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The Jasper News has been selected as the official organ of the Florida Farmers' Union, in which all proceedings to be published shall appear.

"The times are too good for my health," writes a level-headed poet. To the average man here is truth and poetry combined. The times are indeed so good that a man of moderate means can scarcely get a square meal without paying half his income in profits to the trusts.

Senator Bobring is showing the people of Jacksonville that he is not simply a figurehead. The General is one of the old Kentucky warhorses that does things. A young old mayor like the General is worth more to Jacksonville in one year than an old one would be worth to her in ten years.

The music hall of Rollins College at Winter Park was struck by lightning on the 25th and completely destroyed. The equipment was partially insured, but four pianos and the splendid domestic school outfit were a total loss. The building and contents were insured. President Blackman was in the North at the time.

One or two Florida editors seem to think that because the criminal prosecution of the editor of The Tallahassee Democrat has been delayed owing to the departure of Col. Peter O. Knight for Hot Springs, Ark., the matter will be dropped. You were never more in error, brethren. Knight and Stovall, you may rest assured, will push this case at the proper time.

Eden, roof-garden theater, caves, dens, and the habbitats of the demi-rich—luxurious, brilliant and filled with beauty—are not the lairs of the ignorant mob fresh from the underworld. They belong ofttimes to those influential enough to forbid the court to publish names. These perfumed and sweetly scented harems belong to the elect and chosen. Birds of prey always build their nests up high.

There will be hot times in the Georgia legislature. During the discussion of the prohibition bill Wednesday Hon. Seab Wright called Hon. Hill Hall a liar, whereupon the latter closed the space between them and blows were exchanged. The police reserves were called out, the galleries cleared and quiet restored. In the House, by unanimous consent, adjourned at 10:53 until Thursday morning. Wright is the leader for the prohibitionists, while Hall is taking an active part against the prohibition bill.

The removal of the Florida University from Lake City seems to have had the effect of uniting the two sections of the town for the common good. "Its an ill wind that blows no good," and The Sun is pleased to note the rapid strides being made by its sister city. In securing the co-education college established by the Florida State Baptist convention Lake City is indeed fortunate, and if factionalism does not enter into its management there is no doubt that great benefit will redound not only to Lake City, but to the entire State.

WEEDS AGAIN.

The Florida Health Notes says: About a year ago The Notes made mention of weeds, it stressed the fact that weeds should be destroyed for aesthetic purposes. It defended them against the charge of breeding mosquitoes and committing other depredations against the public health. But it charged them with being eyesores and contributing to the general slovenliness of a city.

Exception was taken to the attitude of The Notes toward weeds. And for this reason we beg to quote the following from the last annual report of the Department of Health of Washington, D. C.:

"The substantial enforcement of the anti-weed law as it now stands would involve the expenditure of a large amount of money each year, and so far as the health department can discover, there would be no corresponding return in improved public health. There would be a great gain in the beauty of the city, but it is questionable whether, for such improvement in beauty alone, the district can afford to pay the price just now.

"Certainly if weeds are not injurious to health they may be permitted to grow to a height of 18 or 20 inches or more without doing harm. In undertaking to determine whether weeds are or are not detrimental to health it is necessary to bear in mind that weeds do not differ originally from plants classed as vegetables, flowers, and fruits. If, therefore, vacant places overgrown with weeds are detrimental to the public health, places overgrown with vegetables, flowers, and fruits, must be regarded as equally so. But I have never heard it claimed that gardens, farms, and parks, are detrimental to public health. The question hinges, not on the kind of vegetation, but on the extent of the overgrowth. Vegetation may be of such a character and so dense as to result in the accumulation of stagnant water, and it may thus be responsible for the breeding of mosquitoes. Such conditions are, however, more directly attributed to the stagnant water than to the vegetation, and are better corrected by proper grading and drainage than by the removal from time to time of the offending growth. * * *

"It is claimed by some that weeds of certain kinds give rise to hay fever. This, however, has not been demonstrated, and the same objections have been raised against some flowers and vegetables, notably roses and corn. In any event, however, it must be admitted that if such a result occurs at all it is due to idiosyncrasy on the part of the rare individual rather than to any relation existing between weeds and the human species generally. The decay of vegetation in the fall is popularly believed to be detrimental to health, but in view of the slowness of the process the gases generated by decay are hardly present in the atmosphere at any one time in quantities sufficient to work injury. The gases themselves probably possess no specifically poisonous properties. After a careful consideration of the entire subject I find no reason for believing that vacant places overgrown with weeds are materially detrimental to public health."

FRANK ADAMS.

The editor of The Sun has always had a warm place in his heart for the noble son of Hamilton, Hon. Frank Adams. There is not a brainier, more gifted man in the South, and those who know him best love him most. Many of his friends hoped that he would be a candidate for the United States Senate in 1908, but it seems that they are to be disappointed, as the following card from him in The Jasper News of July 26th indicates:

"To the People of Florida:

"Some Time ago, feeling that I had served as Senator from this county long enough, and reasoning that the county would not suffer by 'office rotation,' I tendered to Governor Broward my resignation, to take effect at the general election in 1908, at which time my successor could be chosen. This action on my part seems to have been accepted as evidence that I would be a candidate for the United States Senate. This was not so intended.

"He whose bosom would not swell with pardonable pride at the reception of assurances of esteem and support that have reached me from press and people while associating my name with the United States Senatorship would have to be void of appreciation, and low in the scale of manhood. These letters, journal resolutions and newspaper [illegible] go far towards making the north home, and will be [illegible] and cherished as long as reason [illegible].

"That man who [illegible] that he does not want to go to the United States Senate leaves room for doubt as to his sincerity, and for the same reasons why a man's ambition should be voluntarily surrendered or [illegible] restrained. I have two good and sufficient reasons why I cannot consent to attempt another vindication. The first is my family. The most of my children are now at that age where a father's guiding hand and restraining influence are most needed and should be most [illegible] given and most carefully exercised. The second reason is: My business associates and they number a good many, had a right to feel when they linked their future with mine that they would have the benefit of such business assistance as my presence would afford. These men enter a serious objection, feeling that if were successful I would be away most my business the most of each year. However, if in the years to come health is given, and my domestic and business affairs so shaped that I can afford it and a sufficient number of voters will commission me, I shall gladly attempt to represent, in part, our beloved State in the upper branch of the National Congress.

"I am not sufficiently egotistical as to feel that my being in the race, or out of it, will to any degree affect Florida's political situation. This is written solely as a sense of duty to political friends to free them for such action as their good judgment may direct.

"With a heart filled with gratitude to the people and press of Florida I am with great respect,

Yours truly,

FRANK ADAMS.

DANGER OF COAL FAMINE.

The New York Commercial remarks that if we may judge from the appeals made by the railroads of the West to the retail coal dealers along their lines to supply themselves with coal there is felt to be great danger of a coal famine in Minnesota and Nebraska, Kansas and in the Northwest generally will be as serious as that of last winter. The dangers of a coal shortage are much greater now than formerly, owing to the fact that the railroads under their enforced retirement from interstate coal trade can no longer anticipate local demands by taking a vigorous hand in the production and distribution. The supplies that are to make next winter less of a terror in some localities than last winter must now depend on the foresight of the dealers who have the opportunity to order in advance of the consumers' demands. The appeals made to such agencies by the Union Pacific and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railways are couched in language that emphasizes the fact that the retail dealers are not appreciating the gravity of the situation. Apparently the railroads are placing themselves in a correct position, and their attitude will be indorsed by the country at large. A coal famine next winter, as the result of the supineness of the local dealers, would not only fail of receiving public sympathy, but would tend to blacklist those regions against immigration from the other parts of the country.

About the best definition for character is the age-old truism: As a man thinketh in his heart so is he. And what is more—we fashion character as we mold thought. The story of Percy Martin, the young fellow who recently attempted single handed, to hold up a Seaboard Air Line train, should certainly be a strong argument for the temperance and anti-cigarette crowd. This young man, by the constant use of cigarettes and excessive drinking, had undoubtedly weakened his intellect. And he had further distorted his mind by the dime novel romanticism until, fired by the example of Jesse James and his kind, he attempted to rob the Seaboard train. Of course, there was but one ending. Percy Martin languishes in the penitentiary to meditate on the folly of practicing ten-cent absurdities among twentieth century realities.

Judge Wright of Jacksonville is "socking" it to the pistol toters. Give it to 'em, Judge. The editor of The Sun is pleased to observe such rigid enforcement of the law of which he is the author.

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O. S. Marsden gives this very sane advice in The Success Magazine: "There is nothing more depressing than to be living upon the memories of a misspent life. We cover our past as with a veil of forgetfulness. It throws a radiance upon the present, causes motion both of body and mind, there is nothing in it which holds you there. There is not a single reason why you should return to your memories, and there are a thousand reasons why you should have it so dead that it can never be resurrected. Nothing is more foolish, more cowardly, more wicked, than to drag the skeletons of the past—the hideous images, the foolish deeds, the unfortunate experiences of the past—into today's work to mar and spoil it. There are plenty of people who have been failures up to the present moment who could do wonders in the future if they would only forget the past, if they only had the ability to cut it, if to close the door on it forever and start anew."

Lumbermen in the United States are cutting four times as much lumber each year from the forests of the country as nature is supplying. The average American uses some 400 feet of lumber each year, as against but sixty feet used by his European neighbors. Lumber prices are just twice as high as they were in 1897, and the tendency is still upward. Men in the lumber business are beginning to look at the problem seriously. The Federal forest reserves, as projected by President Roosevelt, comprise an area greater than the total area of the Republic of France or the German empire, a region each superintended by an [illegible] leader, but even with these precautions the most careful and observing estimates show that the lumber supply will be practically exhausted in from thirty to forty years.

Santa Rosa, a town that has been dry ever since it was born, is the only territory between Jacksonville and Pensacola without a saloon. The temperance people of Old Santa Rosa are to be congratulated upon their victory. They worked with an energy that deserved success, being undaunted by previous defeats. Marion, Orange and Putnam counties are the next strongholds of the liquor demon, the prohibs are preparing to storm, and the sign of the times clearly indicate that "Victory" will also be inscribed upon their banner when the smoke of battle clears away after the fight in those counties. "So mote it be."

Statement of the Condition of the Bank of Newberry, located at Newberry, Florida, at close of business July 25, 1907.

Resources.

Loans and discounts	$44,004.81
Furniture and fixtures	1,794.27
Overdrafts	4.56
Cash in banks	34,256.79
Cash in vault	11,929.64
Total	$92,689.95

Liabilities.

Capital stock	$15,000.00
Undivided profits	1,700.20
Deposits	74,943.42
Cashier's checks	1,046.33
Total	$92,689.95

State of Florida, }
Alachua County, }

Before me came W. G. Chapman, cashier, who, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank as shown by books on file in said bank.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this the 26th day of July, A. D. 1907.

W. G. CHAPMAN, Cashier.

E. T. HENDERSON, (Seal)
Justice of the Peace.

FROM THE PAGES OF FLORIDA PAPERS.

Would Singe Him.

Where is the man who said that he has inside knowledge on the subject and that there was to be no summer this year? Let the mendacious caitiff present himself at these headquarters and catch the sulphurous breath of a few stinging remarks we would be glad to hiss into his ear.—Live Oak Democrat.

Should Favor Home Industry.

The Governor has gone to New York with his wife, sister and eight children to select the furniture for the new mansion.—Tallahassee Tri-Weekly Democrat. Wonder if the Governor couldn't have found suitable furniture a little closer home? Judging by the size of his family we would pronounce him an advocate of home industry.—Miami Metropolis.

No Need of Immigration.

The town of Town Creek, Ala., with only 250 population, has had fifteen babies born to six couples within two weeks. Three couples had triplets born to them and three had twins. The people there are enthusiastic over the record, have notified the President and have petitioned the Postoffice Department to change the name of the town to Teddyville. It is perhaps needless to say that Town Creek sees no reason to agitate for immigration.—The Times-Union Short Talks.

That Four-Cent Passenger Rate.

In other States in the Union the railroad companies are protesting against two-cent fares and are eager to get back to the three-cent basis, but here in Florida we furnish the unique spectacle of a railroad company, a great trunk line at that, calmly collecting the outrageous tariff of four cents a mile, and nobody doing anything to stop the holdup. Between Pensacola and River Junction the L. & N. sticks it to every passenger for four cents a mile. The Pensacola Journal pertinently suggests in this connection that the railroad company should be forced either to pay taxes on the valuation which it pleads as a fourth rate basis, or lower that rate to a figure in keeping with the taxes it does pay. Is there another state in the Union where the four-cent rate is prevailing now?—Live Oak Democrat.

Keeping Batch.

Dear said perhaps, to the credit of some of the husbands of Fernandina, though maybe not in strict accordance with their feelings, that they are now performing domestic duties by proxy as well as furnishing their daily bread in the absence of the mamas who are taking a few days' vacation to which they are justly entitled at this season of the year. It is no unusual thing to see a man pull a dishrag from his pocket instead of a handkerchief, or draw out a box of baking powder in search for a cigarette. But the time will soon come when the good women will return to again straighten out the household, and then the men can come and go at will, always finding things in apple pie order about the home, which, during the absence of the feminine member, so much resembled the "china shop the bull ran through."—Fernandina Record.

Fort Bully Annexed.

The decision of the Supreme Court affirming Judge Wall's decision in the Hayes case gives the sanction of the highest judicial body in the State to the constitutionality of the act of the last Legislature which validated the election of 1905, annexing Fort Brooke to Tampa. This settles the question and will meet general approval.

The ending of the litigation in a satisfactory manner adds increased interest to the election of July 30th to determine whether other suburban areas east, north and west of the city shall be annexed. The public generally, The Tribune believes, are in favor of the annexation, as it is the only logical thing to do in order that these largely populated sections may receive the benefit of municipal utilities.

There seems absolutely no doubt that the election will carry for annexation; and so this area and Fort Brooke added to Tampa will be the beginning of an expansion that will continue until the Queen City of the Gulf shall grow into a great and commanding metropolis.—Tampa Tribune.