had quarreled with another Russian, who was mortally wounded by a revolver shot during the scuffle, and who only lived long enough to denounce his assailant.

In an interview with the Russian ambassador it seems that the name he had been using in Spain, and which he gave on being arrested was not his real one, Manasseina being simply an alias, but after comparing the prisoner with photographs in his possession the Russian ambassador recognized him as Petravicz, the criminal banker who eloped with five million rubles. He is a native of St. Petersburg, a widower, forty-eight years old, with an only daughter, whom he left in Spain on escaping from that country.

On being arrested two of Manasseina's, or Petravicz's portmanteaus were seized, but although strictly searched, nothing but personal effects were found in them, in spite of which the Russian ambassador declares that the prisoner ought to have several million rubles somewhere.

The Russian and Spanish ambassadors conferred yesterday evening as to whether the prisoner should be conveyed to Spain or to Russia, and after an interview with the home secretary, and in accordance with the extradition treaty of England, Russia and Spain, it was agreed that the prisoner should be conveyed to Spain, to stand his trial for manslaughter, and that only after his trial can the Russian government ask Spain, through diplomatic channels, for his extradition.

Following is the unfortunate banker's letter to our hustling real estate agent:

Madrid, Spain, 24-09.
Colonel A. Frank, Ocala, Fla.

Dear Sir—Although I know you only from advertisements in the newspapers and the good references of your honesty my sad situation compels me to reveal to you an important affair in which you can procure a modest fortune, saving at the same time that of my darling daughter, and winning her hand in marriage.

Before being imprisoned here I was established as a banker in Russia, as you will see by the enclosed article about me in many English newspapers which have published my arrest in London.

I beseech you to help me to obtain a sum of \$480,000 which I have in America, and to come here to save the seizure of my baggage by paying to the registrar of the court the expense of my trial and recover my portmanteaus, containing a secret pocket where I have hidden the document, indispensable to recover the

said sum.
As a reward I will give to you a third part, viz: \$160,000.

I cannot receive your answer in the prison, but you must send a cablegram to a person of my confidence, who will deliver it to me. Awaiting your cable to instruct you in all my secrets, I am sir,

Yours truly,
PETROVICZ.

P. S.—First of all, answer by cable, not by letter, as follows:
ANTONIO BERANZA,
Bureau Telegraphique,
MADRID, SPAIN.

IN HONOR OF MISS HANSBROUGH

On Thursday evening at the beautiful home of Mrs. William Hocker on Oklawaha avenue, a very delightful party was given by Mrs. Hocker, Mrs. Duval and Mrs. Mote in honor of their charming niece, Miss Lutie Mote Hansbrough, who has been spending the past three weeks as their admired guest.

Mesdames Hocker, Duval, Mote and Miss Hansbrough met their guests in the hall, which had been decorated with evergreens and flowers. After greeting the hostesses and honoree, the guests were invited into the parlor, where the jolly crowd sat around the fire and conversed for some time, after which some very interesting charades were acted.

Sides were chosen, Mrs. Hocker acting as captain, chose for one side, while Mrs. Duval was chosen captain for the other side.

The first charade was the word "abandon," which was very well acted by Mrs. Duval's side. Then Mrs. Hocker's side had as their charade an adverb with three syllables, which was very original and also cleverly acted, and it was some time before it could be guessed. It was the word "cheerfully." The third charade was a word of four syllables—"society"—and, like the other two, was fine and caused much fun and laughter.

Very delightful Welsh rare-bit, with wafers, tomato sandwiches, dill pickles and olives were served by the young men.

Miss Hansbrough, who is a very talented musician, sang very sweetly several selections.

The latter part of the evening the "old Virginia reel" was danced until a late hour.

Those invited to this party were: Miss Kate McColley of Atlanta, Misses Carrie Williams, Pauline Sullivan, Luciel Standley, Annie Davis, Lucy Moorhead and Caro Liddon, and Messrs. Bob Mathews, O. B. Howse, Marion Pelot, Harry Palmer, Ben Todd, Sam Teague, Hibbert Weathers and Frank Harris, Jr.

ANOTHER BUSINESS CHANGE

The Boston Store has again changed hands, and Mr. H. Head is the new proprietor.

Mr. Head is from Dunnellon, and has for some years been successfully conducting various business enterprises in the Phosphate City. He is a young man and comes among us with the highest of recommendations.

We welcome him to our city, and trust that his investments among us will prove profitable.

A stranger visiting our city yesterday said that Ocala presented the cleanest and thriftiest appearance of any town he had seen in the state—unless it was Gainesville. There seems to be, he said, a friendly rivalry to out-do one another, and it was a very few places that he had seen that were not engaged in beautifying their grounds and enlarging and ornamenting their homes. The public buildings, too, were kept in a manner to show that the town and county officials were proud of them, and had an eye for the beautiful. He added that it made a very great and pleasant impression, and everywhere he goes in the state he hears a good word spoken for Ocala. He gave our town a very pretty compliment, and we hope that this friendly rivalry will be kept up until indeed, and in fact, we shall have the very nicest town in Florida. We are making it a "city beautiful" and we must not cease our efforts.

LISTEN! When you are at home send us your orders. When in town make his place headquarters. Hogan's Place, the whiskey man.

Mr. Jack McCully of Cottage Hill was among the suburban visitors to the county seat yesterday. "Look at me," he said, "wearing an overcoat and beans just preparing to bloom." He said that he hoped for the best, but admitted that he felt uneasy. He said that he had this forward patch for the Easter market.

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INTERIOR FREIGHT RATES

Ocala, Fla., March 10, 1909.

To the Editor Ocala Banner:

I note in a recent issue of your paper a statement wherein it is alleged that the Georgia railroad commission has established a ruling that every town of 2000 population and over is made a basing point, and that you hope that our Florida railroad commission will "stick a pin in this." I am of the opinion that it "will have a pin stuck in it," not only one, but as many as will entirely obliterate even the idea.

The experience of our railroad commission taking up the difficulties of discriminations as against the interior towns is not an encouraging one; nor have I noticed a single action on their part that would indicate that they even consider or notice interior towns, or the railroads' discrimination against them, and whenever you mention an interior town and its rights, they can show you by laws, rules and regulations as old and as unalterable as those of the Medes and Persians, that it would be a violation of the trust imposed in them (no doubt it would, from certain standpoints) or that they would be exceeding their authority, or that the law is in direct conflict with the idea, and, when all else fails, they will recognize the justice of the cause and offer their sincere sympathy, but advise you that they are powerless in their great fight against railroad discrimination. You will note that they are evidently Baptists of the extreme type, and must have water in all their basing points.

So well and firmly established are the railroad laws, rules and regulations in our state government in favor of the railroads and seaport towns, that so far as eliminating the curse of railroad control from our body politic, and removing the yoke of slavery from the interior, we might as well select a railroad magnate living in Jacksonville or Tampa, or some northern city, and have him cast the vote of the entire state, in all that pertains to railroad legislation, and have the railroad commission record the minutes of the meeting and our railroad lawyers pass upon the legality of the transaction.

Such a law as is supposed to be in force in Georgia would to a large extent solve the problem in Florida. But you need never expect our legislators or railroad commissioners to ever get on that track, hint, or even suggest the justice or practicability of such a law. So far as present antiquated railroad management is concerned, the interior is an unknown or dead letter, a lemon to squeeze. Now and again they are surprised to find a few of those that are able to find their way to the gulf and out of their stifling grasp; but they have not yet realized the love and respect (?) in which they are held by the interior producer and business men. They have that yet to learn.

The relief of the interior will never come from that source, but if the press of the interior will unite in determined efforts to have justice done the interior, and show up the working of the railroad machine in our legislative halls, and rouse the people of the interior to their tribute paying slavery to railroads in the interests of the seaport towns; then, and not till then, will the interior have justice and have that which belongs to them—their fair share of business which they are justly entitled to, on a fair and just basis, eliminating discriminations, as well as the producer having reasonable remuneration for his labor and undertakings, and not be considered merely dividend paying assets to water-logged railroad corporations, whose stocks and bonds are five or six times over the real value of their property, while they pay taxes on about one-tenth of actual value. This would be a fight for justice and equity and the rights of the interior, in which every free interior newspaper should take a hand, and every freedom-loving citizen should back such newspapers to a finish fight, not by plausible promises and fair talk, but by cold cash and unstinted patronage to the end that no paper incurring the displeasure of the railroads and their political henchmen should suffer in consequence. But have them feel that their efforts would not only be appreciated, but paid for. This would also show what a free press could do if they would.

Remembering at all times that the railroads are justly entitled to good, even liberal, legitimate profits; but this liberality should not be stretched to mean 25 per cent. on fictitious valuations, which may mean 100 per cent. on actual valuation. Nor should

OWES HER LIFE TO

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound



Vienna, W. Va. — "I feel that I owe the last ten years of my life to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Eleven years ago I was a walking shadow. I had been under the doctor's care but got no relief. My husband persuaded me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it worked like a charm. It relieved all my pains and misery. I advise all suffering women to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound." — Mrs. EMMA WHEATON, Vienna, W. Va.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, contains no narcotics or harmful drugs, and to-day holds the record for the largest number of actual cures of female diseases of any similar medicine in the country, and thousands of voluntary testimonials are on file in the Pinkham laboratory at Lynn, Mass., from women who have been cured from almost every form of female complaints, inflammation, ulceration, displacements, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, indigestion and nervous prostration. Every such suffering woman owes it to herself to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial.

If you would like special advice about your case write a confidential letter to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free, and always helpful.

it mean paying taxes on about one-tenth of real values; nor should it carry with it the present toll gate system established by the railroads, and the capitalistic non-producing element in our large seaport towns, to the extent of exacting tribute by way of discriminations in freight as against the interior producer and business man.

Remove this yoke, and give the interior a fair show and it will take care of itself, as well as be to the betterment of railroads and seaport towns. Respectfully,
GEORGE MACKAY.

MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB

A most interesting meeting of the Woman's Club was held Friday afternoon at their rooms in the Central National Bank building.

Mrs. Louis Duval, one of the enthusiastic members of the organization, read a very interesting paper on "Household Economics and Pure Food Law," which led to a very general and intelligent discussion of the same.

Dr. Wiley's work was very generally commended and a resolution was passed asking for his retention in office.

After the business of the meeting had ended a social half hour was spent and delicious crackers and tea were served. Mrs. Jas. R. Moorhead and Mrs. Thos. H. Johnson acting as hostesses. They were assisted by Misses Lillian Thagard and Leafy Sylvester.

This paper regrets its meager report of this meeting, but its reporter of these delightful functions is absent from the city.

DEATH OF MR. E. P. THAGARD'S MOTHER

On his return home yesterday from a tour of the state, Mr. E. P. Thagard found a telegram awaiting him announcing the sad intelligence of the death of his mother, which occurred in Cameron, N. C., Friday morning. She died in her eighty-fifth year, and was the mother of twelve children, ten of whom are still living. Four year ago she received a stroke of paralysis, which confined her to her bed most of the time since, but up to that time she was remarkably hale, vigorous and active. Since her girlhood she was a loyal and devoted member of the Baptist church, and she led such a life that its memory will serve as a benediction to the people among whom she resided.

Mr. John T. Lewis has returned from a very pleasant visit to the state capital. He says that it is the consensus of opinion in that city and at other places that he has visited that General Gilchrist is going to make a very cautious executive.