

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED

Exercises and Trees Enjoyed Here and at Other Points.

### THE TREE AT ELDRED

Members of That Section Royally Entertained at Home of Mrs. Abdill. The Day at White City.

Santa Claus was at St. Andrews Episcopal church Monday and dispensed presents and choice presents to those assembled, affording, all in all, probably the most pretentious Christmas arrangements ever attempted in this section. The principal feature of the day were the same as is generally followed on such occasions, but the liberality of Santa toward the small parishioners of St. Andrew's was unprecedented. Of course, found immense favor. Features of the occasion were many, those of especial mention were the singing of the hymn "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," by the children as they gathered in classes to receive the gifts from their teachers.

Del Crogan was given the prize for attendance at Sunday school during the past year, being present at 48 sessions. The gift was a handsome bound and hymnbook.

Rev. J. Brown, the pastor, was also remembered by the Sunday school, and Superintendent Harbin and Mrs. H. B. Brown were given recognition for their services, which were of a very high order indeed. Too much cannot be said for such staunch workers as Superintendent Harbin and Mrs. Brown, and it is a pleasure to say that their services are not only well understood by the members of the church, but graciously rendered.

The holiday season was made memorable this year to the members of the Sunday School by a beautiful Christmas tree prepared for them by L. B. Abdill at her home. The tree, with its glistening ornaments and numerous gifts occupied one of the large reception rooms. The children were handsomely remembered and the "children of a larger birth" were not forgotten, all presenting several pretty gifts in addition to a Christmas stocking filled with bon-bons. Each little member of the Sunday school who had been faithful attendance was given a prettily decorated stocking, long and wide, and to the brim with good things. The members of the Sunday school gave Abdill an autograph cushion filled with rose leaves and finished with a Hamburg border. During the first part of the evening a cantata was given by the children under the direction of Wm. Pomeroy, entitled "Santa in Japan," in which each little member reflected much credit on her management. From Prince Sho Gun—Thomas—who filled his part with dignity, to little Harold Pommer who performed an acrobatic feat, the amusement of the audience, in Japanese grace and dexterity. A Japanese dance by Elizabeth Lewis and Stouder received a deserved endorsement and the fan and parasol flirtation presented by Edna Lewis and Marie Thomas deserve special mention.

Those who were privileged to be with the walls of Mrs. Abdill's home that carried away with them, in addition to their other gifts a beautiful tree to hang on memory's walls, of a generous plan, surrounded by the joyful faces of little children, amidst them the figure of a graciously woman, who had laid aside her sorrow to make glad the hearts of others.

The Sunday School Christmas tree held in the school house Monday evening. All the exercises were well rendered and the Christmas tree and the Santa Claus was thoroughly enjoyed.

**Launch Unadilla Here.** (Captain Pierson.) The route from New York to Miami Key West, was in the harbor a few

hours Thursday. The Unadilla is an auxiliary, 41 feet long, 10 feet beam, and draws three feet of water. She has a cabin of solid mahogany throughout, and has sleeping accommodations for eight people. At present only her owner, J. A. Fenn, and wife are aboard, the remainder of their party having returned to New York. It is said that the launch cost \$8,000 a year ago, but Mr. Fenn is having a 60-footer built and wants to sell the Unadilla, and would probably take much less than the original cost. One of the unique features of the Unadilla's furnishings is her cooking outfit, every utensil being made of aluminum.

## COL. BUDD'S LAUNCH NOW IN COMMISSION

W. R. MacGuyer, of Torrington, Conn., who has been superintending the work of placing an 8-horse Eagle engine in Col. J. F. Budd's boat has finished the job and departed for Daytona where he has two or three Eagle engines to install. Col. Budd's boat is now in very fine condition and the colonel expresses himself as very well satisfied.

The engine room has been enlarged, the new engine placed 4 feet forward from the position of the old one, and being much smaller and more compact, it has given room for ample floor space and locker room, that was useless before. The trial trip was made Wednesday, representatives of the local press being invited. At the first turn of the fly wheel of the motor, the engine started, and ran smoothly, and without a jar, noise or heat. A very fine reverse clutch or gear is built in as part of the motor, enabling the engineer to back the boat or go ahead at pleasure without touching the engine, or to allow the boat to remain stationary if so desired. To show the efficiency of the reverse clutch, Mr. MacGuyer threw the reverse lever, while the boat was running ahead at full speed, and brought it to a dead stop in just about one length of the boat which is 30 feet. The engine can be started with hardly an effort and the speed controlled almost as handily as a steam engine. The oiling is done automatically from one oil cup. The water from the water jacket is allowed to pass out through the exhaust and muffler which reduces all heat, and noise to a minimum. Taken altogether, it is the most complete outfit ever shown here, and reflects much credit on the manufacturer, and also Col. Budd for his good judgment in selecting such a high grade piece of machinery. We congratulate Col. Budd on his good fortune in securing the services of Mr. MacGuyer to attend to the work of placing the motor, and remodeling the after part of the boat, for the success of the job is clearly due to his skill and workmanship.

We wish the colonel all kinds of pleasure and enjoyment and trust that the trips he contemplates to points up and down the river may terminate successfully.

## COMMISSIONER M. R. JOHNS INSANE

Word has been received from Stuart that Morris R. Johns, of Stuart, county commissioner for the north end of the county, had lost his mind. Mr. Johns had been sick with fever and was taken to the hospital at St. Augustine, and returned from there about December 1st, but his mind has been failing ever since and he finally became violent. So Deputy Sheriff Gore took him to Chattahoochee where his many friends hope, the specialists will soon bring about his complete recovery. —W. Palm Beach News.

### Will Form a Stock Company.

J. F. Hurst, of Detroit, who owns several hundred thousand acres of timber land west of here, is at the Stetson house, accompanied by J. W. Nelson, of Taylor's Falls, Minn. These gentlemen are here for the purpose of investigation with a view of organizing a stock company for cutting timber and further developing their property.

Thirty colonies of bees for sale at \$30 with some extra hives thrown in. Address F. Charles Gifford, Vero, Fla.

### Notice to Taxpayers.

The tax books of the town of Fort Pierce will be open every afternoon from 1 to 2 o'clock in the Mayor's office. D. L. ALDERMAN, Marshal.

## ST. JOHN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Masons Have Elegant Banquet at Fort Pierce Hotel.

### FINE SPREAD PREPARED

Landlord St. Lawrence Prepared Excellent Banquet for the Fraternity—Fifty Guests Enjoy Occasion.

One of the most notable social events of the season occurred on Wednesday night, when the Masonic lodge of this city celebrated St. John's day by installing their officers for the ensuing year in the presence of invited guests, consisting of Masons and their families.

The installation ceremonies were held in the Masonic hall, which was prettily decorated with palms and ferns. Past-masters G. E. Dutton and A. C. Dittmar conducted the ceremony of installing the newly-elected officers, using the beautifully solemn and impressive ritual of the order. The following are the new officers:

- Worshipful Master—James E. Andrews.
- Senior Warden—A. M. Sample.
- Junior Warden—J. H. Wynn.
- Treasurer—W. J. Nesbitt.
- Secretary—T. P. Howes.
- Chaplain—A. C. Dittmar.
- Senior Deacon—H. Jenkins.
- Junior Deacon—F. E. Wilson.
- Senior Steward—B. B. Bostick.
- Junior Steward—H. E. Crooks.
- Tyler—L. S. S. Farnsworth.

Immediately after the ceremonies in the hall were concluded, all marched over to the Ft. Pierce Hotel, where Landlord St. Lawrence had provided a banquet which was thoroughly enjoyed by his guests. The service was excellent, the table decorations tastefully arranged and the chef an artist, as the following menu will testify:

- Fruit Cocktails
- Cutlets of Bass, Tomato Cream Sauce
- Sweet Pickles
- Croquettes en Royal, Pettis Poise
- Celery
- Creamed Oysters on Toast
- Queen Olives
- Fillet of Beef, au Champignons
- French Frys
- Small Rolls
- Assorted Cake
- Ice Cream
- Fruit Nuts
- Coffee

After the serving of the coffee followed the toasts, Mr. R. L. Goodwin acting as toastmaster, and introducing each speaker in a most felicitous manner.

Mr. C. T. McCarty responded to the toast to the ladies, and he spoke with his usual grace and eloquence. Mr. G. E. Dutton followed with some remarks about "The Goat," which aroused much merriment among the initiated and mystification in the ladies. The newly-elected master of the lodge, Judge J. E. Andrews, then reviewed the history of the Ft. Pierce lodge in a brief and interesting manner, calling attention to the rapid growth and the present prosperity of the lodge. Judge Lewis, the oldest member of the lodge, and with a Masonic experience of over sixty years, talked entertainingly about the craft, and Mr. W. J. Nesbitt, the last speaker, made some pertinent observations on the subject of Masonic charity.

The guests left for home at a late hour after expressing their appreciation of the hospitality of their hosts and their pleasure at the evening's entertainment.

### Will Become Permanent Residents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Cramer, of Chicago, who came here some time ago, intending to spend the winter in this section, were called to Chicago on business this week. They will soon return, however, and will bring their son and his wife with them, and have engaged accommodations at the Stetson hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Cramer expect to settle permanently in Fort Pierce.

E. A. Ireland, of Jensen, was in Fort Pierce Thursday on business.

### "Blood Grapefruit."

W. W. Moss, of this place, who is engaged in buying fruit and produce for

the commission firm of Chase & Co., of Sanford, spent a few days at home this week. While here Mr. Moss showed us a sample of "blood grapefruit," some trees of which he found at Altamonte Springs. As indicated by the name, the interior of the fruit is blood red in color; the flavor is unique and agreeable, and the medical properties are said to be greater than those of the ordinary variety. The trees at Altamonte Springs were among a lot of imported stock brought to this country directly after the freeze. Mr. Moss has made arrangements whereby he can furnish buds of this variety and will correspond with anyone interested. —Lakeland News.

## CASES BEFORE THE COUNTY JUDGE

A case of some interest the past week was the trial of Mrs. Grace Head on a charge of assault and battery before County Judge Andrews on Tuesday. The complaining witness was Mrs. Lillian Lane, who testified that Mrs. Head had on December 22nd without any provocation struck her several blows and knocked her down three times. Other witnesses who testified on behalf of the State were G. A. Powers, Theodore Cook, Roy Faber and Mrs. Harbin.

Mrs. Head testified in her own defense, and while admitting that she had knocked Mrs. Lane down as alleged, said that Mrs. Lane had struck her first, and that she acted in self-defense. She was supported in her testimony by her little seven year old son.

At the first trial of this case in the morning, the jury after considering the same for some time was discharged. A second trial was had in the afternoon and the jury after being out a short time, brought in a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation for mercy.

Judge Andrews imposed a sentence of thirty days in the county jail and one dollar and costs. But he immediately suspended the execution of the sentence during the future good behavior of Mrs. Head. The State was represented by Attorney C. T. McCarty and the defense by Attorney D. E. Knight.

On Wednesday occurred the trial of Glover Durham and George White, colored, before Judge Andrews, on charge of gambling. They both pleaded guilty and a sentence of \$10 fine or sixty days in the chain gang was imposed. The fine was paid.

### Death of Mr. Brown.

Geo. F. Brown, father of R. L. Brown, who has been ill for the past three or four months, died yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at the home of his son. Old age, and the giving away of mind and strength, were the causes of death. The funeral will occur today.

"Regal Engine Robinson," of Detroit, was in town this week lecturing on "Power"—Regal power.

## NEW JAIL BADLY NEEDED AT ONCE

The bad condition of the present building used for a county jail is arousing much criticism among the citizens of Fort Pierce. It is not only an unsafe place in which to keep prisoners, but it is small, almost without ventilation, and without any sewerage or other conveniences absolutely necessary for the health of persons who are so unfortunate as to be confined therein. Our county magistrates have been very reluctant to impose sentences which would necessitate the confinement of persons in the jail, and where prisoners are being held for trial have named very low bonds because of the condition of the jail. This was done recently by Justice Bronson in two cases and by Judge M. S. Jones in another case. This probably accounts in part for the recent action of Judge Andrews in suspending sentence on a woman recently found guilty of an offense after a jury trial. Pressure is being brought to have the county commissioners take immediate action on this matter and provide a suitable place for the confinement of county prisoners.

### Notice to Stock Owners.

After January 1st, all stock caught loose on the streets of Fort Pierce will be impounded. D. L. ALDERMAN, Marshal.

## THE KEY WEST EXTENSION

Party of Officials Return From an Inspection Tour.

### WORK WELL UNDERWAY

Thirty-five Per Cent of Grading is Completed.—More Than Three Thousand Men Employed.

H. M. Flagler and party have returned from a tour of inspection of the Florida East Coast railway extension from Miami to Key West. They found the vast enterprise well systemized and were surprised at the wonderful progress that has been made, says a St. Augustine correspondent of the Times-Union.

Mr. Flagler and his party made stops at all of the camps located at intervals along the line of the extension. They found all of the camps in excellent condition and the thousands of laborers well satisfied with the treatment they are receiving.

The laborers, consisting of Italians, Greeks, Germans and negroes, are in separate camps. The camps are well located and conducted on as high a plane as any in the country. The men are comfortably housed in tents all floored and sleep on comfortable double cots, or bunks, one arranged above the other. They are given plenty of good, nourishing food and well cooked. All of the food, as well as all of the water used in these camps is towed from Miami in barges or steamers and for this purpose alone a fleet of vessels is always kept busy.

The labor on the extension has been well planned and the different crews are assigned to work according to their ability. The rough work of clearing is being done entirely by negroes, they being more accustomed to the use of the axe. The white labor then follows with the grading.

Some idea of the magnitude of this work can be gained when it is known that more than 3,000 laborers are now engaged on the work and additional crews are soon to arrive.

The work of grading is being pushed forward very rapidly. There is one stretch of more than three miles of roadbed all graded and ready for the ties and rails and various other sections. In all, about thirty per cent of the entire line has been graded up to the present.

Eight steam dredges are at work making fills over the lagoons and smaller openings. Small dump cars are also used. These are run over a track of light steel rails.

An excellent roadbed is being prepared such as will not be equaled in the south, especial attention being given to its construction. In fact every feature of the great extension is receiving the greatest care.

Mr. Flagler and party went to Key West by the inside route and returned on the outside by way of Hawks channel. At Key West they were given a hearty welcome and informally entertained by the business men there.

In the party were H. M. Flagler, Dr. Andrew Anderson, Vice President J. R. Parrott, Third Vice President J. E. Ingraham, Traffic Manager J. B. Beckwith, Superintendent R. T. Goff, Chief Engineer Meredith, and his assistant, Mr. Krome.

### Caught Channel Bass.

Mark Aronson and son, Saul, prominent clothing manufacturers of New York, have been spending considerable time in Fort Pierce recently, fishing and recreating, making the Fort Pierce hotel their headquarters. Monday afternoon, in company with Arthur St. Lawrence, they caught six fine channel bass and one extra large sea trout, in less than an hour's fishing. The combined weight of the six bass was 150 pounds, and, needless to say, the Aronson's are quite proud of their catch. Aden Summerlin was in charge of the party while here.

### Orange and Grapefruit Wraps.

We have a large stock of orange and grapefruit wraps, extra fine quality. The grapefruit wraps are extra heavy. It pays to buy good wrapping paper. J12 EAST COAST LUMBER & SUPPLY CO.