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## Annual Library Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Palatka Library Association was held at the city hall, Wednesday, February 23rd. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Stewart Worden, president; W. P. Merriam, vice-president; Richard F. Adams, secretary; W. A. Burdette, treasurer. During the year donations of books were made by Mrs. Sarah A. Jenkins, Charleston, Mrs. Stewart Worden, Maud Kennerly, Mrs. Frederick Kennerly and Mrs. G. F. Peck.

## Death Result of Accident.

Edgar Vause, an honored citizen of Putnam county, well-known to the people, died at an early hour Monday morning. We refer to the death of Mr. Edgar Vause, whose death was due to an accident early in January when he was run down by a car and suffered a fracture of the spine. For several weeks, or ever since the unfortunate accident, he has been unconscious. Every effort was made to bring relief, but in vain.

Vause was a native of South Carolina, where he was born in December, 1840. He came to Putnam county while still a young man and at Johnson, in the western part of the county. Mr. Vause was married, his first wife bearing him three children, one of whom was Frank W. Vause, for many years manager of the Edgar Kacin at Edgar, who died several years ago, and the other being Mrs. King of Jacksonville.

His second wife was Miss Mary of Citra, Marion county, as the mother of six children, Ida Vause, principal of the school at Weirsdale, Talmage of this city, Mrs. Thos. Walcott of East Palatka, Mrs. Alice Bencher of Alachua, Miss Nellie Vause in the Micanopy high school, and Mr. Lorraine Vause a resident in Putnam county, all of whom survive him. Mr. Vause was 76 years of age and of failing eye-sight, had led a life largely withdrawn from public life. He was a devoted Christian, and for many years had been a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. The funeral and interment took place at home, Johnson, on Tuesday, March 1st, by Rev. Mr. Green, the senior pastor at that place. His devoted sons and daughters have the sincere sympathy of the people of this county in this affliction.

## High School Gets Valuable Books.

The plans for "Donation Day" at the Putnam high school were quite successfully carried out on Washington's Birth Day, the friends of the school responding generously to the needs of the library as evidenced by the fact that seventy-five or more good books were donated, besides several dollars in cash.

Among the more valuable books donated must be mentioned "The History and Progress of the World," in ten volumes, handsomely bound in half morocco, and perfectly new—the gift of Hon. Harry Gray. This gift is especially appreciated as it fills a long felt want for a work on history. The thanks of the faculty and entire student body are extended to Mr. Gray for this valuable set of books.

Then must be mentioned also a set of Cooper's works presented by Mrs. Colwell; a set of Kipling by Mrs. Squier; a set of Hugo's novels by Mrs. Melton; Chambers' Encyclopaedia by Mrs. Kalffield; and many individual volumes by various ones too numerous to mention in this connection.

To all these friends of the school the faculty and students are grateful and appreciative of both the gifts and the interest represented by the gifts.

## "Baby Week," March 7-11th.

The setting aside of the first week in March for "Baby Week," came as a suggestion from the National Federation of Women's Clubs. Through their efforts and the efforts of many of the State Federations and the valuable co-operation of the government's Children's Bureau, it is expected that the heart of the nation will be centered during this week on the welfare of the baby as the greatest asset of any nation.

The purpose of "Baby Week" is educational. Most of the States have planned to make the week a week of education. The entire public will be educated to the value and importance of saving the life of every baby. The causes of all infant diseases, defectiveness, blindness, etc., will be studied and remedies suggested. The mothers, all over our broad land, will be educated as to the proper care, feeding and bringing up of the babies, especially those mothers who need this education.

It is hoped by having this educational campaign in the spring, hundreds of babies, who would die during the coming summer, may be saved. Special programs along this line have been arranged by many clubs of Florida. The Palatka Woman's Club program has taken the form of a "Benefit" for the Children's Home Society, to which it contributes annually.

This society cared for last year 94 little babies under one year of age, and over 200 from one to three years of age. Anyone having donations of baby clothes or money can notify any member of the Woman's Club, who will collect same next week.

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## SENATOR NAT BRYAN IS SURE "HOT-STUFF."

### Boiling With Indignation He Lambasts "Guardians of Liberty."

Hon. N. P. Bryan, Florida's junior U. S. Senator arrived in Palatka last Saturday, and in the evening addressed a crowd at the corner of Lemon and Third streets.

Chief Livingston made no attempt to stop him. It was band night, and the concert had just closed. Mr. J. N. Blackwell arose from a dry-goods box and in stentorian tones called upon the people to halt; then he introduced Senator Bryan.

Senator Bryan delivered a "hot" talk. He defended the original resolutions of the State Executive Committee, and lambasted the organization toward whose members those resolutions were aimed.

He told of the reason for abolishing the conventions in 1900, stating they did not give the people a chance to see and know candidates. Speaking of the much discussed sections four and five Senator Bryan said they were new provisions but were taken out of the primary law of 1907. He said, "I have been accused of dominating the state executive committee on the adoption of the resolutions on the qualifications of voters. I did not. In drafting the new law I required men to swear to their party affiliation. It can do no harm to keep a republican from voting in a democratic primary or vice versa. If a man swears he is a democrat and understands what he says, then sections two, three, four and five are unnecessary."

He laid bare what he said were the real purposes of the organizations, saying it was not, as some people believed, formed in order to keep down any particular religious sect, but the sole and only purpose was to make money for the men at the head. He quoted figures that showed the foolishness of people believing that any particular sect could overthrow the government and constitution of the state or of America. There are but four per cent of Catholics in the state, he said, and it is folly to suppose they can dominate.

"The reason for this society, gentlemen, is that the leaders may get money and secure political power. People have unthinkingly joined these societies, thinking it patriotic and I ask such men to get out of it. They have been deceived by the meanest set of scoundrels that ever undertook to take away the liberties of the people. I owe a debt to the whole people of Florida I can't pay. I have tried to show my appreciation by taking pride in the state. I can still be true to the people and want the members of this society to think whether or not they should come out of it and vote as they please. For the leaders I have a different feeling. Are we so stupid that we have to have a representative come down here from New York to tell us what to do, or a non-descript from Pennsylvania? I say the object of the leaders is to attack any church if there is money in it for them."

Senator Bryan then produced what he said purported to be the constitution of the Guardians of Liberty, which was procured by Mr. Starbuck of Pasco county who has been much abused by this society. This was analyzed by the speaker in a few words. One of the oaths of the body is that no member shall disclose any information about another member.

"This means, gentlemen, that even in crime they would have to withhold a man's name," he said.

"The whole political power may be exercised by three men. Section 2, Article I of the constitution sets forth that the national committee consists of five officers. The national court reserves the despotic power to pass on all questions of policy and dispute that may arise between the state and local courts."

"Section 2, article 7 relates to the support of a candidate for public office. In the state and national courts, five constitute a quorum, and the thing is arranged so that the national body can control state courts, the state, the local courts and so on down the line, so that the whole power lies in the hands of three men, constituting a majority in the national court. The czar of Russia has no such power, and here is where it is going to break down. When any five men undertake to have the members of the local court vote for some one that they don't want, then it will break down. The penalty for not complying with the wishes of the superiors is expulsion. General Miles and two colleagues at 50 Wall street, cannot tell us what to do in Florida, and I think the democratic party of this state should send word to General Miles that we can get along without his help."

The senator continued, "For nearly three years I have been subject to abuse and anonymous letters in re-abuse to the appointment of Postmaster Dignan at Jacksonville, because he is a Catholic. I am responsible for that appointment and am willing to pay the penalty for it. He was appointed as my personal and political friend, and I never thought of his religion. He was for thirty years in the city and I gave him my endorsement freely. Some people opposed on the ground of religion. I wouldn't yield to their demands. I couldn't have kept my respect and done that. I will not join any one in making a

## SCHOONER PALATKA REACHED NEW YORK

### Last Saturday After a Stormy Trip—Was Long Overdue.

Reports were current on the streets of Palatka last week that the new schooner "Palatka," launched in this place last October, had been driven on the reefs on its initial trip to New York, lumber laden from the Wilson Cypress Company's mills.

This report was without foundation. Messrs. Searls and Denton, owners of the boat, did pass some sleepless nights; they were anxious; the schooner was long overdue, and it was known that there was a fierce storm over the Atlantic coast.

Their anxiety ceased on Saturday, when they received a dispatch from Capt. Bennett announcing his safe arrival in New York.

Messrs. Searls and Denton have gone to New York; they have had a good cash offer for the ship and one which if they accept will make them something between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in good profit over and above the cost of construction and equipment. The chances are they will sell. This is a good year for ship builders. If they sell, the chances are they will build another.

## Presbyterian Church.

Next Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. C. M. Alford, D. D., will preach on the subject of "Conscience." In the evening, the topic will be "Overcoming the World." An offering for foreign mission will be taken. Self-denial envelopes to be brought in.

Sunday school meets at 9:45 a. m., and mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. A cordial welcome to all these services.

## Surprise for Father Charles.

The congregation of St. Monica's Catholic church met at the rectory on Tuesday evening, where a surprise had been planned for the new priest, Father Charles, and for his brother, Edward St. Anama of Toronto, Canada. The new pastor is a most delightful man to meet and his congregation feel justly proud of him. His brother has recently redecoreated the interior of both the church and rectory, and gave his time and talent free of charge, so the gathering Tuesday evening was of a double nature, both as a welcome and an appreciation. Jerry Sullivan in behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. St. Anama with a beautiful silk umbrella. There were many present. The Catholics will give a larger public reception in the near future, so that many more will have the opportunity of meeting Father Charles.

## Murray-Rosenborough.

The Atlanta Journal's society column on Sunday last contained the following announcement:

"Mr. and Mrs. John Presley Jennings of Greenwood, S. C., announce the engagement of their sister, Miss Mamie Murray, to Mr. John Alexander Rosenborough, Jr., of Palatka, Fla., the wedding to take place at home, March 25th, inst. No cards."

Mr. Rosenborough is a son of Hon. John A. Rosenborough of Windsor, Alachua county, ex-Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans of Florida. The groom is a railroad man, connected with the Ocklawaha Valley R. R., and for the past year has boarded at the Saratoga Hotel, with the guests of which house he is very popular, as he is with all who know him. His brother is Dr. Rosenborough of Rodman, a physician well-known in Palatka.

## Sheriff Kennerly Announces.

The announcement of Sheriff Kennerly as a candidate for re-nomination to the office of Sheriff in the June democratic primaries appears in this edition of The News.

The announcement will occasion no surprise, as it has all along been understood that Mr. Kennerly would be a candidate to succeed himself.

R. Lee Kennerly has been sheriff of Putnam county for the past eight years; previous to that time he served as deputy under Sheriff Howell. He is a kindly, generous hearted man who is well-known and appreciated by the people in all parts of the county, and has the reputation for having conducted the affairs of his responsible office in a thorough manner. He makes a fine officer; thoroughly understands its requirements and his duties, and in event of his re-election, promises to do his duty in the future as he has in the past.

political or social outcast of any class of citizen, Jew or Gentile, Protestant or Catholic, so help me God. I will surrender my commission first."

"What is the head of the democratic party in this country?" he shouted, "Billy Parker and Catts, or Woodrow Wilson? It is the duty of the democratic party to keep Florida democratic."

Senator Bryan spoke in this vein for a long time; it was plain to see that he was mad clear through. Friends of the senator say he never acquitted himself on the stump any other way like he did on this occasion. Others say that only a very brave man would talk in the manner which characterized the senator's speech.

For a time the crowd stayed with him, but gradually it began to dwindle, and when the senator reached his peroration there wasn't over twenty standing around.

## Worth Careful Thought

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## MASONS GALORE GATHER TO LAY CORNER-STONE

### Palatka Postoffice Building—Imposing Ceremonial.

Before the hour for the cornerstone laying of Palatka's new federal building last Saturday, the Masonic fraternity, resident and visiting, formed in parade and marched out Lemon street and back to the site of the ceremonial through Reed street headed by the Second Regiment Band. It was an imposing spectacle, especially that part of the parade occupied by the Knights Templar, a branch of Masonry that rags itself in a becoming uniform and sword, with a G. Washington hat.

There were fully 250 Masons and Knights in the parade, and among them were some of the foremost men in Florida. Masonry attracts to its ranks only men of known character, and the parade was therefore made up of the real creme de la creme of Florida's manhood. And the parade looked the part.

Former Grand Master E. E. Haskell of this city, on arriving at the scene of the stone laying, called for silence, when he introduced Rev. P. Quintus Cason, who delivered the invocation.

Following the prayer, a selection was rendered by the band, after which Hon. S. J. Hilburn, orator of the day was introduced. Mr. Hilburn was in a happy frame, and his address, though short, was crowded with expressions of the gratitude all Palatka's felt in the honor which had come to us in a special convocation of the Grand Lodge of Florida to take charge of the important and time-honored ceremony; that we were particularly honored in having with us to take charge of the ceremony the Grand Master of Florida, Hon. James E. Crane and other officers of the Grand Lodge, who had left their business to come and lend the influence of their presence to a ceremony which marked an important epoch in the development of the Gem City.

Col. Hilburn dwelt for some little time to a showing of the strides Palatka was making toward a city of the first-class, and its final recognition as such by the Federal government, as indicated by an appropriation of upwards of \$60,000 for this building. Mr. Hilburn was at his best on this occasion, and no less than a hundred citizens and strangers have called the News' attention to the excellence of his address. He seemed to feel every word he said.

At the conclusion of Col. Hilburn's address, Hon. W. P. Merriam, mayor of Palatka, stepped forward and in a few appropriate remarks presented Grand Master Crane with a silver trowel, the same for use in laying the stone. Here the ceremony proper, began.

Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. T. Lewis, rector of St. Marks Episcopal church, offered the prayer. Then followed the ritualistic service incident to the real work, each part impressively read by the proper officer. Hon. John P. Wall, as Grand Treasurer advanced with the copper box and placed it in the stone, which was lowered to its place under direction of Contractor Dickson.

The officers who participated in the ceremony were:

- Grand Master, James E. Crane.
- Deputy Grand Master, Dr. A. S. York, Live Oak.
- Grand Senior Warden, acting, Benj. E. Dyson, St. Augustine.
- Grand Junior Warden, R. H. Cooper, Palatka.
- Grand Treasurer, acting, Hon. John P. Wall, Putnam Hall.
- Grand Secretary, W. P. Webster, Jacksonville.
- Grand Chaplain, acting, Rev. J. T. Lewis, Palatka.
- Grand Marshal, acting, Judge E. E. Haskell, Palatka.
- Senior Grand Deacon, acting, H. A. Perry, Pomona.
- Junior Grand Deacon, acting, R. J. Hancock, Palatka.
- Grand Standard Bearer, acting, Harry L. Brown, St. Augustine.

## PALATKA TOURISTS TO ORGANIZE A CLUB

### For Social and Intellectual Intercourse, etc.

S. A. Parshley is that rather stout looking gentleman with mustache and chin goatee, whom you have seen on the streets during the past winter and whom many of us at first sight have taken for Ex-U. S. Senator Samuel Pasco of Monticello. Mr. Parshley isn't guilty of any thing worse since coming here than taking a liking to the town and mingling all through his waking hours with the people. When he goes back to his home town of Carthage, Missouri, we hope he's going to carry some pleasant recollections of Palatka—some that will do us good.

We only speak of him because he is one of the instigators of a proposed organization of a Tourist's Club for this city.

With him is C. D. Brown of Syracuse, N. Y., who has been coming to Palatka winters for a number of years and still likes us, possibly as well as Palatka's like him.

These gentlemen have called a meeting of all tourists and visitors to meet at the board of trade room tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon to organize. They want Palatka citizens who are not too busy making money to come in and help in the organization with words of encouragement, both ladies and gentlemen. The meeting will be at 4 o'clock.

It is hoped at this meeting to form a permanent organization and elect officers for the season. A register is to be provided so that all visitors may register by states. Good idea; and it's a wonder it hadn't been thought of long ago. Tourists have always aroused the sympathy of The News. Some of 'em are getting along in years and don't care for playing pool and fishing and shooting and boating. They have time on their hands and sometimes it becomes heavy. This club will lighten the load and give them a place to swap yarns concerning the wonders of their respective localities.

This winter has been a little better on tourists than ordinary. We have noticed that many of them join Dr. Estes most every nice day and help him superintend the construction of the postoffice.

## L. C. Stephens on School Board.

Mr. L. C. Stephens of this city has been appointed a member of the Putnam county school board to fill out the unexpired term of F. D. Wattles, resigned.

Mr. Stephens was endorsed for the place by a large number of citizens of the district, and his appointment followed as a matter of course. He served some years on the board of county commissioners, of which body he was chairman. Mr. Stephen is one of the best men in the county. His bond will likely be approved by the county commissioners on Monday, so that he can take his seat as a member of the school board at its March meeting next Tuesday.

- Grand Sword Bearer, acting, Judge John E. Marshall, Palatka.
- Senior Grand Steward, acting, D. P. Cannon, Peniel.
- Junior Grand Steward, acting, Albert Edward Lounds, Crescent City.
- Grand Tyler, acting, Nelson A. Stumpe, Palatka.
- Among the past Grand Masters of Florida present at the ceremony were Marcus Endel, Gainesville; Silas B. Wright, DeLand; James Carnell, Ormond, and Judge E. E. Haskell of this city.
- A large number of Masons from all over Putnam and adjoining counties were present and took part in the parade.
- The grand stand, seating over 500 people and erected on the street close to the site was early crowded, and the streets leading to the spot were blocked with people, anxious to view the solemn and imposing spectacle.

## The Putnam National Bank of Palatka

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