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The man who never borrows trouble frequently borrows money.

In Wisconsin the other day a young man committed suicide because his sister searched his clothes. If every man were to commit suicide whose wife goes through his clothes what a host of widows there would be.

Ere the contractors finish their work on the Federal building East Main street should be paved—with vitrified brick if possible—from Union to the new structure. The removal of the postoffice will cause a great deal of travel in that direction, and the city should be prepared to meet this demand.

Once more Atlanta scores, says The Savannah News. A man of that city, 56 years of age, fell in love with the biscuits baked by a widow, and asked her to marry him. There was nothing in the way, so she did it. Shortly after the wedding the bride baked some more biscuits, and the husband that night died of indigestion.

Ferdinand Pinney Earle—to give him his full name—and his affinity wife do not find soul-mating a success. A year ago they were in rhapsodies over it and life was one paradisaical joy. But a few brief months have wrought such a disillusion that the affinity now says her artist soul-mate is crazy and she seeks a divorce, and he retorts that she is an ingrate.

According to a volume in course of preparation by the Census Bureau, the size of the average family in the United States has decreased from 5.5 persons in 1790, the date of the first census taken in this country, to 4.6 in the same area in 1900. In 1790 families composed of six or more persons represented more than one-half, while in 1900 they represented hardly more than a fourth of the families enumerated.

It is not surprising that the leaders of the House are disturbed over the tariff bill. They have brought in a high protection measure, one in which the ad valorem rate is one and one-half per cent higher than in the Dingley bill. They realize that the only chance of getting the bill passed without material reduction is to secure the adoption of a rule which will deprive the members of a chance to vote—and they are gradually coming to realize that if they compel the members to vote for such a rule there will be heavy losses in the Republican ranks of the next Congress.

The season is at hand when a vigorous and systematic fight should be waged against the filthy disease-carrying housefly. Doctors assert that flies are responsible, in a large measure, for much of typhoid and other fevers. They swarm in the sick room, cover sore spots, then carry the disease germs to every dish on the table where the house is not properly screened, and when it is considered that a large per centage of homes are not properly arranged for preventing its entrance, the fly has a wide scope in which to work. Clean up all premises, fill up or put lime in all breeding places—this will do much to prevent their deadly work.

CAUSE FOR REAPPORTIONMENT.

From Tuesday's Daily Sun:

There is no question but that the Legislature will have to deal with the reapportionment matter during the session which convenes today.

Legislatures have dodged their duty in this regard from a constitutional standpoint for many years, but the "new county" fights scheduled to come up at this session will force a reapportionment. New counties have to have representation and if new ones are created the reapportionment will have to be made and the entire question definitely settled.

Discussing the unfairness of the present representation, The Times-Union says:

"The question of reapportionment hangs on the disproportionate representation in the Lower House of the Legislature given to the counties. For instance, Hamilton, with 9,321 population in 1905, or Lake county, with 7,315, have each as many representatives as Hillsborough, with 51,416, or Duval, with 47,912, or Alachua, with 34,007, or Escambia, with 32,353. There is a population of 25,706 to each representative in Hillsborough county, or 23,954 in Duval, or 17,003 in Alachua, while there are only 2,757 to each representative in Lake and only 4,961 to one in Hamilton county. Six counties, each of which has two representatives in the Legislature, have less than 12,000 population each. Four of these counties have eight representatives in the Legislature, yet have an aggregate population of about 30,000—less than Alachua's or Escambia's. Five of them, with ten representatives, have a population less than Duval's in the aggregate. The whole six do not much exceed Hillsborough's aggregate population. There are other counties which suffer injustice under the present apportionment, but this wrong is most glaring in the cases of the four mentioned—Hillsborough, Duval, Alachua and Escambia. Similar fraud on popular rights is perpetuated in the Upper House by the neglect of reapportionment, though not to the same extent."

SAVE THE ALLIGATORS.

Years and years ago The Times lifted its voice on behalf of the rapidly disappearing alligator. It pleaded that he be spared, and set out not only his harmlessness to the human family but his excellencies of character and the positive good he accomplished. He destroyed the garfish, which if left undisturbed destroyed the young of all kinds of game fishes, he maintained water holes in the interior where drouth sometimes shrunk the ponds out of existence and thus afforded range cattle with places to quench their thirst, and performed sundry other services for the human family. The stories about his eating pigs and picaninies were and are baseless slanders, merely invented as an excuse for his ruthless slaughter for the sake of his hide.

We are pleased to see that the crusade is taken up by the press of the State, which is clamoring for something to be done for the protection and preservation of this amiable and valuable saurian. One of our contemporaries proposes a game limit during each year, but this is inadequate. What is needed is a closed season on the game for a period of at least ten years, which, if enforced, would again populate the streams and ponds. Add to this a stringent prohibition of the traffic in alligator hides and their being transported by common carriers. That is the only way of preserving the species, and anything less is mere dalliance.—Tampa Times.

Thorough and intelligent investigation into the condition of workmen in New York City, Buffalo, Pittsburg and other large cities conclusively shows that the working classes in those centers do not receive wages large enough to enable them to live in comfort. Economic conditions are wrong which permit a few men to amass fabulous fortunes while their employees work for miserably insufficient wages.

The annual meeting of the County Commissioners and Good Roads Association of Florida will convene in Palatka on Tuesday, April 27th. State and county officials, mayors of cities, and officers of commercial, agricultural, industrial, transportation, development, civic improvement and all good roads advocates of the State are earnestly requested to be present.

Sun "Want" ads. bring results.

Not a Drop of Alcohol

What is a "tonic"? A medicine that increases the strength or tone of the whole system. What is an "alterative"? A medicine that alters or changes unhealthy action to healthy action. Name the best "tonic and alterative"? Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the only Sarsaparilla entirely free from alcohol. Ask your own doctor all about it. Never take a medicine doctors cannot endorse. J.C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

Without daily action of the bowels poisonous products must be absorbed. Then you have impure blood, biliousness, headache. Ask your doctor about Ayer's Pills for constipation.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 7.—The assembling of the Legislature this year was attended by a much smaller crowd than the writer has seen for the past quarter of a century. There were not near as many aspirants for positions at the disposal of the Senate and House as there have been at previous sessions, and the "boosters" for the candidates for President of the Senate and Speaker of the House were exceedingly few in number.

Ex-Governor Broward appeared upon the scene Sunday afternoon and immediately went to work in behalf of Senator Hudson for President of the Senate. The ex-Governor was criticised by not a few for his participation in this contest, but he no doubt felt called upon to assist his friend in the matter, and there is no disputing that he rendered Senator Hudson valuable aid. Broward is an indefatigable worker, and is determined to keep in the lime-light. The election of Senator Hudson as presiding officer of the Senate will no doubt be heralded abroad as an anti-administration victory. Such is not the case, however, for Governor Gilchrist never lifted his voice or raised his hand for or against either Hudson or Humphries. He is keeping his promise to the people not to meddle in the affairs of the Legislature by dictating in such matters as the election of presiding officers, and there is no doubt but that as many of the Governor's supporters voted for Senator Hudson as for Senator Humphries. Had Governor Gilchrist seen fit to do so he could have brought some powerful influence to bear in favor of Humphries, and no one doubts what Broward would have done had he been in Gilchrist's shoes. The election of Senator Hudson is no more an anti-administration victory than is the election of Ion L. Farris of Duval a whiskey ring victory, for as ardent temperance men as are to be found in the House were numbered among his supporters. Farris is a self-made man, who has made his way alone in the world, and such men are admired for their pluck and energy. He said he was a winner from the start, and his campaign was admirably managed by Col. Caulkins, representative from Nassau county. In fact, Farris is the only candidate for Speaker who had what might be termed an organization. The other candidates were all "at sea" from start to finish, and the outcome shows that it takes effective work to accomplish results in such contests as well as in elections where the people decide the result. Judge Carter of Alachua saw the "hand-writing on the wall" early in the game and withdrew from the contest, as did MacWilliams of St. Johns. But Roberson of Suwannee and Alexander of Volusia stayed to the finish, the former receiving 16 and the latter 13 votes. There is no doubt that Carter would have received more votes than either, Alexander or Roberson had he remained a candidate.

The Legislature will scarcely get down to real work before next week, as there is much preliminary work to be done in the way of appointing committees, etc.

The good ladies of Tallahassee handsomely decorated the Senate chamber and House with flowers.

Promptly at noon Tuesday both Senate and House were organized in due constitutional form and the officers and attaches as named in the Monday night's caucus were duly elected, and installed. The nomination and election of Hon. D. H. Baker, the able and veteran Senator from the Twentieth district, composed of Marion and Sumter, as president pro tem of the Senate, was a pleasing and deserved compliment to one of that body's most able members.

It is probable the Senate committees will be announced today. Owing to the larger membership and more numerous committees of the House, the completed list may not be announced by Speaker Farris before Thursday.

There is indication of a strictly business session, and the members of both houses seem imbued with the idea that they are in Tallahassee to produce results and not oratory, and there will doubtless be less playing to the galleries than usual. The good roads advocates are already at work and seem confident that some good work in this direction can be accomplished. Another serious and strong effort is to be made for reapportionment of Senatorial districts and House membership of the counties, a work directed by the constitution to be performed but which has heretofore failed of accomplishment owing to the wide diversity of opinion and the interests involved. County division also promises to cut a more or less important figure and bills for the creation of several new counties are to be introduced early in the session. The election of Senator Hudson, a pronounced county divisionist, as President of the Senate, might be claimed as in a measure a victory for the advocates of division, though the question was not very largely discussed during the short preliminary campaign in Tallahassee which resulted in his victory over Senator Humphries, though the latter is known to be opposed to county division at this stage of the State's development.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The mother-trusts are still administering sour milk to the crying little ones.—Atlanta Constitution.

The world is getting better all the time. The tobacco trust is going to raise the price of cigarettes.—Cleveland Leader.

The woman's idea of a swell dinner is one where everything looks good enough to eat except the food.—Galveston News.

Some conception of the expense of war may be gathered when it is known that it costs as much money to fire a 12-inch gun as an editor makes in two years.—Newark News.

A New York editor is busily engaged in advocating the placing of wives upon a stated salary. He is possibly tired of turning over that weekly envelope so powerfully regular.

LACROSSE CELEBRATION WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL

EXERCISES ON APRIL 4TH WERE
LARGELY ATTENDED.

Rev. Frank Edwards Delivered Fine
Discourses—Other News
Notes.

LACROSSE, April 7.—On Sunday, April 4, the Sunday school of the Lacrosse Baptist church celebrated its twenty-sixth birthday.

In the morning Rev. Frank Edwards, of the Florida Baptist Witness, preached on the "Advantages of Being a Christian."

After the morning service everybody was invited to remain to the bounteous dinner prepared by the ladies of the community. After all had taken an hour's rest the Sunday school went through the exercises arranged for the afternoon. Very large crowds were at both services and the day passed into history with the many other happy days past and gone.

Rev. Mr. Edwards preached in the evening on "The Man That Tried to Build Without Sufficient Funds," which was listened to by an appreciative audience.

Miss Pearl Cox, who has been quite sick with typhoid, is rapidly recovering. Her friends will be glad when she is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith of Liberty Center, Ohio, returned to their home Monday after a very pleasant visit to the sister of the latter, Mrs. L. F. Osteen. While here they made many friends.

Mrs. H. C. Parker is home after a three-weeks' visit to her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Parker of Lake City.

Porter Parker and C. V. Slone of Columbia College, at Lake City, returned to their studies Monday, after two days spent pleasantly with friends and relatives.

T. B. Parker of Plant City is on a visit to his father, H. C. Parker. He has been quite sick and friends thought the change would be beneficial to him.

Willie Joiner of the U. S. N., Clinton, S. C., is home on a furlough to the delight of his family, friends and others.

Mrs. Wills, mother of Mrs. D. D. Weeks, returned to her home at Starke today.

J. U. DeLoach, the sawmill man, is moving his mill to Ward City, where he has been able to get quite a tract of nice timber.

Farmers coming to town report crops in fine condition and all are happy over prospects of better prices for cotton in the fall.

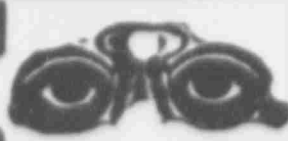
Mrs. Gertrude Davis and three little girls of Tampa are on a visit to friends and relatives. They will remain through the summer.

YOUNG MEN WANTED.

U. S. Government Railway Mail Clerks
\$800 to \$1,200 a Year—Last
Notification.

Uncle Sam will hold an examination for railway mail clerks in the vicinity of Gainesville and throughout the United States on May 15. Many ambitious young men, with only a very ordinary school education, can readily pass. The Government wants young men over 18 with common sense, to take examinations for railway mail clerks and carriers, and the Government Position Bureau, of Rochester, N. Y., with its peculiar knowledge of the requirements of the examination, can fit any young man in a short time to pass. A Government position means steady work, good pay, and a yearly vacation. There is time to prepare for the May 15 examination, and any reader of The Sun can get full information how to proceed, free of charge, by writing The Government Positions Bureau, 1154 Powers block, Rochester, N. Y., who also prepare men for examinations for post-office clerks, clerk carriers and rural free delivery carriers.

The Everglades drainage outfit has recently been augmented by the completion of the two dredges Miami and Caloosahatchee. The first will work from the Miami river and the other up the river for which it is named. The arrival of the latter dredge at Fort Myers was the occasion for a demonstration just as the arrival of the Miami was at that city. There are now four big dredges at work in the territory.



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