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Beach Combings.

Several parties are planning upon building small cottages.

E. Mosher, of Cromanton, was a caller here yesterday.

Mr Brock, of St Andrews, was a Panama City visitor this morning.

J. Schmidt, of Laird Mill bayou, was in town yesterday with a load of pears.

Berry Thompson, of Apalachicola, was an arrival this morning on the Manteo.

Teams seem to be scarce here and it is hard to get teaming done promptly.

A. Hollowell, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue made a business call here yesterday.

Misses Lizzie Richardson and Mary Gardner, of Chipley, are visiting Mrs H. W. Johnson.

LeConte pears are now ripening in this section. There has been a good crop this season.

Dr Lee, of Millville, was a Panama City visitor yesterday evening, also Supt F. P. McGill.

G. M. West has bought the launch Leda and is having it thoroughly overhauled and repainted.

The steamer Manteo arrived here about 11 last night, having made a quick run from Apalachicola.

A phone message from Chipley states that Wallace B. Caswell, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

Dr Rozier reached home on last evening's train. His brother, a druggist from Chipley, accompanied him.

G. L. Fenters & Co., have received a fine assortment of mens furnishing goods, shirts, hats, &c. Give them a call.

The Manteo has reduced its rates to \$4 between here and Pensacola and to \$3 between here and Apalachicola and Carabelle.

The railway dock will start in to the bay with a filled abutment similar to that on the Company's dock at the foot of Harrison avenue.

A new plank walk is being built on the north side of First street, in front of the hotel and the lots of Messrs Baker and Farmer.

Mrs P. J. Domer, and daughter Maud, of Dothan, were arrivals the latter part of the week, and are making a short stay on the bay.

J. B. Morrison, assistant cashier in the bank, was called home to DeFuniak Springs on Tuesday morning, owing to the illness of his father.

The contractor, Mr Hall, has been delayed somewhat in getting lumber hauled to begin the new cottages he is to build for R. L. McKenzie.

The Dewey brought in a large raft of piling last night for the railway dock. They are being gotten out on W. H. Parker's land on East bay.

J. Fortner, of Dothan, is about to build a two story store building upon his corner at Second street and Harrison avenue. He already has it rented.

The Park has been put in good condition for picnics and other parties. There is no better place to be found to enjoy a picnic dinner than in the Park.

The lot owners on the west side of the park have been clearing off their lots this week, which improves that portion of Harrison avenue very much.

Large numbers of passengers come in on each train. There promises to be a very heavy passenger traffic as soon as the regular schedule is put in to effect.

Panama City is very much in need of a laundry. There is no better opportunity in the country to make money than by putting in such a business here.

A. B. deMontmellin was a Panama City visitor this morning, looking after the interests of the Manteo. That boat gives an excursion about the bay this afternoon.

The railway company will at once erect a house near the beach for the accommodation of the Assistant General Manager, and also put up a depot building near there.

Dr. Harley Cawthon is in Panama City this week looking after aching molars and incidentally perfecting his claim to some Dothan interests. —DeFuniak Springs Breeze.

A. Hogeboom has been delayed in completing his bath house and lunch stand, owing to lack of lumber and stormy weather, but they will be in readiness by the end of this week.

F. B. Klingo, of Millville, has rented the new store building that G. H. McKenzie is putting up, and will occupy it by August 1st with a complete stock of general merchandise.

Over a hundred passengers arrived on last evening's train. Many were destined to various points about the bay, and were taken to their destination by launches and teams.

It is reported that Mr Harmon is about to plat his land on the east side of the bayou here. He has a very favorably located piece of land, and it would soon be disposed of if placed on the market.

The work on the ice plant is getting along finely. The connections are nearly all made, the stack up, the brine vat in readiness for filling, and it is probable they will begin making ice within ten days.

W. Martin, for years county surveyor of Calhoun county, and now in the employ of the German American Lumber Co., is this week trying to ascertain the boundary lines of that company's property at the old mill site.

Mrs W. L. Cawthon and Landrum left Sunday night for Panama City, where they will spend the next few months. Mr Cawthon will go down when Howard gets back from his Denver trip. —DeFuniak Springs Breeze.

J. B. Hogeboom is engaged in moving his present residence so that he may begin the erection of the new hotel that he is to build on that corner. The plans of this house are out, and show a very commodious and well arranged house.

Complaints begin to come in again regarding the mail service. Letters have gone every which way or not at all, boats have failed, and papers gone astray, not showing up at all. It is to be hoped that with a railway mail service we may have less trouble.

Over \$100 worth of tickets were sold at Cottondale yesterday to passengers for Panama City. With ample hotel accommodations there would be hundreds coming here at this season of the year each day. What we need just now is ample hotel accommodations.

The contractor on the road is this week raising and ballasting the track near the waters edge. By the end of the week that will be done, and as soon as some low places can be filled up just north of here, a regular schedule can be put on. A siding has been put in a few hundred feet north of the beach.

Russ Brothers who have been merchandising very successfully at Millville, have bought a lot here on Harrison avenue, and will at once erect a store and open a stock of merchandise in it. These young men are well and favorably known in this section, and we bespeak for them a liberal patronage.

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Capt Barrow announces that the Tarpon will give another of its very popular excursions to-morrow Friday evening. These excursions are deservedly popular and this will undoubtedly prove no exception. The boat will touch at all wharfs to-morrow night as usual.

Tarpon.

Capt Bert Ware, and others, report the largest number of tarpon now in the bay, and at the pass, that they have ever seen here. No finer tarpon grounds can be found than St. Andrews Bay, and the fisherman for that gamy fish should be putting in an appearance right quick.

Dock Work.

The first piling for the new railway dock came in yesterday morning and Mr Daniels will now rush the work of building the dock. He has his camps ready for his force, and is prepared to push the work through to completion. He has the contract to complete the dock so far as it is now planned to build it.

The Fourth.

Though no preparations were made to celebrate the Fourth here, yet there were many people present from Dothan and other points, who came in on Friday evenings train, and many more who visited Panama City on that day from bay points.

A fish fry was provided for all who would partake, which was served in the park, and our inland visitors put in the day and evening in launch rides, bathing, &c. All in all the day was most pleasantly and quietly spent.

Had the road been able to have furnished the needed equipment to care for the crowds that wanted to come here from inland points that day, there would have been over a thousand of such visitors here. Another year all this will be provided for, and then Panama City can hold such a celebration as the place and day warrants.

The history of other Fourth's in this region are interesting. In 1840 there was one held at St Jc where some 13 regular and 52 extra toasts were drank. There was an oration by W. W. Mason, and the Declaration of Independence was read by C. C. Yonge. The services were held in Convention Hall. At Iola they had a public dinner. Col H. D. Stone was President of the Day, and Joshua Hudson Vice President. Twenty-four toasts were drank. The peculiar feature of these celebrations of other days appears to be the numerous toasts that were drank. And it is said that they were not drank in mineral water either.

When the thirteen original colonies declared their independence 132 years ago, the fair state of Florida was unthought of as even becoming other than what it then was, a foreign possession. England had acquired it in 1763, and held it until it was turned over to Spain in 1783.

On the shores of this world renowned beautiful bay English officers and men had established homes, and were enjoying the day that saw the birth of a new nation, as those who have lived upon these shores during the heat of the summer have always enjoyed the July days. The impending conflict cast no echo over this favored locality, and beneficent peace held full sway. Four decades had passed before there was an attempt made to secure this section of the country as a part of the expanding union. 1818 witnessed the transfer from Spain to the United States, and not until then did Florida begin to enter the race of progress and home building, and any natal day to be recognized.

Excursion.

The News of Blakely, Ga., has the following regarding an excursion from that place which is to pass through here enroute to Pensacola, on the 16th of this month. The railroad brings the party here, and the Manteo takes them on to Pensacola. "Mr Conklin, of the Blakely Excursion Company wishes to announce that he has made other and better arrangements for the Pensacola trip.

Owing to the lack of suitable accommodations, the itinerary of the tour has been changed and the party will leave Blakely on Thursday morning, July 16th, at 9:45 o'clock, arriving at Panama City at 6 p. m. and making direct connection there with the large and splendidly equipped Steamer Manteo, arriving at Pensacola on July 17th at 4 a. m."

Bakery.

The Star Bakery, of Dothan, has established an agency here for their products, and it is now possible for the Bay people to get anything in the line of bakery goods at this point at all times. The supply is brought in on the train, is fresh, being received here the same day as baked, and is of good quality. The branch is located in the building on the corner of Second street and Harrison avenue.

No Papers.

For two days this place has been without a paper mail. For some reason they have not been received at this post office. The mail service hereabouts needs attention by the post office inspectors.

Fish Company.

A company is being formed of our bay fishermen to carry on a general fish business, with a dock and fish house near the ice plant here. Such an institution cannot help but be profitable from the beginning, and one that is urgently needed by our Bay fishermen to properly and profitably handle their catch.

Deep Well.

A test is being made at the ice works to see how deep piping must be driven to secure an ample supply of pure water for the manufacture of ice. Thuc far the test shows up thick bodies of clay, and with some sand between. Plenty of water was struck at about 34 feet but it was like much of the water hereabouts, too strongly impregnated with iron. They will undoubtedly get a flowing well by going through the heavy bodies of clay that lie near the surface.

New Paper.

Tuesday's Pensacola Journal states that a Mr Gray is about to establish a paper at Panama City. The PILOT has not heard of this new enterprise here but will welcome all new industries, and especially one that will help bring St Andrews Bay before the people of the country.

We should be pleased to see newspapers established at Millville, Southport, and any other point that will furnish a foothold for a paper to advance the interests of this section, and let the world know what our advantages are.

Tompkins.

Little Ollie Ellis is on the sick list this week.

F. A. Brown was visiting at Bennet the past week.

Jim Youngblood, of Millville, was calling here Sunday.

Hello Panama! How is this rainy weather serving you.

F. A. Brown made a business trip to Gloomy Valley Monday.

P. N. Ellis visited home folks on Saturday and Sunday last.

Miss Bethia Kyser is visiting relatives at Graceville this week.

H. L. Ellis, of Southport, was a Tompkins caller last Sunday.

The Misses Kizzie and Edno Young, are visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Pearl Ellis and C. E. Ware were visitors at Southport Sunday afternoon.

Miss Leilla Brown, of Econfina, was visiting relatives here a few days of the past week.

Mrs J. B. Brown and two daughters, Lizzie and Alta, of Bennett, are visiting here this week.

J. H. Porter, of Millville, made a trip up this part of the bay Monday in the launch Ruth.

Wetappo.

J. B. Taylor was a pleasant caller Friday.

B. F. Britt was on our streets Friday.

L. W. Enzor was down from Sandy creek Sunday.

L. Daniels is doing some plowing for J. Dyer this week.

F. A. Schermer and J. Oliver were up Wetappo creek Saturday.

There was a fish fry held at the old Lathrop place on the Fourth.

Messrs Dyer and Kronmiller are making another kiln of brick.

One of the most pleasant dances of the season was enjoyed at T. T. Allen's Friday night.

Several of Taylor Schermer Co's hands went to Hardy Smith & Co's to celebrate the Fourth.

S. S. Williams, former mail contractor between here and Wewabitchka, died last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs J. T. Goodwin, of Wewabitchka.

It was with great pleasure we read last week that a railroad has at last reached the Bay, and heartily say Hurrah! for those who made the effort to get it there.

St. Andrew.

The Lucy H. arrived in port on Monday.

The Nancy Lee was in the harbor on Tuesday after bait.

Mr Jones gave a launch party in the Leonore to the gulf beach yesterday.

Emmet Carmichael and wife were visitors at the Carmichael cottage the first of the week.

Miss Bessie Calhoun, one of the Bay's favorite summer girls, came in on the train last evening.

A girl baby was born to Charles Danford and wife on July 4th. The Miss will always be able to well celebrate her natal day.

Mr R. Holliday and family, of Cottondale, came in on last evening's train and took possession of their house at Old Town.

Mr Alderman, and daughter Mabel, of Mariana, were arrivals on last evening's train, taking up their residence in their Old Town house.

The Carmichaels left for home on Monday of this week. Mr Carmichael had to attend court at Vernon, so Mrs C. returned to Chipley.

There have been some very large catches of fish by our home people and visitors this past week. One party brought in over a hundred trout.

Mr Glen and family with his wives mother Mrs Thatcher and her daughter, are pleasantly camped in tents at Old Town, just east of the Baker home.

The ice plant is being rushed along to completion as fast as men and money can do it. The building is being covered with iron sheeting and the frame is of most solid construction.

Mrs Belle Booth and little Irma Peterson were visiting Mrs F. A. Witherill from Friday evening of last week until Tuesday of this. They accompanied Mrs Witherill to Panama City on the 4th.

The Smith girl, whom some one attempted to assassinate while living at Orange Hill, and who removed here, was married on Sunday last at her home, by A. H. Brake, to a young man named Sewall, from Georgia. A wedding supper was held.

Capt F. A. Witherill invited some of his friends on this portion of the bay to a moonlight ride on his new boat Louise on Monday evening. Some fifty went along, the boat stopping at the different wharves at St Andrews, Old Town, and Panama City. It was voted one of the most enjoyable trips of the season. The boat is roomy and the evening was just perfect.

New Passenger Line.

The auxiliary yacht "Jolly Rover" will begin running between Millville and St Andrews Monday, July 13th. The schedule will be as follows:

Leave Millville 8 a. m.
Leave Panama City 9 a. m.
Arrive St Andrews 9:30 a. m.
Leave St Andrews 10 a. m.
Leave Panama City 11 a. m.
Arrive Millville 11:30 a. m.
AFTERNOON.

Leave Millville 1 p. m.
Leave Panama City 2 p. m.
Leave St Andrews (returning) 3 p. m.
Leave Panama City 4 p. m.
Arrive Millville 4:30 p. m.

Cromanton will also be included in the run when signaled.

The boat will be for hire to private parties evenings and Sundays.

Mr Felix will also act as purchasing agent for parties desiring merchandise from any of the towns on the line, and light freight will be carried. The fare will be 25 cents from town to town, and a \$2.00 commutation ticket will be issued at 20% less than above rate.

The boat has just been refitted as a passenger boat and a gasoline motor installed which gives her a speed of 7 1/2 miles per hour without her sails, although she still retains the latter.

FOR SALE.

Launch 21 feet, 5 h. p. Regal engine. First class condition. Apply to M. B. Jenks, Panama City.