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California should send a delegation to Florida to learn how we have "solved the race question."

Shipments of tomatoes have already started from the East Coast section. They will now go forward by the trainload. Great is Florida.

THE NEWS has been informed by those competent to judge that the Tampa "State Fair" this year is very creditable in every way. We are pleased to learn this.

Amateur wireless operators are interfering with communication between the government station and battleships about, it was the announcement made last week. If the wireless can be easily put out of commission the day of its zenith has been passed.

The Bryan mule, donated during the late unpleasantness for a prize to the precinct showing the biggest Democratic gain, is still browsing in Mr. Bryan's pasture. Why not send it to Washington and let Mr. Taft ride it in the inaugural parade?

You often hear the remark: "Everything that Harry takes hold of succeeds." Yes, it's true. But if you get down town so early as 7 o'clock you'll find "Harry" right there, and he's there at 10 p. m. If times are dull "Harry" is doing the work of two men and getting one man's salary. If times are brisk Harry is still running one or two men behind, and doing their work. Harry never mentions the "8-hour day." He never considered it as suitable for himself, tho he may grant it to others. Harry pays his bills promptly and has "good credit," because he does himself. Credit is easily worn out, and Harry is saving his for some time when he may need it. Harry was "born with a silver spoon in his mouth," but if you'll notice that spoon you'll see that it isn't taken out until it's clean. Harry doesn't waste things. There are lots of Harries in this world—and more who are not Harries.

THE NEWS has received a letter containing four pages of typewritten matter from "The Merchant Marine League," asking our support toward a bill now before Congress, which bill provides that ships carrying the American flag be given preference in transporting supplies to the Panama Canal. It is claimed in this letter that American farmers, American machinery makers and American engineers are given preference in furnishing supplies for work on the canal, at much larger prices than foreign articles could be purchased, and "The Merchant Marine League" thinks that American ships should also be given the same preference. The Merchant Marine League is right. But it's not newspaper influence that they need to accomplish their desired end. That needs votes. Let the Merchant Marine League register and vote every seaman who touches an American port, let them organize a seaman's union, with voting strength of 100,000—and they'll be able to get along without our support. Otherwise, our "support" won't help them much with congress.

The city council has appointed a committee to propose changes to the charter. The end, doubtless, is more money. That is the question that bothers the most of us—city governments, State governments, national governments. Vanderbilts, Rockefellers, Haglers, the carpenter, the merchant, the doctor and the lawyer—all in fact, except newspaper men. While making arrangements to raise more money, the council will do well to take the people into their confidence and publish the proposed amendments to the charter. No amendment will pass the next legislature unless it goes to Tallahassee with the endorsement of the people. In raising more money, there is but one way in which THE NEWS, at present, can see it done without injustice to the property-owner, who is today donating all that he should be called upon to give up for taxes: The one way is by taxing every vehicle—bicycle, automobile, wagon, buggy—every mode of convenience in fact except the baby carriage. A tax of $1.00 each, to be evidenced by tag, would bring in $2,500 or $3,000 per year, which should be used EXCLUSIVELY for the building of new hard-surface roads. If wisely expended, no one would object to the payment of the small fee. Perhaps such a tax could be levied without an amendment to the charter. A lawyer would have to determine this. The city should be divided into four wards, with one councilman from each ward, and two councilmen elected at large. Perhaps this could also be done without amending the charter. As a rule, charter amendments are dangerous and useless—like patches on a pair of pantaloons—they are sometimes necessary, but never as good as a new pair. These are the only two amendments that THE NEWS can think necessary at this time. There may be others. But if it's only a question of increasing taxation, let's go slow, gentlemen.

THE NEWS regrets exceedingly to chronicle the burning of the Clarendon hotel at Seabreeze. The proprietor, Dr. E. L. Potter, is "a white man" in every sense of the word, and this loss will be a severe blow to him as well as to the beautiful little city to whose advancement Dr. Potter has contributed so much.

DELEON SPRINGS.

Mr. J. N. Cooper is visiting other places of interest for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker returned Sunday from the coast, where they spent a few days sightseeing.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Odum, Sunday, a fine son. Mother and son doing well. Mr. Odum feels proud of his valuable.

Mr. John T. Walker and family and Miss Orvis Purnell attended divine service at Glenwood Sunday morning.

Mr. Griffin and family, of Quitman, Ga., have moved into the Weaver house.

Mr. H. W. Purnell is grinding his large crop of cane. Last Friday he invited the teacher and all the school children up to drink cane juice, which was enjoyed by all.

We have had a fine shower Monday night and Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Dora Johnson has a large class of pupils taking music lessons.

Your conduct in public will show what you belong to, be it religious or otherwise.

A jolly crowd from DeLeon went to Lake Helen Sunday to spend the day. Among those who went were: Mrs. Dora Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. North, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Mr. Chas. Hay, Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, Mr. H. W. Purnell, Mr. Hayes.

Those who attended the song service Sunday evening were delightfully surprised. Especial mention must be made of the solo by Miss Bessie Walker, and an instrumental selection by Miss Orvis Purnell.

Miss Boudelle, teacher of the Glenwood school, visited our school last week.

Allen's Drug Store, agents for Orange City water. It is pure. *

ENTERPRISE.

Last Tuesday afternoon the ladies at the Inn gave a farewell reception to Miss Tina Tucker, who was leaving for Texas for an indefinite length of time. The guests at the Inn, and also the ladies of the town, were present and had a delightful afternoon. Dainty refreshments were served.

Last Saturday Mr. E. B. White brought in a splendid catch of fish, twenty in all. The two largest weighed 11½ pounds and 10 pounds, respectively. Total weight was 69 pounds, and all were black bass.

Mr. A. DeBary and party of thirteen arrived last week and will spend several weeks here at DeBary Hall, enjoying hunting, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Satterly, who have been at Mrs. Count's for some time, left yesterday on their homeward trip.

Dr. Bird and family, of Canada, are occupying one of Mrs. Geo. Count's cottages.

Mr. Morgan and family moved over from Titusville last Thursday, and have taken the Grove cottage. They expect to make Enterprise their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bears have gone to Tampa for a few days, will take in the fair while there.

Rev. M. P. Foley, of Baltimore, was here last Saturday and visited old friends in town.

Mr. W. Chambers and family, of New Castle, Ind., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Chambers.

LAKE HELEN.

Mr. Whitney Pelton, who came from Stetson last Tuesday on account of illness, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Wright, of Mascott, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Currier.

Mrs. Will Andreas has guests from Chicago at her pleasant home across the lake.

The Harlan had twenty-three guests last week, fourteen arriving in one day.

Quite a number of our people attended the fine Music Festival at DeLand. Floridians no longer have to go north to hear good music or see fine plays, but this was a most unusual treat.

Word was received last week of the death in Groton, Conn., of Mrs. Mary Johnson, wife of Timothy Johnson. The Johnsons were among the early settlers here, and all the old residents will sympathize with Mr. Johnson in the loss of his devoted wife.

Mr. Will Sheldon, in a recent letter from Porto Rico, stated that the temperature went down to 55° which was the coldest he had ever seen it in the nine years of his residence on that tropical isle.

Three weeks ago the Aid Society met with Mrs. Dr. Zenders and spent a very enjoyable afternoon. Last week Mrs. Lehman entertained them, and next week they will meet at the home of Mrs. Ella Blake.

Mr. Caissaman and Mr. M. Bond were in Seabreeze Sunday morning when the Clarendon inn burned. Mr. Bond secured a snap shot picture of the fire.

Mr. Caissaman is out in a beautiful little car—open white with brass trimmings. Altho it arrived very recently, he has already learned how to manage it like a graduate chauffeur, and he is not taking anyone's dust these days.

Mrs. Harry Roberts is out again after two weeks illness.

Mrs. Geo. Kessler, of Kansas City, Mo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Warner.

WOMAN'S CLUB.

The social department of the Woman's Club was in charge of the general meeting Tuesday, February 16. There was a large gathering of members and their friends to enjoy a social hour and a cup of tea. Old friends and new were glad to welcome the Countess of Santa Eulalia as the guest of the afternoon.

Mrs. Bliss very kindly gave a vocal solo, entitled "You and I."

The regular meeting of the music and the civics departments will be omitted this week.

The literature department will meet at the home of Mrs. Furnah, Tuesday, February 23, at 4 o'clock, to study the works of Thomas Bailey Aldrich.

The science and art department will meet with Mrs. Harkness, Friday, February 26, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Dickinson will read a paper on "French Pottery."

A Rare Chance. For the next thirty days I will offer my property at the corner of Rich avenue and Pine Street, which consists of a two-story, furnished house and corner lot near College Arms Hotel, at a reduced figure. I will consider any reasonable offer. T. L. Ames, at Allen's Drug Store. *

SAD DEATH OF TRUMAN LYNN

All old DeLandites will remember Aphie Scanlan, beautiful and popular DeLand girl, who was married several years ago to Truman J. Lynn, of St. Augustine. The following sad account of the illness and death of Mr. Lynn is taken from the St. Augustine *Record* of Thursday last:

Death relieved Truman J. Lynn of his sufferings yesterday afternoon, the final summons coming at 2:15 o'clock. He was at the home of his father, Mr. Joseph Lynn, at the south end of Marine street having been brought there on his return from Milledgeville a few days ago. The end came peacefully and he breathed his last without attracting the notice of the attendant who was sitting at his bedside. He was conscious up to the last moment and realized his condition. Tuesday he expressed a desire to join the Episcopal church and sent for Rev. L. Fitz-James Hindry and requested the clergyman to baptize him at once. His wish was complied with and he seemed to rest easier, sleeping the greater part of the time. His condition was regarded as hopeless, but it was believed he would linger for some days, or weeks.

Suffering from tuberculosis of the throat, Truman went to Colorado last summer and remained there until the fall. The change to the altitude had the effect of curing the throat, but drove the disease to the brain, and shortly after his return here his condition became alarming and he was taken to a sanitorium at Milledgeville, Ga. There his system responded to the treatment and the disease was gradually driven from the brain, but again lodged in his throat, and while his mental condition improved his physical condition correspondingly failed. He lost flesh rapidly and became so weak that he was forced to take bed and his father then decided to bring him home, realizing that the end was near and that no treatment could prolong his life. The patient was taken to the home of Mr. Lynn and an attendant from the sanitorium was retained to wait on him. Mrs. Lynn, who has been ill for the past few weeks, was unable to leave her bed to go to her husband's side, but he was informed almost hourly of his condition.

The deceased was about thirty years of age. He came here with his family when he was a mere child, and had made his home here since. As a boy and young man Truman was a favorite with all who knew him. He is survived by his wife and three small children, the youngest of whom is under two weeks of age. His father, Mr. Joseph Lynn, and brother, Herman Lynn, also survive him. The funeral services took place today at 3 o'clock, at Trinity Episcopal church, and the interment was at Evergreen cemetery.

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We have turned out a number of bound books, and the work has been entirely satisfactory to our customers. We are prepared to bind in paper or cloth in our establishment; more expensive bindings we send to plants fully equipped to do the work. Therefore, we are prepared to figure on any binding, from the cheapest paper to the finest sheep, or alligator skin with the claws on if our customers want it. The printing we do at our own plant, having the finest type-making machine and as good presses as can be found in Florida.

WRITE A BOOK

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