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Afternoon Party.

Carl Davis gave a delightful party Tuesday afternoon. Savas played and the service in a fruit and salad course. The menu of cut flowers and y was most artistic in the parlors. The guests were Mrs. J. H. Millican, Smith, Ham, J. Q. Tilghman, Colson, Perkins, O'Connor, Cor-Hanley, Shelley, Roseborough, Jones, F. Merrill, J. Reese, Hedick, Ferrell, Rog-inn, Hutchinson, Gay, Tromb-the Misses May and Louise Florence Davis, Rena Brown, te Watson, Annabelle Con-Charlotte Hughes.

A Pre-Nuptial Party.

Miss Isabel Welch assisted by her mother, Mrs. George E. Welch, gave a charming pre-nuptial party Monday evening in honor of Miss Irene Gardner. Throughout the rooms quantities of yellow jasmine and wistaria were used in various artistic ways. Four tables enjoyed "Auction" and prizes were presented Miss Gardner as honoree, Miss Lucy Gardner and Fred T. Merrill. The service was a delicious salad course. The guests were the bridal party including Misses Lucy and Irene Gardner, Mrs. McDonald, Misses Josephine Steed, Grizzella Merrill, Winifred Barstow and Julia McIver. Outside friends invited were Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Corcoran, Dr. Johnson, Julian Sutherland, Lieut. A. G. Rudd, Charles Burt and Howard Gardner.

Palatka Band Concert.

The Palatka Military Band will give its usual Saturday evening concert at 7:45 p. m. at the corner of Lemon and Second streets, with the following program:
March—Royal Hussars, Williams.
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(Assisted by Palatka Girls' Band)
Valse—Persian Moonlight, King.
Serenade—Twilight, Jewell. Girls' Band.
Overture—Revelry, Heed.
In Florida Among the Palms, Girls' Band.
March—Our Mascot, Jewell.
The Dream Waltz, ar by Chattaway, Girls' Band.
Fox Trot—
Dixie, Star Spangled Banner. Palatka Military Band and Palatka Girls' Band.

CITY DEMOCRATIC CAUCUSES NOMINATE

Aldermen and Elect Delegates to City Convention for Tonight.

The city democratic ward caucuses were held in the various wards on Wednesday night, and the attendance was really good.

In the Third ward, the only ward which the editor observed, fully 60 citizens of the ward participated.

The following aldermanic nominations were made:

First ward—Benj. I. Gay, for the full term, and Hugh Dougherty to fill vacancy caused by resignation of W. N. Coffee. Mr. Gay is at present serving on the council from the Third ward, but he recently moved into the First, and the people there evidently were able to spot a faithful official.

Second ward—J. D. Ringham.

Third ward—D. J. Coughlin.

Fourth ward—Dr. A. M. Hedick.

Fifth ward—Morris B. Cochran.

Seventh ward—N. W. Morgan.

The Sixth ward is the colored ward and democrats are not in the ascendancy.

The delegates selected from the various wards to the city convention to nominate a candidate for mayor, are as follows:

First ward—W. C. Davis, John D. Points, J. E. Lucas, Geo. M. Boyd, C. E. Rowton, L. C. Stephens, R. E. Neck.

Second ward—J. V. Walton, J. H. Yelverton, Jr., and A. G. Phillips.

Third ward—G. W. Bassett, Sr., C. H. Mesamer, Dr. H. A. Johnson, Arthur A. Corcoran.

Fourth ward—F. J. Feamside, Sr., D. W. Ramsaur and Leo Jacobson.

Fifth ward—L. L. Boyle and Frank D. Wattles.

Seventh ward—Geo. Douglas, J. M. Pounds, J. E. Jeter, W. H. Wigg, W. P. Dinceen, J. R. Rountree.

In so far as The News could learn the delegates go to the city convention uninstructed, and are free to vote for any man whom they believe would best serve the city.

Who For Mayor?

There doesn't seem to be any one in particular who is after the office of Mayor of Palatka.

Mr. E. M. Earnest probably would have been a candidate under the petition form of nomination had the ordinance passed by the council not been vetoed by the mayor. Mr. Earnest doesn't like the caucus and convention plan of nomination. He told The News editor he would be in favor of a primary, but that its expense had probably kept the city from adopting it. The petition form costs nothing.

Mr. Earnest's name will not be presented to the convention tonight at his request. If it is presented it will be the independent action of his friends. He says that he has been urged by a number to become a candidate by petition, but had not made up his mind to such action; rather he states that he does not think he will. Mr. Earnest suggests as a compromise Mr. R. E. Neck, whom he says would be satisfactory to all factions.

Hon. W. P. Merriam, the present mayor, it is said will be a candidate for re-nomination. The News called up the mayor on the telephone and asked him point blank, "Well, now, I'm not seeking the office, but from what I can learn my name is to be presented to the convention; if the gentlemen who make up that representative assembly see fit to nominate me, I shall feel honored. I regard it as an honor to be mayor of Palatka, but I'm not out drumming up votes."

Putnam House Luncheon.

Miss Marion Davidson gave a charming luncheon Saturday noon at the Putnam House in honor of Miss Irene Gardner. The table was beautifully appointed with bouquets of pink sweet peas which were later, presented to the guests. Orchestral music enlivened the hour and covers were laid for Misses Irene and Lucy Gardner, Julia McIver, Winifred Barstow, and Miss Sarah Bard of Welaka.

The Woman's Club.

Friday afternoon, March 2nd, the Woman's Club held the yearly election of officers with the following results: President, Mrs. J. L. Dunford; first vice-president, Mrs. Albert Trombley; second vice-president, Mrs. P. Gardner; third vice-president, Miss Ruth Burt; recording secretary, Mrs. Carswell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. George Gay; treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Mann; auditor, Mrs. G. W. Bassett; chairman literary department, Mrs. J. H. Houghton; chairman civics, Mrs. S. C. Stallings; chairman political science, Mrs. Leon Jones; chairman social, Mrs. D. J. Coughlin; press reporter, Mrs. L. L. Boyle; the chairmanship of the music department remains open. The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Boyle, who had prepared a most interesting program commemorative of Washington's birthday and his time. There were various papers read which gave the history in condensed form of Washington's life and achievements; then followed musical dances by several little boys and girls in costume. Many interesting letters were loaned by Rev. C. R. D. Crittenton, who is a lineal descendant of Washington, and by Miss Ida Leib.

Mrs. George E. Welch will have charge of the literary program this afternoon and has for her subject "Solomon." Mrs. Welch has prepared an interesting program and will present a surprise feature.

COUNCIL SUSTAINS MERRIAM'S VETO

Of Ordinance Intended to Suppress City Party Nominations.

Last week The News published in full Mayor Merriam's veto of an ordinance passed two weeks ago and which had for its purpose the doing away with party organizations in city affairs, and the substitution of nominations by petition for caucus and city convention nominations.

That it was intended to break up the democratic party in Palatka, there is no doubt, particularly as the author of the ordinance has so stated openly. And yet this man is a democrat, and one whom the party has always (as expressed by its more influential members) been not only willing but anxious to honor.

Mayor Merriam's veto message should be read by all democrats in Palatka. It is a document that can be kept as a text book statement or definition of party principles; it declares for the rule of the masses, either by caucus or primary nomination, against the rule of cliques as would be the case were the petition system to be enforced.

Yes, the mayor's veto was sustained, but that is all. And in order to defeat the ordinance the democrats of Palatka had to depend on the votes of the two negro republican members of the council.

Those voting to pass the ordinance over the mayor's veto were Alderman Neck, Coffee, Austin, Pursley, Merrill and Ramsey. Those voting to sustain the mayor were Aldermen Gay, McNally, Jacobson, Robinson and Trapp. Of course it requires a two-thirds vote to pass an ordinance over the Mayor's veto. Three aldermen were absent.

Alderman W. N. Coffee of the First ward tendered his resignation at this meeting, and the resignation was accepted.

Mr. Lansing was employed to audit the city's books and accounts and at a stated price of \$200.

McDonald-Gardner Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Irene Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gardner, and one of Palatka's most charming and gifted young women, to James Duncan McDonald of Ocala, took place in the Presbyterian church at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the presence of a large audience of friends and relatives. The bridal color scheme of yellow and white was used effectively in the weaving of quantities of tulle among the clusters of ferns and cedar; bamboo and palms were the main background in the splendid arrangement and a large central bouquet of daisies showed to advantage as the central ornament. The ushers were the bride's most intimate friends and were the Misses Winifred Barstow, Julia McIver, Grizzella Merrill and Josephine Steed. Their gowns were of white organdie, and they wore corsage bouquets of yellow jonquils.

At 4 o'clock the organist, Mrs. R. S. O'Haver, rendered a musical program lasting for twenty minutes, after which Mrs. E. L. Mann sang sympathetically as a favorite of the bride, "Ever of Thee," by Foley.

At 4:30 the bridal party entered to the Lohengrin bridal march. The young lady ushers preceded the maid of honor, Miss Lucy Gardner, then came Mrs. H. H. McDonald, mother of the groom, as matron of honor; lastly came Miss Irene, leaning on the arm of her father who gave her in marriage.

The party was met at the altar by the groom, James Duncan McDonald, and his groomsmen, Luther Mershaum of Ocala, and by the minister, Rev. Charles M. Alford, D. D., who used the simple but beautiful ring service.

During the impressive ceremony the organist softly played, "If All Those Endearing Young Charms."

The Mendelssohn Recessional was used as the bridal party and friends left the church.

The reception at the home of the bride's parents followed immediately to just a few intimate friends and out-of-town guests. In the receiving line were the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, Howard Gardner, Miss Lucy Gardner, Mrs. McDonald and the girl friends.

The bride was most becomingly gowned in white taffeta with peacock crepe, and white crepe hat, and she carried an arm bouquet of white roses. Miss Lucy Gardner wore cream net combined effectively with yellow velvet. Mrs. McDonald wore white net combined with yellow and a gold lace picture hat. Mrs. Gardner was most royally in beautiful gray silk. The guests were ushered into the dining room by Miss Mabel C. Wilson and Miss Gardner where in the soft glow of candle light the guests were served cream and cake by Miss Susie Walton, Miss Anne Denderick, Miss Varina Knight and Miss Dorothy Meriam. The bride threw her bouquet into the crowd of young ladies and it was caught by Miss Sarah Bard of Welaka. The gifts were numerous and lovely. One silver spoon received was an heirloom, having been given the bride's great-great-grandmother in 1791. At 5:30 o'clock the happy couple left for a brief wedding journey to Cuba and will return

PALATKA SUFFERS A SUGAR FAMINE

Local Grocers Say that They Are Unable to Secure More.

Palatka is on the verge of a sugar famine. Local grocers are down to the point where an order for 10 pounds would about exhaust their supply. What is worse, there is no more in sight.

E. W. Elliott of the Economy Grocery possibly has the largest stock in the city, but he only has about 700 pounds; he usually carries at least 2,000 pounds in stock. Some of the other grocers haven't over from 100 to 50 lbs. The wholesalers here are also short.

Mr. Elliott says there is a sugar famine in sight, all right; that it is due in part to the rebellion in Cuba and in part to the strikes now on in northern refineries. "What sugar we are getting in this country now," said he, "comes from New Orleans, and that city could no more supply the demands of the country than East Palatka could supply the world's demand for potatoes. There is a car load I am told on the way to Jacksonville, but that won't go far in Florida, for all Florida towns are in the same predicament as Palatka."

Mr. Elliott had an order by telegraph yesterday for ten sacks of sugar from Miami, regardless of price. But he told them no; that what he had proposed to keep for home people. He is still charging the same old price, 10 cents, when he could get 20 cents just as easily.

Go easy on sweets, dear people; deny yourselves.

Dr. L. W. Warren of the Merryday Grocery Co., one of Palatka's leading wholesalers, states that he does not believe that there will be an actual famine, but that the trouble will be averted in a week or two. "We are getting a little now and then," said he, "and while we can let no one customer have all he wants, we have been able to keep them all supplied with a little; yesterday we received 15 sacks, or 1,500 pounds, and we hope to have some more before the end of the week; we get promises of sugar but it is coming to us in anxiety producing dribbles."

Presbyterian Church.

Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Alford, D. D. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., F. T. Merrill, Superintendent. Mid-week prayer service at 7:30 o'clock, Wednesday evening. Morning subject—"The Eagle." Evening topic, "Retribution and Repentance." A cordial welcome to all.

Miss Walton Entertains.

Miss Susie Walton was hostess for a beautiful luncheon Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Irene Gardner. The guests displayed their skill in handling a dozen table napkins, which were presented to Miss Gardner. After a social afternoon Miss Walton invited her guests into the darkened dining room, which was beautiful in soft candle glow. The table was elaborately laid out and the central ornament was a bouquet of yellow jasmine with decorative ribbons. A three course luncheon was served. The guests were Misses Lucy and Irene Gardner, Josephine Steed, Grizzella Merrill, Julia McIver, Winifred Barstow, Mrs. H. H. McDonald, Miss Nora Sharpe and Mrs. W. A. Walton, and of the household Mrs. John N. Walton, Miss Annie Denderick and Miss Susie Walton.

A Florida Club.

The Georgia College of Technology to which there are a number of Florida boys in the student body, has a Florida Club. The college paper of recent date tells of a meeting of the club in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium in Atlanta, and of a set of resolutions which were drawn up and sent to the Weather man requesting that he release his grip upon the sunny south and let his people home. A petition was also drawn up to be submitted to the faculty requesting that they (the men from Florida) be allowed to sleep three in a bed as long as the old weather lasted. The following officers were elected: "Hart" Dowling, president; Jack Merriam, vice president; P. M. Burroughs, secretary and treasurer. It is noted that the Palatka boys voted solidly for Burroughs

by way of the East Coast. They will be at home in Ocala after April 1st where the groom is very popular and an esteemed official of the Ocklawaha Valley R. R. Company.

The bride's traveling suit was a cascade shade of wool velour, with hat and accessories to harmonize.

The young people have the best wishes of hosts of friends where the bride has lived all of her years and has been a popular teacher, and the groom has been so favorably known.

The out-of-town guests were Miss Nellie Weems, Miss Edith Corbett and Mr. Lee of St. Augustine; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lane and daughter, Nellie, of DeLand; Mrs. R. D. Knight and daughter, Varina, of Jacksonville; Miss Sarah Bard of Welaka; Hester Dewey, Adela Ax., Kate Hull, Onte and John Chazal and Robert Anderson Jr., of Ocala.

PROMINENT MICHIGAN OFFICIAL A VISITOR

To Palatka This Week—Member State Board of Control.

Among the distinguished visitors in Palatka this week is Hon. Edw. C. Anthony of Negaunee, Michigan, a city of some 10,000 inhabitants on the upper peninsular portion of that state.

Mr. Anthony is a member of the Michigan State Board of Control of Prisons, a board of which he has been a member for some 15 years. Mr. Anthony is a democrat, but the law of the state requires that the governor appoint at least one member of the board from the opposition party. Mr. Anthony has been that opposition party man much of the time, though since his incumbency there has been one democratic governor of the state, who retained him.

Negaunee is in the iron mining section, and has within its corporate limits some of the biggest producing mines of that section. It is a strong republican city, the nominal republican vote being about 1,700, while the nominal democratic vote is but 80. And yet in face of this adverse party vote, Mr. Anthony, a democrat, is its mayor, elected on a "People's Ticket." The assessed valuation of the city is \$44,000,000 making it the richest city of its size in the world.

This is Mr. Anthony's first visit to Florida and he says he likes it. And he thinks Palatka a smart little city.

JOHN T. DUNN, FORMER PROMINENT PALATKAN

Passes Away at His Home in Seabreeze.

A dispatch from Daytona to the Times-Union of Tuesday, announced the death of Mr. John T. Dunn, for nearly 30 years a prominent citizen and business man of Palatka, but who left here some 18 years ago. The Daytona dispatch follows:

Daytona, March 5.—John T. Dunn, for many years a resident of this city and one of the first settlers of the nearby towns of Daytona Beach and Seabreeze, died at his beach home in the latter town after an illness of two years, during the last two weeks of which he was confined to his bed. He has made several trips to Baltimore, Md., for treatment in Johns Hopkins hospital but none of them resulted in any help to him.

The funeral services took place Monday afternoon at 3:30 at the residence, Rev. William J. J. Drew, of the Daytona Congregational church officiating. Interment took place at the family lot in Pinewood cemetery, Daytona Beach, the funeral being in charge of the Dargrett-Wetherby Company.

Mr. Dunn was born in Abingdon, Va., April 6, 1847. He came to Florida in 1869, locating in Palatka. Thirty-one years ago he visited Daytona and was so delighted with the place that he returned the following year and built the first three-story building to be erected on the peninsula. This was called the Seabreeze hotel and was on the location now covered by the Daytona Beach hotel, of W. F. Ayers. For several years Mr. Dunn either conducted or leased this hotel until later he sold his Daytona possessions and moved to Macon, Ga. However, he returned eleven years ago and with his three sons launched into the hardware business under the firm name of Dunn Bros.

He has been a great church worker all his life, being a member, and until January 1, a trustee in the Congregational church of Daytona.

He leaves his wife and three sons, E. C. Dunn, J. T. Dunn, Jr., and J. B. Dunn, to mourn his loss.

The Baptist Church.

Services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. L. Bonsteel, on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30. Sunday school will meet at 9:45 in the morning and the Baptist Young People's Union will meet at 6:30 in the evening. Visitors cordially invited to all services.

Sincere Regrets Expressed.

In U. D. C. circles in St. Augustine and among many friends here, sincere regret is felt over the death of the late Mrs. Patton Anderson at Palatka. Mrs. Anderson was the widow of the late General Patton Anderson, one of the notable figures in Confederate history. She was a woman of many lovable traits of character and on account of her prominence in U. D. C. work was known far and wide throughout the South.—St. Augustine Record.

A Wonderful Little Artist.

The Jefferson theatre was packed to full capacity last night at both motion picture performances with audiences anxious to see the dancing of little Charlie Newton of Palatka, hailed as Florida's Pavlova. She is a tiny sprita who is possessed of not only extraordinary ability as a classic dancer but has the true artistic temperament and sense of proper interpretation. Her impersonation of Theda Bara not only took the house by storm but aroused the enthusiasm of Miss Bara herself who viewed the dancing from one of the boxes. This was undoubtedly one of the cleverest features seen at the Jefferson in a long time.—St. Augustine Record.

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