

STATE NEWS

An unknown white man was found last Friday night with a bullet hole in his forehead, lying on a bed in a cheap boarding house near the railroad crossing west of Tallahassee. The woman who owns the house claims that she was away from the house when the shot was fired. Probably suicide, but particulars are unobtainable.

The largest known cavern in this state, and possibly in the South, is in this county, eight miles west of Jasper. It is called the Devil's Den and during the civil war was used as a hiding place by deserters. One of them told our editor that he had penetrated it a quarter of a mile. It is strange to us that it has never been explored.—Jasper News.

Appearing at the jail Thursday afternoon and beseeching Assistant Jailer Harrison to lock him up to keep him away from morphine, of which he has been taking twenty grains daily, R. C. Lewis, a well-appearing North Carolinian, was taken inside and will be cared for under direction of Dr. Hamilton. Lewis declares that he cannot break the habit of his own accord, and Dr. Hamilton will arrange to accomplish the cure in a way to work no injury by decreasing the dose every day.—Tampa Tribune.

A jail delivery at DeLand last week liberated Arthur Nelson, convicted of murder in the first degree, and sentenced to death, also John Johnson, who was also convicted of murder this week and given a life sentence. Others who escaped were Charles Warren, indicted for murder; Theo Hart, for manslaughter, and Jim Hampton charged with adultery. The prisoners were left in the corridor of the county jail over night, and dug their way out through the cement floor and brick walls. Bloodhounds couldn't take the trail because too many people had been on the scene.

Arthur Nelson, the negro who brutally murdered a negress by cutting her throat from ear to ear at Caw creek, in the south end of the county, on Dec. 9, 1907, must pay the death penalty for his crime, having been convicted last Tuesday of murder in the first degree and sentenced by Judge Jones Wednesday morning to be hanged by the neck until dead, on a day to be named by the governor, and until such day will be kept in the death cell at the jail by Sheriff Smith. If this hanging occurs it will be the first to take place in Volusia county since the negro Gaskins was hanged by Sheriff Stevenson, in 1888.—DeLand Record.

Another killing took place Tuesday afternoon about two o'clock, a few miles from Fishbone. It is stated that a young man by the name of Lawrence shot and instantly killed John Horton, a man very well known throughout the county, being one of the parties charged with the murder of Sheppard I. Cribbs, who was assassinated in California Swamp a few years ago, though he came clear of the charge. Reports are to the effect that Horton was advancing upon Lawrence with an open knife, when the young man emptied the contents of a shotgun into his body, death resulting immediately. Lawrence is in jail here awaiting a preliminary hearing, having immediately surrendered to the authorities.—Mayo Free Press.

It has been unofficially announced from the general headquarters of the Florida State Troops that the brigade of infantry, which comprises the military force of Florida, will be ordered out for its annual tour of field duty during the first week in June, which tour of duty will be held at the permanent camp site at Philbrofen on the St. Johns river near this city.—Times-Union.

The body of Walter Wilde, aged 35 years, and a resident of Yulee, was found early Sunday morning lying just across the railroad track beyond Yulee, literally cut to pieces. Wilde had been in Fernandina the day previous, going out to his home on the evening train. He had been drinking heavily it was assumed, and had possibly come to his death from his own carelessness in lying upon the track.

The election that was to have been held in Duval county on May 11 to determine whether or not the county should make a bond issue of \$1,000,000 for the improvement of the roads, has been postponed. It was feared that a technical error in the announcement made might cause the matter to be rendered illegal, and so the call for the election has been recalled and the matter postponed to some future date.

Four prominent society women were injured Monday, one probably fatally, when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by an electric car just below Pensacola. Mrs. Gonzales of Pensacola was probably fatally injured. The others hurt were Mrs. J. M. Muldon of Pensacola and Mrs. Luce and Mrs. Clark of Mobile. The automobile was struck by a Bayshore car, running about forty miles an hour. Mrs. Gonzales later died of her injuries.

A dispatch from Gainesville of April 24 says that after a hearing in habeas corpus proceedings in the case of the State vs. J. M. Kelly and D. M. Davidson, charged with the murder of Night Watchman Sellars of the Atlantic Coast Line, High Springs, some time ago, the ruling of his honor, Judge J. T. Willis, is that the case is not a bailable one, and the defendants were remanded to the custody of the sheriff until the spring term of the circuit court, which will convene in this city on Monday, May 3.

Mose Daniels, a negro who has been sentenced to hang on the 15th of next month, is endeavoring to cheat the gallows, while confined in the Walton county jail at DeFuniak, according to news from that place. The negro has a horror of being hanged and after making several unsuccessful attempts to procure means to end his existence, has finally resorted to starving himself. He will neither eat nor drink and declares that physicians shall not administer to him. He has gone now for several days and his case is being watched with interest to see if a man can voluntarily starve himself to death.

A dispatch to the Times-Union from Fernandina dated Tuesday says: "A runaway accident here today resulted in the tragic death of Mrs. Bunch, from O'Neal. The two sons of Mrs. Bunch were on trial at this session of the court here for having tried to wreck a hand car and had been released from custody. Their mother had come into town in a buggy and the horse took fright, running away and throwing her from the buggy while she was dragged some distance her head between the wheels and her body partially in the vehicle. The unfortunate woman was released and taken into the house of Dr. Waas, near which place she was passing, when the accident occurred. She died about 4:30 o'clock.

Mrs. J. J. Dickison, the widow of the late lamented Gen. J. J. Dickison, a bas-relief bust of whom is to be seen on the south face of the pediment of the Confederate monument in Hemming Park, this city, has written a history of the part taken by Gen. Dickison and his men in the civil war here in the state. Every family living in Florida should have one of these books of Dickison and His Men—the Francis Marion, "Swamp Fox" of Florida. The descendants of these native Floridians should, as a part of their family history, own one of these books. The author is now quite old and feeble, totally blind and alone in the world, with the sale of these books as the only means of obtaining personal necessities. The price is \$1, or by express,

\$1.25. The book may be had of W. S. Stetson, adjutant, R. E. Lee Camp of Jacksonville, or W. M. Teahan, Lennox Hotel.—Times-Union Short Talks.

The R. J. and B. F. Camp Lumber Co. have been negotiating the sale of a large tract of their cut-over land to a syndicate of western real estate men and the sale has been completed. The tract sold comprises about 60,000 acres in Hamilton and Columbia counties. The land is to be divided into farms of different sizes, roads built through it, and will be sold to people from the cold regions of the Northwest. The people who are coming are of high class folks. They are coming to escape the severity of the winters. The syndicate will be represented here by Mr. Watson, of Peoria, Ill., who has already looked over the property. He will have his own car and will show prospective purchasers over the farms and sell to them. Mr. Watson is a practical real estate man, who has sold millions of acres of land, and put thousands of settlers on farms in the West. He now proposes to work along similar lines in the South.—White Springs Herald.

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Notice is hereby given that L. S. Albritton, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 211, dated the 2nd day of July A. D., 1906, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Suwannee county, Florida, to-wit: SE 1/4 Section 30, T 1 South, R 12 East, 160 acres. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 31st day of May A. D., 1909.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 27th day of April A. D., 1909.
J. W. BRYSON,
Clerk Circuit Court, Suwannee county, Florida.
By L. A. CRAWFORD, Deputy Clerk.

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Notice is hereby given that L. S. Albritton, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 208, dated the 2nd day of July A. D., 1906, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Suwannee county, Florida, to-wit: SE 1/4 of N E 1/4 of Sec. 19, T 1 South, R 12 East, 40 acres. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Julia White. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 31st day of May A. D., 1909.

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