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Beach Combings.

Almost a frost again Monday night. W. H. Parker was engaged all day Monday in surveying here.

C. J. Raffield took the Isabell to Parker today to be hauled out.

M. D. Howlett, the Cromanton photographer, is in town today.

A. Hogeboom has made several business trips to St Andrew the past week.

A large number of traveling men stopped over night at the hotel Tuesday night.

Mrs Otto Frantz returned on yesterdays Tarpon after a week or two visit in Pensacola.

Mr Wm Prows returned home on yesterdays Tarpon after an absence of some two months.

John Gwaltney and wife, and Mrs Hinton Gwaltney, were Panama City visitors Saturday last.

Mr Carlisle, of Callaway, and daughter Lillian, were Panama City visitors on Wednesday.

W. F. Gregory, of St Andrew, with Dr Blackshear, J. W. Fortner and S. J. Espy, of Dothan, were visitors here yesterday morning.

Callaway post office has been made a money order office. This will be a great convenience to the people in that section of the bay.

Parties coming from the line of the A. & St A. B. R. R. report a large force at work along the line, and everything being rushed more than ever before.

The schooner Cleopatra got away for Pensacola this morning. It had on a large consignment of bait from Capt Bert Ware for the Pensacola fishermen.

The Tarpon was a noon arrival here yesterday and was well loaded with a cargo of miscellaneous freight. It brought more millinery goods for G. L. Fenters & Co.

J. B. Hogeboom left on Sunday for Round Lake to bring back Mr Gregory and party. He returned Tuesday noon having left his party at Bay Head Monday evening.

The following traveling men have been stopping at the hotel the past two nights and making various bay points during the day. J. A. Sammonds, Al Osteen, Sam Goldbach, J. A. Dickens, Dick Lewis, B. S. Hancock, and J. A. Howard.

Three hacks loaded with traveling men started from the hotel this morning for various points about the bay. Business on the bay seems to be very satisfactory to these representative, and there have been more of them hereabouts the past month than ever before.

A. Hogeboom is getting in new and fresh groceries two or three times a week. Among the delicacies just received are choice Malaga grapes, the finest of canned peaches, Wisconsin full cream cheese, fresh mince meat, breakfast foods, &c. Give him a call. He carries a very select line of canned goods.

The fishermen have been more successful the past week, there having been some good runs of fish. Near the passes and at St Joseph there have been some large catches. It is to be hoped that the fishermen may be able to even up in the few days remaining for the poor results of the fore part of the season.

C. J. Raffield, of Farmdale, reports that on Tuesday evening one of his seine skiffs, with new seine and outfit, went adrift from Crooked Island sound, and has as yet not been located. Mr Raffield offers a reward for any one picking up his boat and outfit, and asks the finder to report to him at Farmdale, Fla. It is thought that the boat drifted to the westward along the gulf beach.

The PILOT office is prepared to secure the very best half tone cuts or other views wanted by our boatmen or others. Prices are about 16 cents per square inch, but no single cut is made for less than \$1.25. All that is necessary to send us is a good picture of the boat made to the size that the cut is needed. If a larger picture is used there will be an expense in reducing it to the size required.

A. & St A. B. R. R.

Letter from President Steele.

The PILOT readers being anxious to hear everything definite regarding the progress being made by our railway we are pleased to be able to lay before them this week extracts from a letter from President Steele, under date of October 28th, which states the condition at the present time, with his opinion as to when the road will be completed to Panama City.

Mr Steele says: "We hope to run trains to Compass Lake this week. I am glad to say that the Econfina trestle, which is about two thousand feet long, will be completed in a few days. I have signed a contract with Mr M. M. Elkin, a railroad contractor who has a large outfit, and is a practical railroad contractor. Mr Elkin has given bonds to have the road completed and running into Panama City as per my contract. He has the contract for laying the track, doing all the balance of the grading, putting the decking on all the trestle &c."

The above official statement will we trust be sufficiently explicit to convince our readers that everything is being done by Mr Steele to reach here at the very earliest moment, and from all reports from along the line we have have not a doubt that he will be here this winter in time to do some portion of the heavy winter business that can best be served by the railway.

G. L. Fenters & Co. have received another large consignment of hats &c., to which the attention of the ladies of the Bay country is called, and an inspection invited before the stock is broken. Their opening on Friday and Saturday last were well attended, and those present state that the hats &c on exhibition was equal in style and make up to anything found in the large cities, while prices were much less. There is no necessity of our ladies sending to outside cities to get their millinery hereafter.

The postoffice at Anderson has been re-named Southport. With this change that location will hereafter be called Southport. The reason given for the change is that there is a railway station named Anderson in the state and freight and express has been misrouted in consequence. It is unfortunate that the name of Anderson could not have been retained as that has a local significance through the place having been for so long the home of the Anderson family, while Southport seems to be somewhat of a misnomer for the most northerly port on the bay.

Parker.

B. Swearingen was a caller here on Wednesday.

Truly the population of Parker is growing.

W. H. Parker surveyed some lots in Panama City on Monday.

Jas Burkett was a pleasant caller at W. H. Parker's on Tuesday.

Capt Ed Fox came in from the fishing grounds on Tuesday with about fourteen barrels of fish.

Mr and Mrs George Kryder arrived on the Tarpon last Wednesday from their old home in McClure, Ohio, where they have been visiting for several months, until the cold weather made them long for their winter home in sunny Florida.

Our East Bay mail carrier, Elias Davis, one of our home boys, was married on Sunday afternoon to Miss Lydia Stevens, of St Andrew, the wedding being at the home of the bride's parents. We wish them a long and happy journey through life.

The stork has made another visit to Parker. This time he called at R. E. Palmer's in the wee small hours on Monday morning and left an eight pound boy. They liked the little fellow so well that they have decided to keep him, so in the future the young man will be found at home at Mr and Mrs R. E. Palmer's.

St. Andrew.

Rev Geo Hyman, of Apalachicola, will begin a protracted meeting at the Baptist church on Friday night.

The schooner Cleopatra took a load of lumber from Millville to West Bay for the new Naval Stores Co. on Tuesday.

Dr Kester has the lumber on the ground preparatory to erecting a two story building 22 by 30 feet, with a hall up stairs and drug store on the first floor.

Clark Witherill who has been visiting his brother and friends on the bay the past week, started for Jacksonville on yesterday's Tarpon, going by way of Carrabelle. Captain Frank Witherill accompanied him for a short trip to the metropolis.

John Gwaltney last Saturday completed the installment of a 10 h. p. Fay & Bowen engine in the launch that Ed Hand built last season for Mr Langraft, and gave the boat a trial trip from St Andrew to Panama City. The motor worked perfectly and the boat developed good speed.

Elias Davis, known to all along the East Bay mail route as the man who, rain or shine, brings the mail to each office daily, was on Sunday last married at the home of the bride in the West End, to Lydia E. Stephens. The ceremony was performed by W. H. Parker, of Parker. The couple have the good wishes of their many friends.

W. T. Suggs, of St Andrew, and Mrs G. E. Mercer, of Millville, were quite romantically united in the holy bonds of matrimony on the beach near Martins bridge, west of Parker, by the Rev E. W. Roberts, on Sunday the 27th. They had been to Parker to secure the services of W. H. Parder, but he being at the time engaged in marrying a couple in St Andrew, they started to return home when meeting the Rev E. W. Roberts on the beach road were married then and there.

Cromanton.

Miss Addie Hoskins and Mrs Henry Spicer were shopping in Millville Monday.

Miss Grace West and Mr Clark Witherill were pleasant callers on Miss Francis Kearns a few days ago.

The several visitors at the church Sunday from across the bay represented Parker, Millville, and St Andrew.

A party from Panama consisting of Mr and Mrs Al Hogeboom, Mr Hogeboom's mother and two other ladies visited here Sunday.

A very pleasant musical was enjoyed at F. W. Hoskins house Monday night. M. D. Howlett ably assisting with voice and mandolin.

Mrs Bates has been making substantial improvements at her home in the shape of a new kitchen. Frank Hoskins and Frank Kinney erected the new building.

Mr Robert Hodge, of Mobile, accompanied by his brother-in-law, Mr Frank Harris, visited Mr Hodge's mother and sisters here from Friday until Sunday night.

Mr Bright, of Millville, was here two days the past week. He was looking up some fresh pork and bought a hog of E. Mosher which he killed, dressed, and took back to Millville with him.

Rev Wineman preached a very comforting sermon here Sunday night from text Job 35:10. "Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night." It is natural for the human to sing and be cheerful when things go smooth and to their liking, but when gloom and sorrow overshadow it takes more than human to be happy then, but God can give songs in the night of sorrow.

Mr and Mrs W. H. Parker attended the Davis and Stevens wedding at St Andrew on Sunday, Mr Parker tying the knot for the happy couple.

RAILWAY PROGRESS.

Big Cut Completed.

Mr J. B. Hogeboom who came in Tuesday from along the line of the railroad reports that the steam shovel has completed its work in the big cut, and also that the track is now down to the Econfina trestle. The work there is about two thirds done, and the contractor is now away to get in a second pile driver that the work may be finished more rapidly.

Mr H. reports camps all along the line from Spans to the end of the track, and that good progress is being made grading. General Superintendent Domer assured him that the trains would be running into Panama City this winter as he has before stated.

Wetappo.

The Jolly Rover was sailing in these waters Saturday.

A. B. Sheffield made a business call here Saturday morning.

The Cuba was up to Hardy Smith & Cos. with freight Thursday.

Miss Alice Daniels and Mr Jarret Husband were united in the bonds of wedlock a short time ago.

There was a social at the Hotel at Farmdale Friday night which was kept up until the wee small hours and a good time reported.

Messrs W. F. Woodford and H. A. Allan with their boats Cliff and Magnet took a load of lumber up Wetappo Creek to F. B. Whitfield Tuesday.

Misses Emily Carraway, Allie and Minnie Whitfield, Messrs F. A. Shermer, J. Oliver, H. A. and C. O. Allan were pleasant callers at Mr S. Dyer's Sunday afternoon.

Bayhead.

Mr Richardson, of Econfina, was shopping here Friday.

David Porter, of Bennett, was here selling beef Thursday.

F. H. Ware and son Clarence went to St Andrew Saturday.

L. C. Gay and family were here Sunday visiting relatives.

Deputy Sheriff Mashburn was here Thursday peddling fresh pork.

Capt F. A. Witherill with the launch Leaneor was up Friday with a load of freight.

Deputy Sheriff Mashburn reports that he killed five opossums one day last week.

B. F. Abbott left for St Andrew last Wednesday where he could get medical treatment.

Mr Brown and the Misses Liler Brown, Maggie and Mary Cox were shopping here Thursday.

J. W. Gainer was here Wednesday. He reported work on the B. C. & St A. R. R. progressing nicely.

Miss Leatie Sewell left here Tuesday morning for Halcyon, Fla. She has been down on the bay for six weeks visiting friends.

The North Bay mail boat Favorita was disabled last Thursday causing Capt W. M. Railsback to use F. H. Ware's launch the Francis.

Last Sunday J. H. Anderson with his launch Cupid was up from Southport with a crowd of colored folks enroute to the Bayhead Turpentine Co.

The steamer Dewey made her regular trip here last Thursday and left a pile of lumber for L. C. Gay, which he will use in building a 30 foot launch for F. H. Ware.

Mr Hogeboom, of Panama City, arrived here Monday night from the A. & St. A. R. R. with Dr Blackshear and three other gentlemen from Dothan, Ala. F. H. Ware carried them right on to St Andrew arriving back home at 3 o'clock next morning.

There was quite a crowd of traveling men here Monday night. There were Ben Hancock, representing the Welles, Kahn Co., Dick Lewis, representing the Lewis Bear Drug Company and three other gentlemen en route to Southport and other points.

West Florida Missionary Baptist Association.

A Great Meeting at Piney Grove Church.

Last Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 18th, 19th and 20th inst., were days that will be remembered with pleasure for a long time by those who were so fortunate as to be there.

Piney Grove church is situated in a fine section of our country. The lands are good and the people are prosperous. The membership of the church comprise some of our best farmers and splendid citizens.

Fifteen years ago the association met with this church. The improvements made since then are marked and very great. Then only a few people lived in this section, and now it is a thickly settled country. Then the farms were small and the "plow ox" was much in evidence. Now the farms are large and good mules and horses are found on every farm. The dwelling houses were small and many of them rude, indeed. Now they have good houses, and many of them more than comfortable. Fifteen years ago the small membership of the church worshipped in a rough board house. Now the large congregation worships in one of the best houses to be found in the country. Such are some of the signs of progress noted by the visitors at the recent session.

At 11 a. m. Friday the association assembled in the spacious building of the church and with wrapt attention listened to the introductory sermon preached by Rev. W. C. Howell of Georgia.

After dinner the body met and organized. The former officers Rev. J. W. White, Moderator, and Mr. J. M. Stevens, Clerk. A large delegation was enrolled and visitors were seated. Then the work began in earnest.

The committees were made up and by Saturday noon reports were coming in. The reports showed splendid work from every quarter and also bespoke the interest the committees had taken in the work assigned them. Rev. J. D. Courtney preached Friday night. His theme was "The ability of the Baptists to discharge their duties as laid upon them by their Lord."

At eleven o'clock Saturday Rev. Geo. Hyman, of Apalachicola, preached. His theme was, "The Work and the Workers." The fact that Mr. Hyman and wife are to go to the foreign field made a deep and profound impression upon the congregation, and a reception was given them and many were the "God bless you," as the loving hand of fellowship was given them.

Routine work occupied the afternoon and evening and on the Sabbath while the day was yet young the multitude began to arrive and by eleven o'clock the crowd had grown to two thousand. The seats were moved out into the grove where the missionary sermon was preached by Dr. L. D. Geiger, secretary and treasurer of the state convention. His theme was "The Signs of the Times." It was a great theme and was handled by the Dr. in a most masterly way.

The contributions in cash and pledges for the years work—all purposes—amounted to about \$2500.00. It is earnestly recommended that two evangelists be put in the field for the next year, and if it is done it is believed that even a better showing will be made a year hence.

The parting hand was taken; dinner was served and thus closed one of the most harmonious sessions ever held.

The association meets next October in Apalachicola. Let those who want to attend begin to prepare early. Reduced rates will no doubt be secured and a large delegation will visit the new city by the sea next year.—Chipleay Banner.

Marion Jenks and wife, who have been visiting his mother at St Andrew for some days, returned home on yesterdays Tarpon.

Capt John Modlin was a visitor here today.