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## Beach Combings.

W. H. Crawford went to Dothan on Sunday last.

A. I. Hogeboom was a Chipley visitor the fore part of the week.

Engineer Harwood, of the A. & St. A. B. R., has been spending some days in our city.

The "Eva" was a caller at our wharf on Monday, taking on a load of lumber from the Panama City Mill.

Attorneys Dan Jones and Buell Cook, and Sheriff Allen, were arrivals here in the legal line yesterday forenoon.

The Manteo came in from the westward early Tuesday morning with a fair cargo of merchandise and a heavy passenger list.

A large number of Spanish mackerel have been seen off the Tortugas. Our fishermen are hoping they are headed for this shore.

McKenzie & Co., have the material on their lot north of Second street with which to build a store building in front of the Bottling Works.

Z. B. Porter is putting in place the foundation for a building to be erected by Dr Rozier, on his lot on the west side of Harrison avenue just north of First street.

F. H. Sheppard, of St Andrew, and Father T. H. Kennedy, of Pensacola, were business visitors here yesterday. They selected lots upon which a Catholic church will be erected some time in the future.

Messrs Powell & Sawyer have erected the frame of their new building on their lot on the west side of Harrison avenue just north of the Ward Brothers building, and will soon have it ready for occupancy.

E. Ayar was over here yesterday with a launch party consisting of Mr and Mrs F. Barnard, Mrs Ayars, Mrs Spicer, Miss Crandall, and Mr Allen. It was a beautiful day and very enjoyable on the water.

W. G. Caswell, wife and children, were arrivals in town on Friday last, having returned from their winters absence from their home here. A baby girl has been added to the household since they left last Fall.

The Ward Brothers are this week engaged in hauling material to their property on the west side of Harrison avenue just north of Fourth street, with which to erect a two story business building. This section of town seems just now the focus of building operations.

There was a school of large fish nearly a hundred in number about the dock this morning. Larkin Welch giggered one measuring 4 feet and 6 inches in length, and weighing 57 pounds. They were a very trim pretty fish but we could not learn to just what family they belonged.

A big grouper has been noted off the end of the wharf here recently, but our fishermen equipped with the common light gig dared not risk them in the big fish. The forepart of this week Dan Whitehead fitted up a heavy spear on a pike pole and captured the fish. It weighed 62 pounds.

Panama City, and other steamer stops on the bay, now have a steamer four days in the week, viz: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. As both boats are now in good condition it is probable that this schedule will be maintained with satisfactory regularity.

We wish to get, within the coming week, full particulars regarding the boats that we have cuts of. It is important to have their measurements, name of builder, size and kind of motor, present owners name, and any other particulars that would be of interest in publishing a picture of the boat. Please help out in this as soon possible.

With the rapid changes in the struggle to get our railway here through overcoming the opposition of the German American Lumber Company, involving a number of our citizens, and others, in litigation, and bringing here many members of the legal profession, holding of courts, &c., times have been lively in this neck of woods the past week.

It is rumored that the Tarpon people have bought the schooner Lucy H., and that the Tarpon will soon begin to make regular trips to Southport.

The Manteo came in to the harbor late Thursday afternoon of last week, and after discharging freight at St Andrew, Panama City, and Millville, went on her way westward. As indicated in our last the boat was off this harbor on Tuesday of last week, but owing to the gale on the Gulf, which caused breakers across the pass, they could not safely enter.

A. B. Steele, President, and Mr. Harwood, Chief Engineer of our railway were arrivals here on Thursday afternoon of last week, remaining over night. They came to look over the work on this end of the road, and inspect the bay shore at their terminal in connection with the building of their dock. Mr. Steele was very sanguine that trains would be running into this town early in May.

Henry Johnson has now secured a back to make connection with his launch at Bay Head, or Bayou George, so that close connections will be made with the trains at Youngstown or Spanns. He has changed his hour of leaving here to 6 A. M., which ensures his always being able to get his passengers through to the trains. His time at Ware's dock, St. Andrews, is 20 minutes later than leaving time here.

We are informed that the Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay Railroad is 17 miles below Compass Lake, and 20 miles within St. Andrews Bay, and a daily schedule of the passenger trains is now on. It is said that the road will reach the bay within 40 days, and the schedule will not be extended until the road is complete. This sounds good—the road to be complete right in the midst of the fishing and summer season.—Dothan Siftings.

The Tarpon came in early yesterday forenoon with a goodly cargo, and a fine passenger list, looking as snowy white as our sand hills, and as neat and clean as paint and scrubbing could make her. Capt Barrow can be proud of her appearance, and the people are fully aware as to what can be depended upon from her in the way of regular service while under charge of her capable captain. B. Pfeiffer has taken the place upon her made vacant by the change made by Mr Lovett.

It is reported here by those who have to do with securing ice for the summer, that the Pensacola ice plants are now virtually under one control, and have put up the price of ice. With everything else going down, there does not seem to be any good reason for this increase in price, other than it is the way of all trust manufactured goods. It will be a joyful day hereabouts when ice plants upon the bay will supply our demands, and that of our fishermen.

The PILOT office was honored yesterday by a call from Frederick Barnard, of the firm of Law Printers of Barnard & Miller, of Chicago. Mr Barnard has been a printer 61 years, and is to-day as active as the youngest man in the profession. He is President of the Old Time Printers, and has been connected in one way or another with many of the papers of Chicago, which place he came to in 1847. To hear him relate incidents of his life in the printing business in that city, and elsewhere, is like reading an entertaining chapter of history. We are pleased to know that Mr Barnard will undoubtedly spend more or less of his time in the future, particularly winters, upon his property on Pearl Bayou

## Goodson & Jenks.

Under this firm name two of our popular and energetic young men have started a grocery business in the Madden building, corner of Fourth street and Harrison avenue. Both are well known to the people of the Bay country, and we bespeak for them a fair share of the patronage due them through prompt attention to orders, new goods, and fair prices. Already the firm are preparing to erect a store building of their own on Mr Jenks lot just north of the McKenzie & Co. Bottling Works.

## R. L. McKENZIE,

For Representative.

It is with pleasure that the PILOT announces that acceding to the numerous appeals made in person, by letter and telegram, R. L. McKenzie, of this city has decided to become a candidate for the position of Representative from this County.

Mr McKenzie is well known throughout the county, having removed here from Georgia, his native state, in 1902, as one of the firm of Vickers & McKenzie, naval stores operators. In the capacity of General Manager of that firms business he was very successful, and through his reputation for being square, secured the confidence and respect of his employes, and all who became acquainted with him.

He has been noted as a friend to those in distress, and many a poor man has been helped out of difficulties through his aid. In fact he is now engaged in a bitter contest, aiding our well known and honored citizen A. J. Gay, to secure redress from the German American Lumber Company, a corporation owned principally by one Fr Schreyer, of Bremen, Germany. In this matter, as in others Mr McKenzie has displayed a regard for the rights of the common people as against wealthy corporations in a manner that places him to the front as the champion of their rights.

Mr McKenzie was born on a farm in Macon County, Georgia in 1870, removing from there to Dooly county where he grew to manhood. He is a thoroughly efficient business man, and if elected will serve the county and its interests, in a manner that will be beneficial, and that will meet the approval of all our people.

## Senator William H. Milton.

On Friday last Gov. Broward appointed William H. Milton, of Marianna, to succeed the late Senator Bryan in the United States Senate. This appointment is particularly pleasing to this section of West Florida especially the Bay country, as Will Milton is almost one of our Bay boys, having spent his summers at the old Milton summer home here for many years, owning much property in this section, and marrying a lady who was one of the Bays favorite summer girls, Miss Saran S. Baker, daughter of James Baker, a man who had much to do with the keeping in existence of "Old Town."

Not only is Mr Milton well known as a summer resident and neighbor, but also as a typical up-to-date business man, one in whom the country has faith which has for its base a life time of square dealing. Gov Broward could not have made a more able selection for the exalted office of Senator, nor one that would be more pleasing to West Florida.

That Mr Milton will give the high office to which he has been appointed the same painstaking conscientious attention that he does all duties, goes without saying. It is through such hewing to the line that has placed him in the high position commercially that he now occupies, and he is not the man to let the glamour of office swerve him from the path of duty. The PILOT extends its congratulations to Mr Milton upon his appointment to this the highest office within the gift of the people.

## Death of John Parker.

On Tuesday evening passed away at his home near Parker, John Parker, in the 62nd year of his age. Mr. Parker was a son of Peter Parker, and one of the old citizens of the Bay country. Since the death of his brother Charles he has been despondent, and it is said an attack of the prevalent epidemic of measles was the immediate cause of his death.

Mr. Parker has always lived upon the Bay, and won the respect of his many friends and neighbors. He has raised a family of ten children and been a most helpful and affectionate parent. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Lewis, of Pensacola, and his half brother, Peter Parker. Interment took place late Tuesday night at Parker.

## G. A. L. CO.

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## A. and St. A. B. R. R.

As there has been so much that is misleading put forth regarding the conflict between the German American Lumber Co., and the A. & St. A. B. R. R. Co., the PILOT will give a brief synopsis of the facts.

The German American Lumber Company own the fee of some two miles of the surveyed route of the Railway company just north of Bear creek. Efforts have been made for months to secure this right of way from the German American Lumber Co., without the usual condemnation proceedings. It was thought by the attorneys for Mr Steele, that this had been accomplished, and permission was given the road to go ahead and cut out the right of way and do the grading on this tract. The right of way was cut, and much grading done, when the work was stopped by the G. A. L. Co.

The cause of this stoppage was the failure of the G. A. L. Co., to coerce Mr Steele into securing for them a certain right of way from Mr Gay, for their road, over lands of Mr Gay upon which the G. A. L. Co., had laid their track without securing an easement, or purchasing the right of way. Mr Steele declined to attempt to force Mr Gay to settle his claims, which included alleged breach of a contract they held with him regarding timber rights, &c., as he, Mr Steele, did not deem it fair or right that Mr Gay should be forced by him to any such action. Mr Gay also declined to have anything to do with such a settlement of his claims against the G. A. L. Co.

Finding that no satisfactory settlement could be had with the G. A. L. Co., for this two miles of right of way, Mr Steele began condemnation proceedings to secure the same. There were two serious delays in beginning this action, in which grave charges are made against two of the county officials relative to failure to promptly file papers, thus throwing the case over to the next rule day. The condemnation proceedings however are now once again under headway. Fearing that the Railway Company would go ahead and lay the track over this two mile tract, the G. A. L. Co. recently secured from Judge Wolfe an injunction prohibiting the Railway company from doing so. This injunction was to have been heard at Milton this week, but up to date the PILOT has not learned the result of this hearing. Rumors however were in circulation yesterday that a settlement had been reached between the G. A. L. Co., and the Railway Company, and that deeds had been made the latter for the two miles of right way, but as to the truth of these rumors the PILOT cannot vouch.

Messrs Gay and McKenzie who now own the lands upon which the G. A. L. Co's line is located north east of Millville, for which payment for right of way had been demanded of the G. A. L. Co., seeing no immediate prospect of a settlement of their claims notified the G. A. L. Co., to refrain from trespassing upon these lands, and on Saturday evening last Mr R. L. McKenzie, with a force of men, proceeded to take up a portion of the track upon his land. This resulted in the G. A. L. Co. Company securing warrants before Justice Harries, of Millville, for Messrs McKenzie and Gay, upon which they appeared before the Justice in Millville on Monday morning. The case was postponed until yesterday when upon trial the prisoners were discharged it being decided by the justice that there was "no cause of action."

It is stated that a settlement was then effected between the G. A. L. Co., and Messrs Gay and McKenzie, by which the former pay for the right of way the prices asked by Gay and McKenzie, and all costs that the latter have incurred in this litigation.

This, with a possibility that the rumors relative to a settlement of the G. A. L. Co and A. & St. A. B. R. R. Companies case are true, would indicate that there will be no further delay in building the road to this point.

## The G. A. L. Co's. Railway.

Messrs Gay and McKenzie were arrested at the instance of the G. A. L. Co., upon a sworn affidavit of an official of that Company that they had violated Section 3660, of the Revised Statutes. This section reads as follows:

"Section 3660. Whoever willfully moves or misplaces or in any manner interferes with any railway switch, or removes any rail from any railway track, or in any other manner injures any railway track, or shall place any obstruction thereon, shall be punished by imprisonment in the States prison not exceeding twenty years."

We would call the attention of the State officials, and our County officers to the fact that the German American Lumber Company through an affidavit of one of their officials in this case, acknowledge that they are a railway company in the fullest sense of the term, and as such are demanding redress under the laws of the State. This is evidence strong as Holy Writ that the G. A. L. Co., contend that they are owners and operators of a railroad, and they should be held to all the requirements of the Statutes in the matter of returns, taxation, and license therefor.

## St. Andrew.

J. H. Drummond, wife and son, will visit Blountstown the last of this week.

The Lucy H. arrived on Tuesday, and the Cleopatra on Wednesday, both with full loads.

Capt Witherill has had the Leonore out the past week cleaning the bottom and doing necessary repairs.

Our tonsorial artist Charlie Knowles is one of the victims of the prevailing epidemic of measles this week.

The Friday Literary Society will hold its meeting to-morrow afternoon at the residence of Mrs F. A. Witherill, Old Town.

Owing to the illness of Rev Hammitt he did not reach here on Sunday. Rev Balson filled his appointment in the M. E. church.

Father Thomas H. Kennedy, of St Michaels Rectory, Pensacola, was an arrival on the Manteo Tuesday, and has been stopping with the Sheppard family. Yesterday morning Father Kennedy held services in the Catholic church here.

There was a very heavy run of mackerel on Monday night, and some large catches were made. It is hoped that these fish which were so scarce this winter on the East Coast and on the Gulf coast in South Florida, are to make their accustomed Spring visit to these shores.

Mrs. Dr. J. T. Brown, of Riverside, Alabama, with her son Morgan, were arrivals on the Manteo Tuesday morning. They are stopping with her brothers family, Capt. Frank Witherill, at Old Town. As Hattie Witherill, Mrs. Brown was well known as one of our favorite Bay girls, and her visit here will be gladly welcomed by her many friends.

The following were arrivals at the Gulf View Inn. Mr De Montmollin, Pensacola, Fla.; B. F. Gainer, Wausau; Mr Seymour, Columbus, Ga.; Mr Jordan, Columbus, Ga.; Mr Little, A. & St. A. B. R. R.; A. Danzy, Misses Landgraaf's, St Andrews; C. M. Chandlee, DeFuniak, Fla.; Mr Sawyer, Mr Powell, Sampson, Ala.; Mr Seymour, Dothan, Ala.; A. J. Gay, Gay, Fla.; A. B. Steele, Atlanta, Ga.; R. E. Harwood, A. & St. A. B. R. R.; Dr Rozier, Mr Porter, St Andrews; Mrs Cheek and two children, Dothan, Ala.; Mr Hammock, Miss Howard, Mr O. W. Bush, Chauncey, Ga.; Mr Reager, Pensacola; Mr J. S. Melvin, Millville; A. G. Lawrence, A. E. Kerns, F. P. Clute, S. L. Montgomery, A. & St. A. B. R. R.; Leslie Gay, Gay, Fla.; Ivan Jones, Buell Cook, Sheriff Alley, Chipley, Fla.