

SENSATION IN TAMPA LEASE OF TAMPA BAY HOTEL SCANDAL

Sunday Globe of That City Prints Interesting Account of Manner in Which Public Ownership Is Made to Serve Private Ends to the Injury of Taxpayers.

According to the reports from Tampa concerning the lease of the Tampa Bay Hotel, the action of the board of public works of that city seem to have been to run things with a high hand in their own interest.

In the exposition made by the Tampa Sunday Globe, a startling condition of municipal meretriciousness is shown. The Globe says:

"On the 20th inst. the Board of Public Works met and did some things that the citizens of this city will never consent to or be satisfied with.

"Two things: The leasing of the Tampa Bay Hotel to Messrs. Lauber, of St. Louis, and Stovall, of Tampa.

"And why? "Because the terms of the lease are unjust to the taxpayers of Tampa and painfully ridiculous on their face.

"Twenty-five thousand dollars for five years, the taxpayers to pay for lighting the hotel.

"There are 3,700 lights in the hotel. "Mr. Brown, the late manager of the hotel, states that his lighting bill ran from \$125 to \$175 per week, and that he watched the lights with a view to economy. Now, take Mr. Brown's minimum figures. They show \$500 per month for lights, or \$6,000 per year, or \$30,000 for the life of the lease—five years. In a deal like this there is certainly a lack of good judgment and common sense.

"But to cap the climax, the board at the same meeting sells the hotel lighting plant to the Tampa Electric Co. for the paltry sum of \$900.

"It would make the average man sick to think of such a deal.

"This plant cost anywhere from \$15,000 to \$25,000, and was recently overhauled by a competent electrical engineer, who says the plant is in good condition, and is worth today from \$9,000 to \$15,000.

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GARDNER GOSSIP

Our Energetic Reporters Send Interesting Letters of Live happenings.

Sept. 27.—Little Bailey Albritton, age 18 years, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. T. Harrison, at 5 o'clock a. m. Monday. He leaves many relatives, and a host of friends to mourn his death. His body was carried to Lily the home of the deceased, for burial. Sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved parents and loved ones.

Holl P. Johnson, contracted to pack Allen Roberts' fruit, will commence work about the last of this week.

Hutto Durranse passed through Gardner, enroute to Tampa, where he expects to take a position in express office.

Miss Jennie Darlton spent Sunday with relatives in Zolfo, returning Sunday night.

Bryant McCorquodale failed to make his Sunday visit at this place.

An ice cream supper was given at the home of Mrs. Dan Coker, on Saturday night, all present report a good time.

Miss Piney Moore of Brownville, was mingling with friends in this place Sunday.

Bryant and Arch Hampton, Thomas and Harmon Coker and Wes Stevens have gone out to the lakes, on a two weeks camp hunt.

H. P. Johnson has recently beautified his palatial residence by fencing with wire.

T. C. Boggess, proprietor of the Gardner House, has enclosed his place with the Pittsburgh fencing.

Quite a number of Gardnerites anticipate a pleasant day at Bowling Green. They expect to show the people of DeSoto County how to sing, at the singing convention which is to be at that place.

Jot Coker was a pleasant caller at this place Sunday.

We are having extremely hot weather now, but the soil was cooled off by a pleasant little shower Tuesday.

Detective L. B. Bryant of the A. C. L. R. R., was doing business here last week.

Miss Grace Stephens was shaking hands through the car windows Sunday afternoon, with her old schoolmates the Misses Boggess.

D. L. Coker, our post master, went to Tampa last week and brought back with him a beautiful wife, Mr. Coker says that he has got the most beautiful wife in Florida.

Dr. McSwain came up on 7:30 o'clock train Sunday a. m. and assisted Dr. Moore in an operation.

Quite a number are on the sick list this week. Dr. Moore has had several calls recently.

Mr. Durranse was stopping at the Gardner House Wednesday.

H. P. Johnson has recently sold out his stables to Mr. Hampton.

Gardner, Sept. 26.—Weather is gradually turning cooler now.

Ed. Hendry was visiting his sister, Mrs. T. Fielder, a few days last week.

Mrs. A. M. Coker, of Brownville, was visiting relatives here last Monday.

Our community was shocked very much to hear of the sad death of Mrs. B. L. Cline last Thursday. Her body was brought up from Arcadia and interred in the cemetery last Friday.

The young folks was entertained by an apron party given by Misses Bertie and Fannie Coker at the home of their parents on last Saturday evening, every one present reported an enjoyable time.

The Literary Society meets next Friday night, every body is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Addie McCorquodale made her sister of Arcadia a pleasant call last Tuesday.

There will be given at the school house here, a festival for the benefit of the church on next Friday night week or October 6; every body is invited to attend.

MONTHLY STRAWBERRIES

Law of Nature Conquered and New Plant Given to World.

Orange, N. J., Sept. 28.—Fresh strawberries each month in the year from the same plant is the latest wonder produced by Henry Joralemon, a Hilton strawberry grower. Mr. Joralemon, who recently returned from California, where he compared notes with Burbank, the plant wizard, says his new monthly bearing plant is practical, and may be successfully cultivated by any one.

The ultimate result will be to place fresh strawberries on the table at Christmas as well as in June, all from the same plant. It was because he wanted a certain hardy strawberry plant to cross with his present plant that he spent the summer in the West and journeyed 2,000 miles north of Seattle. It was in this chilly climate that Mr. Joralemon found the plant he sought.

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CHARGED WITH KILLING HER INFANT IS WOMAN OF FT. MYERS

Hortense Bodiford Arrested Here and Taken to Lee County Jail—Crime Occurred about Two Weeks Ago—Wife of Joe Britt's Slayer.

Charged with murder of her infant, Hortense Bodiford, of Ft. Myers, was arrested here Wednesday.

Sheriff Tippins, of Lee county came for her and the young woman was taken to Fort Myers on the noon train Wednesday and placed in jail there to await trial.

Although calling herself Bodiford her right name is Brandon, she being the wife of the man who killed Joe Britt in this city about a year ago.

The child it said to have been born about two weeks ago.

Neighbors living near the woman heard her cries of distress one night, and two days later she left Fort Myers, coming to Nocatee.

From there she came to Arcadia, and found employment at T. K. Dishong's, where she remained until her arrest.

A man, cleaning a closet, found the body of the baby, where it had been thrown. The sleeves of a shirtwaist had been tied around its neck, evidently for the purpose of choking it to death.

Investigation pointed to the Bodiford woman and her mother as the guilty persons, and the old woman was arrested at Punta Gorda as accessory to the crime.

When the Bodiford woman was arrested here and told that her mother was already in jail, she declared her mother had "nothing to do with it."

Questioned if it were her child, she told Sheriff Freeman he would find out all about it later, but refused to say more.

The woman is about 21 years old and of airy good appearance. She seemed quite self-possessed and took her arrest coolly.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS

Total Paid to W. H. Hooker Was \$103,334—Over 8,000 Head Shipped.

Punta Gorda Herald: Capt. James McKay, of Tampa, kindly furnishes the Herald with a complete exhibit of the cattle shipped by him during the season just-closed from Punta Gorda to Cuba. All these cattle were furnished by W. H. Hooker, of Arcadia, who received for them the total amount of \$103,334. The total number shipped was 8,469.

Of these, 5,260 were beef cattle, 1,618 dry cows, 327 cows, 327 calves, 356 two-year olds and 583 one-years.

The season began April 22nd and ended Sept. 17. There were seventeen cargoes averaging each 498 head. Of these, the steamship Roanoke carried five cargoes, the Gussie twelve.

Eleven cargoes were shipped to Cardenas, six to Havana.

The cattle stood the transportation pretty well, but the profits realized were not very flattering. Large shipments into Cuba of cattle from Texas and Central American ports have caused a decline in prices and consequently the Florida shipper is left but a small margin of profit.

The amount paid Mr. Hooker was distributed amongst several other large cattle owners, from whom he bought stock to supply Capt. McKay.

This \$100,000 is possibly half the amount which cattle have brought into DeSoto county this year. Add to this \$300,000 worth of oranges and a half million worth of phosphate, vegetables and naval stores, and it may readily be understood why DeSoto is the most prosperous county in Florida.

Orange Shipments.

All the packing houses, with the exception of that of Heard & Reynolds, are now open and handling oranges for market, and the latter house will be open in a few days.

The rainy weather has hampered the shipments, otherwise many more cars would have been forwarded this week. Dry days however, will soon bring the work to full swing.

Fever at Pensacola.

During the first portion of the week many new cases of yellow fever were reported at Pensacola, and the situation appeared quite discouraging to the health authorities, but the list of new cases is now lessened, and conditions seem more favorable.

The death rate is high, being 25 per cent of those stricken, and Dr. Porter complains that he is hampered in his efforts by lack of co-operation of the citizens.

It looks now as if the infection would prevail until frost.

BROWNVILLE.

Interesting Budget of Personal and Local Events of Town.

Brownville, Sept. 26.—There has been quite a change in the weather for the past week.

School is progressing nicely under the able management of Prof. John Carlton and his sister, Miss Maggie.

Mrs. W. W. Fulford spent Sunday with relatives at Ft. Ogden.

Miss Hattie Cash spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends in Brownville.

Mr. Jake Wey of Arcadia, made a business call in our town Monday.

The residence of A. S. Waldron, when finished, will add greatly to the looks of our little town.

Judge Lawton of Arcadia, placed an organ in the church at this place last week which will be quite an addition to the looks of our new church.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baldwin, on last Saturday evening, a social was given in honor of Miss Hattie Mae Cash, which was attended by a large crowd; all report a pleasant evening.

Miss Cash returned to her home in Charlotte Harbor Sunday. She expects to leave soon for Pleasant Grove, where she has been assigned as teacher at that school.

Quite a number of our young folks are expecting to attend the singing convention at Bowling Green, next Sunday.

CHARLOTTE HARBOR

Evangelist Meeting Being Held—Personal Notes of Interest.

Charlotte Harbor Sept. 27.—Miss Orr resumed her school work Thursday after a severe case of Dague fever.

Mrs. Gordon Keller, from Tampa, arrived here Wednesday on a visit to her parents.

Rev. Gate