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HARRY C. WILSON DIES SUDDENLY IN BOSTON

Was Formerly a Prominent Young Man of Palatka.

A telegram received yesterday morning by Mr. F. H. Wilson of this city, told of the death in Boston Wednesday night of Mr. Harry C. Wilson, oldest son of the late Henry S. Wilson, one of the founders of the Wilson Cypress Company here.

There was nothing in the telegram except the bare announcement of death, but Mr. F. H. Wilson states that he has reason to believe that death was due to heart failure, as on previous occasions during the past year or two deceased has been admonished that all was not well with his heart.

Mr. Wilson will be kindly remembered here, especially by all of our older citizens, as a most promising young man who for a time was engaged with the Wilson Company and also with the Selden Cypress Door Co. He embraced Christian Science while here, and when he left Palatka some 15 years ago it was to take up the work of promoting that cult. For a number of years he was in charge of the New York offices of the Christian Scientists, and was really the intellectual head of the organization. To him was left the work of replying to all criticisms of the church and the work of defending its doctrines and teachings. He was a man of scholarly attainments and as a writer on Christian Science topics he had no superior.

He was called to Boston where he became the first reader in the Mother church—his pastor.

Mr. Wilson visited Palatka some two years ago when he spent some weeks with his relatives. He was about 40 years of age and married. His wife survives him. News of his death at the zenith of his intellectual powers will be received with sadness by his old friends in Palatka who have watched his steady rise in the profession to which he seems to have been divinely called.

Florida East Coast Excursions.

The Florida East Coast Railway has announced week-end excursions from Palatka to Daytona, Ormond and New Smyrna and return, beginning Saturday, June 17th, and continuing in effect until further advised, for one fare, plus 25 cents, where minimum fare is 50 cents. These tickets will be sold for all regular trains on Saturday and Sunday of each week, limited to return on any train up to and including Monday night following, by midnight of which day the return trip must be completed. Children between 5 and 12 will be charged one-half of adult fare, figures to end in 0 or 5.

This will prove a popular move on the part of the East Coast in Palatka.

Made to "Cough Up."

It will be remembered that only some two or three months ago the board of county commissioners by a majority of one vote declined to pass a resolution which provided for the payment to the cities and towns of the county their proportion of the road tax.

Some of the representatives of the towns of the county didn't like that resolve, not even a little bit. Last week Friday some of them gathered here and attended the meeting of the county board. They talked nicely, but firmly, and yet there was nothing being.

Then these small town delegates demanded that the board's legal advisor be summoned and that he be asked regarding the board's duty in the matter. The attorney came, and advised that the law was mandatory; that it was the board's duty to pay the towns their share of the road money. There were said to be threats on the part of certain of the delegates that unless this money was forthcoming, and p. d. q., mandamus proceedings would be commenced.

Then the board weakened. It decided to ask the State comptroller for the privilege of transferring some \$3,000 from other funds to make up the amounts due. Some of the delegates went home with warrants in part payment for the amounts due their towns.

Palatka Heights Desire.

Charles Hart, ever alert in the interests of his native village of Palatka Heights, has brought to the attention of the County Commission and the Palatka board of trade the fact that because the cost per mile of the brick road for the new Palatka special road district is commensurate so far within the first estimates, that there will be something like \$25,000 left for additional roads and has asked that a certain amount of it be set aside in helping the Heights to get their roads through that municipality. Committees from both boards will investigate.

COURTS WILL SETTLE GOVERNOR'S RACE

Catts and Knott Each Claim Majority—Ballots to be Recounted.

The closeness of the race between Rev. Sidney J. Catts and Hon. W. V. Knott for the governorship in last week's primaries is bound to develop a contest which can only be settled by the courts and a recount of the ballots. That the trouble is due to the complications of the Bryan primary law (or rather the inability of canvassing boards to understand it) in the matter of the tabulation of returns, is apparent.

Leading newspapers throughout the State are conceding that Mr. Catts has a very small majority on the face of the returns, and at Mr. Catts' headquarters in Jacksonville the information has been given out that Catts is in the lead by 409 votes.

At the Knott headquarters no figures have been given but the claim is made that Mr. Knott has a safe majority over Catts on the face of the returns on first and second choice votes.

Men who are posted regarding the primary law and the way it has been interpreted by the various inspectors and county canvassing boards, say that there are complications which can only be settled by the courts, and that in many counties the court will be obliged to go behind the returns to get the facts.

An instance of how a county canvassing board may err in a tabulation of returns is shown in the official report from Escambia county as published Wednesday morning in the Pensacola Journal. This report gives the figures on Congressman used in this illustration.

There were four candidates for congress in the race—Kehoe, Smithwick, Stephens and Watson. The two latter being the low men were eliminated. Kehoe received 1,670 first choice votes and 872 seconds; Smithwick received 1,461 firsts and 998 seconds, according to the returns. But as Stephens and Watson, the eliminated candidates received but a total of 536 first choice votes, and as it is the second choice votes from their tickets only which must be added to the Kehoe and Smithwick vote, it is difficult for the average man to understand how they could be accredited each with more second choice votes than the total first votes given to the eliminated candidates.

What has happened in Escambia county has been duplicated in many other counties of the State, and for this reason it is certain that the courts will be obliged to settle the question as to who is the legal candidate of the democratic party for Governor.

There have been rumors of disappearing ballot boxes and other attempted frauds, but these rumors should not be taken seriously. There will be no fraud in the counting of these ballots.

The day of stuffed ballots and manipulated returns in Florida has passed, never to return. If any man should attempt to thwart the will of the people of Florida as expressed at the polls, the State's prison stairs that man in the face as certainly as the sun shines.

If Mr. Catts has the majority vote over Mr. Knott, then Mr. Catts should and will be officially proclaimed the democratic nominee for Governor of Florida, and no man in the State will submit more gracefully to that expression of the people than William V. Knott. What we say of Mr. Knott, we believe can as truthfully be said of Mr. Catts. All these gentlemen want is to know what this expressed will of the people is. Time will tell—for it takes time to recount ballots and tabulate returns on nearly 75,000 ballots.

In the meantime we can all indulge ourselves in denouncing the Bryan primary law as too intricate for profitable use in Florida, and urge upon the incoming legislature the necessity of its repeal and the enactment in its place of a primary law that will be so simple that a way-faring man though a little light in the upper story, may read and understand it a running.

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FRIENDS WILL GROOM SENATOR NAT BRYAN

For Supreme Bench Place Vacated by Mr. Justice Hughes.

Pensacola, June 15.—Will Senator Nathan P. Bryan be appointed to fill the vacancy in the supreme court caused by the resignation of Hughes to accept the presidential nomination.

Many of his friends in Pensacola are taking active steps to get the appointment for him and it is expected his name will receive careful consideration at the hands of President Wilson.

Senator Bryan's work in the United States Senate has attracted much attention in official circles at Washington, where his reputation as a clear thinker and logical speaker won him marked recognition, and his proved ability as a lawyer in Jacksonville, before his election to the Senate, are expected to weigh well in the mind of President Wilson when he considers the appointment.

In his private practice before the courts of the country, Mr. Bryan was recognized for his analytical ability.

His early training and his higher education, it is contended, render him eminently fit to hold the high position. His diplomas from Emory College and the law school of Washington and Lee University, afford him sufficient training to merit his appointment.

Society Editor's Troubles.

The trouble of a society editor in a small city are reflected in the following society item: Miss Genevieve Smithers entertained at bridge and dancing yesterday afternoon. The first prize in cards was won by—

(censored because she sings in the choir); second prize was captured by Miss— (kept out because she teaches in the public school); consolation prize was taken by Miss— (kept out by special request as her mother objects to cards). Among these present were Miss— (kept out because of death in the family recently) Miss— (censored because her employer objects to dancing.) Miss— (has a Sunday school class) and Mrs.— (husband objects to both cards and dancing. The guest departed under cover of darkness and in closed cabs.

Excursion to Valdosta, Macon and Atlanta.

The annual personally conducted excursion to Valdosta, Macon and Atlanta over the Georgia Southern & Florida railway will be operated on Saturday, June 24th.

The round trip rate from Palatka to Valdosta will be \$2.50, to Macon \$4.50 and Atlanta \$6.50. Tickets will be honored from Palatka on train No. 12, June 24, leaving at 5:15 a. m., and will be good returning to reach original starting point by midnight of June 30.

Tickets will also be on sale at Jacksonville for trains leaving at 7:10 a. m. and 7:40 p. m., and passengers wishing to make the trip that way may take advantage of A. C. L. excursion to Jacksonville on June 23.

Ample accommodations will be provided and the usual amount of baggage may be checked.

Old Man Discharged.

Most of you know old man Edouard Gravier, the court house janitor. Gravier is an American born citizen of pure French blood. He is in his 82d year and despite his years is as chipper as a yearling colt. He is a remarkable man, is Edouard Gravier.

He is descended from one of the old French families who came to this country and settled in Detroit, Michigan, late in the 17th century, with the great French explorer, Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac. For more than 200 years many of these families have retained their names and estates, and in Detroit today their descendants are among the wealthiest, most influential citizens.

They are the Campaus, Babys (pronounced Baubos), Palms, Riopelles, Beaubiens, Gravieres, etc., most of whom are aristocrats.

But our old man, our Edouard Gravier of the court house and his family; he is the prodigal son "who faint would fill his belly with the husks that the swine did eat."

He is too old to arise and go to his father—for father has gone. The estate has been squandered, and the oldest representative of a once powerful and aristocratic family has long been the janitor at the Putnam court house—doing the work of a menial. He is old, very old, and he cannot be anywhere on earth long. Maybe he is not repentant. But he is a cheerful old reprobate and because of his cheerfulness is entitled to a light sentence.

By order of the county commissioners he vacates his job at the court house on July 3d.

May the old scout find another that will keep him in his ideas of comfort until the shadows thicken and he can work no more.

Gravier has a son, a man of influence and high rating in business circles, but he's not going to go to this son, not until he has to. "I can work," said he, "what do I want to go to him for?"

DEMOCRATIC HOSTS MEET IN ST. LOUIS

To Name Wilson and Marshall for Another Victorious Race.

The National Democratic Convention at its first session Wednesday heard the keynote of Americanism, and peace, preparedness and prosperity sounded by former Governor Glynn of New York, as temporary chairman, and with a high pitch of enthusiasm emphatically registered by demonstration after demonstration, its approval of President Wilson's peaceful conduct of foreign affairs.

Fully 12,000 people were in the big Coliseum. On their way to the convention hall the delegates passed between lines of suffragettes spread along the street for twelve blocks. These ladies seated on chairs ranged along the curbs were arrayed in white and yellow and held yellow parasols. It was given the name of "the golden lane."

William J. Bryan is present, but only as a newspaper correspondent with a seat in the press gallery.

John C. Cooper, Jr., is the Florida member of the committee on platform and resolutions, as well as a member of the sub-committee which is to present the platform.

Speaking of the administration's policy, Chairman Glynn, in his opening speech said that it "has been just as American as the American flag itself." As he went down the list of presidents, recounting their actions to avoid war the delegates caught the spirit of his argument, and as he referred to each particular president, some delegate would call: "What did he do?"

"He settled the trouble by negotiation," Glynn would invariably reply, and the convention would roar its approval.

It was plain that the telling points to the delegates were Gov. Glynn's recital of President Wilson's efforts to keep the country at peace.

"This policy," he said, "may not satisfy the fire-eater and swash-buckler. But it does satisfy the mothers of the land and who hearth and fire side jingoistic war has placed so empty chair. It does satisfy the daughters of this land from whom bluster and brag have sent no loving brother to the dissolution of the grave. It does satisfy the fathers of this land and the sons of this land who will fight for our flag and die for our flag when reason primes the rifle, when honor draws the sword and when justice breathes a blessing on the standard they uphold."

It is likely that the nomination of President Wilson will take place this afternoon, and that the nomination of Vice President Marshall will follow soon after.

A hot platform filled to the neck with patriotic utterances will be adopted, such a platform as will go the republican convention of last week a few better.

Presbyterian Church.

The topics for next Sunday morning's discourse to be delivered by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Alford, D. D., will be "Sins Which Kept Moses and Aaron Out of Canaan." Evening topic, "The Outside of the Platter."

The regular Sunday school service at 9:45 a. m., Superintendent Fred T. Merrill. Mid-week prayer service Wednesday evening at 7:30. The spring communion will be held the first Sunday in July, at which time, those who wish to join the church will be gladly received.

Glisson Store Burned at Bostwick.

The store and stock of John W. Glisson at Bostwick was destroyed by fire last Monday morning about 2 o'clock. The loss is total, as nothing was saved. Mr. Glisson's loss is estimated at between \$4,000 and \$5,000, on which there was some insurance.

It is suspected that the fire is of incendiary origin, as there was nothing in the building that could have caused the fire. As it was in the night it was not discovered until too late to rescue any of the contents or prevent the total loss.

Mr. Glisson is one of the best known men in the county and recently made an unsuccessful race for the office of sheriff.

Another New Business Block.

Leo Jacobson has sold the old residence on Lemon street until recently occupied by T. J. Knight as an insurance office, to Mrs. Margaret Shelley, who has a force of men at work moving it to a lot in rear and fronting Reid street, where it will be remodeled and made into a desirable residence.

On the Lemon street lot thus vacated Mr. Jacobson, owner of the property, will build a neat brick store which he has leased to David Fruchtmann, who will put in a stock of ready-to-wear ladies garments. Mr. Jacobson has long been prominent in the business life of Palatka; he has made his money here and, best of all, is willing to spend it here, believing that Palatka offers excellent opportunities for profitable investment. His latest venture will be a great improvement to the street, and especially to the block in which it is to be located—only a few doors west of the new and beautiful hotel now being erected for Robert James, by Dr. Geo. E. Welch.

Change of Schedule.

Effective Monday, June 19, 1916, the steamer Crescent of the Beach & Miller Line, will leave Jacksonville for Palatka, Crescent City and way landings at 9 a. m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Returning leaves Crescent City at 6:30 a. m., Tuesdays Thursdays and Saturdays.

New Brick Building.

The stockholders of the Atlantic & Gulf Insurance Co. were called together last Friday night to discuss plans for the new business block to be built by the company on the lot directly opposite the Putnam House and between the East Florida Savings & Trust Co. and the Telephone building. The company purchased this lot several months ago.

Mr. G. Loper Bailey, president of the company, states that they have not agreed on plans yet, but have them under way, and he expects to be able to start on the new building within a few weeks. A two-story building is contemplated.

Boosts Interlachen Gravel.

Mr. E. E. Durkee, who is nothing if not a good progressive citizen, has tried out the Interlachen gravel which is so popular a road material around the little village from which it takes its name and in the neighborhood of Palatka, and is very much satisfied and pleased with it. He used it for building a sidewalk along the street on which his home is located, and while uniformity in the matter of road and sidewalk building is a desideratum within city limits, yet in places where brick or cement would be considered too expensive a luxury, trial might well be made of the material used by Mr. Durkee. Not only is it effective, but it makes a good appearance. One carload of the gravel costs from \$30 to \$35 delivered here, and was sufficient to lay a sidewalk about 2 1/2 inches deep, four feet wide and about 200 yards long. It might be that this would prove good material for use on some of the lateral roads which at present are such a great drawback to travel in the neighborhood, and anyhow it might be well for those who have these matters under consideration to investigate a little along this line.—Hastings Herald.

RAID ON RANCH.

Mexican Bandits Take 83 Horses and Centure Cowsboys.

Fifteen Mexican bandits attacked four cowboys on the T. A. Coleman ranch at San Samuel, forty miles northwest of Laredo, Tex., drove the ranchmen from the corral and escaped across the Rio Grande with eighty-three horses.

The same party of Mexicans, it is reported, raided the Johnson and Coleman ranch in the same vicinity and captured two American cowboys, George Conover and Arthur Myers.

A company of cavalry has been sent to the scene.

Conover and Myers were released after being taken a short distance by the Mexicans, and reached Palatka, Tex., fifty miles from Laredo, unharmed.

FATAL RUÑAWAY.

Driver John Bunn Thrown From Wagon and Skull Crushed.

John E. Bunn, age 50 years, who was employed at Pinellas Park, near St. Petersburg, Fla., died in the city hospital as a result of injuries which he received when he was run over by a wagon and his skull fractured.

Mr. Bunn was driving a team of mules hitched to a wagon when in some way the lines became entangled and he stepped down on the wagon tongue between the mules to disentangle them. The team took fright and ran, throwing the man to the ground and causing the wheel of the wagon to pass over his head.

FLORIDA TO CHICAGO.

Auto Tour to Traverse Length of Dixie Highway.

The second automobile tour to traverse the length of the Dixie highway from Florida to Chicago and the first such tour to run from Florida will leave Leesburg, Fla., June 28.

The tour is to be known as the Lake county (Florida) Dixie highway motorcade.

The tour will arrive in Atlanta on the afternoon of July 2 and will spend that night there, leaving for Chattanooga the next morning. The night before will be spent in Macon. The four will arrive in Chicago July 12.

Enforce Vital Statistics Law.

The failure of physicians and midwives of Jacksonville, Fla., to properly register deaths and births within forty-eight hours after the occurrence makes them liable to prosecution by law, and if the requirements of the state law and city ordinance on the subject are not lived up to in every respect in the future arrests will be made upon warrants sworn out by the city board of health.

Bridge Permit Is Issued.

Official announcement of a permit was issued by the war department to the Duval county commissioners for the construction of the long-talked-of bridge across the St. Johns connecting Jacksonville with South Jacksonville. The bridge must be started within a year, and completed within three years, or the permit automatically is revoked.

ROUND ABOUT FLORIDA.

A company is boring for oil in Waukulla county.

One thousand and nine head of cattle were shipped from Arcadia to Texas recently.

A turtle of the deep sea variety was captured at Pensacola which weighed 865 pounds. Shell markings placed its age at 200 years.

The Florida East Coast Press association will meet in regular session at Daytona, Fla., Monday and Tuesday, June 19 and 20.

One of the largest armored aeroplanes ever constructed for the navy has recently been completed. It will be sent to Pensacola.

A meeting will be held in Tampa this month for the purpose of forming a state organization of real estate dealers.

Four important conventions will be held at Atlantic Beach during June. An organized campaign for compulsory education has been started in Duval county.

Jacksonville is to have one of the most modern, though not the largest, packing plants in the country. Armour & Co. having decided to construct a branch plant in that city.

Judge H. B. Phillips was elected Judge of Duval county by a majority of 213 first choice votes, and at the final count was given a majority of 924 votes over his opponent, Van C. Swearingen.

Jas. A. Emmett, for three months on the desk of the Pensacola News, has severed his connection with the News to take up actively the work of secretary of the West Florida Chamber of Commerce.

Following a similar action in the cities of other states, the Ladies' Auxiliary of Jacksonville Council, No. 292, United Commercial Travelers, was organized at a meeting of the members of the association.

Florida women's clubs, federated with the General Federation of Women's clubs, are being congratulated on the election in New York at the biennial session of Mrs. William B. Yung, of Jacksonville, to the office of treasurer of the national organization.

The body of Frank Daniels, age about 65, a riverman, was found on the deck of a St. Johns river steamer, some hours after death occurred, according to examining physicians. It was supposed death was due to a hemorrhage.

Meyer Rosenstein, a well known resident of Pensacola, died at his home in that city. He had been ill for some time and his condition was serious, but death nevertheless was a severe shock to his large number of friends and relatives.

Thirty-one army enlistments were secured from Florida during the month of May, according to Sergt. Harry F. Conley. This is twice as many as were received in May, 1915, and an increase of ten over April of this year.

Jacksonville was formerly known as "Cow Ford," a place used to swim cattle across the St. Johns river for St. Augustine. I. D. Hart saw a good future in "Cow Ford," invested in a tract of land which he subdivided into lots and blocks and streets called Jacksonville.

The Florida Society of Certified Public Accountants has been organized with the following membership: Francis M. Williams, president; John A. Handsbrough, of Tampa, vice-president; T. A. Winter, secretary; George H. Ford, treasurer; T. G. Hutchinson, Walter Muecklow, R. W. Bennett and Thomas Ray.

That another big lumber mill may be added to Jacksonville's quota of similar industries is the view of the secretary of the Jacksonville chamber of commerce, who is in receipt of a communication from the officials of the corporation in a neighboring state asking information as regards that city and port.

SPARKMAN DEFEATED.

Drane Ousts Congressman From Long-Held Berth.

Congressman S. M. Sparkman has lost re-election in the First district of Florida by perhaps 2,000 votes to H. J. Drane, of Lakeland.

Mr. Sparkman has served in congress continuously for twenty-two years.

Florida Cotton Acreage Increased.

An increase in cotton acreage of .7 per cent has been made in Florida over last year, as shown by figures compiled by the Journal of Commerce, as a result of reports made by 2,100 special correspondents. An increase of 9.6 per cent has been made in thirteen states as a whole, covering North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri and Oklahoma.

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The Putnam National Bank of Palatka

PALATKA, FLORIDA
Total Assets, June 10th..... \$700,000.00
Liabilities to Depositors..... 495,000.00
Assets over Liabilities to Depositors..... 205,000.00
According to the New York Financial Review we are the second strongest National Bank in Florida.
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