

DIABOLICAL

Attempt to Burn Putnam House

DISCOVERED IN TIME TO PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION OF PALATKA.

Magnificent Work of the City Fire Department.

The Putnam House was fired by an incendiary last Monday morning. The fire was discovered about 2 a. m. by Mrs. Cato who was awakened by the smoke. She roused Mr. Cato who called Mr. Mooney, the caretaker. Night policeman Sanford happened to be near on Lemon street, and he sounded the alarm.

The firemen were prompt. They could not have gotten out quicker had they been drawing \$1,000 a year salary. Citizens generally responded also. The fire was in the hallway immediately back of the ladies' parlor. The house was choked with smoke, and for a time it was almost impossible to stand to the work. But the water was turned on and the brave firemen, after a full hour's work, had the flames subdued and the woodwork so saturated there was no danger of their breaking out again.

The fire burned up through the floor and spoiled the walls and ceiling for twenty feet; the damage from water is considerable: a total of \$400 to \$500.

After the battle it was discovered that the work was unquestionably that of an incendiary. It is stated that the fire crawled under the house through a man hole on the Reid street side. Those who went under say their tracks are to be seen both going and coming away, and that in the latter trip he got lost and the tracks show wanderings. But he got away; most of the party.

It was diabolical, for the idea originated from the hell in the man's heart. Had he been caught there is no doubt that he would even now be doing time in the eternity from which his fiendishness originated. At any rate the people should have done their part in giving him a start.

There have been several fires of incendiary origin here lately, but none of them at their worst could have had the destructive effect on the city as would the successful firing of the Putnam House. One fired beyond control the best business part of Palatka would have gone with it.

There are many theories on the question of motive, but they are only theories. The mayor and council have ordered watchfulness, and sometime the arch fiend will be caught and then—well, we reckon.

The City Council at its meeting on Tuesday night offered a reward for the apprehension and conviction of the party who caused the fire.

Death of B. L. Lilenthal.

News was received in this city last week Thursday of the sudden death of ex-county treasurer B. L. Lilenthal at his home in Atlanta on Wednesday night. This paper had but just been issued, and the news, therefore, came too late for insertion last week.

Mr. Lilenthal retired at 9:30 on Wednesday night. It was a little earlier than was his custom and attracted the attention of his daughter, Fannie, who asked him if he was not feeling well. He replied that he was. A little later he called to the daughter, saying, "Fannie, get me a hot water bottle for my feet." The daughter went down stairs to get the bottle and when she returned her father simply said "Oh! Fannie!" and expired. The funeral occurred at 2 o'clock on Thursday.

Mr. Lilenthal came to Palatka in 1874, and was in continuous business until 1885, when he moved to Atlanta. He was prominent in the affairs of the city and county, serving on the board of aldermen many terms, and acting as the first mayor of Palatka Heights. He also served two or three terms as county treasurer. He was a good citizen and had the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens in a marked degree. He is survived by a wife, three daughters and a son.

Death of A Tramp.

He was only a tramp, but he was aged and sick and when he wandered into the city on Friday last it was not difficult to see that he was suffering, so he was given permission to sleep in the jail. The old man was a Swede and he gave his name as Gustave Hogberg and his age as 73. On Monday his illness showed alarming symptoms and he was taken to the old hospital and Dr. Steen was called, who pronounced the case pneumonia. He continued to get worse and on Tuesday morning just before the sun rose for the rest of us this old, tired tramp passed into the great beyond where he said the "weary be at rest" and it must be that this old man found it for there was an expression of peace upon his features which spoke of his last hope as realized. Letters found on his person were from Sweden and addressed to the above name at 5 Water street, New York city. He was buried on Wednesday at public expense. Only a tramp! but what a history of love, of disappointment, of joy and sorrow may have been interwoven into the 73 years' life of this poor old man who died among strangers thousands of miles from the land that gave him birth! Some men are tramps from choice, others from necessity. Let us give the old man the benefit of the charity "that thinketh no evil" and believe that his needs drove him to it. Anyway, he was old and needed the rest that is now his.

For the Public Library.

Citizens of Palatka should rally to the support of the ladies in the entertainment announced for next Monday evening at the Armory. Music recitation, singing and dancing will be the features of a program which has been arranged by the ladies of the Fortnightly Club for the benefit of the public library. To every one who will attend there is promised a full equivalent in enjoyment and money together with the satisfaction which comes to one who contributes to a worthy cause.

Bond Trustees Organize.

The board of bond trustees had a meeting last week and effected an organization by electing Dr. E. S. Crill, president, and Geo. E. Gay, secretary. The board expects to get down to hard business immediately.

The Jewels.

The Jewels held their regular weekly meeting at the home of Miss Ella Bury last Friday. It was truly a business meeting and the afternoon was spent in discussing plans and arranging work for the new year. It is encouraging to see the interest manifested by both the young and the old in this work, and they have endeavored to keep them busy for several months.

This society is rightly named, "The Jewels" and we are justly proud of it. The officers for the ensuing year were elected at this meeting and are as follows: Miss Clyde Estes, president; Miss Susie Walton, vice-president; Miss Josie Haskell, secretary; Miss Lillian Ralph, treasurer.

Fortnightly Club Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Women's Fortnightly Club which was last week deferred out of respect and sympathy for its president in her bereavement, was held at the club rooms on Friday, Jan. 17th. About 30 members were present, and a most entertaining and instructive literary program was given by Mrs. Willard's committee. The subject was "Hawaii," and it was treated under the following heads:

1. Geographical situation, climate, vegetation and resources, by Miss Powell.
2. The inhabitants, occupation, customs and religions, by Miss Ackerman.
3. Transition from cannibalism to civilization, by Mrs. Willard.
4. American period: 1820-1901, by Miss Lane.

The announcement of the executive committee that a public course of lectures has been decided upon will be gratifying to all. Particulars as to time, place, subject and lecturer will appear later.

The next meeting of the ladies will be on the 24th, at the home of Mrs. A. E. Wilson, when a musicale will form the feature of the afternoon.—Com.

City Happenings and Personal Mention.

Miss Lizzie Fry is visiting friends in St. Augustine.

Dr. Geo. E. Welch is confined to the house by a severe cold.

Rah! for the Palatka fire department. They are the real stuff.

Chas. M. Hilliard left on a business trip to Atlanta Tuesday evening.

Miss Leola Fender, of Valdosta, Ga., is visiting the Misses Powell.

Chas. Kupperbusch is in town this week looking after business matters.

W. H. Park, of McMeekin, was a business visitor in the city on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. C. Hargrove entertained the Afternoon Whist Club at her home on the nights last Monday.

Miss Anna Baker entertained a large party of young people on Tuesday evening at "Progressive Hearts."

Mrs. C. E. McIntyre and Miss Rita Gorton, of Savannah, are spending the winter with Mrs. T. B. Anderson.

Joseph Sims and L. R. Turner of Orange Springs were shaking hands with friends in the city last Tuesday.

Edward S. North of this city has been commissioned a notary public for the state at large by Gov. Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Etheridge, of Jackson, Ga., are spending the winter in the city, guests at the Arlington hotel.

Mr. A. L. Chatfield, formerly of Satsuna Heights, but now living at Eldridge, New York, was a visitor in the city last Monday.

Dan Fowler, of Washington, D. C., passed through the city the other day on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Mitchell, of Huntington.

Invitations are out for a reception and ball, complimentary to the Florida division United Daughters of the Confederacy, which meets here in convention on the 20th inst., under the auspices of the Patten Anderson Chapter. The ball will occur at the Armory next Wednesday evening, and society people are looking forward to the occasion with pleasing anticipations.

Superintendent Cottingham states that the book on theory and practice for the June and September examinations of teachers will be "The Art of Teaching," by White. He further states that he will spend a portion of each Saturday reading and discussing the book with any and all teachers who may call at his office. Mr. Cottingham is spending a great deal of his time at present in visiting the schools of the county.

J. W. Copeland, of the fire department, met with a painful accident at the Putnam House fire Monday morning. He fell and bruised himself and tore the palm of his hand on a nail. He is doing well now, but is prevented from doing his regular work at the machine shop. The Council will reimburse Mr. Copeland for his lost time and see that the brave volunteer fire fighter is not put to inconvenience. His injuries are not serious.

Paul, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Seiden, was bitten and painfully injured by the family dog last Saturday. The dog was eating, and while thus engaged was approached by a strange cur, which the little boy started to drive away. Mistaking his motive his own dog jumped for him and imbedded his teeth in the boy's face, causing a painful laceration. Dr. Jenkins was called and dressed the wound, which is now rapidly healing, and in such a manner as will probably show no mark.

Dr. W. H. Cyrus chartered the steamer LaReve on Tuesday and took a party of 16 visiting friends on a trip up the river and through Dunn's Creek to Crescent Lake. The start was made from the wharf at 9 a. m. Dinner was served a la picnic from baskets. The only unpleasant incident of the trip was the difficulty in rounding Hart's point on the return in the heavy gale, but the party was finally landed without accident about sundown, all feeling that they had enjoyed a wonderfully pleasant day.

Tax Assessor Bullard starts on his official rounds the first week in February. In his work this year he is charged by the Governor and surcharged by the Board of County Commissioners to assess all real property at its "full cash value," and personal property at its "true cash value." He has no option in the matter, and will be obliged to get a statement under oath from each taxpayer concerning his personal belongings. He has a hard job at best, but he needs the help of tax payers more than ever this year.

Members of Patten Anderson Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy met at the residence of Mrs. Patten Anderson on Monday afternoon to complete arrangements for the annual convention of the United Daughters of the state which meets at the Armory here on the 29th. Officers of the local chapter were also elected as follows: President, Mrs. Patten Anderson; vice-president, Mrs. A. G. Phillips; 2d vice-president, Mrs. A. E. Wattle; treasurer, Mrs. J. N. Blackwell; secretary, Mrs. J. N. Walton.

There was a large attendance of members and friends at the entertainment given in the Armory last Thursday night by the young people's auxiliary of the Fortnightly Club. A charming program of music, both vocal and instrumental, and recitations was rendered, the whole concluding with "Dixie," sung by the members of the club standing. The entertainment netted \$36, and it is understood that this, with money secured through a prior entertainment will go to certain work in which the people of the city are all interested, viz., receptacles for street rubbish.

NOTICE.

For the purpose of receiving tax returns I will be at the following named places as given below, and will kindly ask each and every taxpayer to meet me in person, as I am directed by the Governor to take all personal property under oath and not to copy from previous year's book:

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| Baker's Mill | February 3rd |
| Monroe's Mill | " 4th |
| Baldwin Precinct | " 5th |
| Melrose | " 6th |
| Putnam Hall | " 11th |
| Grandin | " 12th |
| Florahome | " 13 1/2th |
| Hartlem | " 15th |
| Bannerville | " 18th |
| Bostwick | " 20th |
| Francis | " 20th |
| Peniel | " 21st |
| Hollister | " 22nd |
| Mannville | " 25th |
| Interlachen | " 27th |
| Keuka | " 27th |

Remember the day and fail not to come out. GEO. F. BULLARD, Tax Assessor.

List of Unclaimed Letters.

The following is the list of unclaimed letters in the Palatka postoffice January 21, 1902.

- | GENTLEMEN'S' LIST. | |
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| Bellamy, Daniel | Brooks, Harry |
| Brown, J. H. | Bugel, Fred |
| Comptier, Bernice | Davis, E. L. |
| Hans-Gillard | Hendricks, L. C. |
| Keefe, W. C. | Marshall, Geo. |
| Martin, Chas. | McGuire, Wm. |
| Pennington, Chas. (2) | Scott, A. R. |
| Trapp, S. S. | Williams, Mingo |

- | LADIES' LIST. | |
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| Johnson, Ida S. | Gorton, Minnie R. |
| McIntosh, S. E. | Shepherd, Fannie |
| | D. M. KIRBY, P. M. |

Prompt Payment.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 8, 1902. MR. G. LOPER BAILEY, Manager Germania Life Ins. Co., Palatka, Fla. Dear Sir:—I desire to express my thanks to you for draft in full payment of policy No. 22,433 on the life of William Bravo Thompson. I shall also be glad at any time to bear testimony to the exceedingly prompt methods of the Germania Life Insurance Co. in handling claims of this kind. My husband died on the night of December 25th, and immediately upon presentation of usual proof of death, your representative called upon me and handed me the draft above referred to. Again thanking you. (Signed) Yours very respectfully, MRS. CLEMATINE B. THOMPSON.

Ocean House.

ON THE BEACH, Sea Breeze, Florida. (Opposite Daytona.) Open all the year. Rates \$1.00 per day. CHAS. KUPPERBUSCH, Prop.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR Tax Deed Under Section 8 of Chapter 4888, Laws of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that Williams & Company, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 534, dated the 1st day of June, A. D. 1896, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Putnam County, Florida, to wit:

N. E. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4, Section 16, Township 10, Range 26—100 acres.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Estate B. F. Roberts. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 3rd day of February, A. D. 1902.

Witness my official signature and seal this 27th day of December A. D. 1901. (Seal) JOSEPH PRICE, Clerk Cl. Ct. of Putnam County, Florida.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR Tax Deed Under Section 8 of Chapter 4888 Laws of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that Williams & Company, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 549, dated the 5th day of April, A. D. 1899, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Putnam County, Florida, to wit:

N. E. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4, Section 23, Township 10, Range 26—40 acres.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 18th day of February, A. D. 1902.

Witness my official signature and seal this 15th day of January A. D. 1902. (Seal) JOSEPH PRICE, Clerk Circuit Court, Putnam Co. Florida, Feb. 13.

WANTED—Sewing by the day at regular prices. Satisfaction guaranteed. Apply Mrs. B. M. Sorell, at Mrs. S. E. Bond's.

WANTED—FEMALE HELP—Photographers of well-dressed women for newspaper advertisements. Good pay. Address A. Stegman, 429 LaSalle Ave, Chicago.

WANTED—MALE HELP—Spare time of men acquainted with prominent persons. Good pay. A. Stegman, 429 LaSalle Ave., Chicago.

JERSEY COWS—For Sale—We have a few Full Blood Jersey Cows, fresh, we will sell reasonable; also one male and several heifers at fair prices. Address, Owen & Watkins, Grandin, Fla. Jan 23-24.

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Accident Insurance: The Travelers of Hartford.

Life Insurance: The Old Reliable "Germania Life" of New York.

Marine Insurance: The Leading Companies.

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We Make Fine Confections

And everyone who Eats it wants more. Our Chocolates and Bon Bons are always Fresh and Pure.

Ice Cream, Ice Cream Soda and other Hot and Cold Drinks,

FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. The Children are welcome; they always seem to enjoy it.

Fine Cigars and Tobaccos. L. A. SMITH.

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