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Pretty Birthday Party.

Little Georgia Clarice Bassett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bassett, Jr., celebrated her seventh birthday anniversary in a very delightful manner. Eighteen little girls were invited to join in a very pretty birthday celebration in the afternoon.

About 4 o'clock, after the children had all assembled, they were conveyed to the Orpheum theater by automobile and entertained with a program of moving pictures. Upon their return to the attractive Bassett home on Orange street, the usual ceremonies attached to the cutting of the birthday cake were enjoyed, and a delicious ice course with cake was served. The dining room and living room where the children assembled were decorated in a color scheme of blue and white. Tall vases filled with marigolds were placed effectively about the rooms, and the dining table was decorated with marigolds and ferns, while the birthday cake was in white and yellow, and bore yellow candles. Mrs. Bassett

was assisted in entertaining the children by Miss Aileen Cooper, Mrs. Viva Warnock and Mrs. E. Noble Calhoun. The small folks spent a very happy afternoon, and the charming little hostess received many exceedingly pretty and dainty gifts from her friends, remembrances for her birthday.—St. Augustine Record, Aug. 15th.

Samuel R. Jerkins Dead.

Samuel R. Jerkins, formerly a well-known resident of the McMeekin section of this county and a former county commissioner, died at his home in Lakeland on Thursday of last week, death resulting from a cancer from which he had suffered several years. The body accompanied by his family was brought to his old home in this county and the funeral was held at Ocvilla church between McMeekin and Melrose, conducted by Rev. B. R. Mosely. Mr. Jerkins moved to Lakeland some six or seven years ago. He is survived by his wife, four sons, three sisters and one brother. He was about 57 years of age.

VON ENGELKEN FINALLY PULLS FEDERAL PLUM

President Nominates Him For Director of U. S. Mint.

Col. F. J. H. von Engelken of Vin-golf-on-the-St. Johns (East Palatka) who was slated for membership on the Farm Credits Board, but was disappointed, was on Thursday nominated by President Wilson to be Director of the United States Mint. When Director R. W. Wooley resigned to enter the campaign for President Wilson, Senator Fletcher got busy and urged Mr. von Engelken for the place, with the result as stated above.

Mr. von Engelken has never been a politician; the place is not given him as a reward for political work, but rather in recognition of his worth as a man who has devoted much study to financial problems and who is fitted by education and natural bent of mind for the work in hand. Mr. von Engelken has been a farmer; not the kind of farmer who gets up at 3:30 p. m. and worries the geese and stirs up the hogs, and who follows a hard-tail and a plow until the sun has sunk to rest in the golden west, but a farmer who owns broad acres and who directs things from an arm chair on the pergola. He has fitted himself for a high-class place in the government service, and The News rejoices that his talents have been recognized by President Wilson, who knows him and has had several consultations with him over Rural Credits matters, of which Mr. von Engelken is a recognized expert.

The office of director of the United States Mint is one of great responsibility and light work. It is considered one of the leading federal political plums. The office pays \$6,000 per annum, and the Director has an office in Washington where he can receive his friends. There are several U. S. Mints in the country, they being located at Philadelphia, Denver, San Francisco, Carson City and New Orleans, all of which will come under the direction of Mr. von Engelken. He will learn how to make money.

REV. DR. BONSTEEL ACCEPTS PASTORATE

Of First Baptist Church and Will Enter Upon Work Sept. 1st.

In a letter to the officials of the First Baptist church, Rev. R. L. Bonsteel of Crescent City has accepted the call to the pastorate and has signified his purpose to enter upon his new duties the first Sunday in September—two weeks from next Sunday.

Last Sunday the reverend gentleman made known his purpose to his old congregation, and there was much regret, though the large majority of the members knew in advance what was coming.

Dr. Bonsteel will be here tomorrow to officiate at the Yelverton-Norsworthy wedding, coming up from Pablo Beach, where he and Mrs. Bonsteel are taking a brief vacation. He will preach as usual for the next two Sundays to his old congregation in Crescent City, and during the last week of the present month will move to Palatka.

WILSON CYPRESS CO. LEASES MACHINE SHOP

To Palatka Auto & Supply Co., Who Enlarge Growing Business.

By an arrangement concluded last week, the Palatka Automobile & Supply Co. on Monday assumed control under lease of the big, finely equipped machine shops of the Wilson Cypress Co.

By this arrangement the latter company is enabled to take care of its growing business and do work which it heretofore has found impossible to do. By this arrangement the Auto & Supply Company will be enabled to do all heavy blacksmith work, make patterns, and conduct a general machinery repair business.

Mr. T. J. Barnett, it will be remembered was for some 12 years manager of the Wilson machine shops, before going into business on his own hook. His company has been making rapid advances and now has a large and growing marine business on the river front in addition to its plumbing, machine work, and automobile business and garage. Under the new arrangement Mr. Barnett again becomes boss at the Wilson Shops. As lessee his company will do all the machine work for the Wilson Cypress Co., and for any one else who desires.

Noby and new white and colored Felt Hats. Kate L. Lucas.

Daily Optimistic Thought. Truth may be smothered but not extinguished.

PALATKA CATSISTAS ORGANIZE A CLUB

On Wednesday Night for Campaign Purposes—Thirty Members.

There were exactly seventy-two people in the Putnam county court house on Wednesday night when the crowd was at high tide. Not all of them were Cats sympathizers; some went to scoff, and then sneaked away through the outer darkness through droves of blind mosquitoes to pray for forgiveness and deliverance.

The organization began at the back and moved toward the front. The officers were elected and the committees appointed first, then the club was formed. Of the number present about 30 enrolled as members of the club.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. C. R. Poole, a tall slender young man with a pleasant face and most affable manners. He told of the object of the meeting and how important it was to the State to uphold the nomination of the Reverend Sidney J. Catts. Mr. Poole then asked that temporary officers be named, with result that C. F. Crandall was elected temporary chairman, and Mr. Poole temporary secretary.

On motion of H. F. Urie the temporary organization was made permanent, the organization to be known as the Catts' Democratic Campaign Club. His motion was carried unanimously with a show of enthusiasm and applause. Mr. Poole then presented a plan of organization, a plan evidently having the approval of the State Catts Committee. There is to be an executive committee of six, one of whom shall be selected by the committee as chairman; a publicity committee and a finance committee. This committee is also to select a man from each precinct to look after campaign matters in his precinct.

The following committees were then elected:

Executive Committee—T. E. Strange, E. E. Dodge, H. F. Urie, H. M. Fearnside, E. J. Price, H. E. Hightower.

Publicity Committee—C. R. Poole, Rev. S. Grady and L. A. Davis.

Rev. S. Grady suggested that in naming the finance committee care should be taken and that not all members should be from the city but that the country precincts should be well represented on the committee. This committee was then made up with the following gentlemen:

Finance Committee—Ed. M. Earnest, C. H. Price, H. M. Fearnside, R. F. Rigdon, C. F. Crandall, E. R. Conway, Alfred Abshier, I. Z. Zlema, B. G. Tanner.

C. R. Poole was elected secretary of the club and C. H. Price, treasurer.

Mr. C. F. Crandall, of the Perry Peach Farms, was chosen president of the club. Mr. Crandall has not been long in the county, being a northern gentleman of education who has invested in the county and who is going to do his part to make it blossom as the rose.

Then an invitation was given to those present to come forward and join the club. About 30 responded, among them being some socialists, some republicans and the balance democrats of doubtful party loyalty. Mr. Nerwich, not a citizen of the United States, was received into the bosom of the club at the cost of a dollar and is now numbered among the elect.

The papers of the city, with the exception of the Advocate and the Morning Post, were severely scored by a Mr. Motes, bridge tender for the Florida East Coast Railway. He placed special emphasis on the editor of the Palatka News for telling the truth (though truth is not what Mr. Motes called it) concerning the Catts campaign methods and the Catts himself.

As The News has heretofore remarked, it considers the organization of Catts club at this time as a movement toward independence. The News will wait until all the evidence is in, then if Mr. Catts is declared the nominee by the votes of the democratic people of the State, he will have the support of this paper. The News is an organization paper—democratic—and has always waged war on independence and mixed politics. And it will continue so to do until there comes a real upheaval that destroys the party and leaves in its place something that stands for a constitutional Americanism.

To Improve Store Front.

The work of modernizing the store fronts and interior of the Cochrane Company's store property at Second and Reid streets will begin at once, a contract for the work having been awarded this week to W. J. Banks, who is now engaged in erecting the new Leo Jacobson building on Lemon street. There has been a little delay over the sidewalk grade, but this will be adjusted, for it is the purpose of the Messrs. Cochrane to lower the grade as well as the store floors. When completed the stores will be ornamental as to their front.

Rapid Action.

"Always think twice before you speak," said little Tommy's mamma. "Gee, maw," he answered, "if you do that you must do some pretty fast thinkin' sometimes when you git to goin' for paw!"

ST. MARK'S CHURCH CALLS CRITTENDEN

Texas Man Preached to Pleased Congregations Here Last Sunday.

St. Marks Episcopal church has called the Rev. C. R. D. Crittenden, S. T. D., of Wetherford, Texas, to the rectorship. This was stated in The News some three weeks ago.

Last Saturday Dr. Crittenden arrived in the city quiet unknown to the members of St. Mark's congregation. But he made his appearance known and in company with some of the vestrymen of the church he examined the property of the church and saw the city, meeting many of the members of the church socially.

Notice of the visitor's intention to officiate at Morning and Evening Prayer on Sunday was sent out, and there were good congregations present at both services.

One prominent member of the church said: Dr. Crittenden will suit the people, of that I am well assured; but whether we will suit him remains to be seen. He has taken the call under advisement and has said that he will notify us as soon as he can determine what answer to give. He said his family must be consulted. Dr. Crittenden is a man of about 50 years of age with a wife and five children, the oldest of which, a son, is about 21. He is a fine preacher, judging from the two sermons delivered last Sunday. He is an extemporaneous speaker, and his sermons were deeply interesting. He is a fluent talker and at times rises to degrees of eloquence such as holds his congregation in wrapt attention. His sermons, however, could more properly be characterized as heart to heart "talks." From all I could learn, those who heard him were deeply impressed, and without exception agreed that St. Marks would be indeed lucky to secure his services. If he comes he will not be here before the middle of October."

More than twenty-five negroes left Palatka this week for northern construction camps. Who induced them to go, is still a puzzle. No one was present who seemed to have direction of the exodus.

Palatka is not unlike other cities in the State, where the labor market is being stripped to its very hide by these northern recruiting agents. They know their business is getting on the nerves of employers of labor all over Florida, and that license laws which amount to practical prohibition have been enacted by most of the cities. To escape the penalty of the law on their occupation is their only ambition.

There are two reasons why Palatka should protect itself against these men. The labor is needed here, and the men who are being enticed away need the protection of the law. They have the right to go, and no one would think of placing any obstacles to the freedom of their movement. But they ought to know that in going into a new country they are going to run against a prejudice that will make them wish they were "back home."

The north is a cold country in winter and always cold-hearted individually toward the negro, although it warms to him as a race when he is at a distance. These negroes need protection.

At the council meeting last Tuesday night an ordinance was put through and signed by the mayor which imposes a license of \$1,000 on the business of enticing labor from Palatka. Now, catch your man. He works in the dark.

To Report on Water Purity. In these days when water is more generally used for beverage purposes than a number of years ago, there is not the difficulty in securing water experts. For this reason the city council on Tuesday night without special effort was enabled to select two of their number and three citizens to examine and report on the purity and volume of the old city water work output. The council members of this committee are Messrs. McNally and Pursley, while the private citizens drafted for the work are Dr. Geo. E. Welch, Frank D. Wattles and C. D. Gilpatrick.

A Correction. Last week in announcing the granting of a privilege to string wires along the public roads of the county by the county commissioners to Col. G. Loper Bailey of this city, The News stated that Col. Bailey owned George's Lake. This was a mistake. Col. Bailey does not own George's Lake, but a water course much nearer the city. It ought also to be mentioned here that in granting this franchise, the board gave no special privilege, but one that is authorized under the laws of Florida to grant to any citizen who applies.

PRETTY WEDDING CEREMONY TOMORROW

At Baptist Church to Unite Miss Ruby Yelverton and Mr. Geo. L. Norsworthy.

Miss Ruby Yelverton, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Yelverton, Jr., and Mr. George L. Norsworthy of Leesburg, will be united in the bonds of holy matrimony at the First Baptist Church at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Dr. R. L. Bonsteel, the new pastor-elect of the church, who comes from Pablo Beach especially for the occasion. Owing to the popularity of the bride and her family connections, it is safe to say that the church will be crowded to its capacity.

Tonight Mr. and Mrs. Yelverton will give a dinner party to the bridal party composed of the groom, his best man, Mr. Locke Williams of Leesburg; the bridesmaid, Miss Louise Norsworthy, of Leesburg, a sister of the groom, the bride and her little sister and brother, who are to serve as flower bearers in the procession down the church aisle.

After the ceremony the bride and groom will leave immediately for their future home in Leesburg, where Mr. Norsworthy is the agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railway.

It is understood that the bridal robes of the coming bride are particularly beautiful, as is also her going away gown. Her maid of honor, also will be gowned most artistically and becomingly for the occasion.

PALATKA PREACHER PLEASES PITTSBURG

Presbyterians—Dr. Alford Preaches in Millionaire Church.

Rev. Dr. C. M. Alford, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in this city is just now taking his vacation in the north, and while he may be enjoying a rest, that rest seems to consist of a change of work. That is the only way some people can rest.

Dr. Alford is preaching some while away, but his sermons are to new people and in strange cities. On Sundays August 6th and 13th, he preached in the East Liberty Presbyterian church at Pittsburg, Pa. This church has a congregation composed largely of wealthy people, among whom is the family of our own Hon. James R. Mellon, for many years a winter resident of Palatka, and a staunch friend of the church in this place. Concerning Mr. Alford's visit there during the absence of the East Liberty church pastor, Mr. Mellon in a letter to Mr. H. M. de Montmolin of this city says:

"Well we had our pastor Mr. Alford, preach in the East Liberty church yesterday morning and evening. The people turned out exceedingly well; in fact I suppose 600 people, and all were so pleased.

"Really, he made a strike, but they are not looking for a pastor, and I know if they were they would select Mr. Alford.

"I am showing him and his wife around the town in the automobile, but the weather is exceedingly hot; so hot that it is unpleasant to be out.

"Yours sincerely
"J. R. MELLON."

GEORGETOWN PRECINCT MUST BE RECOUNTED

Says Supreme Court in Issuing a Peremptory Writ.

The Supreme Court of Florida on Wednesday issued a peremptory writ ordering a recount of the vote for governor in the Georgetown precinct (No. 2) of this county. It will be remembered that when the alternative writ was issued against the county, the other precincts acceded without a kick. Georgetown inspectors, however, refused. This was their privilege, though they were required to show cause why they refused. They made the attempt, but on Wednesday the Supreme Court decided that the answer was wholly insufficient and the peremptory writ was issued.

There were 12 second choice votes in the Georgetown precinct, but from the way they were tabulated no one could tell to whom to credit them. The first choice votes in that precinct went as follows: Catts 4; Farris 7; Hudson 1; Knott 5; Woods 8.

The peremptory writ means that this precinct vote will be recounted forthwith. A refusal now on the part of the inspectors would amount to contempt of court, which is a dangerous experiment.

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