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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

FERNANDINA'S EXPORTS

Extracted from "The World's Market"
Shows What is Being Done

The layman, indeed to many of the shipping fraternity, the mention of Fernandina means, little or nothing. Examinations of actual conditions, however, gives evidence that Fernandina and phosphate are closely associated. Fernandina is the principal export outlet for Florida hardrock phosphate.

Situated on a deep water harbor, Fernandina, by reason of its close proximity to the phosphate belt and the excellent facilities which it enjoys, has recently leaped into prominence.

Europe has always relied, to a great extent, upon Florida, for her fertilizer requirements in the shape of phosphate rock. With the removal of stringent export restrictions that were in force during the war the demand for phosphate has become almost insatiable, and mines, shut down over the past few years, are now working night and day shifts in their endeavors to fill orders.

For the current year, it has been estimated that three hundred thousand tons of the rock fertilizer will be mined. Normally, the output runs from six to seven hundred thousand tons. Depending mainly upon phosphate for cargo, nothing like a schedule service is maintained. During the months of August, September and October, sixty thousand tons moved through Fernandina, and, from orders now in hand, the indications for November are that upwards of sixty thousand tons of phosphate rock will be cleared.

The hardrock miners now have plans underway for the construction at Fernandina of a rotary drying plant, carrying dry storage for about thirty thousand tons, and wet storage for about fifty thousand tons. Miners instead of burning and drying their rock before shipping to port, will send it to Fernandina to be dried. As the rock will be conveyed into steamers by belt conveyors at an average rate of about three hundred tons per hour. The item of time saved to all concerned will be most important.

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

The full board of County Commissioners met Wednesday.

The First National bank of Fernandina and the Callahan State bank of Callahan were designated as county depositories.

A largely signed petition from citizens of Fernandina asking for relief from "expensive and dangerous ferry service" was read and filed.

The matter of repairing the draw bridge was taken up. Bid from the Jacksonville Utility Co. was received and filed for further consideration.

The county attorney was authorized to write the United States engineer's office about matters pertaining to the Amelia river draw bridge.

ACTIVE WORK IN RURALITIES

Jacksonville, Dec. 11.—Contemplating more active health measures in the rural communities, the State Board of Health has secured the services of Dr. John A. Ferrell, field director of the International Health Board, in an advisory capacity. Dr. Ferrell will come to Florida in the first part of January for a conference with Dr. Ralph N. Green, regarding the most effective health campaign for the rural districts. Together Dr. Ferrell and Dr. Green will go into the rural communities to work out a practical program of needed sanitary work.

In addition to obtaining the advice of Dr. Ferrell, Dr. Green has arranged to secure approximately \$25,000 from the Rockefeller foundation, which will be devoted solely to bettering sanitary conditions in the rural districts.

The program will concern itself principally with the elimination of malaria and hookworm, with general attention to improved sanitation.

PRINTER WANTED

A printer who wants or need work can be accommodated at this office. Fair wages paid to good all-round newspaper and job man. Write, stating salary and qualifications. Union man preferred.

MEETING OF IMPORTANCE

To Complete Reorganization of Mississippi, Gulf and Atlantic Association

The delegates to attend the reorganization meeting of the Mississippi, Gulf and Atlantic Association left Savannah, Ga., yesterday morning, at 10 o'clock, on board the U. S. S. Shamut. The Shamut cast anchor in Cumberland sound in the afternoon about 5. The ship drew too much water to carry the delegates to St. Marys, where the meeting was held, and they were taken to the Georgia city in lighter draft vessels.

The second session is now being held in Fernandina today, after lunching at the Key-tone hotel. Fifty delegates are in the party which arrived here this afternoon, among them men of nationwide note. They were met on arrival by a committee from the Fernandina Chamber of Commerce in automobiles and taken to the Lyceum hall, where the meeting is being held.

RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS

That Fernandina and its friends have purchased approximately 20,000 Red Cross Christmas seals, the income from which is used to combat the White Plague, speaks volumes for our city. So far we have not received any report from Callahan or Hilliard which were assigned 10,000 seals each, but doubtless a report will be made yet this week. Also Prof. W. H. Peck has charge of the sale among the colored people and will make a report later.

The splendid showing made so far in Fernandina is due to the leadership of Miss Elsie Steil, secretary of the local Red Cross Chapter, who selected for her assistants the following named young ladies: Misses Corine Hernandez, Laura Belle Jeffreys, Agnes Morse, Irene Steil, Rosa May Humphreys, Frederica Whitney, Lillian Burney, Alice Galphin, Jennie Rutishauser, Theo Waas, Corine Sharp, Grace Kelly, Theodosia Kelly and Nancy Davis.

To these young ladies I want in this public manner to express my sincere thanks. They are worthy of all praise for their zeal and efficiency. I wish also to thank the public for its hearty response to the cause represented by the sale of seals. When we consider that in former years Red Cross Christmas seals sale amounted to about \$200, the sale this year is almost remarkable.

O. L. MARTIN,
County Chairman.

WORK ON TERMINAL PROGRESSING

Work on the Strachan terminals is progressing nicely. The surveyors have this week been marking off the different locations on which buildings and docks are to be built. A permit was also received this week from the War Department to commence dredging, and the dredgeboat is to be here Wednesday.

DANA-TOMPKINS NUPTIALS

The home of Mrs. A. C. Tompkins, 115 Lakawanna avenue, was the scene of a pretty wedding on the evening of December 3rd, when Miss Myrtle Tompkins became the wife of Mr. John Dana, Rev. E. M. Henderson, pastor of the Woodlawn Baptist church, officiating.

The bride had as her attendants, Miss Esie Tompkins, maid of honor and Miss Agnes Dana, bridesmaid.

Mr. Dana had as his best man Mr. O. A. Fouraker, while Mr. Lamar Truell acted as groomsmen.

Following the ceremony a brief reception was held during which punch was served, Mrs. S. G. Cassels, of Plant City, and Mrs. J. D. Robinson presiding at the punch bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana have a host of friends in Jacksonville and elsewhere in Florida, who will wish them a long and happy married life.

Among the out of town guests at the wedding were Mrs. T. Dana, of Fernandina, and Mrs. Hemmingway, of Waldo.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana expect to continue to make Jacksonville their home.—Times-Union, Dec. 10th.

REPORT OF NASSAU COUNTY IN THE BAPTIST 75 MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN

Up to and including Wednesday, December 10th, 1919, according to returns received by G. C. Burgess, County Organizer:

Church	Pledges	Cash paid on pledges	Cash on hand	Total pledged	Quota as yet to church
Brandy Branch	\$ 1,929 50	\$ 319 65	\$ 1,929 50	\$ 1,500 00
Callahan	2,382 50	25 50	16 00	2,382 50	3,500 00
Ephesus	802 00	102 00	802 00	2,500 00
Fernandina	5,805 00	250 00	10 00	5,815 00	2,500 00
Mount Olive and Bethany	765 00	107 00	33 00	798 00	2,250 00
Yulee	270 00	21 00	1 00	271 00	1,000 00
Totals	\$11,954 00	\$ 824 20	\$ 60 00	\$12,014 10	

Cash contributions paid in full.

I desire, as we are reaching the closing scenes of our great campaign, to heartily congratulate my fellow Baptist on the good that has been accomplished through co-operative effort, and for the splendid stand that they have taken toward the extension of the kingdom of our Lord. It will be seen from the above that we are only short \$485 90 on reaching our allotted quota of \$12,500 for the county, and I am assured that this will be subscribed within the next few days, and we will then be "Over the Top." My final and closing report will be given in next week's issue.

G. C. BURGESS, County Organizer.

Fernandina, Fla., December 10th, 1919.

JELLYFISH'S STING NO JOKE

Best Known as "Portuguese Man-of-War" is Dreaded by Bathers, for Excellent Reasons.

The jellyfish has long been the subject of mirth and jest, but at times it is aggressive and formidable, and its sting is a source of fear for bathers. The sting of the southern Portuguese jellyfish, known technically as the Nomsus, is very severe.

Jellyfish are found in the trade-wind belts of all oceans. Each Portuguese "man-of-war," as the jellyfish is sometimes known, is made up of a number of small animals of the jellyfish order, which have in common an iridescent colored, bubble-like float, about the size of a man's hand, which rests on the surface of the water. A fin or sail enables the float to make headway across the wind, rather than with it. The jellyfish has long paper-like tentacles, and these are equipped with the stings. When they brush against bathers they burn and leave red welts that itch and burn for hours, and should two or three pass over a man's arm at once, they would almost paralyze it. Some years ago scientists discovered a little man-of-war fish that accompanies the man-of-war jellyfish. It swims around the float until danger threatens, when it sneaks underneath and is safe from harm under the protection of the jellyfish's tentacles.

Possible Cause of Fever.

The Medical Journal asks if "all fever, or at least a large proportion of it, may not be due to some change in the fluids of the body which prevents water from being available as perspiration which by its evaporation serves to keep the body cool."

It may be that the practice of making a fever patient perspire freely has another purpose than the washing out of impurities from the blood, this being an actual cooling by evaporation. "An abundance of water has been found beneficial in fevers, and there are many clinicians who are decidedly of the opinion that cold-water baths have much more than merely a direct and mechanical refrigerating purpose, for they are followed by rather free diuresis and often also by perspiration. Indeed, one of the great indications for bath in fever is that the skin is dry and hot, for it is under these circumstances that the bath will do much good."

Birds' Speed Deceptive.

An interesting check on some of those gunners who know their bird was flying 100 miles an hour because they had to lead him seven feet would be to paint a duck on a long board at the end of an express train running at, say 60 miles an hour, and let the gunner blaze away at the painted duck at normal duck-shooting ranges to check up the speed of the painted bird, with the "lead" necessary to give the charge to hit the wild duck alleged to have gone 100 miles per hour. Neither train nor long-winged honker gives a fair idea of the actual speed, because they are both large; the little bird often deceives.

Optimist.

Growler—Yes, in the end, we all get six feet of earth.

Cheerup—What would you do if they discovered oil on your plot before you died?

Hammered In.

"The school of experience is a hard one."

"Thorough, though, very thorough. What you learn there, you know."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Specimens of Skeeters.

Specimens of all species of mosquitoes found in army camps will be displayed in the army medical museum at Washington, D. C.

Rousseau's Patriotism.

Whenever I meditate upon governments I am happy to find in my investigations new reasons for loving that of my own country.—Rousseau.

Patent Pie Pan.

An inventor has patented a pie pan in two sections that can be taken apart without danger of breaking its contents.

LURE TO THE ADVENTUROUS

Though All the Ages Man Has Dared Every Danger in the Search for Beautiful Things.

Now, a thing of beauty that is rare and difficult to obtain seems ever to have exercised an irresistible lure to adventurous man. To possess it he will suffer the hardships of the highest mountain climb, or risk the almost certain dangers of disease in tropic zones. He will dare death at the hands of savage enemies and pursue his quest far into the regions of unknown wilds.

Into the depths of shark-infested seas he dives with the hope of securing a lustrous pearl. Then to the top-most Alpine peak he climbs for a rare specimen of the edelweiss. A glittering jewel in an idol's head may tempt him to invade the sacred precincts of an Indian temple, or a beautiful flower lure him far into the primeval forests of Brazil, Colombia or Peru.

To this spirit the civilized world owes not only its greatest geographic discoveries and important additions to scientific knowledge, but to it is also due the discovery of many of nature's choicest things of beauty, things whose practical value may be but slight, but whose appeal is to the artistic and esthetic sense.—National Geographic Society Bulletin.

Every-Day Fellowmen.

There are few prophets in the world, and few prophets are called upon to give all my reverence to such parties; I want a great deal of those feelings for my every-day fellowmen, especially for the few in the foreground of the great multitude, whose faces I know, whose hands I touch, for whom I have to make way with kindly courtesy. . . . I herewith discharge my conscience and declare that I have had quite enthusiastic movements of admiration toward gentlemen who spoke the worst English, who were occasionally fretful in their temper, and who had never moved in a higher sphere of influence than that of parish overseer; and that the way in which I have come to the conclusion that human nature is lovable—the way I have learnt something of its deep paths, its sublime mysteries—has been by living a great deal among people more or less commonplace and vulgar, of whom you would perhaps hear nothing very surprising if you were to inquire about them in the neighborhoods where they dwell.—George Eliot.

Japanese Masks of Shame.

One of the most unusual features of a Japanese court to a stranger is the fact that each prisoner has his head covered by a wicker mask, more like an inverted waste-basket than anything else, the object of which is to prevent recognition of the prisoner, to permit him to hide his shame under the disguise and, very possibly, to prevent him from making a bolt for liberty.

The sight of a prisoner so arrayed is ghastly, the mask bringing up the suggestion of the hangman's cap.

Once in the prisoners' box, however, the masks are removed, while the prisoners sit with deeply bowed heads in an attitude of the utmost humility.—Boston Post.

Novel Stunt in Advertising.

They are not so slow in Russia as many of us imagine. An American relates that while in Moscow before the war he one day saw a crowd gathered around a little fellow who was bawling at the top of his lungs. Many asked him what the trouble was, but he kept on crying, and the crowd increased; then all of a sudden he stopped and said in a clear, loud voice: "I am lost. Will somebody please take me home to Ivan Tobinsky, the champion clothier of Moscow, who has a full supply of autumn overcoats, suits, neckties, shirts, hats and umbrellas, which he will sell cheaper than anyone else in the city."—Boston Transcript.

Cultivating Sugar Cane.

The methods of cultivating sugar cane in Trinidad are beginning to undergo radical changes through the introduction of American plows and cultivators, hay rakes, mowing machines, and crushers and pulverizers of feed for mules and cattle.

THEN AND NOW

Questions are Asked by a One-Time Resident—Comparisons Made

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8, '19. Editor News-Record: Who among you denizens of the Island City remembers when Fernandina had:

A regular line of steamers plying to Charleston, S. C.?

Daily steamers to and from Brunswick, Ga.?

A daily steamer to Jacksonville, Fla.?

Two lines of steamers to and from New York city?

Two good hotels: the Mansion and the Florida houses—both hotels crowded during the tourist season?

Three large saw-mills: Freeman's, Hood's and Beal's—each one of them running to their full capacity day and night?

When nearly all the docks were crowded with vessels, loading heavy timber for, principally, ports on the east coast of South America and the West India Island?

When W. K. Bauknight had a cattle pen near the light house, and his retail meat shop in the downtown district, where he sold good steaks three pounds for a quarter of a dollar, and ice—cut with a hand-saw—cheaper than it can be bought now?

When there were two bath houses on the river front that were a delight to young and old during the summer season?

When sugar could be bought twenty pounds for the dollar—now many sections of the country is satisfied to us—when they can get it—"long sweetened" for tea and coffee?

Put these questions to some of the "oldest inhabitants."

Reminiscently yours,

F. L. ORIDIAN.

Mr. Oridian has outgrown our recollection, but the different questions he asks have not outgrown his. But to "put him next" to things that have and is transpiring since he left our city, we will "put him next":

Fernandina owns a trolley line, and in eighty-foot hard-surfaced road to the beach and a modern sewerage system.

Fernandina has not a vacant house. Others are being built.

A gasoline passenger and freight boat plies daily between this city and St. Marys; also a steamer that runs weekly between this city and Brunswick, Ga. The railroad line (two round trips daily) between Fernandina and Jacksonville put a stop to the river boat.

Fernandina has two good saw mills. Where stood one of the saw mills of which he speaks, the site was recently sold to the Seaboard or the Dunellon Phosphate Co. The Reed mill site is now occupied by fish scrap factories—the Seminole factory the largest on the Atlantic coast of the United States.

We have a \$125,000 government building, an up-to-date city hall and county court house.

Fernandina owns and operates its light, water and ice plants.

Two of the hotels he mentioned are still here and are being operated. We have another hotel, the Keystone, that is on a par with the best hotels.

The docks, or many of them, are now occupied by shrimp houses. The way shrimp are now caught was unknown during Mr. Oridian's time in Fernandina. About 400 sea-going gas-line boats are in operation and shrimp or prawn are caught at sea by drag nets. Eight car loads of raw shrimp were recently sent out of the city which was one days catch, while two shrimp canning factories are in daily operation. The heads of shrimp are being turned into a valuable fertilizer by a company here.

Phosphate was also unknown when the questioner resided here. A large phosphate elevator is now being used, and while this article is being penned three trap steamers are here loading or waiting for their turn at the elevator, and this occurs frequently.

Marsh lands were of no value years ago, but right now men are at work on the marsh where a half million dollars will be expended in erecting wharves and buildings.

But when it comes to paying a quarter of a dollar for three pounds of steak and five cents a pound for sugar, we have to stop. Those prices were during the days of "Auld Lang Syne," but now they are not.

TO SURVEY AMELIA RIVER

Bill Introduced by Representative Clark of Florida

Washington, Dec. 6—(Special) One of the most far reaching and comprehensive waterways developments for Florida and the entire far South was begun here today when Congressman Frank Clark, of Florida, offered a resolution calling upon the secretary of war, for full information regarding a survey for a canal from Cumberland Sound to the mouth of the Mississippi river, with an estimate of cost thereof.

This plan contemplates the use of the Suwannee and the St. Marys in Florida, and all other rivers along and adjacent to such route and provides for a protected all-land canal.

The resolution calls for an estimate of the cost of a sea-level ship-canal of such dimensions as to accommodate the largest sea-going vessels; the cost of constructing a lock canal of such dimensions as to accommodate the largest sea-going vessel; the cost of constructing a barge canal to be used for the carriage of freight on any of the waters of the United States.

The sum of \$100,000 would be appropriated for making such estimates.

Mr. Clark has also offered a bill authorizing the secretary of war to make an examination and survey of Fernandina harbor with a view to securing a channel of not less than thirty feet in depth from the wharves to the Atlantic ocean.

Senator Fletcher today introduced the following bill providing for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building at Fort Myers: "The secretary of treasury be authorized to acquire by purchase, condemnation or other wise, a site and cause to be erected thereon a suitable building including floor of vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus and approaches for the use and operation of the postoffice and other offices of the government at Fort Myers, the cost of said site and building to be paid out of the Treasury."

Following is copy of the bill introduced by Representative Clark: "A Bill to Provide for an Examination and Survey of Fernandina Harbor, Florida: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause an examination and survey to be made of Fernandina Harbor, Florida, with a view to securing a channel of not less than thirty feet in depth from the wharves to the Atlantic Ocean."

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

At a recent meeting of the Library Association, D. P. Malarkey resigned as president, and Mrs. G. L. Bantzell as secretary. Following the resignations, Rev. O. L. Martin was made president, and Miss Elsie Steil secretary-treasurer. Mrs. J. L. Turner was elected vice-president, and the following chosen as members of the Board of Directors: Miss Emma Williams, Miss Virginia Carrio, Mrs. N. B. Burden, Miss Edith Chadwick, Mr. D. P. Malarkey and Mrs. J. R. Lynn. A meeting of the new officers and board will be called in the near future to consider the interests of the library and to increase its popularity and efficiency. The offering made at the recent union thank-giving Service was expended in the purchase of a 1919 Edition of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, a much needed acquisition to the library.

CARD OF THANKS

I desire to express my heartfelt thanks to my friends who assisted me during the illness and death of my dear wife; also to those for the beautiful floral offerings.

S. R. MERROV.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the D. A. Kelly Co. will be held at their office on Wednesday, January 14th, 1920, at 4 o'clock p. m. for the election of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

P. C. KELLY, President.
Dec. 12th, 1919.