

THE PALATKA NEWS and Advertiser.

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Has anybody heard, or seen any thing of, the Ion L. Farris congressional boom?

With the meat boycott spreading to all parts of the country and the Lenten season coming on, the beef trust seems to be up against it.

"Between two evils choose the least." There's Tallahassee and L'Engle. You pay your money and can take your choice.

Considering the coolness of the weather in Florida for the past two months, the wonder is how the hen can do it for the price.

Lotta Faust who was recently pictured in many of the magazines with her delicate gowns cut in the back down to the waist line, is dead from pneumonia. Keep your clothes on, girls.

Tom Appleyard of the Lake City Index still insists that Broward will not be a candidate for the United States Senate, and in the absence of any noise from the Everglades it begins to look as if Thomas is right.

The Virginia legislature has recently elected John W. Daniel to the United States Senate for the fifth consecutive term, and in the event that he lives through it, he will have a record of 30 years service in that body. States that are served by men of his type are justified in keeping them in office indefinitely.

Tampa board of trade has just issued a new and beautiful illustrated booklet designed to boost Tampa as a resort for "health, pleasure and profit." Tampa is a great and growing city already, but a trifle shy in people of being the metropolis, but there are not a few discerning men in the state who predict that it will soon lead in population as it now leads in manufacturing interests, especially that of cigars. The annual wage pay roll of Tampa is already \$19,248,000. Tourists should not leave Florida without seeing Tampa. It's a great city.

We rather like the plan of celebrating the undertaking and completing of any public work for the good of the people. It was a custom which prevailed fifty years ago, and brought the people of a county together at meetings, speech-making and barbecues, where good cheer and hope reigned supreme for the time being. It is a fit way to recognize a public benefit and to thank those who have aided in bringing about the realization of such utilities. Palatka, on the 22d prox., intends to return to the custom for a day and properly demonstrate the completion of a good bridge across the St. Johns river. The blow-out will occur on the 22d of February, and everybody is invited to be present.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

Under the caption "another car window expert" Editor Holly of the Sanford Herald hits back good and hard at one "Dr." Knapp, a government agricultural expert, who in a recent Jacksonville talk made the statement that "no one could make a living on five acres of Florida soil," and who warned all investors against the promoter who would convince the unwary that a fortune could be made from five acres. Editor Holly gives several examples of men who have made a good living. One of these statements signed by C. F. Williams, says: "In the past three years I have made \$30,680 from five acres of celery land. There are plenty of examples of men in all parts of Florida who are making good livings from five acre tracts, and the News trusts that a copy of the Sanford Herald containing Editor Holly's reply to "Dr" Knapp will fall into that gentleman's hands. It will do him good.

The Southern August of Brooksville is the most outspoken in its opposition to the present state democratic primary system of nomination to office of any of the state papers. As the editor says: "We have made no fight against the state primary, but against the intolerable conditions which have resulted from the defects of its construction and its expensive and corrupting operation; its requirement of monetary qualifications for candidates and its exclusion of the people from a participation in the affairs of government; only allowing the people a choice of evils (candidates), but cutting off all opportunity to make known in an authorized, official way their wishes in regard to legislation and the policies of government. Eliminate these SLIGHT defects with a few others, like the tendency to make office a family asset, and we will withdraw all objection to the state primary."

In another editorial in the same paper the Brooksville editor says: "There was a time in our history when it was thought a good thing for the office to seek the man. Under the primary law it is unlawful for the office to seek the man. The man must seek the office, hunger and thirst for it, go after it night and day, pursue it with a bulldog, catch it in a trap, bait it with dollars, smile for it, sigh for it, cry for it, lie for it, and almost die for it, bribe for it; and if necessary compass heaven, hell and the grave to get it. Great is the system that only allows office seekers to hold office, and pay a fortune for it at that. The office that goes around these times seeking a man should be arrested, and heavily fined. If guilty a second time it should be abolished, and thrown out into the sewerage."

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STATE NEWS ITEMS.

Tampa has been disappointed. President Taft is too busy to attend the Panama canal celebration after partially promising that he would do so. But Tampa is to have other attractions in the shape of aeroplans, etc.

Benj. M. Mathis, a valued employe of the state comptroller's office is dead at Tallahassee. Born in 1839, and served in Confederate army, and was made Inspector General. Has lived in Florida since 1885. Leaves wife and nine grown children.

The Hastings Advocate maintains that Hastings is growing so fast that in five years from now Palatka and St. Augustine will be regarded as suburbs.

Pensacola will soon have a new half-million dollar hotel in the San Carlos. It is 8 stories high and has 150 feet frontage. Is as nearly fire-proof as possible.

St. Petersburg board of trade has nominated A. P. Avery for president. The board has 107 members, and is trying to make it 150.

The sewer pipe is being delivered at Bartow with which to construct a system of municipal sewers.

At Starke the Second Adventists are building a new church.

W. C. Braddock a merchant of Sebastian, shot and killed Sam Jones, a negro, in self-defense last week. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

Hon. Gilbert Hartsfield, a former member of the legislature from Leon county is dead at his home six miles west of Tallahassee.

Dexter M. Lowery has been nominated for mayor of Tallahassee.

Louis J. Brumby, editor and proprietor of the Florida Fruit and Truck Grower, of Ocala, died on Sunday. He was a native of Georgia, and had been in newspaper work in Florida for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Dr. Stevens is to deliver a series of lectures throughout the state on hygienic living and other matters pertaining to health and sanitation. These lectures are to be under the auspices of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs.

Dr. Lincoln Hulley, president of the John B. Stetson University, preached in the Baptist church at Miami last Sunday both morning and evening.

It is announced that Hon. N. A. Blitch will be a candidate for railroad commissioner to succeed himself.

Two hundred bales of long staple cotton was purchased by a Savannah firm at Gainesville last week at 29½ cents per pound.

Editor R. A. Gray of the Havana News, has announced as a candidate for the House of Representatives from Gadsden county.

The Leon county school board has bought a lot east of Trinity Methodist church in Tallahassee and during the coming summer will erect thereon a \$25,000 school house.

Henry M. Flagler with President J. R. Parrott and other officials of the Florida East Coast Railway have recently returned from a visit of inspection on the extension work to Key West. Mr. Flagler assured the people of that place that the work would be pushed harder than ever and that the force of workmen would be increased. The method of construction has been changed somewhat so as to avoid danger from hurricanes.

Dr. John C. L'Engle will be a candidate for state senator from Duval county, and Frank Chase and Turner Butler will try to break into the House.

On January 22, snow fell for about five minutes at Tallahassee, something that had not occurred before within the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

A fire at St. Augustine on Sunday night destroyed the frame building at the corner of DeSoto Place and Granada street, besides damage to adjoining property and entailing a loss of \$15,000.

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A Disgusted Lover. When James IV. of Scotland went to London to propose for the hand of Margaret, the daughter of Henry VII., he was somewhat disgusted to find her at their first meeting so busily engaged in a game of cards that she was scarcely able to give him any attention.

HER PROPOSAL.

By MARION GOLDBERG. (Copyright, 1910, by American Press Association.)

Marion Hathaway, though she was not interested in the rights of woman, was deeply interested in the rights of a woman, and that woman was herself. Miss Hathaway was twenty-six years old and unmarried when it suddenly occurred to her that there was one right belonging to her that she had been denied, not by any law, but by the most imperious of all rulers, custom.

"A man," she said, "may say with impunity, 'I'm looking for a wife,' but let a woman say the same thing about a husband and she would be considered immodest in the extreme. Indeed, her statement would be held up to ridicule and would defeat her purpose to marry. Furthermore, a man may ask a dozen women one after another to marry him, while a woman is forbidden to ask even one man. Now, I'm not going to submit to such injustice any longer. I wish a husband, home and children. I know the man I should like to marry. I decline to angle for him. I'm going to assume with regard to him the same privilege he has assumed toward me. I shall propose marriage."

Mr. Archibald Howe was the man to whom Miss Hathaway decided to propose. He was thirty-two years old, doing a good business and of good standing both socially and as a citizen. Miss Hathaway had an income of \$1,000 a year. In a business point of view the elements for a partnership existed. The question in the lady's mind was this: First, had the man ever thought of her as one he would like to marry; second, if not, could she lead him to so think of her? He was permitted to discover her feelings for him. Why should she not be permitted to learn his for her?

All this reasoning was well enough, but to put it into practice was another matter. Miss Hathaway winced at the first line. A brave way to act in the case was to send for Mr. Howe and make her proposal by word. Her feelings constrained her to do it by letter; but, after writing and tearing up some twenty epistles, she concluded that she must either "take the bull by the horns"—that is, make her proposal in person or not at all. Summoning all her resolution, she wrote him to call on her.

When Mr. Howe's card was handed her the next evening she caught sight of her face in a mirror. Dismay was written on every feature. She was a strong character, though with a tendency to enter upon innovations that only the concurrent opinion of large communities can effect. At any rate, she was determined and, having once put her hand to the plow, would not turn back. But it required ten minutes before her heart beat would subside to a normal rate, at the end of which time she descended the staircase and entered the drawing room. Her heart had recommenced its kettle-drum performance and her knees threatened to let her down on the floor. That woman's nature had something to do with the custom of proposals for the first time rushed upon her with great force. Mr. Howe rose, she mechanically extended her hand, he resumed his seat, and she sank on one end of a sofa.

"What can I do for you?" asked the visitor.

Miss Hathaway's reply was a shiver. "A matter of charity?" asked the gentleman after a pause to help her out.

"Well—yes—in a way."

"For whom or what do you ask aid?"

"Myself."

Mr. Howe looked surprised.

"I have sent for you, Mr. Howe," she continued, with every show of resolution, "in order that I may do something—something very disagreeable, and I wish you to help me."

"Something disagreeable?"

"Very."

"Is it something we can do together?"

"No; one or the other must do it, and I can't do it, I don't see but that you must do it yourself."

Miss Hathaway didn't look as if she could.

"Tell me," added the caller, "what it is and I'll see what I can do for you." He rose from his seat and sat down beside her.

"No; I have resolved to do it myself, and I will."

"Proceed."

Miss Hathaway gathered her faculties for a beginning.

"Did you ever think of me—that is, in the friendship that has existed between us—has it ever occurred to you?"

She stopped.

Mr. Howe was looking at her intently. Her bosom was heaving; her eyes were like those of a hunted fawn. It occurred to him that he would like to put his arms about her, take her head on his shoulder and comfort her.

"I have freely resolved," she went on, with a gasp, "always to remain single."

"Indeed?"

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