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FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1902.

Fresh strawberries, ice cream, fishing, sailing, are some of the January delights of South Florida.

The Gainesville Sun is making war upon the Southern Weighing and Inspection Bureau. Everybody should help the Sun in its patriotic efforts.

The Ocala Banner, which has kept tally, reports thirty-six frosts this winter up to the 23d inst., to which two more were added on the 23d and 24th.

Alachua, Marion, Sumter and Lake counties have prepared to glut the melon market. An immense acreage has been planted. One farm at Newbury contains 700 acres.

It is to be hoped that the talk of Gen. Miles for President and Admiral Schley for vice-President is only talk. Gorman and Tom Johnson would make a stronger ticket.

Hon. B. E. McLin, our accomplished Commissioner of Agriculture, has the sincere thanks of THE HERALD for an excellent sectional map of Florida, the best hitherto issued.

Miss Stone, the captive missionary, was released Tuesday by the Bulgarian brigands, who received some \$70,000 for their trouble. Pretty costly missionary, that.

H. V. Whittaker, of Sarasota, has an orange tree that yielded this year 43 standard boxes of first-class fruit. At \$1.00 per box net, the value of that one tree on a 10 per cent basis would be \$430.

Congressman R. W. Davis's thousands of friends deeply sympathize with him in the loss of his beloved wife, who died of pneumonia in Washington last Sunday night. She was buried in Palatka Wednesday.

Lakeland News calls Clarence B. Collins, Tom Collins, Clarence Collins, ex-State treasurer, is slowly dying at his home near Clearwater. He has thousands of friends to pray that his last days may be peaceful and cloudless.

During a recent visit to Leesburg, Col. L. E. Robinson of Lake City, vice the Commercial newspaper office and "boomed" Hon. Frank Adams for United States senator. Mr. Adams would make a fine senator; so would Mallory, Sparkman, Jennings and several others. Good men all.

Governor Jennings has appointed Hon. Henry Clay Crawford, son of the late incumbent, as Secretary of State. The appointee has assisted in the office for the past twelve years and is familiar with its details and duties. His appointment will give general satisfaction.

Miami has kept telling big fish stories all season and now they have culminated in a whale seventy feet long said to have been seen last Friday. Added to this, whenever there is a frost at Miami, all the people wear green goggles and can't see it. Miami is resolved to keep at the head of the procession in everything.

In the legal advertisements appearing in the Tampa papers, the signature of C. M. Knott as deputy clerk is of frequent recurrence. This suggests the just observation that there is no man in Florida who can add more to the efficiency and popularity of the circuit clerk's office than Chas. M. Knott. He is the right man in the right place.

Ex-Governor Bloxham states positively that he will not be a candidate for United States senator. Good thing for the other aspirants. If Mr. Bloxham should run he would make it so lively for the others that they would just naturally hold their breath during the counting of the votes. While they are splendid men, he is dangerously strong in a primary.

Dr. John L. Crawford, Secretary of State for Florida for the past twenty years, died after a short illness in Tallahassee last Friday morning, age 88 years. He was buried with every mark of respect at noon the following day. For fifty years or more, he was prominently identified with the best interests of the State and came to be probably the most popular man in Florida. He was a gentleman of the old school, of the most rigorous integrity, and he enjoyed the unlimited confidence of all Florida, a fact attested by his never being opposed for the office he held. The entire State mourns his loss.

PRICE ADVANCED.

And Good Reasons Given for It. The subscription price of THE HERALD is hereby and hereafter advanced to \$5.00 per year, 75 cents for six months.

With wood at \$5.00 to \$6.00 a cord, eggs 30 cents a dozen, chickens 40 to 50 cents each, sweet potatoes 75 cents a bushel, Irish potatoes and onions 50 cents a peck, Florida syrup 75 cents a gallon, sugar 7 cents a pound, oranges and apples 20 cents a dozen, grape fruit 10 to 15 cents each, Western beef and mutton 20 cents a pound, turkeys and liver pills one cent each, family washing \$2.00 per week, nigger power for cylinder press \$1.50 a day, and rents and everything else at proportionate figures, no country newspaper can hope to compete in subscription rates with the city weekly and it is sheer nonsense to attempt it.

The type-setting, which is the chief expense of a newspaper, costs the city weekly absolutely nothing; consequently, it can afford a rate of \$1.00 a year; but the country weekly cannot, because it does not find its type ready set free of cost. Especially is this so in a place like Punta Gorda, where the cost of living, to say nothing of freight rates, is as high as the figures given above will show.

It is hoped that this explanation will suffice for considerate and generous subscribers. Those who pay between now and March 1st may do so at the old rate of \$1.00 a year. All new subscriptions and all renewals after March 1st will be at the rate of \$1.50 a year.

THE DISPENSARY QUESTION.

Hon. J. C. B. Koonce, the conscientious and capable member of the legislature from Sumter county, who is also the able editor of the Sumterville Times, has an excellent article in his last week's paper in favor of the dispensary system, which he advocated in the last session of the legislature. In connection with his editorial, he publishes an address to the people of Florida signed by forty-two members of the legislature, who announce their intention of making the dispensary question an issue in the next campaign.

In view of this, it may be timely and proper to re-iterate some of the suggestions made by THE HERALD a few months ago. In doing this, THE HERALD does not wish to be understood as favoring the liquor traffic, no matter in what way it may be conducted. Good morals, sound policy and correct logic are all against the selling of liquor, as, if challenged, THE HERALD can easily show.

But, as a step towards ultimate prohibition, THE HERALD agrees with Rev. G. T. Leitner, the able Baptist minister of Leesburg, in the conviction that the local dispensary system as it exists in Georgia and Alabama is the very best scheme yet devised for regulating the liquor traffic, especially in those localities where the people do not favor rigorous prohibitory measures.

The error to be guarded against in Florida is the establishment, or proposed establishment of a system identical with that of South Carolina. We do not want the South Carolina system; it causes too much trouble. Florida advocates of the dispensary system should visit the counties of Terrell and Decatur in Georgia and Henry in Alabama and note the working there of the local system, which is giving entire satisfaction to all the people. This is because the business is wholly in the hands of the town officials and the profits are applied on the spot. The State does not handle the goods or the money and has nothing to do with the business except to permit it.

In Whigham, Ga., and Dothan, Ala., the profits maintain splendid public schools for nine months. Not only this, but in Dothan, a place of 4,000 people, the profits from the local dispensary pay all the expenses of the town government, and municipal taxation is actually unknown. But, morally better than the profits, leading citizens of the two places assured the writer that, since the establishment of the dispensaries, drunkenness, disorder and lawlessness had virtually disappeared.

Any one who may wish more detailed information might write to the mayors of the places named and also of Dawson, Ga., who will substantiate all that is said above. At Whigham particularly he may address Mr. J. H. Truelock, the founder of the place, a devout Baptist and a persistent prohibitionist for forty years.

In a word, the Georgia and Alabama local dispensary system under local control, wherever it has been tried, has given complete and general satisfaction, and it is the only system that silences the opposition of saloonists and effectually suppresses the blind tiger. That is the kind of a system that we should have in Florida as the best possible substitute for prohibition.

Mr. Charlie Reed two weeks ago told the Courier-Informant that the Fort Myers people told him that they would "have 1500 men at work on the new railroad this month." Here's the end of the month and Editor Isaacs has not yet reported the arrival of the men. Are they coming overland, by boat or by rail? And where is Col. A. B. Herclay? There is an awful dearth of news about that railroad; meanwhile, the islands on our Gulf coast, as well as Fort Myers and Punta Gorda, are hungering for increased transportation facilities.

TEMPERATURES COMPARED.

You just can't tell anything from a comparison of temperatures of any two places. If you think you can, here is a chance to try. Col. J. C. Pepper, THE HERALD's next door neighbor, keeps a record taken from a thermometer of standard make and regarded as reliable. He hangs it in an exposed place about six feet from the ground. Prof. Geo. Hass-Hagen, the official Weather Bureau observer at Tampa, has his thermometer on the top of a building sixty feet from the ground. He kindly furnishes THE HERALD with the minimum temperatures shown by his instrument this season. We place them side by side with Col. Pepper's, thus showing the temperature at Tampa and in Punta Gorda on the dates given, and leave it to the scientists to tell us why the difference is not at all uniform. Here is the record:

	TAMPA.	PUNTA GORDA.
Nov. 16	44	52
" 17	39	44
" 18	38	40
Dec. 16	40	46
" 17	38	45
" 18	34	44
" 19	30	38
" 21	24	30
" 22	30	36
" 31	37	40
Jan. 12	40	48
" 14	30	30
" 17	39	44
" 23	38	50

Now, there you are. Explain, if you can, why the difference is all the way from nothing up to twelve degrees.

The Fort Myers Press explains that the proposition to get a law enacted in relation to fishing in Lee county waters is solely to prevent the depletion of the fish supply. The Press says: "It is not a question of preventing Punta Gorda fishermen from catching fish in Lee county; it is a question of protecting the fish in all the waters of our bays and rivers along the coast. The wholesale sealing business has already nearly ruined the catching of fish, and if the practice is continued, a few seasons longer the finest fishing grounds in the world will have been destroyed. Ask the residents on the coast who are crying out against the wholesale cleaning out of the fish."

The Fort Myers Press having, upon the authority of Mr. James E. Roach, a well known representative of the Savannah line of steamships, made injurious reflections upon the management of the Hotel Punta Gorda, the facts in the case have been submitted with a complaint to Mr. Roach's superiors and he is likely to be called upon to explain himself to the satisfaction of the aggrieved parties. It may be remarked that the hotel is under excellent management, notwithstanding the apparent eagerness of the Press to believe to the contrary.

THE HERALD heartily endorses the following from that able paper, the Gainesville Daily Sun: "Every day demonstrates the fact that no mistake was made when the Democrats of Florida nominated and elected Hon. B. E. McLin as Commissioner of Agriculture. It is gratifying to Mr. McLin's original supporters for the nomination to note the success with which he is administering the affairs of the office."

Tax Assessor's Notice.

I will be at the following places on my first and only round for the purpose of receiving tax returns for the year 1902: Fish Eating Creek, Tuesday, Jan. 28. Fort Bassenger, Friday, January 31. Avon Park, Tuesday, February 4. Lake Stearns, Friday, February 7. Crewsville, from noon Saturday, Feb. 8, until 12 m., Monday, 10th. Sweetwater Postoffice, Tuesday, Feb. 11 until 12 m. Maud Postoffice, Wednesday, February 12, until 12 m. Bowling Green, Thursday, Feb. 13-14. Fort Green, Monday, February 17. Horse Creek, Wednesday, February 19. Lily, from noon February 20 and 21. Pine Level, Saturday, February 22. Oak Hill, Monday, February 24. Owens, Wednesday, February 26. Torrey, Friday, February 28. Wauchula, Saturday, March 1, and Monday, 3. Zolfo Springs, Tuesday, March 4-5. Ona Postoffice, Thursday, March 6. Calvinia, Friday, March 7. Gardener, Saturday, March 8. Brownsville, Monday, March 10. Arcadia, Tuesday, March 11 to 15. Nocatee, Monday, March 17. Fort Ogden Postoffice, Tuesday, March 18. Fort Ogden R. R. station, Wednesday, March 19. Cleveland, Thursday, March 20. Grove City, Saturday, March 22. Charlotte Harbor, Tuesday, March 25. Punta Gorda, Wednesday, March 26 to 28 inclusive.

F. M. COOPER, Tax Assessor.

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