

FLORIDA BIRDS WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD.

BY KIRK MUNROE.

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Florida is pre-eminently an agricultural State, and fruit-raising is its chief industry. The hardest fight of the fruit-growers is against the hordes of insects, aphids, ants, bugs, beetles, caterpillars, grasshoppers, flies and grubs that devote their entire energies not only to the destruction of his crop, but of his trees, which they attack in leaf, bark and root.

I mean, of course, the birds, without which our fair State would quickly become, not only non-productive, but absolutely uninhabitable. A noted French scientist has declared that without birds to check the ravages of insects human life would vanish from this planet within the short space of nine years; and I venture the prediction that in half that time no one of us could live in Florida were our birds suddenly to leave for places where their services are better appreciated.

In our inconceivable folly we of Florida never hesitate to kill a bird, if seized with an inclination to do so. A little gray-coated chap, sitting from tree to tree, in serach of the insects that are supping their life, offers a tempting mark, and we blaze away with a twenty-two rifle, just to see if we can hit him. To kill him is such an expensive form of amusement that it would be more economical to charge our rifle with a golden bullet and fire it into the sea. A fruit grower spies a red-bellied wood-pecker sampling his ripe peaches, and instantly declares a war of extermination against the whole family. He had better retire from business at once and save the further expense of caring for his orchard; for without the expert aid of the wood-pecker his efforts can only result in failure.

A boy is allowed to catch a young mocking-bird, or a red-bird, and sell it to a tourist for fifty cents. The State is made at least one hundred dollars poorer by the act. It would be cheaper in the end to give away golden birds of the same weight. A meadow-lark, or each one of a covey of quail, in a ten-acre tomato field earns ten dollars in a single season as an insect-destroyer. Yet we not only shoot those birds ourselves, but we invite our friends from far and wide to come and help us destroy them as though they were a pest we are desirous to abate.

Besides the insectivorous birds upon whose efforts we are absolutely dependent for success in every branch of agriculture, there are those of inestimable value as tourist attractions—was there ever a Northerner in Florida who did not listen eagerly for his first mocking-bird song, or watch with delight the fishing of a pelican? Is he not willing to spend money for the sight of a flamingo, a roseate spoon-bill, or a wood-ibis?—and does he not exclaim with pleasure at a flashing glimpse of a parakeet or a nonparrel? He is willing to pay liberally for such sights as these, and we have given him just cause to complain of the absence of bird life along our coasts and inland waterways. A few years ago these swarmed with birds whose movements were of the greatest interest to our winter visitors. Now they are silent and deserted, despoiled of a chief attraction by plume and skin hunters who have robbed us without so much as saying "thank you."

We take every precaution to prevent a thief from stealing even the most trifling of our possessions, and at the same time make no effort to dissuade the gunner from shooting the birds upon whose existence depends our very livelihood. Queer, isn't it?

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NEWBERRY ITEMS.

Entertainment Saturday Night for Benefit of Baptist Church.

Newberry, Feb. 18.—Mrs. E. A. Groff left Saturday morning for Dallas and Bradentown, where she will spend two weeks as guest of her sons, J. C. and O. D. Groff.

Mrs. Geo. Pickett and sister, Elouise Smith, returned Sunday from the Fair at Tampa. They report a fine time.

Mrs. Lonnie Studstill of Coleman is spending the week here, the guest of relatives.

Mrs. Bryant Smith left Thursday for Tampa, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Price, and together they will take in the Fair.

Mrs. Marvin Cain is home from a week's visit at Worthington Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Burke left Thursday for Jeffersonville, Ga., where they will spend a week visiting relatives.

On Saturday night, February 25th, the Newberry Dramatic Club will present the play, "All a Mistake," at Ruff's Opera House. The proceeds will go towards painting the Newberry Baptist church, and as the cast is an exceptionally strong one the house should be crowded. Everybody is cordially invited to turn out and help a worthy cause.

A Stitch in Time

Will save nine. So will a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup always kept on hand save many a spell of sickness. A sure cure for coughs, colds, bronchitis and whooping cough. Mrs. S. —, Hot Springs, Ark., writes: "I keep a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup in my medicine chest, and thank my forethought many times. It has prevented many severe spells of sickness." Sold by W. M. Johnson.

Close of Paradise School.

From Sunday's Daily Sun: Miss Hattie Mills of Jennings, Fla., closed a most successful term of school at Paradise last Friday. Miss Mills is a fine teacher and has made many friends in this vicinity. Any school that secures her services is indeed fortunate. She begins another school at Bell this week. May success and happiness attend her.

MRS. HART.

Paradise, February 15.

Don't Put Off

Until tomorrow what you can do today. If you are suffering from a torpid liver, or constipation, don't wait until tomorrow to get help. Buy a bottle of Herbine and get that liver working right. Promptness about health saves many sick spells. Mrs. Ida Gresham, Point, Tex., writes: "I used Herbine in my family for six years, and find it does all it claims to do." Sold by W. M. Johnson.

FLORIDA MID-WINTER EXPOSITION

Large Crowds Visit Jacksonville's Great Show.

Jacksonville, Feb. 17.—As the great Florida Mid-Winter Exposition at Jacksonville progresses new features are being added and new concessions granted daily.

From all parts of the State people are pouring in, and as one wanders through the big Palace of Industry; and along the Florida Trail, he is almost sure to meet someone from his home town. It is quite an education in itself to see these exhibits of our State's products and industries, to say nothing of the pleasure derived from visiting the shows along the Trail. The scene at night from the Jacksonville shore, when all the grounds and buildings are brilliant with myriad incandescent lights, is one of resplendent beauty, and the busy and brightly lighted ferries which ply the river make a picture that one does not soon forget.

Many free attractions are always going on, foremost of which is Beachey and his airship, which makes an ascension daily, and one at night with the aid of a powerful searchlight. This spectacle alone is worth coming many miles to witness.

Prof. Lewis and his troupe of wonderfully trained dogs will give free matinee and night performances.

La Carmonella, the beautiful physical culture artist, will give a free exhibition of her wonderful acts daily.

Beginning February 24th, and continuing for four days, will be the Jacksonville Society Horse Show, in which prominent men from all over the State have shown much interest, and which promises to be the greatest gathering of horseflesh ever before brought together in Florida. All are invited to enter their horses in competition for the valuable prizes which will be awarded. Rules and regulations governing same will be furnished on application to General Manager L. W. Buckley.

Capt. Henry, electrical engineer wizard of the wireless, will give demonstrations and lectures on electricity in the Palace of Industry. Captain Henry was formerly in the United States Government service and does more wonderful feats with electricity and the wireless telegraph than any man living.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED UNDER SECTION 8 OF CHAPTER 4888, LAWS OF FLORIDA.

Notice is hereby given that E. K. Bonborough, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 660, dated the 4th day of September, A. D. 1905, 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 Alachua county, Florida, to-wit:

13 acres bounded N. by Lewis St. S. by Magnolia St. W. by Windsor Ave. and E. by Nobles St., less 3 acres and less 5 acres to Mrs. French - Widow.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Mrs. Emily Haynes.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1908.

Witness my official signature and seal this 7th day of February, A. D. 1908. S. H. WIENGENS, Clerk Circuit Court Alachua Co., Fla. By M. S. CHEVES, D. C.

NOTICE TO SELL LAND.

Notice is hereby given that I, as Guardian of the minor heirs of Thomas E. Jones, deceased, will apply to the Honorable H. G. Mason, County Judge of Alachua county, Florida, for an order to sell all the right, title and interest of Emma Jones, Dolphus Jones, H. E. Jones, Leila Jones, James Jones and Florence Jones, minors, in and to the following described real estate to-wit: The South half of the Northeast quarter and the East half of the Southeast quarter, Section 10, Township 10, South of Range 15 East. Also the West half of southeast quarter and the Northeast quarter of Southwest quarter of Section 10, Township 10, Range 15 East. All in Alachua county, State of Florida. This February 13d, A. D. 1908.

CATHLEEN JONES, As Guardian of Said Minors.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after the first publication hereof, the undersigned, as Administratrix of the estate of C. B. Eastman, deceased, will sell the following described land, lying and being in Alachua county, Florida, as conveyed in deed from Henry G. Jeffords and Henrietta A. Jeffords to Maria C. Eastman and C. B. Eastman, to-wit: Ne 1/4 of Sec. 13, Tp. 8 S., R. 17 E. Jan. 20, 1908. MARIA C. EASTMAN, Administratrix of Estate of C. B. Eastman, Deceased.

NOTICE.

To All Creditors, Legatees, Distributees, and All Persons Having Claims Against the Estate of F. E. Williams. Notice is hereby given that I will apply to the Hon. H. G. Mason for final discharge as Administratrix on the first Monday in May, A. D. 1908. IDA D. WILLIAMS, Oct. 28, 1907. Administratrix.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that after this notice has been published four weeks, I will apply to Judge J. T. Wells, Judge of the Circuit Court Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Alachua county, for an order authorizing and legalizing the adoption by me of John B. Carrell, a minor child. JOHN A. CARRELL.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

BILL FOR DIVORCE.

In the Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Alachua County, Florida.—In Chancery.—Winnie L. Stevens vs. Charles L. Stevens—Bill for Divorce.

It appearing by affidavit appended to the bill filed in the above stated cause that Charles L. Stevens, the defendant therein named, is a resident of the State of Florida, that he has been absent for more than sixty days, and is concealing himself so that service of process cannot be made upon him, that there is no person in the State of Florida the service of a subpoena on whom would bind said defendant, and is over the age of twenty-one years; it is therefore ordered that said resident defendant be and he is hereby required to appear to the Bill of Complaint filed in said cause on or before Monday, the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1908, otherwise the allegations of said bill will be taken as confessed by said defendant.

It is further ordered that this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in The Gainesville Sun, a newspaper published in said county and State.

This January 28th, 1908. S. H. WIENGENS, Clerk Circuit Court. A true copy of original. [Seal] S. H. WIENGENS, Clerk Circuit Court. H. G. MASON, Sol'r. for Compl't.

BILL FOR DIVORCE.

In the Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Alachua County, Florida.—In Chancery.—Preston Black vs. Wills M. Black—Bill for Divorce.

It appearing by affidavit appended to the bill filed in the above stated cause that Wills M. Black, the defendant therein named, is a resident of the State of Florida, that she has been absent for more than sixty days, and is concealing herself so that service of process cannot be made upon her and that there is no person in the State of Fla. the service of a subpoena on whom would bind said defendant, and is over the age of 21 years; it is therefore ordered that said resident defendant be and she is hereby required to appear to the Bill of Complaint filed in said cause on or before Monday, the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1908, otherwise the allegations of said bill will be taken as confessed by said defendant.

It is further ordered that this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in The Gainesville Sun, a newspaper published in said county and State.

This January 28th, 1908. S. H. WIENGENS, Clerk Circuit Court. A true copy of original. [Seal] S. H. WIENGENS, Clerk Circuit Court. H. G. MASON, Sol'r. for Compl't.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Gainesville, Fla., February 11, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public lands States by act of August 4, 1892, John E. Hodge of Newberry, county of Alachua, State of Florida, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 799, for the purchase of the Sw 1/4 of Ne 1-4 of Section No. 22 in Township No. 10 S., Range No. 16 E., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Register and Receiver at Gainesville, Fla., on Thursday, the 23rd day of April, 1908.

He names as witnesses: G. W. Snyder, Joe Martin, F. D. J. Hodge and J. S. M. Hodge all of Newberry, Fla. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 23rd day of April, 1908.

rd HENRY S. CHUBB, Register.

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY.

No. 8887.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, WASHINGTON, D. C., JANUARY 9, 1908.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Alachua," in the Town of Alachua, and State of Florida, has complied with all the provisions of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking; and whereas I, William H. Ridgely, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Alachua," in the Town of Alachua, in the County of Alachua, and State of Florida, is authorized to commence the business of banking as provided in Section Fifty-one hundred and thirty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal of office this second day of January, 1908.

WM H RIDGELY, Comptroller of the Currency.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED UNDER SECTION 8 OF CHAPTER 4888, LAWS OF FLORIDA.

Notice is hereby given that S. F. Cannon, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 608, dated the 3th day of April, A. D. 1905, 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 Alachua county, Florida, to-wit: Ne 1/4 of Ne 4 of Sec. 14, Tp. 10 S., R. 17 E.

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 22nd day of February, A. D. 1908.

Witness my official signature and seal this 22nd day of January, A. D. 1908. S. H. WIENGENS, Clerk Circuit Court Alachua Co., Fla. By M. S. CHEVES, D. C.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the estate of F. H. Clyatt, deceased, have been granted to R. M. Chamberlin and J. W. Chamberlin by the County Judge of Alachua county, Florida. All persons having any debts, claims or demands against the estate, must present the same for settlement within the time required by law, or the same will be barred by statute of limitation, and all debts due said estate must be paid to the undersigned executors.

R. M. CHAMBERLIN, J. W. CHAMBERLIN. This December 7th, 1907.

TO THE PUBLIC.

Notice is hereby given that after this date I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, Mrs. G. E. Wade. A. K. WADE. Lochloosa, Fla., Feb. 1, 1908.

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