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We will not accept stamps of larger denomination than 2 cents.

Banking character in Pittsburg appears to be pretty low.

It sounds funny to hear the President tell the Senate to mind its own business.

Some men never experiment sufficiently with truth to find out whether it pays or not.

The girls who get married this year will be able to hold their heads up proudly, knowing that they are free from suspicion.

A Boston doctor says "Everyone should swallow one dozen raw eggs every day." Does the good doctor mistake us for a nation of billionaires?

"The Winning of the South," by William Howard Taft, promises to be quite as interesting a volume as "The Winning of the West" by Theodore Roosevelt.

Governor Gilchrist has appointed Hon. D. U. Fletcher United States Senator for the vacancy occurring between March 4th and the election by the Legislature.

The Florida editors are unanimously agreed upon at least one thing—that Governor Gilchrist did the right thing in giving Brother Jordan of The Punta Gorda Herald an office.

Hon. Thomas A. Darby, former Senator from Putnam county but now engaged in business in Alaska, was among the visitors to Jacksonville last week. His many friends in Alachua county would be pleased to see him down this way.

The county commissioners of Osceola county subscribe for two hundred copies of The Kissimmee Valley Gazette and pay for the same out of the public funds. This is a good way to advertise the county, but we doubt the propriety of such action on the part of the commissioners.

And now it is said that Telfair Stockton will cross swords with Senator Tallaferro for his toga in Washington. Our friend Telfair will find it no easy job to beat Tallaferro. It will take a man better known and who has done more for the State to "turn the trick" against Tallaferro. We say this in all kindness to Mr. Stockton.

Another effort will be made to divide Dade county at the coming session of the Legislature. If there be a county in the State which should be divided, it is Dade; but we repeat that no more new counties should be created until the present unjust apportionment is changed so as to give representation in the Legislature in proportion to population.

Frank A. Vanderlip, who has been elected president of the National City Bank of New York, the biggest bank on this continent, began life for himself as a newspaper reporter. This is evidence of the fact that opportunity has not passed for industrious young men to rise in the commercial world. All ambitious young men have to do is their duty, and the opportunities will find them.

BLUE LAWS AND BLUE PEOPLE.

(Atlanta Constitution.)

The eyes of all America are focused just now with an amused interest on the Florida city of Pensacola, where there is under way a determined attempt to enforce the "blue laws" as they were enacted in all their vigor fifty years ago.

At this juncture, the authorities and the blue laws have all the best of the controversy. Business men have been unceremoniously "pinched" for opening their mail on Sunday, the soft drink establishments have closed up with a bang on the Sabbath, and the only thing that restrains the sheriff from putting a ban on trolley traffic is that the city attorney has designated it as a "necessity of life."

The affair has, of course, its own humor, but is also not without a serious phase. Statutes of this stringency are a survival of the era when the country was more or less infected with Puritanism. Men then took literally the Biblical injunction regarding the ox in the ditch. They conceived it to be their duty to make their neighbors religious, nolens volens, that inevitable human officiousness with respect to the affairs of others and the tendency to monopolize to one human theory all virtues being then in the ascendant.

We have widened out as to soul and mind since those days, and we are speedily arriving at the knowledge that men are not made holy by statute or precept, but by example and by teachings that persuade the soul without doing violence to the intellect.

No indications are uppermost that America, or the southern part of it at least, would sanction or permit the laxity of an European Sunday. In a majority of the Southern cities, for example, these so-called "blue laws" have been obsolete for full half a century. People enjoy their Sabbaths in a quiet, reverential and orderly manner, and men do not seem poorer Christians for the fact that they can buy on Sunday a cigar or a glass of soda water.

It is an inviolable law of naman nature, supported by history that is ancient as well as amusingly modern, that no statute is stronger than community sentiment. History shows also the tragic monumental error of religion by coercion. Blue laws, or those condemned by that preponderating religious sentiment that does not lose sight of the factor of progress, make a blue people. What is more, they promote that which the liturgy especially cautions us against—hypocrisy, "envy, hatred and all uncharitableness."

The number of people victimized by palmists, mediums and other quacks is enormous. That the business is profitable is evident from the number that follow it. Now and again one such person gains well nigh universal notoriety by reason of the strange compound of genius, charlatany and personal magnetism he possesses. A man thus equipped secures for his dupes wealthy people who have to be swindled out of a good deal of their money before their eyes are opened to his true character. Just now two continents are talking of the doings of one of these charlatans who, under the name of "Count de Hamon," has fleeced a number of people in France who had more money than brains. He is the same man who as "Cheiro" cut such a wide swath in this country a few years ago, but whose real name is just plain John Warner. In his make-up of cleverness, quackery and impudence he seems to be another "Compte di Cagliostro," who duped France and England in the eighteenth century. The unprincipled character of these impostors is constantly being exposed, but in spite of it there are always plenty of people who seem to enjoy being fooled.

There should be no more new counties formed in Florida until the larger counties are given the representation in the Florida Legislature that their population justly entitles them to. It is not just that a county having a population of ten thousand should have a Senator and two representatives, when a county of fifty thousand has only that number. Make the apportionment equal before forming new counties of already sparsely populated territory.

"Here lies a man," begins Poet Paul Cook in The Birmingham Age-Herald. Well, we suppose there is always room for one more in the Ananias Club.

For Lameness in Horses



Much of the chronic lameness in horses is due to neglect. See that your horse is not allowed to go lame. Keep Sloan's Liniment on hand and apply at the first signs of stiffness. It's wonderfully penetrating—goes right to the spot—relieves the soreness—limbers up the joints and makes the muscles elastic and pliant.

Sloan's Liniment

will kill a spavin, curb or splint, reduce wind puffs and swollen joints, and is a sure and speedy remedy for fistula, sweency, founder and thrush. Price, 50c. and \$1.00.

Dr. Earl S. Sloan, - - Boston, Mass.

Sloan's book on horses, cattle, sheep and poultry sent free.

In both the near East and far East matters remain in an unsettled condition and are the cause of anxiety to other countries. In the Balkans the reassuring outlook of one day is offset the next by disquieting rumors, and as the winter is slipping by fast and no settlement of the various questions directly involving Turkey, Austria, Bulgaria and Servia is in sight, there is grave danger of hostilities in the spring. In China the dismissal of the reform prime minister causes much uneasiness among the foreign legations, inasmuch as the action betrays a reactionary sentiment which is always hostile to foreigners.

Some of the editors who did not support Governor Gilchrist in his race in the primary, but on the contrary did everything in their power to defeat him, resorting in some instances to questionable methods to injure his candidacy, are now "slobbering" all over him. The Sun opposed him in his race for the nomination, but never resorted to abuse or vilification of the man we had known for thirty years to be an honorable, upright gentleman, and we are glad to observe that some of our contemporaries have found out that he really is not so bad a man they pictured him during the primary.

The secrecy which characterized the administration of Governors Jennings and Broward will not be tolerated by Governor Gilchrist. At the last meeting of the Internal Improvement Board and Board of State Institutions it was ordered that the secretary have the records always in shape for public inspection by anyone desiring to examine them. This order was made at the personal request of the Governor.

The unattached female who did not exercise her leap year prerogative will have to be content with three more years of spinsterhood.

We now know officially who is elected President, for the electoral college has met and cast its vote. The fact that the people actually made the choice in November and that the action of the college was only perfunctory indicates the change that has taken place since the day our fathers designed that the actual and not the nominal election should be done by the electoral college and not by the people.

Tallahassee has an ordinance prohibiting chickens and geese running at large in the city limits. It is a good law, and such an ordinance should be passed by the Gainesville Council, prescribing the area in which they shall not be permitted to destroy other people's flowers. Your neighbor's poultry should have no more rights in this respect than his cow.

It took quite a while, but Mr. Hitchcock has finally secured a confirmation of the report that he will be in Mr. Taft's cabinet.

If the House keeps up the pace it will soon become an active instead of a sleeping partner in the Government.

Pretty much all of the State of Ohio has climbed aboard the water wagon. Only a few wet counties are left.

Night riders doubtless were surprised, not at the fact of being guilty, but the nerve of the jury in saying so.

The female sex is making progress in one respect. It can select better Christmas cigars than it used to.

Rather than free text books, some of the youngsters would prefer free baseball bats.

The Sun office for calling cards.

THIS MAN GOT PARDON AND \$800.00 BESIDES

After Serving Fourteen Years for Breaking Into a Store and Stealing a Ham.

ATLANTA, Jan. 18.—There are few, if any persons in Georgia who are appreciating the joys of freedom with a deeper and more abiding appreciation than Bruce Reed, who not only has a pardon in his pocket after a penitentiary service of fourteen years, but along with it \$800 in cash.

Reed is a Harris county negro, who was convicted of breaking into a store and stealing a ham. For that offense, burglary, he was given the limit of the law, twenty years in the penitentiary. For fourteen years Reed worked away in the Durham coal mines, in Walker county, up on the Tennessee line, until one day a few weeks ago, Police Commissioner James Key of Columbus called the attention of Prison Commissioner Wiley Williams to the case. Reed was a negro who had borne a good reputation prior to this crime, and Capt. Williams concluded that fourteen years was a long enough service for the theft of one ham.

case with his colleagues on the commission and succeeded in having Reed pardoned last week. Subsequently Capt. Williams had occasion to visit the Durham mines to make an inspection, returning from there the latter part of this week.

While there he learned that Reed, by working over time during his fourteen years' service, had saved \$800. Each man in the mines is required to get out so much coal as a daily task. After he has completed that he is free to rest or to continue work, and in the latter instance receives pay at the rate of about 40 cents a ton for all additional coal dug out.

Reed stuck close to work and when his pardon came Capt. J. L. Gordon, warden at the Durham mines, went to Chattanooga with him, drew his money from the bank and gave it to him—\$800 in new crisp bills.

Reed has gone back to his home, having announced his determination to set him up a legitimate business and make a good citizen henceforth.

THE BUSH & SAFFORD PIANO CONTEST

In Which a Resident of Alachua County Will be Awarded a Beautiful Howard Piano, and 18 Certificates Valued at \$3,150.00 Furnished by The Bush & Safford Piano Co., Sole Representatives of The R. S. Howard Co. of Miami, the Contest to be Conducted by THE SUN in Behalf of Bush & Safford.

\$3,550.00.

One \$400.00 Howard Piano will be given to the person residing in the County of Alachua who receives the highest number of votes between December 15th, 1908, and 10 p. m. April 15th, 1909.

ADDITIONAL GIFTS.

In addition to the Piano there will be issued by The Bush & Safford Piano Co., on a new \$400 Howard Piano, eighteen Transferable Due Bills, same to be used as a first or initial payment on a new Howard Piano. These due bills will be given in this voting contest as follows, to persons residing in Alachua County:

To the first six receiving the next to the highest vote, a due bill for each for \$200.00.

To the second six receiving the next highest vote, a due bill for each for \$175.00.

To the next six receiving the next highest vote, a due bill for each for \$150.00.

These due bills may be used by the winners or can be disposed of to anyone for any value they may see fit, and will be worth their face value upon the purchase of one of these new pianos.

In the event of a tie for any prize offered, a prize similar in all respects thereto will be given each of those tying.

How and Where to Get Votes.

The following merchants will give one vote for every cent paid into their establishments for goods which they handle:

The Gainesville Hardware Co. Phifer Bros. Hyde & Tench.

Where Votes May Be Cast.

Ballot boxes will be found in the establishments of the merchants giving votes and at The Sun office. Votes sent by mail must be directed to the Voting Contest Department of The Sun, Gainesville, Florida.

Rules and Regulations.

1 The contest is open to anyone living in Alachua county who is known by the conductors of the contest or vouched for by some reputable person, to them well known.

2 No employee, attachee or relative of the proprietors of the above-named firms are eligible to participate in this contest and will participate in no manner.

3 In the event of a misunderstanding between candidates or others interested in this contest, such controversy may be referred to the conductors of contest, who alone are the persons qualified to render decisions.

4 In the event a candidate decides to withdraw from the race, such candidate will not be allowed to transfer votes to the credit of another candidate in the contest.

THE DAILY SUN.

Old New. Subscribers. Subscribers. \$1.25 400 votes 500 votes \$2.50 1,000 votes 1,200 votes \$5.00 2,000 votes 2,500 votes

For a club of five (old subscribers) one-year subscriptions (before April 1, 1909) 25,000 votes.

For a club of five (new subscribers) one-year subscriptions (before April 1, 1909) 30,000 votes.

For club of ten (old subscribers) six-months' subscriptions (before April 1, 1909) 25,000 votes.

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There is no limit to the number of clubs each contestant may secure.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY SUN.

\$1.00 400 votes For a club of five one-year subscriptions 4,000 votes

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Soliciting votes by candidates or friends within the stores distributing votes is undesired by the proprietors.

ADVERTISE IN THE SUN There's a Reason.

TILGHMAN'S CONDITION POWDER THE ONLY KNOWN CURE FOR SALT-SICK YOU KNOW IT BY THE COW