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**FLORIDA AT THE
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**Our Delegation Working for Many
 Things for State.**

Washington, Dec. 13.—Florida's congressional delegation is actively at work on matters of importance and of special interest to their constituents. Among other things of interest Senator Fletcher has presented a petition from the Business Men's League of St. Augustine, praying that an appropriation be made for the repair of the government seawall at that city. Also a petition from Fred Marsh of Pensacola, praying for an appropriation for the improvement of the government building at that city, also a bill for the relief of William W. Dewhurst.

Senator Tallaferra has introduced bills as follows:
 Granting an increase of pension to Mary P. Eastman.
 Granting an increase of pension to Charles P. Thomas.
 Granting an increase of pension to Simeon Tison.

To adjust and equalize retirements, rank and pay of veterans of the civil war who served as brigadier generals on the active list of the army.

For the relief of James D. Butler.
 For the relief of William C. Steele.

Providing for the improvement, repair and an addition to the public building at St. Augustine.

Congressman Darnitte H. Mays has introduced bills in the house as follows:

To provide for the erection of a public building at Apalachicola.

To provide for sittings of the United States circuit and district courts at Marianna.

Congressman Clark has introduced a bill to establish a sub-treasury in the Southeast, to be located at Jacksonville.

**MORE "BOOZE" THAN EVER,
 SAYS JUSTICE H. T. TITUS.**

**A Number of One-Eyed Tigers Doing
 Business in Daytona.**

There are more blind tigers doing business in and around Daytona than ever before," said Henry T. Titus, justice of the peace, to the daily News this morning.

"They are sicker than they used to be," said Mr. Titus. "It is not my business to go out and hunt them down but I will do it, as I have in the past, unless some change takes place. Whenever a case of this nature is brought before my court on preliminary examination, if the evidence warrants, it is my duty to bind the case over for trial before the Criminal Court of Record. It is no reflection on Sheriff Smith that these tigers exist. He has done more to suppress the illegal sale of liquor than any man in the county—but he cannot be everywhere at once."

"I am told," continued Mr. Titus, "that there are four places in Waycross and several in Midway where liquor is sold but it is almost impossible to get evidence, as persons who patronize such joints will often procure themselves rather than give correct testimony. There are others tiger peeping from other places, too. Some of the city marshals ought to be able to put a stop to some, at least, of this illegal trade."—Daytona News.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

**Daytona, Smyrna and DeLand Should
 Organize an Association.**

The time of year when fire may be expected has now arrived. In what condition is the DeLand Fire Department to fight a bad fire? Have the hose and material been inspected and are they in good condition? For several months there has been before council a proposition to reorganize the Fire Department, and to adopt a plan approved by the department. This matter has been allowed to drag, however, and nothing has been accomplished.

Daytona and New Smyrna have just organized volunteer fire departments. Daytona has a new system of water works, and the department there will be equipped with hose and hose wagon. New Smyrna has no water works system, and the department there will have only chemical engines.

Several years ago, the volunteer fire departments of Florida had a State association and met annually at different towns for tests of skill. In those days the local volunteer fire department was a social organization; it gave fairs, festivals, dances, etc. Interest was maintained, new members were added as fast as wanted, and the various companies vied with each other to see which was the most efficient in duty, and which kept its apparatus in the best condition. The natural result was: Good, clean, serviceable apparatus; the membership consisted of the very best material in town, and efficient service was secured—because the members were interested.

Why cannot Daytona, New Smyrna and DeLand organize an association and have tests of skill say twice or four times a year? Such an arrangement would be very beneficial to the towns interested and would prove a splendid social feature for the young men. The News believes that the town councils of these three towns can be counted on to do their share toward defraying expenses. The young men must do the rest.

A New Garage.

W. C. Cannons has let the contract for the erection of a large concrete block building, to be used as a garage, to the Pearl Grit Artificial Stone Company, of Daytona Beach, of which B. F. Martindale is manager. The building is to be one story in height, 60x150 feet. It will be located on Florida avenue, facing Indiana avenue.

**LABOR FEDERATION
 TO MEET AT DELAND**

**Delegates Now Being Selected Through-
 out the State.**

DeLand will be a "Convention City" for the next month. Over 1000 teachers and school officials are expected here during the holidays. About the time we recover from the strenuousness of this convention, the State Federation of Labor will convene here. Just how many delegates will be present at this meeting it is impossible to say, but the number will probably not fall very far short of the number attending the teachers' meeting. The town, Tampa, The Town To Tie To, will send 45 or more delegates, and Jacksonville almost as many more. The Tampa Tribune on Monday said:

"Tampa will easily be the best represented city in Florida at the annual convention of the State Federation of Labor, meeting in DeLand, January 18, 1901, and continuing in session for a week. If the full strength of local union labor is manifested at this great gathering, this city will have at least forty-five accredited delegates. This means that it will have more than twice as many delegates as Jacksonville or any other Florida city."

Tampa will also claim the distinction of having for one union, more delegates than any other union since International Cigar-makers' union No. 136 will have five representatives. The roster of the full Tampa delegation will not be known until considerably later this month, when the various unions at regular meetings will make their choices.

"Some Delegates Chosen
 "At a largely attended meeting of the Central Trades and Labor Assembly, at labor headquarters in Ybor City yesterday, continuing from 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., delegates were chosen to represent this central body at the convention. A Simeriz, president of the central body, James F. Scott, of the plumbers' union, and J. A. Roberts, secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor and treasurer for the Central Trades and Labor Assembly, were selected as the delegates."

"To Try for Tampa
 "It is certain that Tampa will make a strong bid to secure the next convention of the State Federation for this city."

The DeLand Labor Unions should get busy and see that every arrangement is made for the entertainment of the delegates. The Labor Unions will find a hearty cooperation in the DeLand people, and all will unite in extending a warm greeting to the delegates.

Rameses, who was King of Egypt 3,000 years ago, and is now appearing in a silent act in the mummy room of the museum at Boston, is going over to New York in a few days. Philadelphia is making an effort to secure him for an engagement. If old Rameses ever gets to Philadelphia they'll have him on the registration list and voting the Republican ticket.

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BARBERVILLE.

Barberville, Dec. 13.—Rev. R. N. Cate ably filled his appointment at the Baptist church Sunday morning.

Jack Minshew celebrated his 37th birthday at his home yesterday with a good number of friends and relatives.

Mr. J. Nash, teacher of the Flowers school, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Dixie Clifton was also in town on Saturday.

Mr. Duncan Peterson, who is now engaged by the Chase Fruit company, was visiting his people Sunday.

Charlie Hall, of Langren, was visiting his parents Sunday.

Mr. D. F. Morrison and Mr. Francis McBride attended Methodist conference at Crescent City Sunday.

Miss Lillian Barber returned today from DeLeon, where she has been visiting Miss Stella Odum.

We are glad to know that Mr. Beasley's children are improving.

Dr. Leon Felt, of Emporia, spent Sunday night with Mr. Willie Hill. He and his wife, who has been visiting Miss Maggie Hill for the past few days, returned to Emporia today.

Capt. R. J. Bishop lost about two and one half crops of turpentine boxes by fire last week. Wonder if parties who set this fire out, are willing to replace the loss?

**LURTON APPOINTED
 TO SUPREME COURT**

**New Justice Is a Tennessean and Was
 a Democrat.**

Washington, Dec. 13.—The nomination of Judge Horace H. Lurton of Tennessee to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, in succession to the late Justice Peckham, was sent to the senate today by President Taft.

Judge Lurton is a Tennessee man, and was appointed judge of the sixth circuit by President Cleveland, March 27, 1895. He was a Democrat in politics at that time.

President Taft was himself a judge of the sixth circuit at the time he was appointed governor of the Philippines in 1898, and it was his association with Judge Lurton that gave him such a high opinion of the legal qualifications of the Tennessee jurist.

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