

Beach Combing.

Mr G. M. West left Wednesday on a business trip to Chicago.

Dr O. B. Piller of Vernon has been a Panama City visitor this week.

Several houses are to be built just as soon as the parties can get material.

Mrs Belle Booth has begun the erection of a cottage on her lot on 2nd street.

Ray Powers has been visiting bay points this past week in the interest of the railway.

Mr G. H. Mullen, of the Mullen Hotel, Dothan, spent a few days in Panama City this week.

Mr T. B. Satterwhite and wife, of Lexington, Ky., left on Sunday morning's train for Alabama.

Deputy Collector of Revenue Holloway, of DeFuniak Springs, was a business caller in town this week.

Launches will leave Panama City at 7 p. m. for the supper at Cromanton. There should be a large attendance.

The Hemstead arrived Wednesday with 5000 pounds of snappers and 250 pounds of warsaw for the Panama City Ice Co.

There were many visitors at the Ice Co. dock this morning, to see the two large Warsaws one weighing 175 and the other 250 pounds.

The St Andrews Bay Trade Association will hold a meeting Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, at the office of the Panama City Real Estate Company.

Second street has now been cut through to its intersection with 4th street. A side walk will be built along this street to the future station location.

Mr R. H. Smith, wife and mother, left Wednesday morning for Chipley, where they will remain a few days before returning to their home in Lexington.

The railway company has put in a short side track at the shore end of the dock this week and the sand train has been hauling sand for filling the ends of trestles.

The launch Fay, Capt Prows, will leave Parker at nine o'clock Saturday with the ladies of the L. I. A., touching at Cromanton and arriving at Panama City at 10:30.

Mr R. R. Powers went to Dothan Wednesday, and expects to return the first of next week with Mrs Powers, when they hope to get to housekeeping in the McKenzie cottage on Second St.

A new line was received and work resumed on the Water Works well this week, but the drill which dropped to the bottom of the well by the breaking of the old line has not been recovered yet.

Mr R. L. McKenzie went to Apalachicola on the Tarpon Wednesday, whether on business or pleasure bent is not stated, but there is a suspicion that the pleasant company on board the boat had something to do with the trip.

The ladies of the Bay country will please bear in mind the meeting on Saturday of this week of the Ladies Improvement Association. The session will commence at 10.30 a. m. It is very important that there be a goodly attendance.

The Gulf View Inn people are putting up a building next to their barber shop on the corner of 1st street, which will be used for a pool room and barber shop. It is to be 25 by 38 feet in size. The present barber shop will be rented for a drug store.

There will be a meeting at the School House next Wednesday evening, at seven o'clock, to perfect the organization of the First Baptist Church of Panama City. Rev. W. B. Collins, of Marianna, will preach and everyone is invited to be present.

The railway people are putting in a switch track near the abutment of the dock to enable them to fill in that portion their right of way with sand from the cut where the steam shovel is working. As soon as this is done they propose erecting a station on the abutment.

Mr G. C. McKinnon, of Enterprise, Ala., is in town, with a fine assortment of orange trees, which he is disposing of to our residents. Mr McKinnon contemplates setting out about five acres in orange trees, near town, and we have no doubt the venture will prove successful. We predict this will be the forerunner of other orange groves along the shores of the Bay.

A. J. Gay has purchased of Martin G. Post the latter's very choice property adjoining the bayou on 1st street. This tract consists of three lots and a half, and is one of the prettiest building spots in Panama City. It also corners upon the park. Mr Gay will at once build thereon a home for himself and wife and as soon as completed we may number them with our people, as permanent residents.

We clip the following relative to the bankruptcy of R. M. Henderson, of Millville from the Montgomery Advertiser's Pensacola correspondence:

Somewhat of a sensational involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States Court today by wholesale merchants of Pensacola, when they petitioned that R. M. Henderson, doing business at Millville, Fla., be adjudged a voluntary bankrupt.

After reciting the various acts committed by Henderson, which gave grounds for the action, the petition recites that on Dec. 4, Max J. Kahn of this city, representing the wholesalers who held mortgages against the property of Henderson; called upon the latter upon his stating that he was ready to settle all indebtedness, and that Henderson told him to write a receipt for the entire amount, which was done, whereupon Henderson forcibly took both the mortgage and receipt from Kahn and has refused to surrender them. The court granted the petition and issued a seizure warrant for the stock of goods.

Delegates to National Rivers and Harbors Congress at Washington.

Senator D. U. Fletcher, President, Mississippi to Atlantic Inland Waterway Association has appointed the following delegates to represent that Association at the National Rivers & Harbors Congress, Washington, D. C., Dec. 9-10-11-18.

Senator W. H. Milton, Hon. G. W. Taylor, Hon. H. D. Clayton, Washington D. C.

Hon. G. A. Waterman, Hon. T. A. Jennings, Pensacola, Fla.

Hon. W. C. Bradley, Colonel C. J. Swift, Columbus, Ga.

Hon. R. I. Pandolph, Chicago, Ill.

Hon. E. R. L. Moore, Carrabelle, Fla.

Hon. J. G. Ruge, Baltimore, Md.

Doctor C. H. Smith, Arcadia, Fla.

Captain John Craft, Mobile, Ala.

General J. H. Sackett, Jacksonville, Fla.

L. J. Henderson, Apalachicola, Fla.

Trades Journals, and the Press generally, speak of the gradual revival of business throughout the country, and there are many indications that the South is sharing in this return of prosperity.

While there is nothing in the way of a boom, the recovery is healthy, and the New Year should see trade in general gradually getting back into normal channels, with its natural growth and expansion.

This will mean more money in circulation, and will stimulate investment in new enterprises, and enlargement of existing ones.

Business men will be looking for new fields, and the residents of comparatively undeveloped sections of the country, will be on the alert to secure the capital and settlers which are waiting for attractive propositions.

We want to direct attention to the advantages we have to offer, and should be devising attractive and effective forms of advertising, to bring our resources prominently before the public eye.

Let all members of the Commercial Club get busy on this subject, and be ready to give their views at the meeting on Saturday, so that we may formulate some well defined plan for work in this direction.

House Party.

The social life of Panama City is enlivened this week by a charming house party, entertained at the Farmer cottage on the Bay shore by Miss Evelyn Farmer, of Dothan, and chaperoned by Mrs B. G. Farmer.

Miss Farmer's guests are Miss Katherine Dibrell, of Nashville, Miss Alleen Smith, of Martin, Tenn. and Miss Susie McKenzie, of Eufaula, Ala.

A trip to Apalachicola and return on the Tarpon, is one of the pleasant features of their outing, and the party returns Friday for a few days further enjoyment of Panama City's attractions, and incidentally to cause a few more thrills in the hearts of our bachelors.

Work Resumed.

We learn that work has been resumed on the railroad from Chipley to St. Andrews Bay, and it has been given out that the road will now be finished up to the latter place. About thirty miles, or half the distance has been finished and the track laid down.

We hear it reported that the road has been sold and the work now being done is under new management.

This road was begun several years ago, under the charter name of Birmingham, Columbus and St. Andrew's Bay Railroad, and Miller and Gordon were moving spirits in the enterprise. But it seems that they have had an uphill business in putting it through.

What the designs at present are we have not been advised. If the road is ever finished, as first proposed, it will go by Dothan and Columbus to the Bay.

If it should be put through, it would create some surprise, but a great deal of interest here, for it would create a rivalry and competition that would redound to the good of this city and section by giving us low freight rates to the sea.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT.

TO BUYERS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

I especially invite your attention to the newest and choicest in pleasing variety that insures an easy selection of appropriate gifts for old or young. From appropriate little mementos that cost a mere trifle to more expensive gifts my stock is more complete than ever before. Come early and look over my variety and you are certain to see many things that are the right article for the person you wish to remember. All goods at the lowest possible prices. A. H. BRAKE, St Andrews, Fla.

Bay Head.

Joe Whiddon, of Southport, was a business visitor here a few days this week.

J. W. Gainer, of Econfina, and C. W. Cox, of Bennett, were business visitors here Tuesday.

On Monday the mail changed leaving here at 12 noon and arriving from Panama City in the night.

Mrs T. B. D. Gainer and children, of Southport, were visitors here Tuesday night leaving for Econfina Wednesday.

L. C. Gay, of Gay, commenced cutting in two F. H. Ware's launch last Wednesday. They have it spliced now which will make it 28 feet long. Mr Gay will install a 10 h. p. Regal engine in it.

For bed room suites, iron beds, springs, mattresses, chairs, rockers, child's chairs, cooking stoves, kitchen safes, extension tables, sideboards, trunks, sewing machines, matting, rugs, roller shades, floor oil cloth, cots, pillows, musical instruments, &c., the largest and best assortment of house furnishings on St Andrews Bay. Go to A. H. BRAKE, St Andrews, Fla.

Clingo's cash store is headquarters for Toys and Fireworks.

Just received a nice lot of children shoes. Clingo's cash store.

To the L. I. A.

The ladies of Panama City desire to say that they will entertain the ladies who attend the Ladies Improvement Association on next Saturday. So leave your baskets at home.

New Steamship Line.

From Saturday's Montgomery Advertiser we clip the following item relative to a steamer line from Panama City to New York.

"George W. Purvis, Vice-President of the Atlanta and St. Andrews Bay Railroad, is authority for the statement that his company will operate a steamship line between Panama City and New York just as soon as the Government dredges out the mouth of the harbor so as to enable deep draft vessels to enter St. Andrews Bay."

The steamer Manteo will make a direct run from Pensacola to New Orleans when the schedule is changed on January 1. It was at first thought that the steamer would come from St. Andrews to Pensacola, go from Pensacola to Mobile, and sail from there to New Orleans.

It will be the purpose of the company operating the steamer to give direct connection between St. Andrews and New Orleans, and the steamer will only make a short stop at Pensacola. On its return trip the steamer will make a short stop at Mobile, and, coming on to Pensacola will stay one day, then go to Panama City.

The company is going to extend its railway line to Opelika, Ala., in a short time, and make connection with the line from Birmingham and Montgomery to Atlanta.—Pensacola News.

Friday evening's Pensacola News had the following on this subject:

"Mr. Geo. W. Purvis, vice-president of the Atlanta and St. Andrews Bay R. R., is authority for the statement that his company will operate a steamship line between Panama City and New York just as soon as the government dredges out the mouth of the harbor so as to enable deep draft vessels to enter St. Andrews Bay. The project has been in the minds of the officials of the railroad for some time, but has only recently been fully decided upon. Mr. Purvis was seen regarding the matter last night by a representative of the Evening News and had the following to say relative to the matter:

"It has been our dominant idea to develop the country in and around St. Andrews Bay and Dothan, Ala., and for this reason we think it wise to have some connection with the great northern cities. Just as soon as the government deepens the entrance to the bay we will establish a line of steamers which will sail to New York at short intervals, and make direct connection with Pensacola via the steamer Manteo. The project has been in the minds of my associates and myself for some little time, but until now we have deemed it inexpedient to say anything about it.

"We do not know how many steamers we will put on the line nor the schedule on which they will run, but the steamers will run at intervals short enough to make the passage between New Orleans and New York by way of our steamers, practically continuous.

"The only thing that prevents us from going ahead with the project now is that the entrance to the harbor at St. Andrews is not deep enough to permit the passage of large, ocean going vessels. The government will dredge out the entrance to the bay so as to permit the safe passage of vessels in a short time. As soon as this is done we will begin our new line of steamers between Panama City and New York City."

State Flower Suggested.

The True Democrat finds the following suggestion in the Estero Eagle, and commends it to the attention of the incoming legislature:

The following letter to an honorary member of the Alamanda club speaks for itself:

"Office of the Secretary of State, State of Florida, Tallahassee, Nov. 11, 1908. Mr. Walter Lee Church, Estero, Lee County, Fla. Dear Sir—Replying to your inquiry contained in your letter will say that Florida has not adopted a state flower.

H. C. CRAWFORD, Secretary.

It seems to be, at least, an oversight that Florida, the state of flowers, has not adopted a state flower, but it is never too late to do the right thing. Florida has an exclusive opportunity to adopt an exquisite, appropriate and distinctive state flower which grows in no state, as we are creditably informed. It is the glorious five pointed star blossom—The Alamanda.—Tallahassee True Democrat.

St. Andrew.

Rev Wineman has returned from Conference, and will remain at St Andrew another year.

W. R. Wilcox is the proud father of a nine pound girl, which arrived last Thursday.

Capt Bert Ware, with a party of four in the launch Bill Gregory, went to the snapper banks Wednesday, and returned at night with 1200 pounds of snappers.

Evangelistic Services.

A series of evangelistic meetings will be held in the Presbyterian Church commencing with Rev. J. D. Roundtree's appointment on Sunday, Dec. 13th, and continuing throughout the following week. On Monday evening it is expected that Rev. Julian Sibley, Pastor of the Presbyterian church, of Pensacola, will be here to conduct the meetings, which will insure their being of a very interesting nature.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend. There will be two services each day, time of which will be announced on Sunday.

By order of Grand Master B. C. Abernethy, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Florida, Bay City Lodge, No. 50, will hold the regular Thanksgiving Service at the Presbyterian church, of St Andrews, Fla., Dec 13, 1908. We extend to all Odd Fellows and friends an invitation to attend.

H. W. GWALTNEY,
E. B. SMITH, Noble Grand.
Secretary.

Wetappo.

J. R. Oliver was on our streets Friday.

L. Daniels was down from Early Tuesday.

John Harrison was down from Early Friday.

Mrs J. Russell and daughters were up from Cromanton to the dance on Friday night.

A. B. Sheffield, S. F. and J. C. Morris were down from Wetappo Creek Sunday.

Miss Florence Dyer visited friends in Farndale Friday and Saturday and attended the dance.

A very pleasant dance, the first of the season, was enjoyed at the home of Mr and Mrs John Beadnell on Friday night.

J. H. Beadnell was up South Prong after brick last week. It is getting so near Christmas he has decided it is time to be building a chimney.

Cromanton.

Mr J. N. Forbes was in Millville Monday.

Mr E. Masker, of St Andrews, was a visitor here this week.

H. M. Felix is suffering with a lame arm caused by a ladder falling on it.

We are sorry to note that little Gladys Hoskins, who is a general favorite is quite ill.

Friends of Mrs P. M. Grills will be pleased to hear that she has been enjoying a very pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Kentucky, where she went to be present at the wedding of a favorite niece.

New Novelty Works.

G. M. West, General Manager of the G. C. D. Co., this week closed with G. M. Hymers, of Richburg, Miss., for the erection by the latter of a first class wood working establishment capable of putting out all kinds of inside finishing, sash, doors, store fronts, re-sawing, pony saw mill &c. This industry will be of great benefit to Panama City and the Bay country. The location is upon the railway where a spur track will furnish transportation facilities, and the plant will in a short time be employing a large force. It is also possible that Mr Hymers may in the near future add to this plant a machine shop and small foundry.