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A new court house is being erected at Live Oak for Sawannee county.

Evangelist Culpepper said in Tampa recently: "A dancing Christian is a misnomer, and a barroom Christian an impossibility."

The Morning Press published at St. Augustine with Everett M. Canova as manager is the latest venture in journalism. It is neatly got up and well filled with live ads. We wish for it success.

Experts report that the fire in Baltimore was the result of a cigar stub carelessly thrown into inflammable material. It is strange how much harm such insignificant things can do.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

In Canada in 34 years only 69 divorces have been granted—the remarkably small average of 2 divorces a year. In the same period 700,000 divorces have been granted in the Unitd States.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

A senator cannot be a friend to Flagler and Standard Oil and a friend to the people at the same time. He will desert one or the other when the time comes that he must make a choice. Voter don't trust the Standard Oil candidate.—Florida Free Press.

A disastrous fire occurred at West Tampa on Monday afternoon, when one hundred and thirty buildings and four large cigar factories were burned. The loss is estimated at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. West Tampa has the sympathy of the entire State in their loss.

Let us have no delegates of the George Wilson type. If a Standard-Oily delegation is to cast Florida's vote in the Democratic National Convention, it would be simpler and easier to give Flegler our proxies, and let him or a "personal representative" cast Florida's vote. —Monticello News.

The Vienna (Ga.) News says: "We believe that the papers which are forever jumping on Mr. Hearst and severely criticising him, could engage in a more acceptable if not a more profitable employment. It matters not who the democratic party nominates, Mr. Hearst, with all his great newspapers, will, we believe, give him his undivided support, and right here is where Mr. Heart will prove a valuable man to the party."

Every Democratic voter who believes that Congressman Davis is the best man in the race for governor, and would, if elected, make a better governor than either of his opponents, should vote for him. But the man who votes for Mr. Davis because he fears "Our Bob" will be out of a job if he fails to get the gubernatorial nomination is giving himself unnecessary worry. Mr. Davis will be provided for. Remember H. E. Day.

The annual report of the State Comptroller contains the following very sensible paragraph: "The assessment and collection of taxes is of great importance to the state and counties, and upon the fidelity with which the officials act upon the delicate questions involved in the performance of the responsible duty assigned depends in a large measure the financial standing of the state and counties. Wise laws may be enacted and the most careful instructions may be given, but they cannot become effective without the co-operation and intelligent services of those depended upon to put the laws in operation. The very satisfactory increase in the valuation of property, as shown by the assessment rolls, attests the fidelity and earnestness of effort upon the part of the tax assessors to carry out the law and pursue the instructions given from this office."—The Tropical Sun.

SUNDAY NIGHT SPARKING.

"A Judge at Newark, N. J., recently ruled that an engagement of marriage entered into on Sunday night is void," says an exchange. "On this ground he released the defendant in a breach of promise suit from all claims for damages.

"This is a hard blow at courtship of the kind that keeps its weather eye on the breach of promise courts, but it is not likely to impede the progress of that true love which runs its most even course on Sunday nights.

"Sunday night sparking is a sacred institution.

"But for it life would become at certain age not worth living, and race suicide would become indeed a matter of serious apprehension.

"The man who has not tender memories of taking his "steady" home from Sunday evening service, and going in for "a little while," is apt to be a crusty old bachelor, hating women because he never knew one in her most charming attitude.

"The man whose youth was never mellowed by a Sunday night (or any other night, for that matter) kiss, stolen from not too unwilling lips, has missed half his life.

"We who are grown old and heart-hardened may sneer at it now and think that young hearts should be calloused as old ones are; but time was with us when we looked forward through the seven days to Sunday night as the golden time of the week.

"And our fathers did it. And our grandfathers. And our great grandfathers. It is an ancient human custom that did not originate with our own youth or fade with it. Our children do it in spite of our frowns. And our grandchildren will. And our great-grandchildren. Generations will come and go, but Sunday night sparking will remain—

"In spite of that New Jersey decision."

SOLD TO FLAGLER.

John N. C. Stockton has been charged by Senator Taliaferro with selling the Times-Union to Mr Flagler. Mr. Stockton doesn't deny the charge, but explains the transaction in a way that is sure to win for him the respect of every admirer of an honest man. His explanation is as follows:

"It is true that the Times-Union was owned by the Stockton brothers at one time, but that does not make me responsible for the present attitude of that sheet by any means. In 1893 Mr. Flagler wanted to buy the Times-Union and we refused to sell it to him. He then established the Citizen in Jacksonville to run us out of business, and it came to such a point, before we were finally forced to the wall, that even the railroads refused to allow our paper to be sold on the trains. He did everything in his power to strangle the Times Union, and from 1893 to 1897 was operating the Citizen at a loss of $5,000 to $8,000 per month, while we were losing at the rate of over $1,000 a month. We kept up the fight for thirty-six long months, during which time he lost approximately $300,000 and our paper had gone in debt to the extent of $36,000, and the only honorable thing we could do to protect our creditors was to sell our paper as you would sell a piece of real estate to pay your debts as an honest man. If we had continued the publication of the paper one more day the sheriff would have taken it, and then creditors would not have been paid, as they were, every cent of our indebtedness. While we were forced to surrender, our surrender was like that of the immortal Robert E. Lee at Appomattox, and when he surrendered he didn't give up his principles—just remember that."

It makes no difference who is chosen as a candidate for the Presidency, if he be a good man and a Democrat. The South will support any good man who can show a clean record as to his Democracy. The South is loyal. But it is time for the South to do something else besides blindly following. It is time for the South to lead. Delegates bound by instructions would be thereby unfitted for deliberation and party counsel. They would be a tail to a boom-kite, a clapper to a political bell to clangorously clamor when the cord is jerked.—Monticello News.

Sound Without Air.

Sound can be obtained without air if some elastic medium be interposed between the ear and the body that emits the sound, but sound cannot be transmitted through a perfect vacuum. Hawksby proved that if the space between the sounding body and the ear be exhausted of air no sound will be audible.

Any medium, however—gaseous, liquid or solid—will if elastic transmit sound waves. Franklin, for instance, having plunged his head under water, caused two stones to be struck together beneath the surface and at a distance of half a mile heard the blows distinctly. Colladon, another investigator, heard the sound of a bell struck under water in the lake of Geneva at a distance of nine miles.

It is well known that wood transmits sound in a remarkable manner. A person at one end of a wooden beam will hear a pin scratch made at the other end, though the person making it may hear no sound at all. This fact is sometimes employed as a test of the soundness of the beam, for the experiment will fail if the intervening wood be rotten.

A Book He Didn't Have.

At the very beginning of his editorial career a friend visited Henry Labouchere and, seeing a quantity of books around which had been sent in for review, offered to bet the editor of London Truth that there was one book he had not got in the office. Labouchere inquired the name of the book, and his friend promptly answered, "A Bible." With a laugh Labouchere offered to bet £10 that he had even that book. Turning the conversation in another direction, he furtively sent a note out into the clerk's office telling the boy to go downstairs and ask the booksellers underneath for the loan of a Bible. Presently he returned to the subject of the bet and, calling his assistant in, asked him whether he had a Bible in the office. The clerk produced the book, which Labouchere handed over to his friend, giving himself away, however, as he did so by saying sotto voce to the clerk, "I hope to goodness you didn't forget to cut the leaves!"

A Polite Denial.

Everybody knows the man who is careful never to say "No" abruptly in answer to a question. "No" is a hard word, but one may sometimes be made ridiculous by a reluctance to utter it, says an exchange.

A certain man who had this habit was once met by two ladies who had been discussing the peculiarity, and one of them said that she was positive she could make him say "Oh, no!" flatly. So she addressed him thus:

"Let me see, Mr. Smith; you are a widower, are you not?"

"As much a widower, madam," he answered, with a polite inclination of his head, "as it is possible for a man to be who has never married."

The lady had to own herself beaten.—Mobile Register.

Sex Characteristics.

Have you ever noticed in a fashionable crowd how much like men the women are and how much like women the men? It is not that the men are really effeminate or the women really masculine, as a keen observer once put it, but there is, nevertheless, a curious approximation in type. It may be to some extent a matter of dress. Women affect the mannish in their costume, men in summer seek more color. But it is not dress alone. The woman's face seems stronger and the man's less sensual than it would have been even a century ago. The figure, too, has changed. The man is less gross, the woman more athletic, and both are taller.—London Tatler.

Lion Cubs as Pets.

The most attractive household pets in the entire animal kingdom are said to be very young lion cubs. They are docile, affectionate and quick to learn tricks, it is said, besides being very decorative, considered merely as an article of furniture. Persons who have adopted young lions as pets and enjoyed their society for any length of time are ever after intolerant of any animal so tame and uninteresting as a dog or a cat.

A Quaint Sort of Wedding.

When a marriage takes place among the Negritos, a people of the Philippine Islands, the whole tribe assembles, and the affianced pair climb two trees growing close together. Then the elders bend the branches that the young folks are on till their heads meet. When the heads have thus touched each other the marriage is legally accomplished, and there are great rejoicings. A fantastic dance completes the ceremony.

The Handy Boy.

"Willie, you may finish this piece of pie if you want it," said mother. "It isn't enough to save."

"Mother," said Willie when he had finished it, "a boy in the family comes in very handy when there is a little bit of pie left over, doesn't he?"—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

He Startled Her.

"Some women," he said, "have very little sense of rhythmic time in their heads. Are you good at keeping step, Miss Gushleigh?"

"Oh, Mr. Grubbins," she cried, "this is so sudden!"

For of course all she knew about keeping step was confined to the wedding march.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

German Forethought.

Wealthy Resident—Why don't you call for more firemen, chief?

Chief of Volunteer Firemen—Well, you see, we get only one keg of beer for putting out a fire, and the fewer there are of us the more beer we shall have to drink.—Fliegende Blatter.

The popular impression is that the Legion of Honor is the only French decoration, but that is not at all the case. France possesses orders quite as ancient as those of most countries, though the oldest of them, St. Esprit, St. Michel, St. Louis and St. Hubert, dating from the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, are no longer conferred. Since the Legion of Honor, which was founded in 1802 by the first consul and modified by statute in 1816 and 1852, there have been established no fewer than seven decorations. The Legion is the only honor that can be bestowed on foreigners.

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MASTER'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of a decree enforcing a vendor's lien made and rendered on the 16th day of February A. D. 1904, by Honorable J. T. Wills, Judge of the Circuit Court for the 8th Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Alachua county, in Chancery, in a certain cause there pending, wherein C. L. Montague & Company are Complainants and L. W. Fennell, as Sheriff of Alachua county, Florida, and ex-officio Administrator of and for the estate of James M. Lumb, deceased, and T. H. Willard, are defendants, and wherein I was appointed as a Special Master in Chancery to execute said decree, I will on Monday, the 2nd day of May, A. D. 1904, between the legal hours of sale, the same being legal sale day, sell the following described property situated in Alachua county, Florida, to-wit:

The south half of the north-east quarter of Section 28, in Township 8, south of Range 17 east, containing 80 acres of land, more or less; also, the south-east quarter of the north-west quartet of Section 13, in Township 8, south of Range 16 east. Said property to be sold as the property of the estate of James M. Lumb, deceased, and of the said T. H. Willard, to satisfy and pay said decree, fees and costs. Terms cash.

This 1st day of April, A. D. 1904.
E. R. VOYLE,
As Special Master in Chancery.