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## Beach Combings.

Capt. A. J. Gay was in town a day or two this week.

Quite a few fresh fish were brought into town this past week.

J. B. Hogeboom left on Tuesday for Vernon with a prisoner.

Rev F. G. Hasting made the PILOT office a pleasant call today.

John Peterson, of Gay, was a visitor on our streets last Friday.

A. H. Brake of St Andrew was transacting business here on Friday last.

It is rumored that the Manteo is to make a call in this harbor about the 10th.

Sam Hillman and R. L. McKenzie were St Andrews visitors Tuesday morning.

Mrs E. M. Goodson and daughter returned on Tuesday from a lengthy visit to her sister.

A. J. Gay and E. M. Goodson returned from a business trip to Chipley on Tuesday morning.

The steamer Dewey, and motor boat Eva, both made trips to North Bay points today with freight.

Our mail missed connections Friday evening on account of some disarrangement of the engine of the mail boat when about to leave this dock Friday morning.

The Regal, with Roswell Gay in charge came down from Gay on Tuesday with passengers, returning Wednesday morning with the Misses Vesta Gay and Jewel Booth.

The pile driver on the A. & St A. B. R. R. is now driving at the little Bear creek crossing. As soon as that work is completed it will start on the big Bear creek crossing.

J. B. and A. I. Hogeboom made a trip to the railroad last week returning on Sunday, bringing back George Covington, whose examination was held before Justice Sturrock Monday morning.

Some of our hunters are arranging to put in a day in trying to capture the panther, which several parties have reported as being heard or seen near the fresh water lake, and about the head of the lagoon.

Rev T. J. Hastings, the newly appointed pastor of this charge of the M. E. Church, South, requests us to state that his regular days for service in Panama City will be the second Sunday in each month at 11 A. M. and the fourth Sunday, at 3.30 P. M.

This section was visited with a heavy rainfall all day Monday filling the flat woods with water, making traveling difficult. On Tuesday the wind shifted to the west and blew a gale all day, which continued through Wednesday. But few boats ventured out on the bay on either of these days.

Upon the completion of the Atlanta & St Andrews Bay R. R. to Spanns the Enterprize Lumber Company will commence the erection of a large double circular saw mill at that point equipped with planers, dry kilns, &c., with a capacity of 60 to 70,000 feet, to begin cutting a large body of timber they own in that section.

Parties teaming between the Bay and Chipley report that there is not a bridge in the whole distance that is safe to cross to cross. Our liverymen state that the county authorities have been notified of the poor condition of the bridges, but thus far no attention appears to have been paid to these complaints.

Our next number, that of January 16th, will be devoted to East Bay points. We earnestly desire the full co-operation of all those interested in that favorable section of the bay country to aid us in making this number a full exponent of what that section is, and it what it offers in way of advantages to prospective settlers. The possibilities for the development of a great portion of the East Bay country are almost beyond telling, and there are numerous people who are interested in them.

## Chipley Aids Us.

"Acting President Pleas and Secretary Cook, of the Board of Trade, the editor of this paper and several business men and influential citizens of Chipley, realizing the importance of the move, have put their shoulders to the wheel with a view, to obtaining deeper water at the entrance to St. Andrews Bay. The time has come when conditions demand this. Two railroad lines are now nearing the Bay, another is just starting and others are projected to that much favored outlet to commerce. Two of those lines will pass through Chipley, and all of them through rich agricultural, cotton, tobacco, timber and naval stores belts. An oil field is being opened up and soon a pipe line to the same point will be a necessity. With deep water on the bar for the passage of larger ships, millions of tons of exports will seek an outlet here which has heretofore gone from other points, at greater expense, or not been shipped at all. St. Andrews Bay, with its miles of continuous deep water anchorage and its protected position makes it one of the finest harbors in the world and an outlet for commerce most directly in line with the Panama canal of any.—Chipley Verdict.

## Railway Officials Visitors.

A. B. Steele, President of the A. & St A. B. R. R., W. D. Thompson, of Atlanta, General Counsel of the road, B. J. Farmer, of Dothan, Special Counsel, and P. J. Domer, General Superintendent, arrived in town from the end of the track on Tuesday evening, and are stopping at the hotel.

Mr Steel reports the track as being laid this side of the Econfina crossing, and considering the incessant rains, good progress is being made. Yesterday afternoon some of the party, accompanied by G. M. West, went over East Bay, on the launch Leonore, taking in the various points of interest.

## Millville.

A young man named Evans died Tuesday night at Millville.

On New Years day a boy named John Y. Bailey, who was working in the mill at Millville, got his foot between the belt and a pulley and had it seriously jammed. It will be some time ere he can use it again.

J. J. Coxwell, a young man working in the picket mill at Millville, met with an accident on Tuesday morning by which he lost his left hand, and a portion of his arm. In turning around he stepped upon a slippery slab, causing him to lose his balance and throwing his arm against the saw. Dr. Lee attended the case.

George Gough, a colored man well and favorable known hereabouts met his death yesterday through being knocked off from the log train of the German American Lumber Co. near Millville, the wheels passing over his body killing him instantly. It appears that Gough who was a log man on the train had a piece of wood which he was attempting to throw off the car while the train was in motion as he passed his home. The stick struck him throwing him under the wheels.

Panama City complains that the gasoline freight boat got delayed and some of the launches were out of fuel; however the whiskey shipments got in all right, and those inclined steamed up to the right pitch.—Chipley Verdict.

Post Master General Myer has issued an order that hereafter no liquor shall be carried from point to point on a star route. This order is applicable to all routes in this section of the country.

Imports of oranges into the United States have declined, as measured by value, from \$2,324,907 worth in the fiscal year 1897 to \$354,495 worth in 1907. The exports have increased from \$339,396 worth in 1898, the first year in which they were recorded, to \$1,225,104 in 1907.

## Death of Juanita Green.

Our community was saddened Wednesday morning on the arrival at our dock of the steamer Tarpon with flag at half mast, to learn that Alla Juanita Green had died at eleven o'clock Tuesday night, while en route from Pensacola. Little Juanita was a general favorite here, and her death cast a gloom over the entire community.

Some weeks ago while at school in Eufaula, she was attacked with a very severe form of diphtheria. She was apparently slowly recovering and her parents with the advice of their physician concluded to bring her home thinking possibly that she might make a more rapid recovery in this genial climate; however the fatal disease had so weakened her constitution that she passed away unexpectedly as stated, resting in her mothers arms.

Alla Juanita Green was the oldest child of Walter W. and Alvesta Green, was born January 4th, 1895, being therefore a little over thirteen years of age. For the past three seasons she has been attending the Alabama Brenau, at Eufaula Alabama. She was a bright scholar being very advanced for her age, and greatly beloved by her teachers. With other studies she was taking a special course on the violin, being quite a proficient player on that instrument, as well as the piano.

A. H. Brake took charge of the remains, which were taken to Gay this morning, to be laid at rest in the family burying ground at the old homestead. Services were held at the grave by Rev Joyner. The family and some of the friends were taken to Gay on the launch Leonore this morning, while other friends went by team.

Kind friends did all that they could to soften the blow to the sorrowing parents and special kindness and consideration was shown by Capt Barrow and his fellow officers of the Tarpon. The parents have the heartfelt sympathy of their numerous friends on the Bay in their great bereavement. Little Juanita has left us but the sweet remembrance of her quiet, gentle, and serious nature will long remain with us.

The B. C. & St. A. railroad have twenty car loads of steel here at the depot and on the sidetrack here, and it is supposed active work will commence when the holidays have passed and the weather clears off.—Banner Chipley.

Mr. W. F. McClellan, auditor of the traffic department of the Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay Railway, informs us that the new road is growing rapidly.

It now extends as far as Econfina Creek, a distance of 47 miles from Dothan, and three miles from Compass Lake.—Dothan Siftings.

## Verdict's Panama Items.

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The Panama City PILOT is putting forth good efforts for the deepening of the entrance to St Andrews Bay, and we heartily back Bro. West in his endeavors in this direction.

Genial Ai Hogeboom, for a long while traveling representative of the Pensacola Journal in this district spent a few hours in town today, en route to Marianna on business.

Miss Lena Downs of this city and D. S. Smith of Dothan were happily married at Bonifay, Sunday. Mr and Mrs Andrew Harper were present from Chipley. The Verdict wishes the young couple every future happiness and prosperity.

The best possible report comes from the oil well. They are now down about 350 feet. Gas pressure from below is already heavy. Wednesday over 70 feet of sand, etc., was pushed up into the pipe in less than an hour while the plant was shut down for dinner.

## St. Andrew.

The wedding bells will be ringing here in a short time.

The schooner Cleopatra arrived at the dock this forenoon.

Warren McKinney returned this week from a trip to Hartford Ala.

John R. Thompson has the frame of his new house up and will soon have it covered.

Capt Bert Ware has put masts in the Nancy Lee, and she will soon be equipped as an auxilliary.

The prayer meeting at the Baptist Church on Friday night is being better attended than heretofore.

There seems to be a general distribution of the measles about town. Thus far all cases have been doing very well.

G. T. Allen, who has been in the bottling business here for the past year has removed to Marianna with his family.

The ladies of the Methodist church have fitted up bachelor quarters in one of the cottages by the Ware Mercantile Co for the Rev F. Wine-

The Nancy Lee leaves today for St Jo where she is to take on fish and go to Carrabelle with them. The crew consists of Walker Gwaltney, James Moates, and Lee Purcell.

W. B. Merritt, in charge of the naval stores operations at West Bay, arrived in town Monday, going to Millville that night and returning on the Leonore to West Bay on Tuesday.

J. H. Brown left on Fridays Tarpon on business returning on Monday night's mail boat. L. M. Ware and wife have been stopping with Mrs Brown during his absence.

Services will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday next both morning and night by the new pastor Rev J. D. Roundtree. The sacrament of the Lords Supper will be administered in the morning.

A pleasant musicale was held at the residence of Miss Clara Thompson on Saturday evening. Those present were Mr and Mrs W. R. Wilcox, Mrs J. T. Gwaltney, Miss Mary Whitford, Philip West, and Otway Ware.

P. N. Hutchinson, West Bay, was called to Tallahassee last week on account of the death of his brother, Joseph Hutchinson, proprietor of the Leon hotel. He accompanied the remains to Hartford, Ala., where the burial took place.

Thomas Windsor, an unmarried man, died at the residence of his brother in West End on Saturday afternoon. He had been ill some time, suffering from bronchial tuberculosis. There was a large attendance at the funeral, services being held at the grave.

## Leap Year Party.

Taking advantage of the privileges allowed them in leap year the young ladies to the number of about fifteen invited an equal number of coy young gentlemen to an oyster bake at Mrs. Hinton Gwaltney's on Thursday evening of last week. That the boys did not bankrupt their fair escorts through their gastronomic predilections was owing to the low price of oysters, and the abundant supply that had been engaged for the occasion.

The couples present at the entertainment were as follows:

Vergie Purcell, and Chas Porter. Ethel Purcell, and Joe Walker. Leola Walker, and Grady Forester. Annie Surber, and Walker Gwaltney.

Ethel Baker, and Philip West. Annie Fordham, and Lee Purcell. Clara Thompson, and Otway Ware. Annie Moates, and Offie Thompson. Mary Whitford, and Okley Andrew. Grace West, and Henry Baker. Ebba Hasselborg, and Mr Joyner. Ethel Brainard, and Will Stevens. Miss Davis, and Rev Wineman. Miss Gwaltney and Mr. Peel. Mr and Mrs J. T. Gwaltney. Mr and Mrs Lum Moates. Mr and Mrs F. H. Gwaltney.

## Justice Sturrocks Court.

Monday was rule day in Justice Sturrocks court and there was quite a grist to be ground. The following cases were heard, and judgements rendered as shown in each case.

George Covington charged with aggravated assault in two cases; remanded to jail to stand trial in the County Court.

McKenzie & Co., vs Hoot Allen; Damages; Judgment for plaintiffs.

McKenzie & Co., vs John Nixon; Damages; Judgment for plaintiffs.

McKenzie & Co., vs R. C. Covington; Damages; case continued.

Donie Hutchinson; charged with selling whiskey; discharged.

F. Bullock, of St. Andrew, spent a few of the holidays here last week—Banner Chipley.

## Liquor Advertisements.

The Chipley Verdict has a very timely editorial on this subject from which we publish the following extract. We fully concur in the stand taken by the Verdict.

"The Verdict has turned down advertising of this character which would pay it \$90 per month by the year, during the past thirty days. The people of Washington County, by a majority vote, say that no liquor shall be sold in the county. We contend that the Verdict nor any other paper published in said dry territory has the legal or moral right to act in the capacity of soliciting agent for mail order whiskey dealers by publishing their ads. at any old price. So we turned ours down, and "we need the money" too.

Several papers in dry towns throughout the state are running these apparent syndicate ads. and it is about time the legality of it was questioned. Would be glad to have Hon. C. L. Wilson, candidate for State Attorney, enlighten us on the subject. The legal trend, of course."

## Financial Condition.

We enter a new year with many lessons learned, with chastened spirits and added wisdom. Since the events of October and November we have seen what the very nearly unanimous opinion of business and financial authorities declared out of the question six months ago—a period of falling bank clearings in a large majority of financial centres, of railway earnings reduced not only in net but in gross, of textile mills suspending or curtailing production, and of corporation dividends passed, reduced, or paid in substitutes for cash. In short, business recession is here, and this despite the adoption during the panic days of the last two months of such extraordinary measures of assistance as the importation of nearly \$100,000,000 of foreign gold, the deposit of a vast sum of public funds in the banks, and a rapid expansion of bank circulation. The panic was relieved, but the underlying causes of it which had to do much less with the currency supply than with the relation of the business we were transacting to the volume of our available investment capital, still remain to be dealt with. We have carried prosperity a little too far; liquid capital has been transformed too rapidly into "fixed" capital; destruction of property in wars and accidents of nature and the extravagant expenditure which forms an inevitable incident of all periods of expanding business, have all played their part in disarranging our economic machinery, and we now confront the reckoning.

Yet the American people will face this situation, as others like it have been faced, with the confidence born of the greatness of our resources and the essential soundness of our prosperity. Never was a problem more complicated by diverse and contradictory factors than is that of the year 1098; but it may be safely predicted that this problem will be worked out in a manner worthy of American enterprise and resourcefulness, and that the future will be all the better for the lessons of the past.—Boston Transcript.