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OUR NEIGHBORS ARE AT WORK.

Three of the counties adjoining Putnam are soon to hold county fairs. The Alachua County Fair will be held next week—Nov. 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13th, at Gainesville.

The Marion County Fair has been fixed upon for Nov. 23, 24, 25 and 26th at Ocala, and

The Volusia County Fair will be held at DeLand on January 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29th.

These counties are among the most enterprising in all Florida and all have within their borders the products of farms and groves such as to make the world sit up and take notice, provided the people can only be brought to view them.

The people of Alachua county are anxious for the people of Florida who are interested in the advancement of the State through its agricultural resources to see what their county is doing in this line. We hope they will see and we also hope they will see what the progressive men of Marion and Volusia are doing in the way of advancing the agricultural and horticultural interests of the State.

Florida is a great State and is just coming into its own. The people are waking up to the fact that our lands are among the most valuable in the nation. And it is the men from other States who have come here seeking climate, who have made the discovery that we have something besides the finest climate in the world—that our soil is producing more net dollars to the acre than that of any other state in the union.

Putnam county has been slow. Not that we have failed in a realization of our advantages, but that we have been so taken up with them that we have failed in the important work of spreading the news to the outside world. With our drainage and good roads projects we have been too busy to see the importance of a county fair. The News trusts that this neglect will not be repeated another year. With the drainage of the rich lands at Florahome and Bostwick, now being accomplished, Putnam county is able to offer some of the most productive lands in the entire country. Our great potato farms are already the wonder of the world, and when it is realized that on these rich lands a second crop is grown of 40 to 45 bushels of corn to the acre without extra fertilizer, it will be seen that Putnam county, too, has something to "crow over."

The News hopes the people of Putnam county will attend the fairs of Alachua, Marion and Volusia counties in great numbers. Let us go and encourage them. They are our neighbors and our friends and we really do rejoice with them in their successes.

"SAVE US OR WE PERISH."

Everybody can help in stamping out the citrus canker that is threatening the state.

Everybody MUST HELP if the industry is to be saved.

There is not a reader of this paper but has a friend, or several of them, in the North, and these friends in the North would of course help their friends in the South, if advised how to do so.

There is only one way anyone can help and that is by assisting in the campaign for Federal aid.

Let everyone, therefore, write to his friends in the North. Tell them plainly that the citrus fruit industry of the South will disappear under the ravages of this plague more contagious than smallpox, more infectious than typhoid and to the citrus tree more deadly than tuberculosis is to man, unless Federal aid is obtained.

Request the friend in the North to write a personal letter to their congressman. Just a brief request that when the bill providing Federal aid for eradicating the citrus canker is presented in Congress the member will vote in favor of it.

It will be your contribution to the great cause that is pending, and a valuable one.

Mendenhall the Clearwater murderer awaiting outcome of his appeal to the supreme court for a new trial, was moved to the Ocala jail last week in order to insure his greater safety. There had been rumors of a mob from other districts, and Sheriff Whitehurst didn't propose to take any chances. Hence the removal.

Mayor R. M. Burt has banished the cattle from the streets of Hastings and the town council has backed him up with an ordinance. He gave notice of banishment several days in advance in order to save costs to cow owners who live in the country and whose cattle had been in the habit of coming in town and keeping the grass from growing in the streets.

Cromwell Gibbons, a Jacksonville lawyer, has brought suit in the Federal court to recover a little matter of \$1,900,000 damages, which he claims is due him from the estate of one Samuel M. Jarvis, on contract for the purchase of 1,200,000 acres of drained lands in the Everglades. We trust Mr. Gibbons will get the major part of this money. It will benefit Florida, for Mr. Gibbons is a liberal minded gentleman whose purse-strings are never tied.

Mrs. Belva Lockwood, the only woman who ever ran for president of the United States, will spend the winter in St. Cloud. Mrs. Lockwood is 85 years of age. It is 26 years since she announced as a candidate on the Woman's Rights ticket. Belva was not quite elected, but she got a lot of fun in the running and contributed her full share to the gaiety of the nation. Belva lives in Kansas, where the great majority of political freaks originate.

Suffrage amendments granting the franchise to women were defeated in New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts on Tuesday by large majorities. In New York the new constitution was also defeated. The progressive vote in all the states was insignificant, indicating that in the coming presidential contest the fight will be between the democratic and republican parties. In Massachusetts the prohibition party pulled the largest vote in the life of that party in the state.

The Lakeland Evening Telegram has entered its fifth year of publication in happy frame of mind. It has successfully passed through the crisis infantum and is now a husky, rosy cheeked kid filled with the joy of life and service. Lakeland has appreciated the efforts of Editor Hetherington to give to that city a daily newspaper worthy of the place. The Telegram has been a worthy, intelligent booster for Lakeland, and that pretty city is a bigger, better-known city because of its sacrifices. There is no paper in the State whose utterances are more closely watched, more generously quoted. May its influence increase.

The death of Capt. W. D. Denham in a Philadelphia hospital last week brings to the minds of all the older citizens of Florida the memory of a man who stood forth in his day as a master in railway management. It was Capt. Denham who was chief lieutenant to the late H. B. Plant in the upbuilding of the Plant System of railroads in this State, now the A. C. L. He lived in Palatka in the earlier days as superintendent of the old Florida Southern, from which position he became the real pioneer manager of larger lines. He was a Southern gentleman of polished, generous manners, active and seemingly born to command. His name is indelibly stamped on the industrial history of Florida.

Eleven prisoners in the Mississippi state penitentiary, seven of whom were serving life sentences for murder, have been granted full and free pardon as a reward for submitting to prescribed tests of the United States public health service to determine the cause of any cure for pellagra. These convicts submitted to a diet which it was confidently expected would cause pellagra. And it did in six of them. In issuing the pardons Gov. Brewer told the prisoners they were free to leave the convict farm if they desired, but he strongly advised the six to remain and take the pellagra cure. The diet excluded milk, fresh lean meat, eggs, peas and beans. A man don't need to go to prison to get pellagra, this diet is too easily obtained in some homes.

Jacksonville will never be the same to the Honorable George G. Matthews of the Fort Lauderdale Sentinel, for its daily papers failed to notice his eloquent address, delivered to the Guardians of Liberty in a Baptist church of that city some two weeks ago. Dixie noticed it and told of it and got called down by Matthews for the telling. Dixie neglected to say that the address was "eloquent" and that the orator's tongue was tipped with silver. Hence the call-down. George Matthews is the living, breathing, bald-headed exception which proves the rule laid down by the Master, that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country." George is some punk in Fort Lauderdale, where he presided at a mass meeting of liberty-loving "Guardians" who demanded the recall of a nice young lady who had been employed to teach in the public school, for the sole reason that she was a Christian of the Catholic faith. Yes, George is honored at home, but neglected when once outside the home city limits.

WHAT LEADING STATE EDITORS ARE SAYING.

Bonds For Brick Roads—Kissimmee Gazette: The good roads bonding fever has struck Osceola county.

With Orange county to the north of us building an extensive system of brick roads, with Polk county in a campaign for one million dollars in bonds to build brick roads and with every county between Jacksonville and Tampa preparing to build a connecting road from the northern to the southern metropolis, Osceola county citizens have begun to feel that it is up to us to fill in our link.

The contract has already been let for the building of the road from Kissimmee to the Orange county line to join the road from Orlando. There remains the stretch of road from Kissimmee to the Polk county line to join the highway through that county to the Hillsborough line, which is included in the program of the good roads enthusiasts who are now in a campaign there for the big bond issue.

Capt. W. B. Denham—Tampa Tribune: All of the older and many of the younger generation of Floridians will learn with sincere regret of the death of Capt. W. B. Denham, who passed away in a Philadelphia hospital a few days ago.

Captain Denham was one of the early builders of Florida. He was the right-hand man of Henry Bradley Plant in the building of the Plant railroads in this State. He was one of the active managers of these pioneer roads and, as such, had much to do with the opening of the State to travel and investment.

During his residence in Tampa, as general manager of the Tampa Northern Captain Denham endeared himself to citizens generally. He was a man of generous impulses, a type of the Southern gentleman, ready, at command, for any public service, honest, industrious and wholly devoted to whatever task was his to accomplish. Since leaving Tampa, he has kept in close touch with this city through his many personal friends here, and all of these will feel the pang of sorrow in the knowledge that his busy and resultful life is ended.

Strong Old-Timers Are Passing—

Lakeland Telegram: The fine, strong old timers in Florida are passing rapidly and soon there will not be one left of the virile pioneers in the State's development who were born for leadership because they were strong and masterful and obstacles aroused them to greater effort. We accept the results of their labors without thinking of the heavy difficulties under which these results were worked out when Florida was a jungle and a waste and things easy to do now required all the strength of strong men to do then. Captain W. B. Denham, the railroad builder, was the last of this kind to go and the others left can almost be counted on the fingers of one hand. Each generation produces its own type, and there was never so much broad, deep knowledge and efficiency in the world as now, but the leaders of today don't tower above the mass as they did in the old days when they stood out like peaks. Universal education largely makes the difference, and yet there is something lost which we all miss and want back again, and for which the grading up of the people fails to fully compensate.

Taking it To The People—

Orlando Star-Reporter: Allie Angle is a young man who has been in public life in Florida for some years. He has been rather ready to run for office. The last attempt before his latest effort in this line was when he made the race against Congressman Steve Sparkman. He got into the race late, but he made a splendid showing, although he was overwhelmingly defeated. Angle is now running for state comptroller. His opponents probably think they will have an easy job to beat Angle, but this is where they are mistaken, if they are allowing themselves such thoughts. Angle is out in the woods shaking hands with the boys, and he's been out for some time. There is not another man in the race who knows more people and no one who makes friends more readily. Moreover, there's not one of his opponents who is going to make the same thorough campaign. If it were necessary we might relate instances of men who gained their political spurs by taking their cause directly to the people, but this is merely by way of shedding a side ray on a race which isn't likely to attract overmuch attention in the election of a senator and governor. Don't forget that Allie Angle is stalking the woods.

Editors, Recognize Yourselves!

Leesburg Commercial: As a way out of the controversy that has arisen over the State Press Association, the daddy of all these auxiliary bodies, being primarily a representative "press" body, the Commercial would suggest that the name of the parent organization be changed at the next meeting to the Florida Editorial Association, and that the changes in constitution and by-laws made for the last meeting at Miami and delayed in transit, be adopted at Kissimmee this spring. What we want in Florida is an editorial association and if the present State Press Association does not give it to us, there are enough editors in the state who believe with us on the subject to get together and form one independently. We want to get together once a year, not as slaves of the handtype, the imposing stone or the cylinder press, but as men who have ideas of some public moment to discuss—not as type artists, but as constructive thinkers.

Solving The Potash Problem.—

St. Augustine Record: It would indeed be a great achievement if the United States government can succeed in producing right here in our own country the supply of potash on

which Germany has heretofore been depended on to furnish. A Washington dispatch seems to indicate that the government is actively prosecuting a systematic search in order to meet the needs of the country. This dispatch says:

"Production for the first time in the United States of commercial mineral potash, for which in the past Americans have spent millions of dollars abroad annually, was announced tonight by Secretary Lane, of the interior department. A special agent of the geological survey reports a simple process by which potash has been produced from alunite, found in a great vein in Piute county, Utah. As alunite exists in large quantities in Utah, Colorado, Nevada, California and Arizona, Mr. Lane believes an adequate supply of potash for agricultural purposes and for use in the manufacture of explosives is assured. Statistics show that imports of potash salts from Germany amounted to \$15,000,000 in 1913, the last year for which figures are available."

A Strange Cause of Complaint—

Lakeland Telegram: Governor Trammell can never please the Tampa Times, even in routine acts of administration in which there is neither personal nor political significance. That paper attacks him for having issued a proclamation calling for the observance of "Farmers' Day," and another for "Sunday School Day." This attack in the limit. Why not censure President Wilson for issuing proclamations from time to time? Why not hammer all of the other governors who have been guilty of the high crime of issuing a proclamation now and then upon matters of public interest?

No man in Florida's public life has been a better friend to the farmer than has Park Trammell. He recommended that the legislature designate a certain day in each year as "Farmers' Day." He is the author of the law making "Farmer's Day" a legal holiday. He has always manifested a deep interest in Sunday school work. Certainly he very consistently and appropriately issued proclamations upon these subjects despite the fact that his action displeased the editor of The Times. Apparently Governor Trammell is more interested in the farmers and in the Sunday school work than our friend on The Times, who seeks to condemn him.

Fight the governor fairly, if you must, on vital acts of his administration, but don't nag him nor criticize him for his kindly and courteous consideration for the two greatest interests in Florida or the world—agriculture as represented by the farmers, and the religious and moral betterment of the people as represented by the Sunday schools.

Suggestion to the Press Gang—

Lakeland Telegram: The Tampa Tribune is clearly right when it says that "we can never have an efficient State Press Association in Florida until we have one composed exclusively of newspaper men." This looks as obvious as an axiom, and to realize how true it is, just apply the same rule to the other professions, trades and crafts. Think of the State Bar Association with any but lawyers as members, or the Typographical Union with members of other crafts taking part in its deliberations!

Good Advice Mr. Merchant—

Zolfo Truth: The regular kick on the mail order houses is still in progress, but Bro. Merchant, all the newspapers in the world cannot fight this battle for you. We can pat you on the back and tell you we feel sorry, and throw all the bricks in our yard at that mail order cuss, and not do one bit of good. There is but one way to whip him, and that is for you to join us in our efforts and advertise. Let the people know you have the same thing for sale.

Great Cause for Gratitude—

Lakeland Telegram: President Wilson has issued his proclamation fixing Thursday, November 25th as Thanksgiving Day. Not in half a century have the American people had so much cause for gratitude and thanks to the Ruler of all nations as they have right now. We chiefly know things by comparison in this world and when we contemplate the horror piled on horror in Europe, the heart-breaking sorrow in millions of homes, the devastated lands and ruined cities, towns and villages, the hideous wholesale slaughter of civilized human beings every day, and then compare that raging, flaming hell with our peaceful land with its abundant crops and rapidly returning prosperity, we should drive every groan and complaint from our minds and give thanks to God with such fervor as we never did before.

Enforce the Vagrancy Law—

Miami Metropolis: Florida has a vagrancy law which could be of big service to the state, if enforced. There is no reason at all—outside of charitable feelings—why Florida should act as a cover for all the riff-raff that can get away from cold weather and "coms" up North. The lame and the halt and the blind naturally are due philanthropy, but the fellow who commercializes his misfortunes is always an object to despise; and true charity provides a retreat for him out of the way of the busy world, instead of permitting him to display his infirmity in exchange for alms.

Nor are vagrants always the "lame and the halt and the blind"; there are hundreds of people in Florida every winter, making their living by fake schemes and plausible talk, who should be driven back to the land of ice and snow—they are found in all walks of life, too, from the four flusher sojourning in the big hotels to the down-at-the-heels vender of patent pencils.

And there are vagrants living in Florida year in and year out with no visible means of support, men and women who should be serving time in the convict camps on general principles.

Make this season a signal one for strict enforcement of the vagrancy law in Florida, and see if there is not a departure of hundreds of undesirable.

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