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ALACHUA COUNTY RESCUED.

Alachua county has been rescued from the relentless grasp of the merciless legalized saloon. The temperance people fought long and hard, but their victory was greater than they expected, and their joy is indescribable.

It has been believed by a majority of the temperance people from the day the election was ordered, that the county would go dry by a small majority, but only a few believed that the majority would be as great as it was, and many believed that the city of Gainesville itself, would be in the wet column. But such was not the case; the result of the election was a regular land-slide in favor of the dry side, and Gainesville, the county's metropolis, with four saloons, rolled up a dry majority of 48 votes.

The saloon men expected to be defeated, else they never would have done a thing so unreasonable as they did when they asked an honorable gentleman and able judge like His Honor Judge Wills, to stultify himself to the extent of forbiding the county commissioners to canvass the vote and declare the result of the election. Yes, they expected defeat, but the defeat was more crushing than they expected, and the temperance people's victory was more glorious than they had hoped for.

While the men have been working, the good women have been praying, and when a people unites and works, and watches, and prays for a thing, they are sure to get it. All day Tuesday, while the temperance men were working, voting, and many of them praying for deliverance from the legalized saloons, the good women were making the W. C. T. U. rooms a place of prayer and supplication. The prayers were answered; the work was rewarded; "We have met the enemy and he is ours."

Thanks be to Almighty God for the victory; thanks to Him for putting it into the hearts of strong men who have heretofore been on the wet side to come to the help of those who are fighting for the good of their homes, the manhood of their boys, the purity of their daughters, the delight of their wives, and the honor of them all.

And let us none forget that if we would get all the good out of this victory that there is in it we must follow it up; not with a desire to injure, or wound unnecessarily the feelings of the vanquished—let this be far from any of us—but let us from the very begining resolve (and keep our vows) that we will use every honorable means at our command to have the law respected.

With the sentiment that exists in Alachua county today the blind tiger can no more thrive than can the highwayman or the sneak thief. There will doubtless be some liquor selling, just as there will be some stealing and robbing, but if we treat the seller as we do the thief and robber (and we certainly should) blind tigers will not be numerous.

FLORIDA'S ORANGE CROP.

Advices from all over the State are to the effect that the results of the big freeze of a few years ago; in which a very large proportion of the orange trees of the State were killed, are rapidly passing away, and that Florida will shortly be prepared to furnish even a greater number of oranges than before the disaster. It is said that this year's crop will be worth about $2,500,000, and will exceed the crop of last year by about one million boxes.

The reports are also favorable to the growth of pineapples, many square miles of territory having been placed under cultivation. The shipments of pineapples this season have reached two million boxes, which are valued at $3 per box.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

Wednesday was the aniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis, and was a legal holiday in this State.

WHO CAN UNDERSTAND?

Roaring floods and howling winds have recently wrought ruin and death in several states of the Union, and to account for these dire calamities is beyond the power of men. Whither they come and go, and why, no man can tell. It is foolishness to say, as some do, that these calamities are sent upon the people because of any special wickedness on their part, for in no instance have we heard of the good being exempted and the very wicked being especially punished with these disasters. All trouble and sorrow is the result of sin, of course, but all have sinned, and fire and flood and wind are no respectors of persons or things which chance to be in their paths. They strike churches, schools, and the homes of the best, with as much force and destruction as they do saloons, bawdy houses, and homes of the vilest.

While swollen streams are carrying death and destruction in their paths in Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, North Georgia has a sudden and terrible visitation by cyclone, and church, home, factory and brothel is destryed, and the purest and vilest of men and women are together swept into eternity.

Who can understand the whys and wherefores of these things? It is, perhaps, best that we can not understand them, but one thing is certain, the people of Florida have much to be thankful for, while no such calamities come our way as our more unfortunate fellow creatures of other states are suffering the results of. Let us be duly thankful, and sympathize with those who are not so fortunate as we are.

LIQUOR AND CRIME.

Under the above caption the Jacksonville Metropolis, Florida's livest, and most widely circulated great daily newspaper, speaks of the liquor traffic and crime in a manner that ought to convince the weakkneed newspaper men of the State that it doesn't hurt a newspaper that is worth hurting, to speak the truth about the evils of the liquor traffic.

The Metropolis says: This is the way a great State gets ruined by the absence of saloons: When prohibition went into operation Kansas had a population of 996,616. Out of the population she had 917 convicts. After twenty-one years of prohibition the population is 1,570,495, an increase of nearly 50 per cent, but she now has only 788 prisoners; while the population has increased 50 per cent, crime has decreased, in proportion to the present population, 65 per cent. Liquor is the great cause of crime. Chaplain McBrain of the Kansas State prison, practiced law twenty-five years before becoming a chaplain. He says 75 per cent of all crime is due to liquor. Kansas has one hundred counties. Five of these are notorious for the violation of prohibitiory law. These counties, with 17 per cent of the State's population, furnishes over 30 per cent of its crime.

One of the strong points for making counties dry in Florida is the claim that it lessons crime and court expenses. Facts and figures are on the side of the dry to sustain this claim, and the consequence is that the voting is, in a majority of cases, on the same side.

Indiana is alarmed over the prospect of a threatened epidemic of black smallpox. State Senator Gibson, of Perry county, died suddenly during the recent session of the Legislature, and several who were with him when ill have since died of black smallpox, and others are sick.

Thirty-two years ago the site on which Birmingham, Ala., a great and growing city now stands, was a corn field. It is said that the land produced splendid corn, so why should it not produce a great city.

Those who say a preacher should never leave his pulpit to fight evil can hardly believe what they say. It is every preacher's duty to hunt up the devil and attack him wherever he is found.

Railroad Commissioner Jeff Browne has been exhonorated by the Legislative Committee appointed to investigate the charges preferred against him.

You may close the gate now; "the hogs are out of the corn."

It's a great victory, but we wish the defeated well.

MASTER'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of final decree enforcing mechanics' lien, made and rendered on the 14th day of March, A. D. 1900, by Hon. W. A. Hocker, then Circuit Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, which Circuit embraced Alachua county, in a certain cause therein pending in Chancery of said Court, wherein L. C. Gracy and A. W. McDonald comprising the firm of Gracy & McDonald, were complainants and C. B. Easterlin and Lillie B. Summers were defendants:

I, J. A. Ammons, as special master in chancery, duly appointed as such by said court, will sell at public auction before the court house door, in the city of Gainesville, Alachua county, Florida, on Monday, the 6th day of July, A. D. 1903, between the legal hours of sale, all those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Alachua, in the State of Florida, and more particularly described as the west half (½) of the east half (½), of Block number four (4), in Range one (1), in the town of High Springs, the same being in Section three (3), Township eight (8) South, Range seventeen (17) east.

Also, the southeast one hundred (100) feet by one hundred (100) feet of Block number sixty (60) of D. E. Whetston's plat and addition to the town of High Springs, together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining:

Said property to be sold as the estate and property of said C. B. Easterlin, et al, to satisfy and pay said decree, fees and costs. J. A. AMMONS,
W. H PALMER, Special Master.
R. E. DAVIS,
Solicitors for Complainant.

MASTER'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of a final decree of foreclosure made and rendered on the 27th day of July, A. D. 1898, by Hon. W. A. Hocker, then Circuit Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, which circuit embraced and comprised Alachua and other counties, in a certain cause therein pending on the Chancery side of said court, wherein L. C. Gracy and A. W. McDonald were complainants and Massie E. White was defendant, I, Robert E. Davis, as special master in chancery, duly appointed by the said court, will sell at public outcry before the court house door, in the city of Gainesville, Florida, on Monday, the 6th day of July, A. D. 1903, between the legal hours of sale, all of that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the County of Alachua, in the State of Florida, known and described as all of Block six (6), Range Block five (5), in the Town of High Springs, Florida, as described in Mr. S. C. Moore's plat of the town of Santafee, now called High Springs, all in Section three, Township eight south, of Range seventeen east, together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining:

Said property to be sold as the property of Massie E. White to satisfy and pay said decree, fees and costs, as madified by a recent review and mandate of the Supreme Court of the State of Florida.
ROBERT E. DAVIS,
W. H. PALMER, Special Master.
Solicitor for Complainant.

MASTER'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of a final decree of foreclosure, made and rendered on the 17th day of February, A. D. 1898, by Hon. W. A. Hocker, then Circuit Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, of which Alachua county formed a part thereof, in a certain cause therein pending in Chancery of said Court, wherein A. O. Steenberg was complainant, and Benjamin Drayton and Nancy Drayton were defendants:

I, J. M. Rivers, as special master in chancery, duly appointed as such by the said court, will sell at public auction before the court house door, in the city of Gainesville, Alachua county, Florida, on Monday, the 6th day of July, A. D. 1903, between the legal hours of sale, all that certain lot, piece or parcel, of land, situated, lying and being in the county of Alachua, in the State of Florida, described as the north half (½) of the west half (½) of lot number eight (8) of and within the Napier Grant, comprising ten (10) acres of land more or less, together with all the singular, the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining:

Said property to be sold as the property of Benjamin Drayton, to satisfy and pay said decree, fees and costs.
W. H. PALMER, J. M. RIVERS,
R. E. DAVIS, Special Master.
Solicitors for Complainant.

MASTER'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Alachua county, Florida, in the cause therein pending, wherein W. P. Conyers and W. P. Smith, as the executors of the last will and testament of Julia R. Furman, deceased, are complainants, and Philip Rutledge is defendant, I will on Monday, July 6, 1903, between the legal hours of sale, sell before the court house door at Gainesville, Florida, the following described property, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake which is located 12 and 47-100 chains east of and from the half-mile stake on the north boundary line of section 25, of township 9 south, of range 18 east, and run south 21 and 21-100 chains, then east 11 chains, thence north 21 and 21-100 chains, thence west 11 chains to place of beginning. Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appertenances to the same, belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Said property to be sold as the property of Philip Rutledge to pay said decree and costs. H. G. MASON,
Special Master.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Gainesville, Fla.,
May 25, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make Commutation proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before Registerer and Receiver at Gainesville, Fla., on June 27, 1903, viz: Lillian L. Sanders, of Alachua, Fla., Homestead 31439, for the north-west ¼ of south-west ¼ of Section 28, Township 8 south, Range 18 east.

She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: S. W. Suggs, of Alachua, Fla.; J. H. Sanders, of Alachua, Fla.; F. B. Rawls, of Alachua, Fla.; H. T. Murphy, of Alachua, Fla. W. G. ROBINSON,
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... gates of the Massachusetts, Merrimack, Bootte, Tremont and Suffold, Hamilton and Appleton cotton mills, at Lowell, Mass., which have been closed for nine weeks by reason of labor troubles, were opened Monday. The Lawrence mills, which were partly closed, also resumed.

Only about 4,000 operatives responded out of about 18,000, who had been idle.