

The Palatka News

City Happenings and Personal Mention.

W. B. Baker of Eldridge is in the city today.

Thos. Ringham of Sanford is in the city for a short visit.

Mrs. F. D. Wattle has returned from Spartanburg, S. C.

Carl Brubaker visited his parents at Federal Point on Sunday.

Miss Sophia Howard is visiting Miss Edith Kupperbusch.

J. J. Green of Bardin was a visitor in the city during the week.

Miss Maude Whitten of Miami is visiting Miss Imogen Fearnside.

Miss Nell LeCone of St. Paul, Minn., is visiting the Misses Crill.

Mrs. Ellen Lanning has returned from Tampa, and her health is much improved.

J. M. Chessor, Jr., of Hollister has been serving as a juror in the Circuit Court this week.

G. W. Peer, a prominent orange grower of Satsuma Heights, was in the city yesterday.

W. A. Kirkland, wheelwright of Fruitland, has been in the city much of the present week.

W. H. Worley of McMeekin has been in attendance upon the Circuit Court during the past week.

C. M. Livingston, justice of the peace at Edgar, has been among the circuit court attendants this week.

Chas. S. Edgar, of the Edgar Kaolin company, has been a guest at the Saratoga Hotel through the week.

Miss Mabel Holcomb, the newly appointed assistant in the San Mateo public school, began her duties on Monday morning.

The Ladies' Memorial Society will meet next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Mrs. H. A. Gray's. A full attendance is desired.

H. B. Bailey, a prominent San Mateo water engineer, is expected to arrive this week from Lowell, Mass., where he spent the summer.

Messrs. O. and G. Petre entertained a box party at the presentation of the "White Caps" in the New Howell Theater last Monday night.

J. N. Smith, a clever young man of Palatka, has accepted a position as salesman at the store of Pfister & Morris, clothiers—Gainesville Sun.

E. O. Earls, the gunsmith, returned recently from an extended trip to New York, Vermont, Massachusetts and other points in New England.

H. L. Miller left Sunday for Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he will superintend the erection of several large steel tanks for a Kentucky firm.

Capt. F. B. McGraw of Buffalo Bluff, who has spent the summer in Washington and Baltimore, passed through here this week on his way home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Varnes entertained Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Willard and Miss Margaret at a box party in the new Howell Theater Monday night.

The Pythian Sisters will hold a regular meeting Tuesday evening, Oct. 25th. All officers and members are urgently requested to attend, as there will be initiation.

The Ladies of St. Monica's church gave a big supper in the Keating building on Wednesday night which was generously patronized. About \$65 was realized for the church society.

L. E. McRae of Harlem, assistant state organizer for the Farmers' Co-operative and Educational Society of Florida, has been in the city most of the present week, serving as a circuit court juror.

Miss Jessie Burton Goodson, formerly in charge of the Postal-Cable telegraph office in this city, was recently married at the home of her mother in Miami to Mr. Edwin Stanley Frederick. The bride is a sister of Deputy Sheriff Lee Goodson of this city.

M. A. Wilkinson, a former well-known naval stores operator of this section, whose operations were at Orange Mills, was in the city for a few days during the past week. Mr. Wilkinson has been living in North Carolina for the past three years, but may return to Florida.

Sheriff and Mrs. R. C. Howell entertained a charming box party of friends and relations at the theater on Monday night, and all seemed to enjoy the play. Mr. Howell has reason to feel proud of his contribution to the future amusement of the people. Mrs. Howell also entertains a large party of little ones at the Buster Brown matinee.

Thomas Livingston of Palatka, for years the station baggage agent of the Union station in that city, has accepted a position as conductor, and is now in charge of the Palatka-Gainesville freight and accommodation. Mr. Livingston is a brother of our fellow townsman, R. B. Livingston, and is a thorough railroad man. He has many friends in this city, having visited here on several occasions.—Gainesville Sun.

Praises Enterprise and Pluck.

The Times Union of Wednesday contained the following editorial mentions of the highway bridge across the St. Johns river at Palatka, the contract for which was let at the last meeting of the county commissioners:

"The highway bridge to be built at Palatka across the St. Johns is an instance that the 'Gem City' and Putnam county is all awake. The contract has been signed for a steel bridge which will be nearly a mile long, is to cost \$54,000, and is to be finished by the first of next October. It will afford the potato growers of Hastings and other trappers and fruit growers east of the river in that section easy means of getting to Palatka, and the railroad with their produce, especially as a good road is to be built to Hastings. It will be the only highway bridge across the St. Johns and the longest, heaviest and most expensive bridge of that character in the state. Putnam county deserves to be congratulated on its enterprise and pluck."

Accidents will happen, but the best regulated families keep Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil for such emergencies. It subdues the pain and heals the hurts.

"The Tourists" To-Night.

The amusement loving people of Palatka and from other parts of the county will tax the capacity of the new Howell Theater to-night to witness the presentation of Shubert's musical comedy, "The Tourists," which is now on a tour of the leading southern cities with all the gorgeous costumes and effects provided for its long engagement at the Majestic Theater, New York. The company was in Jacksonville last night, and comes to Palatka by special arrangement of Manager Kalbfeld, who wanted to give his patrons something to remember. The success of "The Tourists" in Palatka, now doubt assured, means more to the city of high grade entertainments. There are but few seats left.

Speaking of the presentation of this musical comedy the Ledger-Dispatch of Norfolk, Va., of the 11th inst. says:

"The lovely Garvie and his jolly bunch of 'Tourists' stormed the Academics last night and captured the house in two attacks."

"Musical comedies are usually either very good or very bad, and 'The Tourists' happily belongs to the first named class."

"The play is cleverly written and splendidly presented. The music is by Gustav Kerker, the wizard of popular airs, who has injected enough of his talent into the musical numbers of 'The Tourists' to make some of them real gems. The audience assuredly was whistling 'It's Nice to Have a Sweetheart,' but it was scarcely prettier than 'Love is a Wonderful Thing,' sung earlier in the performance."

"Funny Eddie Garvie kept the crowd convulsed with laughter with his quaint topical songs and his original comedy. His support was bang up. The best voice in the show was that of Miss Leonora Watson, in the role of the 'Princess' but the young woman cast as Dora, Miss Louise Barthel, made up in good looks what she lacked in voice."

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"Oh! there was a chorus that made the boys sit up and take notice, and they were singing and dancing. Oh! the production is full of novelties and surprises and, taken as a whole, it's a rattling good musical show and worth anybody's attention."

"Those who missed seeing 'The Tourists' last night still have the opportunity to see it for it remains at the academy for the remainder of the week, with matinee tomorrow."

Willard's Comedians.

The Howell Theater, Palatka's new and cozy play house, was opened on Monday night by Henry F. Willard's Comedians, who were greeted with an audience that taxed the capacity of the theater. Every seat was taken, chairs filled the aisle, and standing room was at a premium.

The company presented the "White Caps," a drama of southern reconstruction days, in a very clever manner; and between the acts there were numbers by the Hilliputians, George Laible and Annie Nelson, and a moving picture exhibition of the Teddy Bears that caught the fancy of all.

The people were so pleased with the theater that they were prepared to applaud almost anything "that would come." At any rate they were not critical.

On Tuesday night another large audience greeted the same company in its presentation of Faust, and on Wednesday still another large audience—larger than that of Tuesday night—greeted the "singing face" entitled "He Could Not Marry Two." This was in lighter vein than the previous productions of the company, and better adapted to the abilities of the members. It was funny clear through and everyone was pleased.

The matinee performance of Wednesday afternoon was greeted with a large audience, principally of ladies and children. It was "Buster Brown's Holiday," with moving pictures and the Hilliputians, both equally entertaining between the acts. This performance was particularly pleasing.

Palatka people are charmed with the new Howell Theater, and they are going to enjoy it, too, if the results of the Willard engagement are to be taken as an indication. And they can be.

Says Statement is False.

W. G. Tilghman states that he has been approached lately by colored laboring men who have told him that the statement is being made to them that he [Mr. Tilghman] is making an effort to reduce wages. Mr. Tilghman wishes the News to deny these statements as wholly without foundation. Not even the advent of wage reduction had occurred to him. On the contrary, he says, he has raised wages to some extent since the county went dry.

The stories in circulation are probably those used in the campaign for a continuation of the booze system.

Surely An Old Citizen.

Henry Clemmons, whose home is near Francis, five miles west of Palatka, and who was a visitor in the city this week, has probably lived here longer than any other citizen. Mr. Clemmons, who is hale and hearty and 78 years of age, came to Palatka in 1842, and except for the four years he served in the civil war, has resided continuously in the county. During his visit in Palatka Mr. Clemmons talked interestingly of the early days to a large crowd of people near the court house, among whom were several other old settlers who can go back into the '40's in placing the date of their coming to Palatka.

It does one good to talk to these old people and learn of the pleasures as well as the hardships of those early times.

Blind Tiger Captured.

P. R. Tighe, a negro barber on upper Lemon street near Raabe's old saloon, has been arrested by Sheriff Howell charged with running a blind tiger. A jug of whisky and several bottles of beer were found in Tighe's possession and are being held as evidence. It is likely that Tighe's case will be brought before the circuit court by States Attorney Rivers today on information. The police and sheriff's office have been suspecting this man of whisky selling for some time.

LETTER TO J. A. SHELLEY,
Palatka, Fla.

Dear Sir: This is short. Every job palatked Devoe takes less pains than at any other point. If not, no pay.

Yours truly,
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Lawyers Persuade Liquor Dealers to Contest Recent Local Option Election.

And the Dealers Have Advanced the Coin.

*There was filed with County Clerk Price on Tuesday a bill of complaint against the county, to annul the recent local option election in this county, in which, with a majority of 254, the people decided against the sale of liquor.

This action is brought, according to the bill, in the names of Thomas H. Keating, John C. Raabe, John D. Rughan, J. C. Brewer, Thomas Ray and Charles C. Smith, and is against the county commissioners.

It is claimed in this bill that the commissioners violated the constitution of Florida in that they called an election before a period of two full years had elapsed from the election held in 1905.

According to the best legal opinion obtainable by the News the constitution requires that at least TWO YEARS SHALL INTERVENE BETWEEN SUCH ELECTIONS. The bill says that the election was held on Sept. 28th; that in 1907 on Sept. 30th. But the liquor dealers claim that the election should not have been CALLED until two full years had passed. In other words the election should not have been CALLED until Sept. 28th of 1909.

Another ground of contest is over the fact that the commissioners did not permit voters to qualify by payment of poll taxes, etc., and that they failed to revise the registration books 15 days prior to the election.

H. H. Buckman of Jacksonville is attorney for the contestants, and will cause greatest consternation and trembling in the anti-saloon camp, is the fact that Mr. Buckman has associated with him to help in the contest, that eminent jurist and eloquent advocate, General John E. Marshall, who has long been known for his reprobation over this brilliant coup that in the chaotic and classic language of Claude L'Engle they are exclaiming, "Oh me! Oh my! Oh manna!"

Judge E. Noble Calloun who was the legal advisor of the Palatka liquor dealers during the recent contest, was asked to take the case, but declined.

It should be stated also, in justice to Mr. Thomas M. Ray whose name appears in the body of the bill as one of the contestants, that it is one without his authority. Mr. Ray requested the News to say:

"I have refused to have anything to do with this contest, and if my name is in this bill it is without my authority. I positively declined to have anything to do with it. The people of Putnam county have spoken emphatically against the sale of liquor and I bow to, and without murmur, accept their verdict. Those people have always been my friends, and I shall try to show myself worthy of their friendship."

Other ex-dealers were not seen. But the only one of the complaint who has made affidavit to the truth of the allegations in the bill is Thos. H. Keating.

It may be said in connection with this contest that the anti-saloon committee will not lose any sleep on account of it. Hon. S. J. Hilburn and Attorney John E. Marshall, who will represent the committee, in the event of the contest coming to an issue, have no fears for the result.

One of the committee said: "We are not worried in the least, for we are assured by our attorneys that the grounds of contest are well taken. But, if the case should go against us, it would not mean a rest for the liquor dealers. We would get up another petition IMMEDIATELY."

LeHardy Case Postponed.

C. A. LeHardy, the Lemon street merchant who has been making a specialty of selling cider by the drink and quart, was arrested yesterday charged with selling liquor in a dry county. His case came before the circuit court yesterday afternoon on information, and on request of Attorney John E. Marshall, who appeared for defendant, the case will go over to the Spring term.

While the case was being argued, however, Judge Wills took occasion to define what constitutes a violation of the local option law as the sale of any beverage, which, taken in the ordinary quantity, would produce intoxication—no matter by what name called. The judge did not know, he explained, anything about the beverage which it was alleged Mr. LeHardy was selling; that would be for the jury to determine when the case came to trial.

But he stated that when liquor is sold that each and every sale would constitute a separate offense for which the seller could be fined \$1,000 or given 12 months in jail.

Judge Wills also explained that the fact of the government not exacting a license for the sale of liquor constituted no reason why the seller should be immune from prosecution by the state. "The United States," said he, "was in the business of collecting licenses as a revenue, while under local option, Putnam county was endeavoring to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor."

Unique Advertising.

The Fearnside Clothing Company begins a series of Buster Brown advertisements during the week. The advertising will consist of a series of Outcault's celebrated cartoons with Buster's comments. These cartoons, the work of one of the best celebrated cartoonists of the day and the creator of Buster Brown, this enterprising clothing company money, but the company has never had a reputation for sparing legitimate expense in its efforts to add to its business.

The stock this year is magnificent and one that good dressers will certainly appreciate.

The Fearnside store, however, is as much the headquarters for the laboring man, as for the man of leisure who makes dress a specialty. The stock embraces the best of everything for every man or boy. Mr. Fearnside says the outfit for business in Palatka for the winter season is most encouraging, and his company has prepared for a big increase in trade over last year. He says that his business for October thus far shows a marked increase over the corresponding period last year.

The bulk of the town is the Ready to Wear department at The Earnest Co. They certainly have some exquisite garments, far below city prices. If you have not visited this new department it will be worth your while to do so.

Fortnightly Club Meeting.

The Woman's Fortnightly Club held its first meeting for the season 1907-8 in the club room on Friday night, Oct. 18th. Being an occasion and a social one nearly every member was present with a friend; and as is usual with the meetings of this popular club of Palatka women, it proved a most enjoyable occasion.

After roll call and reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting held in May; the club gave earnest attention and applause to the annual address of the president, Mrs. S. J. Hilburn. This was a well written address and gave inspiration to those listening for renewed efforts along the line of its social work.

This has to do with literature, music, art, and largely with town improvement, which the Civic Committee means to push with renewed vigor this year. The improvement in the City Hall grounds already testifies as to what this energetic committee under the leadership of Mrs. Geo. E. Gay is capable of.

After the president's address those members who had been so fortunate as to have an outing the past summer were invited to tell about it, and some very interesting experiences were related.

The social committee was then called upon for refreshments and delightful fruit punch and cake were served, after which the club adjourned all expressing much pleasure at the afternoon's entertainment.

This is the last meeting that the club will hold in its old quarters in the Crill building, as, under the pressure for residences in Palatka, Dr. Crill has been obliged to convert these rooms, which the club has used since its inception ten years ago, into a flat for residence. A vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Crill for his kindness in allowing the club the use of these rooms for so many years free of rent. Hereafter the club will meet at the homes of its members and the next meeting, Nov. 1st, will be held at the home of Mrs. Hilburn on River st., the subject for the day being "Pure Food." As this is "New Members' day" it is hoped that while all are expected, the new members especially will not fail to be present.—Press Reporter.

Fruit Shipments Begin.

The shipment of citrus fruit from this county has really begun. For the past several weeks small shipments of grapefruit and early varieties of round oranges have been going forward from Crescent City, but work from that point today indicates that the volume of shipments has wonderfully increased this week.

Chase & Co. of Jacksonville, who have bought heavily of the fruit in the Crescent City section have this week begun shipments from the Grimsley grove. This fruit is reported to be well colored, as has all which has gone forward from that point.

C. S. Gowen, who owns a big grove at Crescent City, was in Palatka this week and he states to the News that returns from a considerable shipment of Boon's Early oranges made three weeks ago were at price of \$4 per box.

The San Mateo Fruit Company has also made shipments of grape fruit.

In Honor of Miss Butler.

Mrs. J. N. Blackwell delightfully entertained a few friends Saturday afternoon at an informal reception in honor of Miss May Butler of Butler, Georgia. Miss Butler formerly lived in Palatka, and it was a great pleasure to the ladies who had known her mother to greet the daughter.

The afternoon was passed in pleasant conversation, interrupted only by the appearance of the dainty refreshments which were served by Mrs. John Walton and Miss George Johnson. Mrs. Blackwell's home has been the scene of many charming social affairs but none more enjoyable than this.

A Pretty Department.

The ladies ready-to-wear department of the Earnest Co., Palatka's new dry goods emporium, is now ready for business. This room occupies the east room of the series of stores in the Merryday block now leased by the Earnest company, and is fitted out with new and stylish cabinets from which it quotes but a moment to pick out the style and size of garment needed. The room is fitted up also with pretty mirrors, rugs, etc., and selections can be made under delightful surroundings.

The company is showing a magnificent line of women's ready-to-wear garments for the fall and winter season, and their stock is so varied that there is no question of the ability of the company to suit all tastes. Very many of the higher priced suits have already been disposed of.

Grand Jury Presentment.

At the fall term of the Putnam Circuit Court on Friday last the grand jury made the following presentment:

Palatka, Florida, Oct. 18, 1907.

To Hon. J. T. Wills, Judge:

We the grand jurors empaneled to inquire into the body of the county of Putnam at the present term of the Circuit Court of the said county, do present:

That we recommend that the county judges and justices of the peace dispose of all criminal cases possible thereby avoiding delay in disposing of business by the grand jury, also that our officials enforce the law in the matter of the closing of all places of business on Sundays. Also we recommend that the county peace officers be kept in the peace without license also we recommend to our county commissioners that at their earliest convenience they make their best endeavor to build a new court house for this county. We call on all law abiding citizens to lend their aid in the suppression of crime and to keep their county safe from the violation of the prohibition laws. We call upon the citizens generally to aid in the further building up of good roads throughout our county.

We thank you, Honor for your splendid judgment and impartiality and our state attorney for his courtesy and dispatch. We especially compliment our most efficient county clerk upon his careful attendance to his official duty, his splendid records and care of the same, and our county officials as a whole for their promptness and efficiency in the conduct of their several offices.

MANASSAS A. FOWLER, Foreman.

Quinsy, Sprains and Swellings Cured.

"In November, 1901, I caught cold and had the quinsy. My throat was swollen so I could hardly breathe. I applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it gave me relief in a short time. In two days I was all right," says Mrs. L. Cousins, Olaton, Mo. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is a liniment and is especially valuable for sprains and swellings. For sale by Ackel & Stewart Drug Co.

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