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Come in and let us show you a thing or two concerning proper wearables for spring and summer, together with the proper price. Come Now!

Fearnside Clothing Company,
Palatka, Florida.

Building Prosperity.

That Palatka is growing is indicated by the number of houses and other buildings now being erected. One year ago there were several vacant houses in the city; at present there is not one.

Col. H. M. de Montmollin, secretary of the Board of Trade, has been keeping tabs on the building improvements as well as other indices which tell for Palatka's prosperity, and he has furnished the News with the statement that aside from the building of the city hall and the depot and wharf improvements of the G. S. & F. Railway on the river front, there are exactly 42 houses now nearing completion or in course of erection in Palatka.

Among them are those being erected by Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Merrill, nine for R. C. Howell, L. K. Tucker, Mr. Ivers, two for Mrs. W. O. Holmes, four for Henry Struuz, three for Jack Williams, five for Mr. Gadsden, and six by the G. S. & F. Railway. There are also several good homes being built by negro citizens.

These building operations furnish work for a great many mechanics, and common labor can all find plenty of profitable employment on the sewer and other municipal improvements. There need not be an idle hand in the whole city.

Blue and Gray Picnic.

The annual outing of the Veteran Association of Blue and Gray at Rokeston last Friday was largely attended by old soldiers, their families and friends and all who felt like enjoying a day's pleasure in the open. Capt. Lucas' boats carried the people to and from the picnic grounds and made frequent trips. Very many people attended but the facilities for getting there and returning frequently never left a very large crowd on the grounds at any one time.

Comrades Gatlin of Fruitland and James M. Chesser of Hollister were the orators of the day, and Hon. Robt. W. Davis also made an eloquent heart-to-heart talk to the veterans.

Bought A Home.

Col. H. M. de Montmollin has sold the Cochrane residence now occupied by Ald. Tom Holden, to Christopher Stanton, the well-known foundry and machine shops proprietor. This house is on Madison street at the corner of Fourth, and is one of the prettiest homes of Palatka.

RHEUMATIC PAINS RELIEVED.

The prompt relief from the severe pains of sciatica and rheumatism which is afforded by Chamberlain's Pain Balm, is alone worth many times its cost. Mr. Willard C. Vail, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., writes: "I am troubled with rheumatism and neuralgia of the nerves and Chamberlain's Pain Balm gives relief quicker than any liniment I have ever used." For sale by Ackerman & Stewart.

MERRILL-WATTLES HOME WEDDING.

Because of the social prominence and popularity of the contracting parties the marriage of Mr. Frank D. Wattles and Miss Genevieve Howes Merrill has been a leading and happy theme of discussion in Palatka this week.

The ceremony occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Merrill, in the North End, at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. While invitations had been limited to the immediate personal friends of the family and every effort made to have only a quiet affair, the ceremony was nevertheless witnessed by so many friends as to completely fill the house.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the bride and groom came down the stairway and entered the parlor, being preceded by seven ladies, all intimate friends of the bride, and all of whom were handsomely gowned in white. They were the Misses Maud and Alice Priddy, Rosalie Price, Alice Minor, Margie Anderson and Mesdames H. H. McDonald and W. E. Wattles.

In the parlor the bride and groom advanced to, and stood under a beautiful arch made of bamboo and decorated with Easter lilies, where the ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. L. R. Lynn of the Presbyterian church.

The bride's gown was white point d'esprit over white tulle silk and she carried a bouquet of Easter lilies. Her traveling suit was brown silk-brilliantine.

Mrs. T. B. Merrill, mother of the bride, wore a dress of lavender dimity.

The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the decorations extending to the verandahs, which were made beautiful with palms and Japanese lanterns. The dining room was decorated with sweet peas and English ivy, palms and roses.

At the conclusion of the ceremony dainty refreshments were served by little girls, all members of the bride's Sunday school class, and these, also presided at the punch bowl.

Among the out-of-town guests were Miss Maud Priddy of Tampa, Mrs. Whitford of Boston, Mass., and Mr. Carl Whipp of Jacksonville.

The presents were many and some of great intrinsic value. Mr. and Mrs. Wattles went to the home of W. E. Wattles for the night and took the early train Thursday morning for Brunswick, Ga., and Cumberland Island, the boyhood home of the groom, where they will remain for a week or more before returning to Palatka, when they will begin housekeeping in a pretty cottage home which has already been prepared for their reception.

Those who attended unite in the opinion that this pretty home wedding was one of the most delightful affairs of the kind ever witnessed in this city.

Fun For the Children.

The Sunday schools of the Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal and Baptist churches will unite in a grand basket picnic and excursion to St. Augustine and South Beach on Saturday of next week, May 20th.

The excursion train will leave here at 7:30 in the morning and will arrive home about 7:30 in the evening, giving picnickers a full day at the ocean beach. The round trip ticket to St. Augustine will be 75 cents for adults and 40 cents for children. The round trip from St. Augustine to South Beach will be 25 and 15 cents.

Every boy and girl in Palatka ought to go to this picnic, and all the grown folks who can imagine themselves young again.

Big Land Sale.

The formal opening of the Mansfield colony in this county will be inaugurated next Thursday, May 18th, when 100 town lots and some 250 acres of land will be sold at auction. A Home-seeker's excursion will arrive at Mansfield that day from the north and west. Special trains will be run to the colony from Valdosta and Palatka. Train from here leaves the union station at 1 p. m. The colony lands are but four or five miles out from Palatka on the G. S. & F. Railway and are said to be generally the best farming lands in the county. Refreshments and ice water will be served to the crowd. The auction begins promptly at 2 p. m. There is no doubt, considering the cheapness and value of the lands that there will be a big sale. B. F. Pritchard of this city is President and Gen. Manager of the Mansfield colony.

In Simple Justice.

Readers of this paper who follow local happenings will remember that some time since Rev. S. J. McLeod of Waycross, Ga., was arrested while in Palatka at the instance of a negro woman. Some grave charges were made against Mr. McLeod at the time, hints of which appeared in this paper. Nothing, however, ever came of the charges and Mr. McLeod was never prosecuted. Another case against him did go to the grand jury, but that body declined to find a true bill.

Since then the News has made some investigation. Mr. McLeod is an elderly man whose reputation of honor, so far as we know, has never been questioned. On the other hand the negro woman has had a shady career. Her charges are not capable of substantiation. And no one in this country would take her unsupported word alongside that of Mr. McLeod, who has had an honorable career as a Christian minister. The News regrets that it assisted in the matter to the extent of publishing these unsupported charges, particularly as they may have cast ridicule upon a worthy man. Mr. McLeod claims that an effort was made to blackmail him and there is every reason to believe such to have been the case.

The Dirt on Lemon Street.

There is a surplus of dirt on Lemon street. It is the sand left over after filling in the sewer trenches. These trenches are going to sink two or three feet during the next three or four months, depending upon the amount of rain. That's what City Engineer Lyon says. He knows.

The dirt heaps were augmented by Superintendent Craig when he relaid his track. The track is laid upon the top of the sewer trench. It will also sink. The sewer contractors are willing to do the right thing. They are willing to fulfill their contract regarding the disposal of this dirt. If they do this they will cover up Mr. Craig's track.

The city engineer could have it hauled away, but by and by when the dirt is needed to fill in the sunken trenches it would have to be hauled back.

It is stated that Mr. Craig promised to clean up after relaying his tracks. Mr. Craig denies this. When the mayor told Craig to do it that individual told the mayor to go to—Summer Haven.

And there you are.

And the dirt heaps still linger on Lemon street, constituting an eye sore and an interruption to street traffic.

The city council and superintendent Craig ought to get together. They probably will but it won't be a love feast.

AN OPEN LETTER.

From the Chapin, S. C., News: Early in the spring my wife and I were taken with diarrhoea and so severe were the pains that we called a physician who prescribed for us, but his medicine failed to give any relief. A friend who had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand gave each of us a dose and we at once felt the effect. I procured a bottle and before using the entire contents we were entirely cured. It is a wonderful remedy and should be found in every household. H. C. Bailey, Editor. This remedy is for sale by Ackerman & Stewart.

Notice of Application for Tax Deed Under Section 3 of chapter 4888, Laws of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that Crescent Timber Co. purchaser of tax certificate No. 1047, dated the 4th day of July, A. D., 1898, 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:

NW 1 and SW 1 of sec. 12, township 13, range 27—20.3 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 June, A. D. 1905.

Witness my official signature and seal this 11th day of May, A. D. 1905.
[Seal] JOSEPH PRICE,
Clerk Ct. Court Putnam County Florida.

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