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TEN CENTS A WEEK

DR. MURPHREE ACCEPTS UNIVERSITY PRESIDENCY

Elected at Joint Meeting of Boards to Fill Vacancy Caused by Dr. Sledd's Resignation.

The Times-Union of Sunday contained the following account of a meeting of the Board of Control at Tallahassee Saturday:

"TALLAHASSEE, April 10.—At a joint meeting of the State Board of Control and the State Board of Education held this afternoon, the resignation of President Andrew Sledd of the University of Florida at Gainesville was received and accepted, and President A. A. Murphree of the State College for Women at Tallahassee was elected to fill the vacancy.

"The resignation of Dr. Sledd obviates the differences that have existed between the two boards for several months.

"Resolutions were adopted at the meeting which make public the details of the differences which have existed and without doubt were the direct cause of the resignation of Dr. Sledd.

"The question of the duties and powers of the respective boards regarding the election of heads of the State institutions caused the dispute which led to the clash between the two boards. By an act creating and defining the duties and powers of the Board of Control, the members of this board believed that they were invested with the duty and authority to elect a head of State institutions under their control.

"A short while ago the Attorney-

General, Mr. Trammell, was asked to give an opinion regarding the duties and powers of this board, as well as the Board of Education the right to confirm or reject the appointments of any or all heads of State institutions made by the Board of Control.

"A sensation was sprung at the meeting when Chairman N. P. Bryan of the Board of Control, moved that State Superintendent Holloway produce a copy of a letter alleged to have been written by him (Holloway), and sent to certain citizens at Gainesville intimating that the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, composed of the Governor and his cabinet, would not allow the expenditure of further funds from the appropriation of new buildings at the University if Sledd was retained. This Holloway refused to do.

"Dr. Sledd is highly regarded by the members of the Board of Control and he has done magnificent work in the development of the University. The resolutions pay tribute to his ability.

"Dr. Murphree has asked for a little time in which to consider the matter before a final decision."

Dr. Murphree Accepts.

The Sun received a message from Tallahassee Monday morning stating that Dr. Murphree had accepted the presidency of the State University, and that he would probably visit Gainesville during the coming week.

Enters Upon Long Voyage.

Chas. M. Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fisher of North Gainesville, is now en route to the Philippine Islands, having sailed from San Francisco Friday for Manila.

Mr. Fisher recently received appointment through the University of Florida, under civil service rules, as a member of the Philippine consular, and will enter upon his new duties as soon as he reaches Manila. The position requires that he remain in the service for at least two years, and while his many Gainesville friends were reluctant to see him go,

all feel sure that he will prove equal to any line of duty which may be assigned him.

This makes the second Gainesville boy to take up life in the Philippines, Sam J. Burnett, Jr., having gone there a year or more since to engage in the Government service.

Postponed.

The "Trades Extravaganza" has been postponed until Thursday night, April 15th, because of not being able to secure the opera house for the necessary number of rehearsals.

There will be rehearsals Wednesday and Wednesday night.

Arcadia Mob Lynched a Would-be Assailant Sunday

ARCADIA, Fla., April 12.—John Smith, the negro who Saturday dragged Miss Mary Steel Ewing from her buggy, two miles from Arcadia, in an attempt at criminal assault, was taken away from the sheriff and his deputies at an early hour Sunday morning and hanged to a tree.

Miss Ewing, who had been to the city on a shopping tour, was returning to her home, four miles from the city, when the negro sprang into the buggy, seized her and dragged her into the bushes, throwing her down and choking her.

The young woman begged, fought and prayed to the negro to let her go and offered to give him \$100 in cash if he would accompany her home, but this did not stop him, who was about to force his victim into submission when Miss Ewing, in her struggle, saw Will Knowles and his brother walking some distance from the scene. With renewed vigor she screamed and this attracted the Knowles brothers, who rushed to her assistance. The negro made his escape.

After taking Miss Ewing to her

house the men rushed to this city, spread the news and bloodhounds, followed by a posse of 300 men, were soon on the trail. The negro was found at a turpentine camp and was taken before his victim, who positively identified him.

Pursuers Were in Auto.

Sheriff Freeman and his deputies succeeded in placing Smith in jail, but being afraid of an attack attempted to spirit him out of Arcadia, when they were met by an automobile party, held up and forced to give up the prisoner.

The negro, seeing that he was doomed to death, pleaded for mercy, but there was none for him in the hearts of the men, who carried him to the edge of the city, where they strung him up to a tree. His body was still hanging yesterday morning. Miss Ewing positively identified the clothing on the negro and pointed out the shirt she had torn in her efforts to escape.

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A QUIET SABBATH IN TALLAHASSEE

A NUMBER OF LEGISLATORS ATTENDED EASTER SERVICES.

Indications That Many Bills Will Be Introduced in Both Houses This Week.

TALLAHASSEE, April 12.—Serenity reigned supreme in the State capital yesterday. A majority of those members of the Legislature whose pleasure it was to spend the Sabbath in Tallahassee attended both morning and evening services at the beautifully decorated churches. There is an unspeakable sublimity to the environment here. The pretty homes, with their gardens claiming wealth of flowers, the thoroughfares lined with great spreading oaks, and the people with an adorable friendliness, serve to make Tallahassee a veritable Garden of Eden. The surrounding country with its green hills and tall stately trees with their wax-like green foliage is picturesque. The weather here was ideal throughout yesterday, in contrast to Easter Sunday two years ago, when the legislators were last here.

Both Houses of the Legislature will convene at 3 p. m. today, and indications are that there will be many bills introduced in both houses during the week.

OUTRAGE PERPETRATED UPON JUDGE SHEPPARD

HIS HOUSEHOLD GOODS ATTACHED BY NEGRO'S ATTORNEY.

Claimed That Negro Was Injured by Judge Sheppard's Automobile, and He Wanted Damages.

The following, which appeared under an Atlanta headline dated Saturday, will be read with interest by the many friends of Judge W. B. Sheppard, Judge of the United States Court, this district:

"While Judge W. B. Sheppard of the United States Court for the Northern District of Florida, who has a residence in this city at Juniper and Tenth streets, was absent from his home Thursday afternoon, it was stripped of furniture by bailiffs, under an attachment issued at the instance of Attorneys Charles J. and Jesse L. Moore.

"The whole matter came out in police court yesterday as the result of the trial of Philip Beall, Judge Sheppard's secretary and chauffeur, upon charges of exceeding the speed limit, it developing that while Judge Sheppard was absent from home and Mrs. Sheppard was ill, two justice court bailiffs accompanied by three negroes, entered his home and took from it every article of furniture, excepting the beds, took the wearing apparel of both Judge and Mrs. Sheppard and even the toys, with which the children were playing, while the little ones cried and begged for their return.

"This was done under a writ of attachment issued from Justice of the Peace Jackson's court, alleging a claim of \$500 on the part of a negro named Sam Osborne, who was recently injured by being struck by Judge Sheppard's automobile. Osborne was represented by the Moores. It is said the Moores had offered to settle the case for \$150, and that Judge Sheppard had offered to pay the doctor's bill and for the time lost by Osborne, who was not seriously hurt, but this was refused.

"Judge Sheppard emphatically denounced the proceedings in Recorder's court, declaring it an outrage upon the United States Court, and asserted that the Moores were insulting in their manner and actions toward

FORMER GAINESVILLIAN MEETS DEATH IN TAMPA

D. W. McDonnell Struck on Head With Pitcher Which Resulted in His Death.

News was received in this city Sunday of the sudden death of D. W. McDonnell, which occurred at Tampa while the man was on one of his occasional sprees.

McDonnell first came here as a carpenter and later engaged in another business, but afterwards took up the vocation of farming. In fact, he did a little of everything and followed more than a dozen different lines while living here.

A few weeks since he became dissatisfied with this section and left, with his young wife and child, for Tampa, where he hoped to find work, but as he was a man that could not stand temptation in the whiskey line, his friends advised him to stay away. He failed to heed this, and like many, also failed to find work, being finally thrown against fate which put him to drinking even harder than ever, and it is said that an old friend of his late father had taken care of him and his wife and was doing his best to sober the man when the accident occurred that caused his death.

Following is a partial account of what The Tampa Times has to say of the occurrence:

"Apparently as the result of a blow received on the head from a water pitcher hurled at him by John Boatwright, Donald McDonnell died at an early hour this morning at the home of the former, 2008 Michigan avenue, near Twenty-first street.

"Immediately after McDonnell's death Boatwright came to Tampa and gave himself up to the police, who turned him over to the county officers, and he is now in jail.

"The story of the tragedy is that McDonnell, who, with his wife and child, was stopping at Boatwright's

house, had been drinking and was annoying the members of the Boatwright family by going from one room to another and refusing to remain in his own room. Boatwright is said to have put up with it for some time and then forcibly put him into his room. When McDonnell again attempted to leave it, Boatwright threw the water pitcher at him, striking him on the left side of the head. McDonnell fell to the floor, and Boatwright realizing that he was badly hurt, rushed to him, lifted him onto his bed and sent a message for Dr. Edward Smoak, who shortly arrived on the scene. This was about 10 o'clock last night, and after examining the wound the doctor expressed the opinion that the man would be all right in the morning and left.

"Boatwright said some of the members of the family remained in the room with the wounded man, and about 1 o'clock, while sitting up in bed, he suddenly collapsed, and in a few moments was dead.

"McDonnell was without means, and had been drinking a great deal of late. Because of some debt of gratitude which Boatwright owed to McDonnell's father, he had taken the man and his wife and child into his home, having expressed a hope of reforming the man."

The remains were prepared in Tampa and shipped to Micanopy, where the interment was held, deceased being placed beside one of his children which died a few months since when he was employed as an engineer there.

When sober he was a kind and considerate man, but like most all others, was unruly and ungrateful when under the influence of whiskey.

Twin Auctioneers.

There will be something unique introduced to the people of Gainesville on Wednesday, when the Watson Realty Company, the people who sell a lot a minute, will have the famous twin auctioneers crying the same bid at the same time in the same tone. This is something entirely new in the real estate auction line and your time will be well invested by spending a portion of it in hearing these wonderful men. Special attention will be given to ladies and beautiful silver souvenirs will be given away.

Keep your eye on the want ads. There may be something advertised which is of interest to you.

nim. This Charles Moore pronounced false and said Judge Sheppard was the one who offered the insults.

"Judge Sheppard said the physician who attended the negro told him \$50 would be a most liberal payment, and he offered that, though he did not consider himself legally bound to pay anything at all. Recorder Broyles dismissed the complaint against Beall, which was not sustained.

"Edgar Watkins, attorney for Judge Sheppard, located Judge Sheppard's household goods at Justice Jackson's court, gave a replevin bond and they were returned to Judge Sheppard's home."

Sun "Want" ads. bring results.

Senate May Take Up the Payne Tariff Bill Today

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—The Senate will take up the Payne tariff bill early this week. Because of the large number of changes made in it by the Senate Committee on Finance, it probably will henceforth be known as the Payne-Aldrich bill. It probably will be reported today.

As is usually the case in the presentation of tariff bills, the Republican majority has assumed the right to indicate the Senate's attitude toward the bill, so that whatever amendments may be suggested when it is returned to the Senate will be the result of their labors.

The Democrats will be asked to go over the work of the majority mem-

bers, and if for any reason they should ask delay for a day or two it probably would be granted.

It is not expected that many speeches will be made in the Senate. While not accepting the protective principle, the Democratic members realize that the measure will be passed, and they are not disposed to cause unnecessary delay. Consequently most of the discussion by the Democrats will be upon the merit of amendments.

While the Senate is wrestling with the tariff bill the lower body will meet only on Monday and Thursday when the census bill, as passed by the Senate, will receive attention, but little or no other business will be undertaken.