

CITY HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION

Col. E. D. Dancy one of the potato magnates of Orange Mills was in Palatka a part of Tuesday, doing business and shaking hands with friends.

Benton B. Miller, a general insurance agent of Elizabethtown, Ken., has been in the city for the past few days looking over a tract of land and getting estimates on clearing and setting the tract in fig trees.

Judge J. C. Calhoun sprinted for Tallahassee one day this week to work among members of the legislature in favor of the new judicial circuit bill, and the passage of which would make Palatka the center of a new circuit.

Dr. A. M. Steen was called to Crescent City on Tuesday in consultation with Dr. T. Raymond Bergs of that place over the condition of Mr. Tom Russell, son of the editor of the News, and who is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

David Olsen, an experienced and successful farmer of Omaha, Neb., is in the city spending a few days preparatory to moving in the fall on land recently purchased near the northern boundary of the county. Mr. Olsen is well pleased with Putnam county and is a real booster.

Hon. R. M. Burt, one of Hastings' leading boosters and Mayor of that city, has been in Palatka for the past several days attending the meeting of the board of trade and spreading good will and sowing the seed of prospective joy for the future. Mr. Burt is the right sort and a Palatka product.

Francis M. Williams, C. P. A., of Jacksonville is located in the city for several days compiling a statement showing the condition of a local business. Mr. Williams thinks Palatka one of Florida's favorite cities and speaks highly of some splendid locations which he thinks the city should buy for public park purposes.

Hon. Lemuel B. Green, editor of The Argus of Patchogue, N. Y., left for his northern home last week to the regret of his many friends made during his stay in the Gem City. Mr. Green is one of Long Island's noted boosters and became greatly interested in the possibilities of Putnam county, and leaves with a promise to come earlier next winter and spend the entire season.

C. D. Throop of the Buck Eye state was a visitor in our city this week and met an old boyhood playmate in the person of R. R. Brakeman whom he had not seen in many years. Mr. Throop is greatly interested in the production of Putnam county and was a pleasant caller at the board of trade rooms. He has been spending each winter in Florida and the past winter he spent at Tarpon Springs with his family.

Mrs. Warner Hamm was hostess for the Tuesday afternoon bridge club.

Miss Birdie Reed has gone to McIntosh where she will visit Miss Bobbie Baldwin several days.

Remember that the county tax books close April 30th, and your personal and real taxes must be paid on or before this date.

Mr. J. R. Mellon and family are closing their Palatka home, preparatory for leaving next week for their home in Pittsburg, Pa.

Mrs. N. F. Vining and daughters who have been sojourning in Mannville, have returned to their home in Weymouth, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Grace Ogg of Valdosta, Ga., arrived in Palatka this morning and will be a guest of her brothers, C. J. and R. S. O'Haver and families for several weeks.

A new west end card club has been organized with three tables, meetings to be held Thursday afternoons. Mrs. H. F. Lecks was hostess for the club this week.

The Misses Lyle and Crosby of East Palatka were visitors in the city Wednesday, coming over to witness the production of "The Silver Flask" Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. K. Coogler and sister-in-law, Miss Nellie Coogler of Green Cove Springs, are visiting Mrs. Coogler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Reed, Emmett street.

Mrs. W. H. Merriam entertained the Monday night club at her home on River street. Prizes were awarded Mrs. Warner Hamm, Mrs. Lecks and Mrs. Barnett. An ice-cream course was served.

Remember that the moving pictures at the Grand on Wednesday, April 28, are for the benefit of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The Sisters and ladies in charge will appreciate the liberal patronage of the public.

R. S. O'Haver and wife have taken the lower duplex of the Bond house on S. 5th street and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Lansing, brother and wife, M. H. Lansing have taken the upper duplex.

Word has been received that Mr. Cochrane, son-in-law of Mrs. Lillian Knight was run down by an automobile in Tallahassee last week and badly injured. Just how serious his injuries are, we have not been able to ascertain.

T. R. Higgins of The New Florida and E. W. Elliott, secretary of the Palatka board of trade have been shelling the woods around the Hollister district this week and succeeded in corraling many fine views and splendid samples of what a Florida farm in Putnam county can produce. Col. Higgins acted as official photographer and Sec. Elliott as official sampler bringing in many fine specimens which are on exhibition at the board of trade rooms.

Col. S. J. Hilburn is spending a little time in Tallahassee this week, and the rumor is current that he is doing some lobbying against the proposed new judicial circuit bills.

In the recent Innersal contest the nominees of prizes were Mrs. W. J. Gibbons, gold watch, Ruth Ransom, enameled bar pin, and Miss Pemberton, the fountain pen.

Mrs. R. A. Varnes arrived home Thursday from Orlando, where she has been visiting friends.

Mrs. C. Miller who has been spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Baker at Keuka, stopped over Monday with Mrs. C. H. Price, Oak street, enroute to her home in Dayton, Ohio. Mrs. Miller was accompanied north, by her granddaughter Miss Erma Baker.

Mrs. G. M. Boyd, Kirkland street, left last Saturday for Brenau College, in Gainesville, Ga., where she will visit her daughter Mae, who is a student there, and Mrs. Boyd will be present with her daughter when she graduates in June. Miss Louise will keep house for her father, during her mother's absence.

There will be a big farmers' meeting at Bardin's school house Tuesday afternoon, April 27th, at 3 o'clock. They have requested a delegation to be present from the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce and all members who are able to go are requested to notify Sec. Kennerly who will see that a place will be made in the cars for them.

W. S. Fry the popular jeweler, is preparing to move his stock to the room recently vacated by Wm. Curry. The store room is being remodeled and will soon be in keeping with the other newly remodeled buildings on Lemon St. Mr. Fry has been in his present location for seventeen years.

Mrs. J. C. Wilroy entertained with an informal morning party Tuesday morning.

The Literary department of the Woman's Club held a most delightful meeting at the Guild Hall last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Fields had charge of the program and was a delightful leader, papers were read by Mrs. Dunford and Mrs. Teaff. Miss Susie Walton led the discussion as to whether magazine literature had lowered the taste for good, solid reading and the verdict was, that it had.

The marble workers are making fine progress on the interior finish of the new office of the State Bank of Palatka, and the same should soon be ready for occupancy. This will be one of the finest bank interiors in Florida. No wonder Frank Fearnside is taking such a deep interest in the work. It is hard to say which of his honors he is most proud of—the presidency of this bank, or the presidency of the State Board of Health.

The music class of the Woman's Club held a meeting at the home of Mrs. S. J. Hilburn last Monday afternoon. The program was a delightful one each number typifying spring. Mrs. Hilburn read a short article on the subject, which was followed by a collection of Gems on "Spring," played by Miss Adair Anderson, Miss Mary Belle Stallings then rendered Mendelssohn spring music and Miss Anderson then sang by request, Miss Alice Hutchinson accompanying.

One of Palatka's deserving young men has received a position which his hosts of friends are glad to know of. Gen. Elbert Wheeler of the Palatka Water Works company, after the death of Capt. Joseph D. Points, appointed his son, Capt. John D. Points, to the superintendency of the plant. Gen. Wheeler conferred upon Capt. Points carte blanche, which means that he will be head over all and master of all he surveys. He deserves much credit for the way in which he has fulfilled other duties and we all feel the choice of Gen. Wheeler to be a wise one.

Miss Elizabeth Mae Brown who with her mother has been spending the winter at the Putnam House, will leave next week for their home in Connellsville, Pa. Miss Brown will be greatly missed by the many friends she has made while in Palatka, and they will hope that she may return again, another season.

The funeral of Mrs. S. E. de Montmolin, mother of H. M. de Montmolin was held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from St. Monica's Catholic church. Mrs. de Montmolin's death occurred at her home in Stark, Florida.

Plea for Clothes. The Associated Charities has several cases of worthy people right here in Palatka where clothes for children and babies are badly needed. The organization makes a special appeal to the ladies of the city to send all cast-off garments of this kind; also clothes for adults, to the secretary of the association. Mrs. GEO. LANSING, Board of Trade Rooms.

Farewell Party at Putnam House. Last evening a farewell musical was given in the Putnam parlors for Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Purcell who leave next week for their new pastorate in Faison, N. C. The affair was informal and was open to all friends of Dr. Purcell and wife. Mrs. E. L. Mann and Mrs. Robert S. O'Haver had charge of the musical program, and those who took part were, Mrs. Alston Haile, Mrs. F. L. Thorpe, Miss Louise Boyd, Miss Sissie Lee Walton, Noah Tilghman Jr., Miss Adair Anderson, Lewington Barstow and Miss Elizabeth Mae Brown, Mrs. Robert O'Haver, accompanist.

During the evening Chattaway's orchestra discoursed some of the catchy and delightful music from "The Silver Flask."

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Hon. Henry Hutchinson, clerk circuit court, received the following letter from State Attorney Long:

Dear Sir:— In view of the fact that a bill will be presented at the next Legislature to give two weeks term in Putnam county instead of one, I am directed by the Judge to advise you that it will not be necessary for you to draw a jury. He will issue a venire upon his arrival in Palatka. Yours very truly, A. V. LONG.

Dr. and Mrs. Purcell to Leave.

Next Sunday will be the last for Dr. J. W. Purcell as pastor of the Presbyterian church. Palatka will be the loser by the departure of Dr. and Mrs. Purcell, and they leave a host of friends who will miss them greatly, and the masterful sermons delivered by the doctor as well as the kindly ministrations of his good wife. They leave with the assurance of good will and a wish for their success in the new field to which they will enter in Faison, N. C., soon. Dr. Purcell will preach both morning and evening Sunday.

Water Works Proposition

At the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday night April 20th, reports of various committees were read and discussed, and once more the negotiations between the Palatka water works and the City of Palatka for the purchase of the company's interests in the plant were brought up. A letter had been received from the company's office in Boston asking for consideration upon the subject and a date on which their representative could meet with members of the council to confer with them in regard to the buying of the plant. President Merriam appointed a committee who with City Attorney Merryday and City Engineer Stallings would meet General Elbert Wheeler the following Friday night. The committee met with General Wheeler as per schedule and the outcome of the interview was, that the Boston Co. recommended \$80,000 as the price they would accept for the plant as it now is, and in addition the city pay \$21,000 for hydrant rentals which is now in litigation. This virtually amounted to \$81,000. The committee was not favorably impressed with these figures so Ald. Gay, chairman of the committee, after consultation, advised Gen. Wheeler that they would not consider these figures under any consideration. At the meeting of the council Tuesday evening Ald. Gay read his report which was previously agreed upon by the special committee, and the report was adopted unanimously by the council.

A Splendid Production.

Palatka has every reason to be proud of her histrionic talent as evidenced Wednesday night in the production of "The Silver Flask," presented at the Howell Theater for the benefit of the Associated Charities. The musical comedy was ably given under the general management of Mrs. Edward L. Mann. Prof. J. Williard Chattaway was musical director and arranged the orchestral setting for the beautiful and catchy music which was composed by Thurland Chattaway, brother of our own professor. Miss Mary Evans was responsible for the masterly way in which she managed the dancing steps and drills in the various scenes. The Prologue was charmingly read by Mrs. Mann and this gave the audience an insight into the plot of the comedy. Our own Mrs. Haile was a veritable princess in action and appearance; beautiful and bewitching, and charmed us again with her wonderful voice. Reginald Hodge and James Evans as rival courtiers for the hand of the

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Princess took their parts in a true professional manner. George Everson as the sick king portrayed the part absolutely true to character. Mrs. Bain, as Titania, was beautiful and her lines and action were done in splendid style. Of the other members space forbids mentioning the individual characters; all were well taken. Particular mention, however, should be made of Jack Merriam as priest, who was a sure enough artist in the role. The "Entertainers" with Miss Barber as leader of the "Countess of the Kitchen" was a delightful act. Miss Barber sang beautifully. Miss Adair Anderson led the Spanish Girls' drill and was true to the part in costume and drill. The French maids with Miss Edith Buck were provocative of much mirth, as the variety of the misses with the powder puffs was true to life and Miss Buck was a good little actress. The center chorus with Miss Mary Evans leader, made quite a hit, with spirited action. The Grotto scene deserves mention for the beauty of its setting, with the elf king, John Smith, and elf queen, Betty Holst, who were true to their parts and charmingly natural as children usually are. Their costumes were beautiful and fitted the setting. The elves, cats, dogs and billkins were a happy part of the setting, and the dance by the four little fairies was graceful and charming, and the solo, "Sweet South Wind," by Betty Holst, accompanied by the motion work of the sixteen little ones, was dainty and fairylike. The orchestra certainly deserves special credit for the beautiful ensemble work; suffice it to say that every member of the orchestra was at his and her best. Prof. Chattaway says, it was undoubtedly the best orchestra he has ever conducted in musical comedy and was strong in his praise of Miss Hutchinson who so ably accompanied him at the piano. The song hits of the production were "In the Orient," "Dawn," "Love's Sweet Game," "There's Nothing Like a Canter," "Shall I Forget," and "The Land of Love." The stage management was all under the capable supervision of Jerry Sullivan and was all that could be desired.