

Crescent City News

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You know we alone in Crescent City sell the Celebrated Hamilton-Brown Shoes for Men, Women and Children.

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Everything Fresh in Vegetables
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CRESCENT CITY.

is one of the most beautiful locations in Florida. Tourists will find it an ideal spot to spend the winter, or pass a few days of keen delight.

The town is on Crescent Lake (an arm of the St. Johns River) and is 100 miles by water, and 77 miles by rail from Jacksonville.

The all day river ride on the steamer Crescent, from Jacksonville to Crescent City, is one of the delightful experiences of Florida travel. The steamer leaves Jacksonville at 8 a. m. every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, reaching Crescent City at 5 p. m. This trip is the only daylight ride up the broad and picturesque St. Johns. The steamer has pretty cabins and offers a delightful outlook even in stormy weather.

Crescent City is the center of the orange growing industry in middle Florida, and beautiful groves surround the place. Good boating, hunting and fishing will afford amusement for sportsmen.

Naphtha launches can be secured cheaply for water trips. Crescent City has good hotels and boarding houses at moderate rates. Beautiful shaded walks and bicycle paths.

CRESCENT CITY TEMPERATURE FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 7th, 1905. E. D. WILLIAMS, OBSERVER.

June	7 A. M.	9 P. M.	Max. Min.
1. Saturday	85	80	90 78
2. Sunday	83	80	91 76
3. Monday	82	82	91 74
4. Tuesday	87	82	97 77
5. Wednesday	79	78	90 75
6. Thursday	81	78	90 75
7. Friday	81	75	93 73

Personal and Social.

K. Borson's new launch is to be 42 feet in length.

The Preston-Miller company is now running full time with a large number of hands employed.

Mrs. Borson entertained the Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church at her hospitable home last Wednesday afternoon.

Show your interest in the effort now being made for a high grade school for the town by attending the school meeting at the Auditorium to-night.

Chas. S. Gowen has raised his packing house out of the lake where it was blown in the heavy gale of last spring. The house will again be placed on pilings at the end of his pier.

Grosvenor Gantier is still very lame and unable to even sit up long at a time. He will carry his bruises sometime, though it is now thought that he has not suffered serious injury.

Mrs. W. R. Saunders and her daughter Miss Katherine Crawford of DeLand, and Master Henry Saunders, are spending a week or ten days at Mayport, at the mouth of the St. Johns river.

The frame of Frank Gantier's new house on Park street is up and the house is being pushed to early completion. It will be imposing in appearance and roomy. A broad colonial porch will be built across the entire front. The situation is one of the best in the town.

Capt. and Mrs. John W. Miller and the children will leave next week for the mountain section of North Carolina, and will be absent until the last of October. Capt. Miller appears much improved in health, and it is thought that the change to the mountain climate will quite restore him to his old time vigor.

D. B. Paxton, a former well-known citizen of this place has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court at Jacksonville. Mr. Paxton has been living at DeLand for the past several years. The schedule filed by the petitioner shows that his liabilities are \$53,200.44, and his assets to be five shares of stock in the DeLand Naval Stores Co. valued at \$500, and which are exempt by law from being attached for debt. The matter was referred to Geo. M. Powell, referee in bankruptcy.

Word from Mrs. M. R. Traile is to the effect that "Lake Front," her summer hotel at Lake Chautauqua, N. Y., was opened last month with over 40 regular boarders, which have now reached to over sixty. The Lake Front is most centrally located at Lake Chautauqua and has the reputation of being the finest managed of all the great boarding houses at that intellectual resort. Mrs. Traile will give a specially cordial welcome to all visitors from Florida, in which state she has spent her winters for many years.

S. J. Saunders was on the street last Saturday for the first time in many weeks. Six weeks ago while setting, he was struck by a stinger. This was just above the ankle and was not only very painful, but has succeeded in keeping Mr. Saunders on the shelf all this time. And he is a long way from being well yet. Talking to some men of his experience Saturday afternoon Mr. Saunders said: "I've been bitten by cotton-mouthed mosquitos, scratched by catanouns, had hand-to-hand fights with she-bears, and encountered every sort of peril in the woods and water, but the sting of this old stinger is the worst yet. A snake is a mere mosquito in comparison to it."

The orange crop of the Crescent City neighborhood for the coming fall and winter is being variously estimated at from 10,000 to 12,000 boxes. The News believes that the higher estimate is none too large.

The Christian Endeavor society now meets at the regular hour of evening service at the Presbyterian church and is the only public service aside from the regular Sunday-school for the Sundays of July and August.

An Author's Rebuke.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale tells of an amusing rebuke once given by Thomas Bailey Aldrich to Prof. E. S. Morse for the latter's illegible handwriting.

According to Dr. Hale, Mr. Aldrich hit back at the professor in this wise:

"My Dear Morse—It was very pleasing to me to get your recent letter. Perhaps I should have been more pleased had I been able to decipher the same. I have not been able to master any of it beyond the date, which I knew, and the signature, which I guessed at. This is a singular and perpetual charm in a letter of yours; it never grows old; it never loses its novelty. One can say to oneself every morning: 'Here's this letter of Morse's. I haven't read it yet. I think I'll take another try at it today, and maybe I shall, in the course of a few months, be able to make out what he means by those t's that look like w's and those i's that have no eyebrows. Other letters are read and thrown away, but yours are kept forever—unread. One of them will last a reasonable lifetime.—Admirably yours, T. B. Aldrich."

Crescent City people know little of Prof. Morse's penmanship, but they do know somewhat of his ability to illustrate with chalk some very interesting lectures. Prof. Morse spent several weeks here three years ago on a visit to his brother, Mr. Geo. F. Morse, and those knowing the man, will appreciate the above witicism, even though he be the butt.

The School Meeting.

The school meeting at the Auditorium tonight is for the purpose of nominating three trustees for the proposed new special tax school district and to decide on the amount of tax levy to be collected. The law limits this levy to three mills, but it may be even less. It will be for this meeting to decide.

The meeting should be attended by every friend of education and all should have a say in the important matters to come up.

On August 6th, the qualified voters of the precinct will be called upon to decide the question as to whether we can have this special tax school district or not.

With such a district established Crescent City can have a first-class high and graded school and our boys and girls can secure a good education at home.

And there are but few things so important as a good school in the building up of any community.

The News believes that the great majority of the people of this precinct are fully alive to the importance of taking the proper action in this matter, and urges upon all at this time the necessity of working up sentiment among any who may disapprove.

LAKE COMO.

Mrs. Wm. Palmer and daughter, Miss Phebe, and son Edward, visited Palatka last week.

Mrs. Martensen and son, Carl, have been visiting in Crescent City.

Charles Palmer and wife of Welaka, spent Sunday with their parents.

Felix and John Haymart spent the Fourth in Palatka. They had a jolly good time.

A few Como residents attended the drama given at Pomona by the Ladies' V. I. A. They enjoyed it very much.

Epworth League meeting was held in the M. E. Church Sunday evening.

The weather continues hot, but we have had occasional showers which are very much enjoyed.

POMONA.

Mrs. N. E. Piplar left Thursday of last week for a visit of two months with old friends in DeKalb and Sandwick, Ill. During her absence C. H. Piplar will make his home at Mrs. Hendricks'.

Mrs. Ethel Smith is the guest for a month of Mrs. Waldron at Ormond.

J. D. Wyeth leaves his week for his old home in Cambridge, Mass., to be absent a few weeks.

H. D. Cox, foreman of the Wilson Cypress Co.'s pull-boats, has purchased and with his family moved into the house known as the Barlow property.

W. S. Middleton is having a small dwelling erected near the store to be for rent when completed. Houses seem to be in great demand at present which goes to show that times are improving.

Mrs. Gantier and little son from Clearwater, departed Friday to visit relatives in Jacksonville, after having been the guests of Mrs. W. S. Middleton for a week.

Rev. Mr. Byron, pastor of the Congregational church at New Smyrna, preached here Sunday morning.

The Fourth was spent rather quietly by most Pomonians until five o'clock in the afternoon when they gathered in the hall where supper was served instead of on the lawn as was expected, weather conditions not being favorable for an out door dinner party. However, there was a large crowd and plenty of good things to eat. At eight o'clock the evening's performance began and it was pronounced very enjoyable, especially the pantomime by the small ladies and gentlemen. Late in the evening ice cream and cake were served and a social chat finished the evening's enjoyment.

The public spirit of the town was in evidence on Saturday last, when the majority of the citizens, with their teams, met at the recently opened road near the Ide place to put it in first-class condition, which was no small task, there being quite a fill to make in the necessary crossing of the saw-grass pond. Hon. W. H. Cook was present with a number of teams and men and did much toward making the work a success. Also might be mentioned Geo. A. Fiske, Middleton Bros., O. S. Hendrick, C. E. Miles and others. Some of the colored citizens also gave their time and work. At noon a good dinner was provided by the ladies of the town. The road is now in good order, and will be especially convenient for those who live on the west side.

FOR SALE—Sound, strong and perfectly reliable horse. Call on W. A. Russell, Crescent City.

A BIT OF AMATEUR DETECTIVE WORK

[Original.]

I suppose I am considered a man of the literary taste, though the only evidence I have of this is that my friends are continually asking my opinion of this or that book. One class of fiction I always detested—detective stories. Today I read every detective story I can get my hands on. This is the cause of my conversion:

One summer my friend Charlie Coe asked me to spend some time with him at his country seat. He had there a number of guests, including Virginia Carney, whom I had met before, and Miss Kate Taylor, whom I met there for the first time. Virginia Carney was inclined to literature of a refined type, and it was supposed that on account of congenial tastes she and I would make a match. When Miss Taylor told me that she loved detective stories it seemed to me that we could never have anything in common.

One evening as I was hurrying down to dinner, being late, I saw a well dressed man on the stairs with an overcoat on his arm and a hat in his hand. On seeing me he looked a trifle embarrassed, told me that he was a newly arrived guest, that he did not wish to disturb the host while at dinner and he would be obliged if I would show him to some room where he could make a toilet. The butler was in the hall below, and it occurred to me to turn the man over to him; but, not wishing to appear obliging, I took him up to my own room and left him there.

I did not think of him again, nor did I see him. I played an exciting game of billiards after dinner and from then till midnight danced. The next morning early I was off with a fishing party and did not return till shortly before dinner.

On entering the house I met my host and told him of my success at fishing. He listened without showing the slightest interest—indeed, was very freezing in his demeanor toward me. At dinner the guests treated me in the same fashion. No one refused to speak to me, but all avoided me. During the evening I went to Miss Carney and endeavored to draw from her the cause of my singular treatment. I soon found that, whatever the cause was, she had been as fully affected by it as any one else. But she gave me no satisfaction.

Later, much depressed by what I could not understand, I went out on to the piazza and sat alone. Hearing a light step behind me, I turned, and there was Kate Taylor. I arose and bowed formally, not knowing what to expect.

"You have noticed, I suppose," she said, "a coolness toward you. I doubt if you know the cause."

"I do not."

"A number of guests have missed since last night some of their valuables, and a diamond brooch was found yesterday morning by the manservant who brushes the guests' clothes in the side pocket of your dinner jacket."

For a moment I was thunderstruck, but the guest, or rather, thief, whom I had taken to my room soon came back to my memory and accounted for everything. I hurriedly gave the girl an account of the matter, and I saw at once that she believed my story. Then I started to go in and explain the matter to the host.

"One moment," said Miss Taylor. "Will he believe you?"

"Why not? Do you not believe me?"

"Yes, but I did not believe you guilty in the first place. If I had I don't think I would be much influenced by your story. In criminal cases you will notice that people range themselves on one side or the other and do not change their opinions whatever the evidence or the verdict."

"What course do you advise?"

"I have always had a fancy for detective work. Suppose you do nothing for the present and leave the matter to me."

I was glad to avail myself of any assistance. She asked me to tell my story over, questioning me minutely as I did so. I was so surprised, if not being understood that she was not to trust me any differently from the others.

The next few days were torture to me. Avoided by the guests and treated coolly by the host, I wished to leave, but Miss Taylor advised my remaining, so I stayed on and every day was the more subdued.

At the end of the fifth day, just before dinner, the host asked for the attendance of every guest in the drawing room. I felt sure that my time had come; that I was about to be denounced. When we were assembled, Coe addressed us:

"My friends, a robbery has occurred in this house which has thrown suspicion on one guest and has been unraveled by another." He then told the story of my meeting the man in

up the case, and, from the fact of the butler having been in the hall when or soon after the assumed guest entered, she suspected him and left money (marked) where it would tempt him. He was caught in the trap, and on promise of immunity confessed that he had admitted the thief while we were at dinner. The unexpected meeting on the stairs had well nigh frustrated the thief's plans. Thinking he would be caught, he slipped the brooch in the guest's pocket. Our valuables have all been recovered. The name of the exonerated guest I need not mention; the amateur detective is Miss Taylor."

Every one in the room took me by the hand and congratulated me on my vindication, but I have never since spoken to any one other except Kate Taylor, who is now my wife.

S. HUNTER HALSEY.

METAL PENS.

One of Ancient Roman Make Has the Distinctive Sill.

Some curious one has collected a mass of interesting facts concerning metallic pens. Some of these references run back as far as the fourteenth and even the thirteenth century, and, curiously enough, in the case of the manuscript of Robert d'Artois, the forger scribble, is said to have used a bronze pen in order to disguise his writing and make his deception more safe. A Roman metal pen is said to have been found at Aosta, and a silver stylus, but a bronze pen still, and there is some evidence of a pen or steel of bronze novelty as early as the invention of printing in the fifteenth century. More than a hundred years ago some steel pens were made in Birmingham for Dr. Priestley, and some of these placed into the hands of Sir Josiah Mason in his early days with Mr. Harrison, but all seem to have been lost. The first pen of metal of a definite date, beyond all question, is one in a Dutch patent book of 1717. At about the same time a polite edict of Pope's refers to a "steel and golden pen," but these were evidently luxuries only, and it was not until about the end of the first quarter of the last century that metallic pens became more generally in use. In the "Local Notes and Queries" in the Birmingham Weekly Post definite evidence has been given of steel pens as early as 1800 and more commonly in 1817, but it was about 1823 and 1824 that the great revolution came by which pens were made by a cheaper process—the hand screw press which pierced the pens from steel rolled into tube fashion and the joint formed the slit, but these required considerable labor to shape them into pen form. The use of the screw press belongs to the period of John Mitchell, Joseph Gillet and Josiah Mason, but on a careful review of the facts it seems to be clear that John Mitchell has the best claim to be considered as the original introducer of press made pens.—Buffalo Times.

Take heed of an ox betore, a man behind, and a knave on all sides.—German Proverb.

Simplicity has always been held to be a mark of truth. It is also a mark of genius.—Schopenhauer.

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We are here to sell you Goods during the summer months.

We have 50 pieces of fine dress Lawns, prices 7c to 15c per yard.

Ducks and Crashes for laskirts, 10c to 12c per yd.

White Goods from 10c to 30c per yard.

Men's Shoes from 1.00 to 4.00 per pair.

Ladies' Shoes from 1.50 to 3.50 per pair.

Childrens Shoes from 25c to 1.50 per pair.

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Crescent City, Fla.

Will answer calls from Como, Pomona, Satura, Heights, Welaka, Fruitland or other points on the Fruitland Peninsula.

Notice of Election For Special Tax School District.

In compliance with a petition of President No. 1, Chap. 407, Sec. 2, Laws of Florida the Board of Public Instruction of Putnam County hereby gives an election to be held on the 26th day of August, 1905, to determine whether or not the territory described in said petition shall become a Special Tax School District, and who shall be the School Trustees for the two succeeding years, third number of miles of District Tax to be levied and collected annually for two years.

The following named persons are appointed inspectors of the above election: J. L. Burton, Clerk; S. Bradshaw, De G. F. Sprague.

Inspectors shall open the polls at 9 o'clock a. m. and close at 8 p. m.

L. K. TUCKER, Secy. Bd. Public Ina.

Summer Rates Via A. C. L.

If you contemplate visiting summer resorts see ticket agents Atlantic Coast Line and get all information with reference to rates, routes, schedules and Pullman service. Summer tourist rates are now in effect to all the principal resorts throughout the country with return limit October 31st. Rates have been announced to all springs, mountain and sea shore resorts. For the first time round trip tickets are now on sale to resorts in New England territory.

Florida East Coast Railway.

Local Time Card No. 62. In Effect April 17, 1905.

SOUTH-BOUND—READ DOWN.				NORTH-BOUND—READ UP.			
No. 99 Daily	No. 29 Daily	STATIONS	No. 78 Daily	No. 98 Daily	No. 78 Daily	No. 98 Daily	
8 00 p	9 40 a	Jacksonville	7 00 p	8 40 a	7 00 p	8 40 a	
8 07 p	9 48 a	St. Augustine	6 52 p	8 32 a	6 52 p	8 32 a	
8 13 p	10 56 a	Palatka	6 50 p	8 30 a	6 50 p	8 30 a	
8 20 p	11 32 a	St. Johns River	6 43 p	8 23 a	6 43 p	8 23 a	
7 19 p	11 00 a	East Palatka	4 30 p	6 20 a	4 30 p	6 20 a	
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8 25 p	2 00 p	San Mateo	7 20 p	7 20 a	7 20 p	7 20 a	
7 10 p	3 00 p	San Mateo	8 25 p	7 00 a	8 25 p	7 00 a	
7 09 p	12 33 p	Negro	9 35 p	5 00 a	9 35 p	5 00 a	
8 08 p	12 47 p	Bunada	8 44 p	5 05 a	8 44 p	5 05 a	
8 10 p	12 55 p	Duport	7 53 p	5 10 a	7 53 p	5 10 a	
8 11 p	1 28 p	Orlando	7 46 p	5 15 a	7 46 p	5 15 a	
8 23 p	1 39 p	Daytona	7 39 p	5 20 a	7 39 p	5 20 a	
8 34 p	1 51 p	Fort Orange	7 32 p	5 25 a	7 32 p	5 25 a	
9 25 p	2 15 p	New Smyrna	7 25 p	5 30 a	7 25 p	5 30 a	
10 31 a	2 44 p	Lake Helen	12 45 p	6 10 p	12 45 p	6 10 p	
10 39 a	3 05 p	Orange City	12 35 p	6 14 p	12 35 p	6 14 p	
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