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The Cooper case up in Tennessee promises to be as much of a stayer as the Cooper case here in Florida was.

The State press sympathizes with Roy West, of the Santa Rosa Star, in the destruction of his office by the fire which devastated Milton last Sunday morning. We trust that his insurance was sufficient to enable to purchase a new plant.

The peach crop now takes the center of the stage and the state of its health will be a matter of affectionate solicitude with the newspapers for several weeks to come. Unless the Georgia papers are doing some tall lying the fruit crop up there was not seriously hurt by the late freeze.

Suicide is a proof of self-consciousness, and self-consciousness is a proof of civilization. Two Pensacola negroes committed suicide the other day, hence they were civilized, and as they were doubtless types of a large class it is but to assume that civilization is making headway among the brethren in black.

Pensacola is sending out some attractive literature to advertise her annual Mardi Gras festival which occurs on the 22nd and 23rd of this month. The celebration of Mardi Gras in that city was only inaugurated a few years ago, but the people took hold of it with such vigor and put the true carnival spirit into it with so much enthusiasm and fine community pride that Pensacola is now a close second to New Orleans in her annual Mardi Gras frolic. And except in magnitude, the show in the latter city has no advantage over the gorgeous series of spectacles and all the collateral fun to be seen and had in the metropolis of West Florida.

General W. H. Jewell, of Orlando, is contributing to the Sunday Times-Union a series of deeply interesting articles on "The Battles of Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia." General Jewell is a distinguished Confederate veteran who fought through the war with the typical courage and devotion of the ragged boys in gray, and as an active participant in Lee's great battles and close student of his campaigns his articles in the Times-Union are valuable contributions to history. The people of this country and this world can't know too much about Robert E. Lee and his work, for he is the finest example in human history of a great man as nearly without blemish as mortals can hope to be. Lee could have stood the supreme test of being great to his valet.

Unless the United States senate outlows the precedent it has itself established Florida will have to get along with only one senator after the adjournment of the present session of congress until our legislature next April shall ratify the choice of the primaries and elect Mr. Fletcher to the senate. This is peculiarly unfortunate as there will be an extra session of congress called during March and it will find our State ally one senator who may be seriously needed in some navy emergency calling for the full strength of the democratic majority. Governor Gilchrist has recently appointed Mr. Fletcher to the vacancy that will exist between the expiration of Mr. Milton's term and the election of the former by the next legislature, but General Law, of the Barnes Courier-Informant, makes it very clear that this appointment won't stick. It will not be recognized as valid by the senate. When the term of former Senator Call, of this State, had expired his successor had not been elected. It was decided that Mr. Call could hold over" and also ruled that an appointment by the governor to fill the vacancy until the legislature could act should be valid and the appointee be admitted to a seat. In the case of the present incumbent, recalled by Governor Gilchrist, it seems to be the case of a vacancy and to be conceded the validity of his present appointment.

The gist of the matter is that when there is an election there has a legal right to be held when there is an election and there is no unexpired term.

MR. JENNINGS HAS RESIGNED.

We take it from a Tallahassee dispatch on the subject that ex-Governor Jennings is no longer special counsel for the Board of Internal Improvements at a fancy price paid by the taxpayers of Florida, and that Attorney General Trammell, as a part of his regular duties, will hereafter act as counsel for the Board without extra charge to the people who "pay the freight." It is interesting to note that for the last two years of his service (in 1907-8) Mr. Jennings was paid the very large sum of $32,600 plus his expenses for the last year. A veritable fortune earned in two brief years, and we are curious to know what he did to earn it. It is more than the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States—one of the great lawyers of the world—is paid for his very arduous work requiring the highest order of ability. It is more than three times as much as the learned and laborious and overworked Chief Justice of Florida is paid for his work, and as we have heard it plainly intimated that Mr. Jennings wasn't much of a lawyer, anyway, we can't understand what service he could have rendered to the Board of Internal Improvements in so short a time that was worth more than a large majority of his fellow-citizens are able to earn by almost a lifetime of toil at skilled labor. A strange feature of the case is that when the resignation of Mr. Jennings was being discussed by the Board Comptroller Croom and Commissioner McLin are reported as being "vehemently in favor" of retaining his services. In the interest of the taxpayers it would seem more natural, just and reasonable that they should be vehemently in favor of getting off the payroll of the State just as soon as possible a gentleman whose costly legal services were depleting and devastating the treasury at such an alarming rate.

THE PROBLEM MOVED NORTH.

We of the South have been laboring hard for more than forty years to put into the Northern mind some intelligent apprehension of the negro problem as a condition rather than a theory. We have met with scant success owing to the old abolition prejudices, illusions and delusions and the remoteness of a certain class of negroes from the Northern home and the Northern wife and daughters. But a more effective teacher has come to supplement the work of the Southern whites and drive home the lesson of race relations in this section. For years past the negroes have been migrating northward in increasing numbers and now in a good many Northern communities they form a considerable per-cent of the population. As a result, the people up there are being now confronted with the negro as a condition, not a theory, and they are beginning to have common sense on the subject. In no other way could they have ever been convinced, and when we read such dispatches as the following we know that the logic of events has at last come to our rescue:

"Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 2.—More than 200 negroes have been arrested tonight, in an effort by the police department to render the Herron Hill residence section of the city safe. In the last few weeks numerous attacks have been made by negroes upon young women and girls, each of which has been repulsed, but the offenders have invariably escaped. The police force was increased, but the attacks continued, and tonight a raid was made through the negro quarter and every negro who could not show that he was employed was arrested as a vagrant. An effort will be made to send all of them to the workhouse tomorrow."

A SCRIPLE OF GEORGIA JUSTICE.

A few weeks ago five pistol-toting rowdies in a South Georgia county rode whooping and yelling through the streets of a quiet town, shooting indiscriminately into homes along their route, one of the shots seriously wounding a young lady. This brutal crime was committed in order that the rowdies might "get even" with the community because the authorities there had arrested and punished one of the gang a few days before for some offence he had committed. Indignation against the ruffians ran high, and had they been caught at the time they might not have escaped lynching. But they were not arrested for two or three days, and then they got good all in a minute, were mighty sorry, were just havin a little fun and didn't intend to hurt the poor young lady. It seems incredible, but it is true that for their wanton attempt to murder and gross outrage upon the safety and decency of the whole community these scoundrels were let off with paltry fines ranging from $25 to $100, when they richly deserved the chain gang for a term of years. This latter punishment would not only have been clear justice, but it would have acted as an effective deterrent upon all other ruffians and rowdies in the county by showing them the enormity of such crimes and the certainty of rigorous punishment. But the opportunity has been lost and the criminals who got off with such a mere excuse for punishment have "made a monkey" of the law, as they know perfectly well, and all the evil-minded ignorance, rowdyism and depravity in the county, of which these fellows are the fit types, is confirmed in its contempt for law and hardened in its purpose to violate it whenever it chooses. We are suffering from many evils in this country, and perhaps the chief of them is the dilution of justice with misguided sympathy, legal tricks and quibbles and other weakening ingredients until its strength is gone and it is justice no longer. In a land thus cursed there can be no true civilization nor high morality except in spots, and the standard of its manhood will steadily degenerate.

The recent fearfully destructive earthquakes and the promise of more have suggested a new use for airships and the Pensacola Journal puts it as follows:

"This old world is getting too shaky. It's time for inventors to get busy and make life-saving airships to land us mortals on Mars and other more stable planets."

There seems to be no limit to the achievements of man if only he be given time enough, and the preposterous dreams of one century are the commonplace realities of the next. Some crazy fellow ahead of his time has already dreamed of an interplanetary system of transportation whose details are now inconceivable, and when we return to this world in some one of our numerous reincarnations, many centuries hence, we will not be surprised to find that system in operation. The absence of any atmosphere a few miles above our planet would seem to be the chief difficulty in the way, but science has discovered an impondérable ether permeating all space, and the unconquerable genius of the man of the far future will find some way to utilize this medium for his airships. We may yet be on visiting terms with our Martian neighbors. The man without imagination will hoot at the idea, but he also hooted at the incredible wonders of steam and electricity, and he will continue to hoot through the centuries while the man of genius and imagination mounts from one height of achievement to another, until finding nothing more to do exclusively on this earth, he reaches out into the immeasurable depths of space to find new worlds to conquer.

From Tiger Lake.

I will give you a few dots from the Tiger Lake and Midway neighborhoods. Farmers are moving on preparing land, fencing, etc., for another crop.

Mr. Will Creekmore has been in this section for a few days with a number of hands chopping boxes. While the farmers are hopeful of raising corn, cotton, cane, potatoes melons, etc., we suppose Mr. Creekmore is hopeful of drawing gum from above.

Mr. G. H. Dorman had the misfortune of losing two of his farm mules on Sunday night, January 24th. Supposed to have been caused from ticks or burs received while in the lot on Sunday. Both animals were dissected and the opinion of those present was that death was brought on from ticks or burs. They died in about twenty feet of each other in six hours from the first discovery of sickness.

The young ladies of this section of the county have entered into a set of resolutions to have their names changed. Not by any special act of the legislature, but by the old time law, which has never been, nor never will be repealed—by a ministerial process. First, Miss Belle Helton resolved, and Mr. Hunter Armstrose was the lucky winner, who captured the most precious jewel for the small sum of money invested that he had ever purchased in all his life. Mr. Armstrose is to be congratulated on his success in winning Miss Belle's affection and causing her to accept his hand and change her name to Mrs. Armstrose. Next comes Miss Lula Wooston with a resolve. Miss Lula was one among the noblest young ladies of the county, though she sought to make the change, and Mr. J. H. Furgerson was the lucky man to win the prize, and through or by a ministerial ceremony, adopted the resolution, and now in place of Miss Lula, she is Mrs. Furgerson. Next Miss Maggie Horne moves the adoption of her resolution of formal declaration. If we were to say that Miss Maggie was one among the most precious jewels and loveliest flowers of the nineteenth century, some who have already carried their resolutions into effect, or some who are contemplating offering the adoption for their resolution might make a mistake and accuse the wrong person in writing this article. But she is among the rest, and when she hoisted her colors to launch off in the matrimonial sea Mr. H. V. Johns was the proud possessor of her hand, in holy bonds of wedlock.

The Rev. Mr. Horne is a poor man, and it looks a little hard for him to labor to raise such a lot of girls as he has and give them all away, but this is what has been done. I think from what I have learned he has given away six or seven, and hasn't got but four or five left. Though I guess it is right. May the Lord bless those who have taken the solemn vows.

WELL WISHER.

The Two Races Honored.

Arthur Wiley, sixteen years of age, was attacked by a mad dog last week in Asheville, N. C. A colored boy, John Dixon, twelve years of age, bravely went to his rescue. Both boys were bitten. John disappeared after being bitten, but Arthur made the police find him in an obscure part of the town, and, though it exhausted all his savings bank account, and although he was fatherless and poor, he gave for Johnny Dixon, and they went to the Pasteur Institute together.

No wonder the special correspondent in that region telegraphed the facts to the papers in large cities. The girl was honored by the circumstance that a gay race for the honorary of the boy, and the Countess sent to the magnanimity of the white boy. The boy or man who from nothing but self will manner or inner name to a end. The boy or man who has himself and others in the school, sensible and most honorable, shall love thy neighbor as himself, more, nor less.—New York Globe Advocate.

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