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Baptist Church.
L. L. Bonsteel, the pastor, will preach at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. school at 9:45 a. m. Fine prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30. The field secretary day school and B. Y. P. U. with the Palatka church the February 4th to 11th. Visitationally welcomed to all services.

St. Mark's Church.
The pastor of St. Mark's church will conduct all the services Sunday except Matins at 8 a. m., which will be in charge of Mr. M. E. Johnson, lay member. Early service at 7 a. m., Holy Communion; Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., and Evensong at 7:30 p. m., with address by the rector.

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Services next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. C. M. Alford, D. D. pastor; morning topic, "Failures and Their Causes"; evening subject, "Tightening the Girdle-Chains." Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., F. T. Merrill, superintendent. Midweek prayer service Wednesday evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation to all services.

Mangled by Train.
Henry Williams, a negro section hand at East Palatka, was killed by a freight train at an early hour Tuesday morning. No one saw the accident, but it is thought that Williams attempted to board a moving freight train and that in the attempt he was thrown under the moving train. Both legs were cut off and horribly mangled and he received some bruises about the head.

Sheriff Hagan and Deputy Fennell went over early and found the man still alive but unconscious. He died before daylight. An inquest held by Justice Marshall gave a verdict holding the death due to carelessness on part of Williams.

Farm Loan Association.
Only a temporary organization of the Putnam County Farm Loan Association has so far been effected. This was accomplished at a meeting held at the court house last Saturday. As there is an organization of the kind in East Palatka which is made up of members living on the east side of the river in this county, the name of the newer association was not definitely settled upon. It is to be finally determined at a meeting to be held at the court house on Feb. 3d.—one week from Saturday. On the organization of the Farm Loan Bank in Columbia, S. C., a charter will be obtained. The officers of the temporary organization are: President, E. L. Mann; vice president, A. L. Lavrez; sec-treasurer, Henry Hutchinson Sr.; directors, W. H. Snyder, W. W. Moody, G. B. Williams.

FLORIDA LANDS ARE BEING BOUGHT UP

At Lively Pace This Winter ---Truckers, Farmers and Stock Men.

It is doubtful if there is another man in all Florida who keeps closer tab on the lines of development throughout the State than does James R. Murphy, president of the Florida Farms & Homes, Inc.

Mr. Murphy has only within the week returned from an extended visit to New York and New England. While there he learned of the widespread Florida settlement movement that has taken hold among the small farmers who had come out of the west to engage in farming in close proximity to the great munitions plants spread out in the New England states.

"These men are not satisfied with the farming opportunities in bleak New England," said Mr. Murphy, "and are now talking Florida. Hundreds of them have already settled here and more are coming."

Mr. Murphy has a compilation of all the recent Florida real estate transactions. This is a collection of newspaper clippings from papers from all parts of the State, and better than anything else could, they show actual transactions. They also show that the people of the country are waking to the great opportunities that have been lying dormant in this state for so many years. Farming, stock raising and trucking are the three things which are most engaging the attention of these new settlers.

"Another thing I learned," said Mr. Murphy, "is that crude petroleum has been found in this State and that 26 Wall street is getting options on lands near where the discovery was made and in other sections where they see indications."

"We have been selling lots of our land," continued Mr. Murphy, "and not a day passes but that several come to our office with the view to making a purchase. Several big tracts have already been sold, together with a great number of small ones. The growth of the trucking and stock raising ideas are tremendous. In Marion county immense tracts are being taken up for trucking purposes."

From the seeds of the castor oil plant a German chemist has extracted what is said to be the most powerful poison known.

LEE'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED HERE

At Joint Meeting of Woman's Club and Daughters of Confederacy.

The birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee was appropriately observed on Friday last at a joint meeting of Patton Anderson Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Palatka Woman's Club. The meeting was held at the Putnam House in the afternoon of the day.

The parlors of the Putnam were appropriately decorated in the colors of the Confederacy, red and white bunting, and Confederate flags being placed to admirably advantage and to pleasing decorative effect. Two large pictures of the great Virginian, draped with the colors under which he won immortal fame, were also in evidence.

After a short business session of the club, Mrs. J. L. Dunsford, the president, turned the meeting over to Mrs. J. N. Walton, who, as chairman, had prepared an elaborate and most interesting program in honor of Gen. Lee.

The "Eulogy of Lee," by Mrs. Walton was eloquent, and was such as could only come from the heart of a loyal Southern woman.

The "Life of Robert E. Lee," by Mrs. L. L. Boyle, was excellently written and was a splendid tribute instructively given.

The "Anecdotes," revealing the personal character of the Virginian, in private and community life, were entertainingly related by Miss Susie Lee Walton.

"Reminiscences of the War," written by our pioneer resident, Mrs. Mary Benet, and read by Miss Walton, proved one of the most interesting features of a program replete with interest and patriotism. Musical selections—the old Southern favorites, "Maryland, My Maryland," rendered by Mrs. E. C. Chamberlain, and "The Mocking Bird," by Mrs. G. W. Bassett and Mrs. D. J. Coughlin—were delightfully given and were received with liberal applause.

The recitation by little Miss Mary Belle Lane was cleverly rendered, and was well received.

Other numbers on the well arranged program were:

Sketches: "As His Friends and the World See Him," by Mesdames S. J. Hilburn, G. W. Bassett, J. D. Points and R. F. Adams, Miss Estelle McKenzie and Miss Belle Welch, "As the Poets See Him," by Miss Walton.

The attendance was large, and the meeting proved one of the most interesting of the season. The program, so carefully prepared, was splendidly rendered; thus the observance of Lee's birthday was of that lofty and patriotic nature characteristic of the higher type of loyal Southern womanhood.

Bills Against The County.

At the last meeting of the board of county commissioners a resolution was adopted to effect: All bills against the county must be filed with the county clerk by the last of the month in order to secure payment at the following meeting. Mr. Hancock has asked The News to renew attention to this resolution. Under a new law these warrants must be filed in order that they may be so filed within the prescribed time it is necessary that they be acted on promptly.

To Sell Automobile Accessories.

Mr. A. M. Probst of Orange Mills has recently formed The Probst Sales Co. with offices in Palatka, which company will act as wholesale distributors for the southern states of several high-grade automobile accessories. The company is featuring at present an automobile body renewer called "Lustral" and claim that one dollar worth will keep an automobile bright and new for one year if properly applied.

The company will also act as Putnam county agents for the "Hitchon" Auto-Kamp two wheel trailers that will carry a load of 1,500 pounds. Just as soon as the samples arrive the company will be pleased to demonstrate the usefulness of this trailer to the farmers and merchants of Putnam county, on request.

Mrs. Bryan's Lecture.

Mrs. William Jennings Bryan will give a lecture this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Court House, under the auspices of the Woman's Club of Palatka—an open meeting, free to all women. Mrs. Bryan's subject will be "Woman Suffrage," and she will deal with the responsibilities and influence of mothers and all workers with children also laying broad emphasis on welfare and community work. Mrs. Bryan is an interesting speaker, and the room should be filled with the women of Palatka. The lecture this afternoon takes the place of the regular literary meeting with Mrs. E. L. Mann, as leader. Mrs. Mann will preside at the postponed meeting, February 9th.

The Political Science Class will meet next Friday afternoon, February 2nd at 3 o'clock, in the Putnam parlors. The union meeting last Friday afternoon of the Woman's Club and Daughters of the Confederacy was well attended and an interesting program given. The occasion was the joint celebration of Lee's birthday.

GASPARILLA CARNIVAL AT TAMPA NEXT WEEK

Combined With South Florida Fair, Will be Great Event.

Tampa, Fla. Jan. 25.—The program of the South Florida Fair and Gasparilla carnival, to be held here from Feb. 2 to 10, will be one of the best yet presented in cosmopolitan Tampa, which has an international reputation for the brilliancy of its entertainments. Many new features have been added, particular attention being paid to unique pageants which will please visitors from other states. The fastest harness and running races seen in the south for years will be run daily, and the fair grounds in the rear of the Tampa Bay Hotel, with new buildings added and extensions made to others, will present an entirely changed appearance. Twenty counties, representing all sections of Florida, also the Island of Cuba, will have exhibits. Systematic preparations have been made to care for the crowds that will be brought to the city and state by low round trip rates.

Among the program features are the following:

Friday, Feb. 2.—Opening patriotic parade by thousands of flag-bearing school children. Street carnival and ball during evening.

Saturday, Feb. 3.—Big military parade, with United States troops, militia companies and other organizations participating.

Sunday, Feb. 4.—Sacred concerts in Tampa Bay hotel park, boat trips, etc. Monday, Feb. 5.—Imposing and spectacular float parade of social and fraternal organizations.

Tuesday, Feb. 6.—Rotary breakfast at Tampa Bay hotel in honor of Florida editors and distinguished winter visitors; landing of Ye Mystic Krew of Gasparilla in Hillsborough river, and fantastic circus parade and dances including cake-walk and Charlie Chaplin contest, on Franklin street during evening.

Wednesday, February 7.—Gorgeous allegorical and historical float parade, rivaling Mardi Gras pageants at New Orleans.

Thursday, Feb. 8.—Annual ball of Ye Mystic Krew of Gasparilla and illuminated carnival parade and street dance.

Friday, Feb. 9.—Great commercial and industrial float parade.

Saturday, Feb. 10.—Unique parade of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and grand finale of fair and carnival with special features added.

High class shows, including free attractions before the grandstand, day and night fireworks displays and other features will be presented.

Birthday Party.

Master John Berry Davis, celebrated his fifth birthday anniversary yesterday afternoon, by inviting about thirty little boys and girls to his home from 3 to 5 o'clock. The color scheme was pink and white, the dining table was beautifully decorated with festoons of pink and white crepe paper, and the birthday cake was iced with pink and white. Refreshments of cherry ice cream, and cake were served. There was a contest and a pen and ink hunt and the little folks enjoyed every minute of the afternoon.

Passing of an Old Tree.

Tuesday marked the passing of one of the oldest oak trees in Palatka, if not in the county, when the big monster twin oak that has guarded the old St. John's River in front of the residence of Mrs. J. N. Walton on River street for so many years, perhaps centuries, was cut down. This old landmark was struck by lightning last spring and death was sure. It was beyond the skill of the tree surgeon to restore to health again this pride of Palatka. Many of the oldest residents say that as far back as they can remember, the tree was as large as it is now. The tree fell with a mighty crash and obstructs the passage on River street, so the city has roped off that space between Kirkland and Dodge streets till the herculean task of sawing through those mighty limbs has been completed.

John Hancock's Death.

John Hancock, since 1871 a resident of Putnam county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Minton, in this city on Thursday night the 18th inst.

The funeral occurred on Friday, the service being at the grave in Bostwick cemetery. Mr. Hancock is survived by his wife and daughter, and several sons, among whom are D. P. Hancock, ex-county commissioner, and R. J. Hancock, Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Clerk of this county.

John Hancock was a native of Georgia; he came to Florida soon after the civil war and settled in Columbia county. He came to this county in 1871 and settled at Bostwick, where he has resided continuously since. He was a farmer and always ranked highly in the esteem of his neighbors and the people in this city and throughout the county. He served several terms as a member of the board of county commissioners. Mr. Hancock was 74 years of age. He received an injury some two years ago and has been in feeble health since.

PERMANENT PEACE POSSIBLE ONLY WITH JUSTICE

President Wilson Proposes World League to Enforce Peace.

For the first time in more than a hundred years a President of the United States appeared in the Senate Chamber to discuss the nation's foreign relations after the manner of Washington, Adams and Madison. The effect was to leave Congress, all official quarters and the foreign diplomats amazed and bewildered. Immediately there arose a sharp division of opinion over the propriety as well as the substance of the President's proposal.

"I am proposing, as it were, that the nations should with one accord adopt the doctrine of the world; that no nation should seek to extend its policy over any other nation or people, but that every people should be left free, to determine its own policy, its own way of development, unhindered, unthreatened, unafraid, the little along with the great and powerful."

"I am proposing that all nations henceforth avoid entangling alliances which would draw them into competitions of power, catch them in a net of intrigue and selfish rivalry and disturb their own affairs with influence introduced from without. There is no entangling alliance in a concert of power. When all unite to act in the same sense and with the same purpose, all act in the common interest and are free to live their own lives under a common protection."

"I am proposing a government by the consent of the governed; that freedom of the seas, which international conferences after conference of representatives of the United States have urged with the eloquence of those who are the convinced disciples of liberty, and that moderation of armaments which makes of armies and navies a power for order merely, not an instrument of aggression or of selfish violence."

"These are American principles, American policies. We could stand for no others. And they are also the principles and policies of forward looking men and women everywhere of every modern nation, of every enlightened community. They are the principles of mankind and must prevail."

While the President was speaking copies of his address had been forwarded to American diplomats in all the belligerent countries for the information of the foreign officers, and were being prepared for representatives of neutral governments here. Back of the fundamental proposal for some sort of international sanction for preservation of the future peace of the world now already accepted in principle by both sets of belligerents in their replies to President Wilson's peace note, lies the possibility, which the President today openly expressed, that thereby may be laid the groundwork upon which an approach may be made to an end of the present conflict.

In public utterances the President has hitherto expressed the conviction that the present was the last great war in which the United States could be a neutral; that it no longer could remain in the position of being "half in and half out" of world affairs. In his speech accepting his second nomination and in other public addresses he has reached upon the same sentiment which found its full development in his address to-day.

"The American people," the President told the Senate, "cannot in honor withhold the service to which they are about to be challenged."

"They owe it to themselves," he said, "and to the other nations of the world, to state the conditions under which they will feel free to render it. I am here to attempt to state those conditions. The present war must first be ended, but we owe it to our honor and to just regard for the opinion of mankind, to say that so far as our participation in guarantees of future peace is concerned, it makes a great deal of difference in what way and upon what terms it is ended."

"While the United States would have no voice in what those terms might be," the President said, "it would have a voice in determining whether they should be made lasting by guarantees of universal covenant."

"No covenant of co-operation," said he, "that does not include the peoples of the New World can suffice to keep the future safe against war, and yet there is only one sort of peace that the people of America could join in guaranteeing. The elements of that peace must be the elements that engage the confidence and satisfy the principles of the American governments, elements consistent with their political faith and with the practical convictions which the peoples of America have once for all embraced and undertaken to defend."

The Unsafe Safe.

Willis (ready for school)—Mamma, they are hoisting a safe down the street. Mother—Well, be careful not to walk on the safe side.—Boston Transcript.

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