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If You Need a Hat Buy It Now!

If you are not in need of one, you will likely buy one of these hats, not only because of the low price attached, but also the stylish appearance of this display.

Palm Beach Hats

Some all Palm Beach color, others with grey, and blue brims; soft and stiff
Your choice, any hat for

50c.

This is for you, Mr. Man. If these hats are worth anything, they are worth 50c to you. They will not last long after this announcement. See the window display.

Curry's Shoe Store

DON'T FORGET WE CARRY "SEXTON" BRAND UNDERWEAR, PAJAMAS AND NIGHTIES. SOFT AND LIGHT.

The Putnam National Bank of Palatka

PALATKA, FLORIDA

Total Assets, June 10th.....\$700,000.00
Liabilities to Depositors.....4,000.00
Assets over Liabilities to Depositors.....2,000.00

According to the New York Financial Review we are the second strongest National Bank in Florida.
Our Safe Deposit Boxes, double lock system, are the best made. \$3.00 per year. Foreign Exchange issued.
We solicit your banking business.
GEO. E. WELCH, President
F. H. WILSON, Vice-President
A. S. WILLARD, Cashier
CHAS. BERT, Asst. Cashier



More and more every day Ford cars become the necessity for everybody—a utility in city and country. Their great usefulness is part of the daily life of all the people, through giving universal economy.

Retail buyers of new Ford cars from August 1914 to August 1915 will share in profits if 300,000 are sold in that time. Ask us for particulars. Keep in mind the simplicity in operation and economy in upkeep—less than two cents a mile.

Runabout \$440; Touring Car \$490; Town Car \$690. Coupelet \$750; Sedan \$975; fully equipped, f. o. b. Detroit.

On display and sale at THE FORD SALES COMPANY, Palatka, Walter W. Tilghman, Manager.

ONE ADVERTISEMENT IN A NEWSPAPER WILL NOT BUILD UP YOUR BUSINESS. IT WILL TAKE A DOZEN MORE—AND THEN SOME. ONE MUST KEEP EVERLASTINGLY AT ADVERTISING TO MAKE A SHOWING THEN IT WILL PAY SPLENDID DIVIDENDS.

LOCAL TRADE BODIES WILL AMALGAMATE

Marriage to Take Place Early in the Coming Week.

Through the unofficial action of certain patriotic members of the Palatka board of trade and the Putnam county chamber of commerce, a plan of action was brought out last week which met the approval of the men to the unofficially representing the two bodies.

This plan was laid before the board of trade at its meeting on Monday night and was approved.

On Tuesday night at a meeting of the chamber of commerce that body also gave official sanction to the plan. Early in the coming week a love-feast will be held at the board of trade rooms to take a drink of prohibition punch in honor of the approaching nuptials.

On the first Monday in July the united bodies will hold a meeting to nominate officers. All the present officers of both bodies are to resign. On the first Monday night in August will be held the first election.

The following are the proposed amendments to the constitution and by-laws of the board of trade which meet with the approval of the Putnam county chamber of commerce, and which are to be adopted as a part of the constitution and by-laws of the united bodies:

The Constitution.

Article II, Section 2. Applicants for membership shall fill out on a blank provided for that purpose, their application for membership in this organization and shall be recommended by two members in good standing; and this application shall be accompanied by the membership fee of 50 cents. No application shall be considered by the Board of Governors or the board of trade unless the membership fee is paid. The membership fee shall cover the dues for the month in which the application is made.

Article III, Section 3. Nominations for president, vice-president and governors shall be made annually at any regular meeting of the board of trade in the month of June, or may be made in writing to the secretary until within three hours of the time of balloting. Such nominations shall be posted by the secretary at the board of trade rooms.

Article III, Section 4. The officers of the board of trade, authorized by the constitution, shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting to be held the first Monday in the month of July and they shall serve until their successors are chosen. At the same time and in the same manner, there shall be three governors elected to serve for two years. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected for a term of two years (except that the first annual meeting shall be held the first Monday in August 1915, when there shall be elected a president, a vice-president, a second vice-president and six governors, the three Governors receiving the highest vote shall serve for two years and the next three receiving the next highest shall serve for one year.)

Article III, Section 7. No member of the board who is in arrears shall be permitted to vote for officers at the annual election.

Article III, Section 10. Vacancies in the board of governors, or officers, by resignation, disability or death may be filled at any regular or special meeting of the board of trade.

The By-Laws.

Article I, Section I. The time for regular meetings of the board of trade shall be fixed as the first and third Monday of each month in the board of trade building, and special meetings may be called at any time by the secretary at the direction of the president or any three members of the board of governors, or on the written request signed by any ten members. The board of governors shall meet twice a month at such time as may be fixed by them for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before them.

Article III, Section I. The annual dues for membership in this organization shall be \$6.00 payable monthly in advance and any person, firm or corporation having subscribed to the special fund for employment of a secretary shall be entitled to one vote for each \$1.00 subscribed to said fund and paid to July 31st, 1915, at the election to be held the first Monday in August, 1915, and thereafter any person, firm or corporation shall be entitled to one vote at the annual election of officers for each membership subscribed and paid.

The News does not regard it as out of place at this time to offer its congratulations to the level-headed men who have brought about this happy coalition. Palatka is too small a city to support two trade bodies and support them well. That is the case in any city, no matter how large or small. These bodies both have a common purpose—the upbuilding of Palatka and Putnam county. The old board of trade was somewhat affected with the dry rot; it needed a stimulant. The loss of interest began when the board changed its constitution and placed the management in the hands of a board of governors; this board of governors did well, but it lifted responsibility from the great body of members, and where there is no responsibility there is always a loss of interest.

The Putnam county chamber of commerce was recently organized. The men who were instrumental in its organization didn't know the work

PALATKA TELEPHONES GREATLY IMPROVED

By Installation of Common Battery for old Magneto System.

Change Made Last Saturday Night in Two Minutes and 23 Seconds.

The Palatka Telephone Exchange made an exchange last Saturday evening which telephone users certainly are appreciating.

The exchange was made at nine o'clock and occupied just two minutes and twenty-three seconds by the clock and Manager Thorpe's gold watch and chain.

Acting Mayor Merriam put up the first connection and answered the first call over the new system. With him were several members of the city council and a number of ladies.

The new exchange is one of the best equipped in the State. It has fine new switch boards and a chief operator's desk. These were installed by the Western Electric Co. under direction of E. Arnold and a force of six men.

Company officials present at the cut-over on Saturday night were A. L. Joynes, division plant superintendent; W. T. Ewing, division equipment supervisor; C. D. Cook, division traffic superintendent; F. S. Smith, division traffic supervisor, all of Savannah, Ga., and R. L. Boyd, district manager; J. C. Coppedge, district plant chief; C. N. Robinson, district traffic chief of Jacksonville.

The telephone company now occupies the two floors of the building, where it has only occupied one. The commercial office will still remain where it is, while the back room on the first floor formerly used as an operating room is now the power room. The operating room is upstairs. Back of it is another large room which Manager Thorpe calls the rest room. This is for the convenience of the young lady operators, and it has been finished and furnished in exquisite taste. There is a large bath room opening off the rest room. Pretty rugs are on the floor of the rest room and the furniture is of the mission style. The operators who will serve the public are, Miss Metta Porter, chief; Miss Mildred Beasley, Miss Amanda Dykes, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Miss Lola Cullin, and Miss Leona Cullin, night operator.

Manager and Mrs. Thorpe were host and hostess on Saturday night at the brief ceremony to celebrate the cut-over and installation of the new plant.

The city council made request of the Southern Bell Co., of which the Palatka plant is a part, that the common battery system be installed in this city instead of the old magneto system. This request was made last December, and the Bell company felt to the request as gracefully as if asked up to the soda fountain to take a grape juice. The council asked that the change be made by December 1st, 1915. This date was also agreeable to the company. Instead of waiting until December, however, the company went to work immediately and was enabled to make the change nearly six months ahead of the promised time—June 19th.

SOLONS DEBATE THE DAVIS PACKAGE LAW

At Pomona—Senator Middleton and Representative Tilghman Differ.

Before a large audience in the public hall at Pomona last Friday night Senator Middleton and Representative W. G. Tilghman were leaders on opposite sides in an animated debate over the Davis package liquor law enacted by the legislature in May. It will be remembered by those interested that Senator Middleton voted against the law and Representative Tilghman voted for it. It will also be remembered by many that two years ago, while serving as a representative, Mr. Middleton supported the same bill, which was defeated in the legislature of 1913.

In the debate on Friday night the question at issue seems to be over a resolution to the effect that the Davis law is a temperance measure. Mr. Tilghman was supported in the affirmative by W. M. Williams of Pomona and H. A. Ring of Sisco. Mr. Middleton was assisted in holding up the negative by Prof. Egle, principal of the Pomona school.

Those present say that the debate was very interesting. At its conclusion a vote was taken among the audience to settle the question. It wasn't settled, of course, but 22 said that the Senator's side had the best of the argument, while 19 favored the side taken by Representative Tilghman.

being done by the board of trade; that wasn't strange, when you consider that the great body of board's own members were also ignorant. The chamber of commerce is composed of young men in large part, young men who have recently come on the stage of action and who are moved by the spirit of progress; the same spirit that the old board has been instrumental in encouraging. These young men are workers and when they get into the new and amalgamated body just you will see their smoke; there'll be something adding.

YOUR UNCLE SAMUEL NEEDS THE MONEY

And P. M. Hagan His Faithful Deputy Collector is Getting It.

It costs a lot of money to run these United States and knowing this fact the internal revenue department employs good collectors.

In this section of Florida P. M. Hagan is the collector. He is only a deputy, the chief collectorship for the State being held down by Hayes Lewis, as smooth a politician as has been produced in Florida in a year of new moons. He has sent our Pete after delinquents and that gentleman seems to be bringing them in.

Last Monday he went over to Satsuma Hights and called on a colored man by the name of Tom Murray who was reputed to be engaged in the business of conducting a "blind tiger." Tom had several years ago taken out a license for a part of a year which permitted him to sell "near" beer. That was in 1911. Tom said he had paid his license for 1912, but he couldn't produce it; he did produce his fractional license for 1911. He acknowledged under pressure from the gentle Hagan that he had been dealing in near beer all the time since.

Peter then presented him with a bill for four year's license together with the fifty per cent penalty, in all amounting to \$110, which Thomas paid.

There are a number of people in and about Satsuma Hights who say Tom is a good citizen; others say he ekes out an easy living by selling a class of booze that is much nearer the real thing than the malt mixture for which he pays, under pressure, a license to the government.

Mr. Hagan says there are a number of other government cases in his district and that so long as he is on the job he proposes to uncover them.

JUDGE HILBURN SIGNS AN ORDER

Creating the new Hastings Drainage District.

The Hastings Herald of last week says:

"The big drainage system to be made in Hastings now seems an assured fact. Judge Hilburn has signed the order making the system now possible, creating the district. This district embraces 5,000 acres east of the Boulevard and taking in some of our finest farms. The drainage over this territory is to be as perfect as an engineer can make it. The district is to be bonded and a tax will liquidate the bonds.

"A meeting is set for the first week in July of all the owners of land involved in the district. This meeting will be for the purpose of electing three commissioners from among the land owners to be the executive head of the project.

"Already the names of G. V. Leonard, T. R. Byrd and C. C. Robshaw have been suggested as good men to fill the position as commissioners. These commissioners will have an engineer make estimates as to the cost of putting in the drainage system and then call for bids to have the work done.

"This movement will be a great thing for the numerous farms in that locality. It is but a question of time when the adjacent lands will request to be taken into the district, and even the town of Hastings.

"And so step by step do we advance to a more complete development and prosperity.

"The legal advertisement relating to the drainage district appears in this issue of the Herald."

THE COMING CELEBRATION.

The committee in charge of Palatka's proposed big celebration of the Fourth of July is meeting with all the encouragement it could in reason ask. They are finding the money easy to get from the merchants and other business men and all arrangements are being satisfactorily concluded.

The crowds will be here and they will come from all parts of the county. The program of events will be sufficiently varied to afford something of interest to every one. There will be two base ball games, and the fact that Palatka now has a fast team and will be matched against other fast teams, is sufficient to insure interest on the part of base ball lovers.

Palatka invites the people of the county to be its guest on the Fourth. It also invites the people of adjoining counties, many of whom will be here. They are coming in droves from Hastings, St. Augustine, Hawthorne, Crescent City, Green Cove Springs and all intervening points.

As the Fourth falls on Sunday this year, the celebration is to be held on Monday, the 5th.

* Extra fine new cane syrup *
* in new Cypress barrels. *
* 15 cts Qt. *
* L. C. STEPHENS, *
* 628 Kirby Street. *

GOV. TRAMMELL TO RUN FOR U. S. SENATE

Governor Announced his Candidacy at Tallahassee on Tuesday.

On Tuesday of this week Gov. Trammell made definite announcement of his purpose to enter the race for the United States Senate in the democratic primaries next spring.

In connection with his proposed candidacy the governor issued the following brief statement:

"Encouraged by citizens from all sections of Florida to enter the contest, and actuated too by my own ambition, I have, after careful consideration, reached the positive decision that I will seek at the hands of the Democracy of Florida in the 1916 primary, nomination to the United States senatorship. My candidacy shall be based upon my record in the public service, as representative, state senator, attorney general and governor, and upon a platform of principles which I shall issue later. Judging from the voluntary assurances of support and opinions as to the sentiment of the people, which have come from all parts of the state, I am strongly impressed with the belief that my candidacy will meet with success. As the primary will not be held for almost a year, it will be some months before I shall enter actively upon the campaign.

"I am profoundly grateful to the people of Florida for the confidence they have extended me in the past. Without friends and their timely support and assistance we can accomplish but little; with them and their loyal help, however, great victories have and can be won. To those who have assured me of support and to all who may kindly assist me in the approaching campaign, I shall always cherish deepest sentiments of gratitude."

TOM WALDRON'S CORN FIELD AN EYE-OPENER

To Farmers of County—Will Yield Nearly 40 Bushels to Acre.

County Commissioner Tom Waldron of East Palatka made a talk at the mass meeting in the board of trade rooms a week or more ago which had been called for the purpose of discussing the need of a farm demonstrator for the county.

In his talk Mr. Waldron gave the assembly to understand that he was earnestly in favor of employing a county demonstrator. He told of his own experience in trying to raise a respectable corn crop on some good land as can be found in Florida—land on which he had for several years been making record crops of Irish potatoes. He said that for six years he had made only small corn crops, much smaller than his neighbors, and that do what he would he didn't seem to succeed. Finally he wrote to Mr. C. K. McQuarrie, the state farm demonstration agent at Gainesville, telling him of his difficulties and asking advice. Mr. McQuarrie replied to his letter promptly and a little further correspondence ensued between the seeker after knowledge and the Gainesville Farm Encyclopedia, and the result that this spring Mr. Waldron is practicing the methods suggested by Mr. McQuarrie.

"I now have a magnificent corn crop," said Mr. Waldron, "due to the advice of a man who knows—Mr. McQuarrie. Had there been a competent Putnam county Farm Demonstrator employed he could have told me what to do six years ago and thus have saved me six years of experimenting which yielded me nothing. I certainly am in favor of employing a Farm Demonstrator, a man whose business it will be to disseminate knowledge among the farmers of the county."

On Wednesday, in company with Secretary Elliott of the Palatka board of trade, a representative of the News visited Mr. Waldron's place in East Palatka. On the way over we passed many fields of corn, much of which was good and much of which was only fair. Some were riddled in spots and in other spots a failure. But the Waldron fields are even. It is all good.

Standing on the porch of Mr. Waldron's home one can look over the great fields of waving corn. Judging with the eye the corn, though not yet fully grown, is between 9 and 10 feet high and uniformly even and heavy. There are 40 acres about in the fields, and several experts who have gone through the fields are united in the opinion that the yield will be between 35 and 40 bushels to the acre. Others in bunching the yield say that these fields will produce between 1,400 and 1,600 bushels.

Commissioner Waldron is one of the most progressive farmers in Putnam county; he believes that the practical farmer can still get information from the men who delve into the scientific aspects of farming, such as soil analysis, soil building and the selection of seed. Mr. Waldron has long been among the successful potato growers of his section, where potatoes are the specialty. He has made money and is one of the advance army of Putnam county farmers who travels about in his own automobile.

The man who makes good doesn't have to prove it.