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Sunshine and fresh air in the living rooms are very good disinfectants.

We acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the sixteenth annual report of the State Board of Health.

Senator Mitchell of Oregon has been elected to another term. This time it is for six months and \$1,000, instead of six years at \$8,000.

The people must be getting very, very tired of seeing that Equitable foolishness in the papers. They certainly don't read it.

When Patrick, the New York lawyer, received the note at Sing Sing of the day of execution, he must have felt rather inclined to sing.

A barrel of lime and some good sanitary work, says The Tampa Tribune, are a great deal less expensive than even a second-class funeral.

Another one of the Patterson family will soon be looking around to find out who strack him. It is the Democratic nominee for Governor of Ohio.

China wants to be in the peace conference, not because she cares so much about "butting in," but to be there to sign the deed in case she is sold out.

Some people don't like to be told to clean up their premises, but the sanitary officer must do his duty, and the better he does it, the less business there will be for the grave digger.

The people of Florida have great faith in Dr. Porter, State health officer, and he is at work with a will to retain their confidence. His advice should be followed as near as possible.

Admiral Rojestrensky is said to be slowly recovering at Tokio. He may recover by the time negotiations between Russia and Japan are completed, so he can be a peace offering of the Czar.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan has been asked to speak at the Mid-Winter Fair at Tampa, before the Sunday school children, on a subject pertaining to righteous government. Other prominent speakers will also be there.

The state Board of Pardons is coming in for a good share of censure for the free use of their power on men who are not deserving of clemency. The murderer is set free, while those who commit slight offenses are sentenced to the full extent of the law.

The law breakers in this State that are now causing the most trouble and expense are the people who are trying to break the laws passed by the last Legislature. These laws are objectionable to them and they are determined to break them, no matter whether they suit the majority of the people or not.

W. H. Sibley, a well-known citizen of Gainesville, has been adjudged insane and sent to the asylum at Chattahoochee. His condition is said to be due to his efforts to solve the many guessing contests that are appearing in the papers and magazines of the day. He would spend a greater portion of the night in trying to solve these problems.

APPEAL TO FLORIDIANS.

The Florida Historical Society, which was organized November 26, 1903, has recently been incorporated under the laws of this State. Its objects are as follows: "The collection, arrangement and preservation of all material pertaining to the history of or in any manner illustrative of Florida, including books, pamphlets, documents, manuscripts, newspapers, diaries, notes, letters, speeches, maps, portraits, photographs or other likenesses of men and women prominent in Florida history, pictorial illustrations of Florida scenery, buildings, establishments, institutions, monuments, relics and products. Also relics of every kind whether historical or pre-historical, fossils, geological specimens and everything in any manner illustrative of Florida."
 The provision for memberships "All Persons of Good Character" upon approval of the board of directors. The dues are five dollars per annum.

The Society has been given the use of a large and commodious room in the Jacksonville Public Library (which is fire-proof) for the reception and safe-keeping of all its collections and property and in which to carry on its work which has now been actively entered upon.

The cost of furniture, cases, files, etc., together with the necessary clerical assistance, will approximate \$1,000 for this year.

Failing to procure aid from the last Legislature, the Society must depend upon the dues of its members to meet its expenses.

Every intelligent person who has any State pride must realize and feel the value and far-reaching importance of the work in which the Society is engaged.
 We appeal to all such for aid and encouragement. Send us your application for membership with a check for five dollars to Rev. V. W. Shields, Treasurer, for one year's dues. But whether you apply for membership or not send us books, pamphlets, papers, pictures, maps, relics, articles from Indian mounds, fossils, biographical or historical sketches and incidents and printed matter, historical or descriptive, having any bearing upon Florida. Send to Florida Historical Society, Public Library, Jacksonville, Fla.

If the people of Florida will contribute what they reasonably can we will soon have a collection of priceless value.

THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
 Geo. R. Fairbanks, President.
 Geo. W. Wilson, Secretary.

GREAT SNAKES.

The impression that all the snakes, alligators, insects and other pests are located in Florida is erroneous. Michigan can beat Florida for big ones and dangerous reptiles, as the following from The Caro (Mich.) Advertiser will show:

"While Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Rickert of Lapeer were fishing at Long Lake, and while the husband was fishing near the shore, the lady was rowing about near shore when suddenly a mammoth blue object at the side of the boat attracted her attention. She saw it was a snake of the Blue Racer variety and struck it with an oar. The snake disappeared under water only to appear on the opposite side of the boat. She again struck it with the oar, and after being under water for some time it attacked the boat, this time succeeding in crawling part way in. Mrs. Rickert seized a small rifle which her husband brought with him, and shot the reptile through the neck.

"After getting Mr. Rickert, who had witnessed the struggle from shore, they rowed out and pulled the dead snake in the boat, and upon measuring it, found it to be over fifteen feet in length and sixteen and one-half inches in circumference."

Guess that Levy county snake will have to give the palm to Michigan.

WHY THEY LEAVE HOME.

Many people wonder why foreigners leave their homes and come to this country to live. In many instances they are opposed to being driven into the army, where they put in the best portion of their days, and they have heard of freedom and are desirous of enjoying, so they desert the army, or by some method doctor their eyes so as to incapacitate them for service and sail for the land of the free, where they become citizens. But that does not free them from the Fatherland, as will be seen by a recent dispatch, which says that after living for thirty-one years in the United States, August Pfaff, a well known resident of Cleveland, O., who returned to Germany on a visit, has been arrested by the Ger-

man authorities while on a visit to his native town of Haecking, Germany. The information came in a letter to his son. The letter stated he had been in jail two weeks and would probably remain in prison for some time, although he hoped eventually to be released upon the payment of a fine.

No matter how long he may reside in this country, if he deserts the army he is liable to arrest on his return, and who wouldn't want to leave such a country like that?

WORTHY OF COMMENDATION.

The thorough work of the State Board of Health is worthy the admiration of the entire people of Florida. Dr. J. Y. Porter, State Health Officer, has been most thorough in his work, and we feel as though the safety of the people could not be placed in better hands. Regarding the Tampa case Dr. Porter has the following over his own signature:

"No quarantine will be placed against Tampa, nor is there any necessity for such action, but the square, with inmates, in which the man is sick will be quarantined, and every person occupying the same will be daily seen and kept under close observation. There is no need for scare or alarm on the part of the people of Tampa or of the State. While it is wished that case had sooner come under control of the health authorities and the previous whereabouts of the man, which should have been considered suspicious by any carefully thinking person, had been promptly reported, yet the State health authorities hope to destroy mosquitoes which may have bitten this man before the period in which the infection is known to develop and be capable of infecting the human. This period, it has been demonstrated, is twelve days from the incipient biting of the yellow fever patient.

"It will be noted that this man reached Tampa before yellow fever was known to exist in New Orleans by those without that city, although it is now learned that persons of the Italian colony in Tampa knew from New Orleans friends that a suspicious fever existed in New Orleans some three weeks ago. "It is also interesting to note that this man came from St. Philip street, the press reported infected district of New Orleans."

WILL CZAR ABDICATE.

There is talk of the abdication of the Czar of Russia from his throne. If he should do so, we will give him credit for having more sense than has been accorded him in the past. While he has been dubbed a sort of "sissy man," he will do the proper thing by stepping down and out before he is humiliated at the peace conference, which he certainly will be if any terms of peace are reached.

He is like a whipped bully. For years we have been led to believe that the Czar of Russia was the head of the greatest nation of fighters on the earth, and now that little Japan has driven his armies nearly off the surface of the sphere, he would never be considered of much account if he remained as Czar, for his methods would not be changed toward his own people although he would appear to other nations as a nobody at the head of a people that would always be plotting for his overthrow.

GEN. ROBERT BULLOCK DEAD.

The Ocala Evening Star of Thursday, July 27, says:

"General Robert Bullock, who has been confined to his bed for several months, died this afternoon at 1:30. While it was hoped for a long time that the General's strong constitution would bring him through his illness, it was very apparent during the last few days that he was nearing the end, as he grew weaker, and his mind began to wander. He was the oldest citizen in the county, having come here in 1845, and its leading one, he having taken an important part in every move that tended to promote the best interests of the community. He was a brave and gallant soldier, was prominent in the councils of his party and served two terms in Congress with distinction. His death is deeply deplored."

Judge Gordon of Tampa has made a name for himself in the Park-Bonford trial and the press and public of the State are loud in their praises of his noble words addressed to the jury and prisoner. We want more of such men in public places—**Shoe** have a profound respect for the **Shoe** city of the home—but the **Shoe** deliver us from **getting it**.

CABINET OFFICERS' SALARIES.

A Washington correspondent announces that an effort is to be made in the next Congress to increase the salaries of the cabinet officers. The complaint is made that the secretaries cannot live in the style they should on the money they now receive. Well, says The Commoner, that is a matter of opinion. If your country is going to ape the monarchies of the old world and attempt to awe the masses with gorgeous social display, then it will be necessary to raise salaries all around. But if government officials are willing to observe the simplicity that befits a republic the salaries are sufficient. The congressmen and senators who live within their salaries are the best officials in those bodies and it would not be difficult to find competent cabinet officers who could live on cabinet salaries.

Instead of trying to imitate the extravagance of European officialdom it would be refreshing to see our country set an example in the careful use of public money. Every increase in official salaries tends to lessen the number from which selection can be made. There is a growing tendency to measure men by their incomes—those who give all their time to money making being ranked higher than those who give part of their time to the public. If an increase in official salaries is made it will be followed by a demand for more higher priced corporation attorneys in the public service—and we have enough now.

The offices ought not to be taken out of reach of those who prefer to be known because of their contribution to the world rather than because of the money they have collected from society. The government needs public-spirited, patriotic officials, not men whose souls are bent on getting rich.

CUT IT OUT.

It should be noted that many newspaper writers in Florida and other Southern States have formed the habit, when writing of some contemptible criminal and his misdeeds, of mentioning that he comes of a good family, or that he is well connected, as though it were a pertinent fact in the case. The history of America shows clearly that birth has little or no connection with moral worth. What pride of ancestry had Webster, Clay, Jackson, Lincoln or thousands of other worthy American citizens? Let's cut that feature of the description out as of no consequence. Every man is just what he is himself, without regard to what his father was.—Pensacola Daily News.

If such men were tried on their merits, without regard to ancestry, and let their past records count, there would be more help on hand to gather the turpentine product.

Many young men who are starting out in life look about for some one after whom to pattern, when the fact is apparent that success in life, by whatever standard that success be measured, depends more upon the man than upon the examples before him. There are qualities inherent and qualities that may be cultivated that mean eventual success provided their owner is of the "right sort." Without any example at all a man with those qualities will succeed. Without them, and yet with the most lustrous example the world has ever seen, no man can succeed.

The expenditures of the government are now piling up so fast that a war tax is the only way out of the difficulty. Big naries come high, but we must have them to watch our possessions. If we would only have a sale of our Pacific possessions and get out even, we would be ahead in a few years.

The commissioners of the counties of Brevard and Duval held a meeting and divided up the money and now each one will pull for itself.



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ROCHELLE RAMBLINGS.

Population of Town Increases—Notes of Interest to Sun Readers.

Rochelle, July 26—W. M. Barco left yesterday for Seabreeze. We trust he will soon return.

Miss Pattie Zetrouer returned from Fernandina Friday, to the delight of her many friends.

Johnnie Holder is still in town. Misses Lizzie Tucker and Mattie Jennings are visiting relatives at Dunellou.

Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Turner are rejoicing over the arrival of a beautiful baby girl.

J. A. Tucker spent Thursday in the Central City.

Miss Willie Jones returned from Reddick today.

Mrs. Geiger and daughter, Miss Ella, of Waldo, are the guests of Mrs. Ben Tillman.

Messrs. W. Barco, John Holder and D. W. Grider formed a jolly trio and took in the picnic at Prairie City Thursday.

Miss Winnie Tucker left today for Ocala to visit Mrs. H. Gordon.

The Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of Isham Edwards, George Caldwell and Nelson Larkins, convicted of the murder of N. W. Eppes near Bradfordville, Leon county, last September. All were sentenced to death, and on Thursday the sentence was affirmed.

B. H. Burton, former deputy clerk of the Escambia county court, has been found guilty of forging and falsifying county records. It is alleged that Burton secured several thousand dollars by raising orders and forging the names of county officers.

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