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Orlando went through the throes of a tax famine last week, the local factory having broken down.

All Republicans are not grafters, but almost all the grafters are Republicans, who have doubtless been induced to become such by the corrupting system of protective tariffs and protection.

The State Fair will be held in Tampa from February 3rd to 28th. It is generally conceded that it is a much better time of the year for the show than in the fall, especially so far as citrus fruits are concerned.

The Melbourne Times says "the cost of living has made our gold coin a 50-cent dollar; sometimes it is not more than 40 cents." Correct you are, Brother Cobb, especially when it comes to buying clothing in this section.

The Pensacola News says the other candidate for United States Senator has secured the Senator Mallory candidate to withdraw himself. He announced some months since, and has not seen any communication from him to the contrary.

The Northwestern Miller says it is claimed that the Government crop reports are worthless. Then why do the Republican Congressmen representing the wheat region vote to pay the worthless reports, or argue for their betterment, as the Democratic Congressmen of the cotton states are trying to reform the cotton statistics.

Albert Williamson, editor of The Gainesville Floridian, does not seem to have a very exalted opinion of United States District Attorney Sheppard, who is being pushed forward as a successor to the late Judge Swayne. Albert is pretty well acquainted with the public men of this state, and we had rather take his opinion regarding Sheppard than that of some others who have endorsed him for this life position.

A member of the City Council is reported to have said that he cares nothing for the opinion of lawyers, and that the ordinances would not be published, no matter how many lawyers said the law required it. All the Sun has to say in reply is, that the banks are taking a big risk in advancing money on city certificates, under the circumstances, and that the Board of Public Works will have to go to law to collect certain claims for street improvements.

The clash between the Federal and State courts in North Carolina over the enforcement of the 2¼-cent passenger fare law is another phase of the irrepressible conflict between Federal and State authority. That conflict is as old as our history. Steadily through the years the National authority has been accumulating power, while the power of the several States has been declining, but the fight still keeps up. The great controversy which preceded the adoption of the United States constitution between the Federal and the State parties is still going on.

KEY WEST ALARMED.

The people of Key West are much alarmed at the suspension of work on the Key West end of the extension of the Florida East Coast railway, but The Daily Citizen of the Island City expresses a confidence that the road will be built through as originally intended. It says:

"It is a matter of sincere regret that it was found necessary to suspend the work on this end of the extension as stated in our issue of Saturday, and it is hoped that whatever obstacles may be responsible for this action will be speedily removed.

"The cessation of the work at this time will naturally give rise to much apprehension and all sorts of rumors, but in the interest of this city we should not allow this temporary setback to interfere with our plans for progress.

"It is unreasonable to suppose that the stopping of the work will be more than temporary. Aside from the immense amount of money already expended here, Mr. Flagler's ambition to complete the grand work in building this extension would undoubtedly cause him to do it regardless of any minor obstacles he may meet. That obstacles would be met in such a stupendous undertaking must have been foreseen by him from the beginning and he is unquestionably prepared to meet them.

"We have the utmost faith in Mr. Flagler and our people should not worry about the completion of the railroad. Mr. Flagler has said he would build it into Key West and has given abundant evidence that he will make good his word. And Henry M. Flagler is not a quitter."

The Sun's information regarding the cessation of work on the Key West end of the extension is that it has been caused on account of some misunderstanding with the National authorities. It is confidently hoped, however, that all differences will soon be amicably adjusted and the work resumed and pushed rapidly to completion.

BLACK SOLDIERS IN DISFAVOR.

There has been such a revival of race prejudice in this country of late that no movement of negro troops takes place without protests from the people among whom they are to be quartered.

When it is considered that we have had negro regiments for more than a generation and that no one has made serious objection to them until recently, it will have to be admitted that no great progress has been made in settling the problem which brought this organization into existence.

Colored troops have given a good account of themselves under many trying circumstances. They have marched and fought well in the deserts of the Southwest, in the rugged mountains of the North, in Cuba and in the Philippines. It is only in time of peace, when the social factor seems to be taken into account, that they are looked upon with disfavor.

All this may be natural and inevitable, but if we are to have black regiments in war we must have them in peace, and make the best of them. —New York World.

This shows that the tension between the races is growing stronger. Just after the close of the Civil war there were a number of negro regiments stationed in this State, and in one place we remember when they were about to be removed, the merchants got up a petition asking that they be allowed to remain. But in no town in the South would their presence be wanted now on any consideration, and the same sentiment is manifesting itself in the North, as is shown by the recent protest that has gone up from the citizens of Watertown, N. Y.

The negro is not conducting himself in freedom as those who fought for his emancipation had fondly dreamed.

When he was a slave he was looked upon as a protection, now he is regarded as a menace.—Ocala Banner.

SUAVITER IN MODO.

The New York Evening Post is always very respectful to the President. It is somewhat English, you know. Ordinarily it thinks the King can do no wrong. But it hints that the President is playing double in the Japanese matter for campaign purposes. It says: "One of the most unpleasant features of the whole affair is the strange course of the administration. If our President were, on his own confession, anything but the sincerest and squarest of men, we should be troubled by the apparent duplicity of the statement made in his name. On Tuesday last his private secretary gave an official dementi to the rumors that a squadron of battleships was to be sent to the Pacific. You may say that the President has not even considered the advisability of sending any ships to the Pacific. Two days later this became a 'possible' cruise to the Pacific, but not 'at once.' After that came Secretary Metcalf's announcement in California that the battleships were to go directly to the Pacific, and that the plans for the movement had been made long before in Washington. All this may be firm and wise and consistent statesmanship, but anyone can see how deplorably it lends itself to the brawling of the sensational newspapers. Considering the very bad impression made both at home and abroad, we think that the commander-in-chief of the navy ought to revoke his order—or, if necessary, give out a new version of what he had always intended to do."

REPUBLICAN DEFEAT PREDICTED

John S. Wise, one of the most eminent Southern Republicans, but now residing in New York, made an address lately before the Maryland Bar Association on "Centralization by Construction." He said President Roosevelt's attempt to broaden Federal power by interpretation is to make an "India-rubber Constitution," and declared that the doctrine of Federal power, increased by construction under the plea of changed conditions, is the most insidious and dangerous heresy brought before the people of America. But then John S. Wise belongs to the old Lincoln school of politics that is entirely outrun by the strenuous type of Republicans of today. The speeches of President Roosevelt, said Mr. Wise, indicate a singular ignorance of the boundary line between Federal and State powers, and he predicted that the people would not uphold a party which advocated Federal or State aggression.

Republicans who think as Mr. Wise does must needs come over to the Democracy, and will undoubtedly do so if wisdom is shown in platform declarations and selection of candidates.

The Alachua Post charges the county commissioners with discriminating against the county in favor of Gainesville in constructing hard roads. The commissioners have done nothing of the kind, and The Post cannot substantiate any such charge. Four members of the board are from the country districts to only one from Gainesville, and they have worked together in harmony for the best interests of the entire county. A large proportion of the work done on roads leading from this city has been done by private subscription, as has also been the case in the Micanopy district, and if other sections of the county would follow the example of these two districts they would be better off. Owing to the lack of funds in the past, it has been the policy of the commissioners to help those sections where the people would lend financial aid to construct hard roads, but now that the road fund is in better shape, thanks to the last Legislature, the commissioners will push the work of constructing hard roads just as rapidly as they possibly can, all sections being treated alike as best tends to promote the public interest. The proximity of suitable material has to be taken into consideration in constructing hard roads, as it would be the heighth of folly to commence the construction of a road miles away from where the material is to be had and work towards the base of supply, instead of from such base. Such waste of time and money might serve to pacify a few individuals, but the commissioners wisely consider it their duty to act for the best interests of the whole people, not to humor a few disgruntled persons.

There is a tolerably unanimous failure throughout the South to either get excited or enthusiastic over the war screams of a certain section of the yellow press. It is not that the South is not patriotic. If the time comes when there is something doing in the war line, either with the Orient or any other part of the world, the South will be found holding down its end of the job. That the South could fight and would fight was abundantly and sorrowfully proven during the Civil war, and the united country will probably not get over paying pensions for that object known in two generations. That the South was still able bodied and willing was also shown in the Spanish war, though that did not amount to much. But as to the talk of war with Japan, the South fails to be interested. There is nothing in the situation to warrant war talk. The situation, such as it is, is not one that wars are made out of. Further, the South has a valuable and growing trade with the Orient that it does not want to see disturbed for the benefit of a few newspapers who make a living out of half-page scare headlines. Southern cotton mills and unbleached piece goods for the benighted heathen are absorbing topics enough for the South just now. When there is a real occasion for war talk it will begin to take an interest.

The Waters-Pierce Oil Company is in imminent danger of a fine of $1,500,000 in Texas. The Standard Oil Company of Indiana may get fined to the tune of $29,000,000 before Judge Landis in Chicago. There are many more subsidiary companies of the Standard company in different States and any or all of them are liable to come in for similar fines for wilful and persistent violation of State and Federal laws. Of course the Standard with its confessed annual dividend of 40 per cent and over can stand a large number of such fines. But there comes a time when even its immense resources must feel the drain. Would it not be better for all concerned if the immense corporation came in and surrendered and lived henceforth somewhere within the limits of fair play and decency? It would still make enough money to enable all its directors to keep steam yachts and the public would be the infinite beneficiaries. It looks as though the trust-fighting problem were coming within sight of a finish and it would seem sensible for the magnates to surrender while they can still be granted the honors of war.

FROM THE PAGES OF FLORIDA PAPERS.

He Should Be Re-elected.

Men acquainted with the politics of the State admit that it will indeed be a difficult matter to defeat Mr. Mallory for the United States Senate.—Palatka Times-Herald.

Run Both Out.

Of the two evils, the saloon and the gambling hell, the latter is the most dangerous and damaging. It must be run out of Miami and Dade county.—Miami Metropolis.

Judge Wright is All Right.

Judge Wright is after the automobilists who exceed the speed limit in Jacksonville. He is of the opinion that the poor fellow who walks has a few privileges which must not be disregarded by the man in the horseless carriage.—Palatka Times-Herald.

Good Law in Some Cases.

The "unwritten law" does not seem to be confined to this country. In Brussels the son of a Chilian diplomat shot and killed his sister's betrayer. The jury acquitted him and as he left the court room he was seized and kissed by many women.—Miami Metropolis.

Any Old Bones Will Do.

Governor Broward has appointed a commission to locate and carry to St. Augustine the remains of Ponce de Leon. Unless we are greatly mistaken this is going to be worse than a search for a needle in a hay-stack, but we hope they will be recovered and rest in St. Augustine forever.—Miami Metropolis.

In the "Lime"-Light.

Dr. J. H. Rowe has the champion lime tree of Florida. It has set its fourth crop. Every limb of the tree is well filled; but strange to say, at the very tip end of the branches they are in clusters like grapefruit. The present crop is estimated at $25, to say nothing about what was sold through the fall, winter and spring. The tree is at least fifteen feet in diameter. It will have to be staked to keep the limbs from falling off.—St. Petersburg Independent.

A Pipe Dream.

The Everglades have been industriously exploited as the star sugar farm of the world after drainage and the other preliminary steps have been taken, but Editor Harris, of The Ocala Banner, pierces the future with prophetic eye and sees a noble city rising from that mysterious swamp which, before he is called home, will be larger than either Jacksonville or Tampa. There's an optimist for you. Or would you call that a Venetian pipe dream with gondola trimmings? We hope that Editor Harris may live forever, and we suspect that he will have to pretty nearly do so in order to see his vision realized.—Live Oak Democrat.

Enough to Give One the Jim-Jams.

Everyone who has ridden on a railroad has seen how furiously the country dog will chase the passing train. He chases it as if his very life depended on it. And the question has often been asked: "What would the dog do with it if he were to catch it?"

We are reminded of this incident by the conspiracy Mr. L'Engle charges was concocted to catch him. If the conspirators had caught him, then what?

Would it have put Peter O. Knight in virtual control of the Legislature? Would Governor Broward have lost his nerve and capitulated?

What great and ugly things did "Little Peter" have up his sleeve, and what would have happened?

This thing of guessing and conjecturing is enough to give one the jim-jams.—Ocala Banner.

The Whole Cheese.

The Telegraph stated last week that Editor L'Engle of The Tallahassee Sun was afflicted with egotism. The point of the statement is illustrated in the great expose contained in the current issue of his journal. In the course of the story he takes occasion to describe his four leading characters. They are the Governor of the State, a well-known attorney, the editor of one of the leading daily papers of the State and HIMSELF. He covered the Governor's virtues in 50 words, dismissed the lawyer and the editor in 70 and 53 words respectively, but found it necessary to use up 200 words to give the public any adequate conception of the wonderful importance of HIMSELF. He concluded HIS laudation of HIMSELF with these dreadfully sanguinary words, "The man who would fight to the hilt must trace a cross mark with the last drop." Isn't it dreadful to think we have such a "bad-un" liging in our midst?—Starke Telegraph.

Mallory the Man.

The Manatee Record observes that "Senator Mallory doesn't seem to be worried much about his seat in the Senate. He continues to saw wood while the boys do the wind work."

Senator Mallory is not given to worrying, and he knows that in his two terms as Senator he has zealously done his duty, as he always has done in public life, without any hooray, or brass bands or press agents, relying on his work for his record and, perhaps, a little too much, on the public knowing what he does for the State.

There is about him a certain reserve that prevents him from going out of the way to proclaim his services. It has often been said of him that this is bad politics. Perhaps so, but it gives him that much more time for his duties, and in his case, at least, has made him that much more valuable to the people, whom he trusts because he has served them always with an eye single to their welfare, however powerful the enemies he has made or may make.

In the State Legislature, in Congress and in the United States Senate, he has uniformly proved himself not only a valuable servant, but one of the highest type that a republic can produce. He is equally incapable of subterfuge or truckling, to high or low, to private or public, and the success that has been his in public life has been, to an extent, true of very few men, due to his splendid ability and his exceptional integrity.—Pensacola Journal.

IN JUDGE MASON'S COURT.

D. E. Godwin received a go-cart by freight a few weeks ago and the same came damaged. Mr. Godwin refused to accept the cart and put in a claim for same. The Seaboard refused to pay the claim and Mr. Godwin entered suit in Judge Mason's court against the company for damages. The case was postponed until Friday morning at 9 o'clock, when it will come up for trial.