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Presbyterian—Rev. C. H. Ferran, pastor. Services second and fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday afternoon at 9:30.

Methodist—Rev. H. W. Joiner, pastor. Services at 7 p. m. every Sunday and at 11 a. m. on the first and third Sundays at the Punta Gorda church; Sunday school every Sunday 10 a. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday evening of each week. Epworth League meets every Sunday 3:30 p. m. Charlotte Harbor Methodist church—Services at 7 p. m. on second and fourth Sundays and at 7 p. m. on Saturdays previous.

Punta Gorda Baptist Church—Rev. J. E. McIntosh, pastor. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. every Sunday. Prayers meeting every Tuesday night.

Seventh-day Adventist sabbath school 10 a. m. preaching 3 p. m. and 7 p. m. Bible study Wednesday 7 p. m. C. B. Stephenson, Elder.

Y. P. S. C. E.—Meets every Thursday evening in the Presbyterian church at 7:30.

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Story of a Revolver and a Stormy Scene in Congress.

"When Mr. Reed was making the parliamentary fight which resulted in the adoption of the Reed rules for counting a quorum in the Fifty-first congress," said a veteran representative, "the violence of debate was greater than at any time since reconstruction days. Toward the close of the struggle General Joe Wheeler of Alabama had mounted his desk and was making remarks which members of both sides thought might end in violence.

"Several of his colleagues were standing near by, angry, flushed, under their breath declaring that it was time to 'pull the speaker out of the chair.' Mr. Reed's partisans were just as hot and crowded to the 'well' to be ready if any muscle were needed. Confusion reigned in the entire body.

"Right in the thick of it Representative Martin of Texas made his way to the steps leading to the speaker's seat and, lifting his coat, shoved to Mr. Reed the butt end of a revolver protruding from a hip pocket.

"Do you want it?" asked Martin. "Just then the little orator from Alabama, with clenched fist, shouted at Mr. Reed: 'Your ruling is the most damnable ever made in your chair. It is nothing short of revolution. It ought to bury you so deep that Gabriel's trumpet won't waken you.'

"Mr. Reed leaped over then and replied to Martin, with his usual drawl: 'No, not yet. The gentleman has simply risen to a question of order and is now sitting.'

SCHOOL REPORT.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL.
Punta Gorda School, Beginning September 16, 1901.

FIRST MONTH.
Number of males enrolled, 61; females, 67; total enrollment, 128; average attendance, males 14.4; females 14.6; total average, 29; per cent of males, 80; females, 82.2; total per cent, 81.1.

SECOND MONTH.
Beginning October 14; ending Nov. 8. Number of males enrolled, 59; females, 100; total enrollment, 159; average attendance, males, 14.7; females, 16.8; total average, 34.3; per cent of males, 86.3; females, 84.2; total per cent, 86.2.

THIRD MONTH.
Beginning Nov. 11; ending Dec. 6. Number of males enrolled, 20; females, 99; total enrollment, 119; average attendance, males, 15.2; females, 16.8; total average, 29.4; per cent of males, 73.3; females, 70.8; total per cent, 72.1.

FOURTH MONTH.
Beginning December 9, 1901; ending January 17, 1902.
Number of males enrolled, 100; females, 96; total enrollment, 196; average attendance, males, 15; females 14.4; total average, 29.5; per cent of males, 75.3; females, 76.4; total per cent, 75.8.

FIFTH MONTH.
Beginning Jan. 20; ending Feb. 14. Number of males enrolled, 97; females, 96; total enrollment, 193; average attendance, males, 13.1; females, 12.9; total average, 29; per cent of males, 70.6; females, 69; total per cent, 69.7.

Total number enrolled in each room since beginning of school term: Room 1—Males, 18; females, 18; total, 36.
Room 2—Males, 20; females, 28; total, 48.
Room 3—Males, 25; females, 25; total, 50.
Room 4—Males, 22; females, 19; total, 41.
Room 5—Males, 28; females, 23; total, 51.
Grand total, 234.

The summary given above shows the record made for the five months county term. The data given consists of enrollments, averages and per cents. The total column of each record presents quite an interesting feature. Some may wonder why the enrollment in the different rooms varies. This matter is explained when we say that we are allowed to strike from the rolls the names of those who leave the town and enter another school.

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The largest bird of prey in the old world is the lammergeiser, or bearded vulture, which has a wing expanse of nine to ten feet.
Comparatively few horses attain to seventeen hands, but Kansas boasts of one that measures twenty hands and weighs 2,412 pounds.
Wasps may often be observed detaching from fences, boards or any old wood the fibers, which they afterward manufacture into paper mache.
The smallest of British animals is the harvest mouse, which makes a globular nest in wheatfields. A full grown specimen weighs half an ounce.
The First Iron Ship.
The first iron ship has more repeated blyplaces than Homer. Both the Clyde and the Mersey claim pre-eminence in this respect. Sir E. J. Robinson of Edinburgh designed an iron vessel in 1816, which was not launched till three years later, and it is said that an iron boat was worked on the Severn even as far back as 1757. Steel was not used in the construction of merchant ships' hulls until 1859. Old salts were not alone in their belief that wood was meant by Providence to float, but iron to go to the bottom. A naval constructor of some repute once said: "Don't talk to me of iron ships. They are contrary to nature." Now none but small craft are built of wood in this country.—Chambers' Journal.

An Open Letter to the People of Florida.

Editor Times-Union and Citizen:

We, the undersigned, representing the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Florida, regret the evident trend of opinion toward the delusion that the dispensary system is a temperance measure and a step in the direction of prohibition.

Twenty years ago the same condition obtained in regard to high license, and many mistaken Christians voted for it. Time has dispelled the last named delusion, as it will (as it has in South Carolina and Georgia) the first. No moral question can be settled by a compromise. It must be settled on the eternal principles of truth and right or it will be an unsettled, shifting, vexing problem.

We are opposed to the dispensary. First—Because it puts the State in the compromising, ignominious position of a barkeeper. Is it morally wrong to sell liquors? Then the State at least should keep her hands clean. It is wrong, and we will not consent to be partners in a wrong.

Second—Because it is a monopoly, and monopolies are undemocratic, un-American and contrary to the genius of our institutions and antagonistic to the traditions of the past and to the principles of the fathers of American liberty. It is the essence of imperialism.

Third—Because the experience of the State and towns which have tried the dispensary system proves that it does not decrease intemperance; that the amount of liquors sold in Athens, Ga., where it has had the longest and fairest trial, has increased over 30 per cent, while the population has increased but 8 per cent; that the restrictive features of the law in South Carolina have been disregarded by degrees until now, with the exception of two or three, it is the same as the open saloon; that sales are made to minors and drunkards; that in many dispensaries liquor is drunk on the premises, and, whereas the salary of the dispenser was once stated and regular, regardless of sales, now it is declared by high authority that salaries depend to a great extent on the quantity of liquor disposed of. "How can a State official be made more responsible than the man our present law says must be a good citizen?"

Fourth—The fact that it is lauded as a scheme to escape the legitimate burdens of government; that it will fill the treasuries of towns and counties and relieve taxpayers, is its greatest condemnation—because it debauches the consciences of voters, and bribes them into acquiescence in a great evil, the traffic which has "destroyed more lives than war, pestilence and famine."

We call upon all true, patriotic, Christian citizens to scold the bribe and to refuse to coin the blood and tears and sighs and moans of women and children into the devil's gold. "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." (Eccle. viii, 11.)

Praying that Florida will be warned by the sad and well nigh hopeless example of her sister State, an example temperance women in South Carolina beg us to shun, and educators deplore, we are yours for God and home and native land.

ALICE C. BROWN, President.
MINNIE E. NEAL, Corresponding Secretary.

State papers please to copy.

A SERPENT'S APPETITE.

The Meal of a Rubber Boot Was a Dismal One.

From a gentleman who was at one time a resident of Brazil comes a remarkable story about a snake that he encountered in the woods one day which followed him with much persistence.

"Sitting on a stump, I became aware of the approach of a huge snake," writes this gentleman. "He must have been fifteen feet in length. There was no doubt the snake was about to attack me.

"Without hesitating for a moment I discharged my two barrels. For a short time the reptile reared furiously, and I clambered a nearby tree. I had hardly reached the first bough when I saw the snake approaching the tree, and it climbed up behind me.

"Higher and higher I went. Higher and higher came the serpent. My heavy rubber boots were a great drawback to my climbing, so I tried to get rid of them. I took one off and dropped it, and just as I had the second in my hand the snake reached me, and I, in my desperation, tried to shield myself with the rubber boot.

"Then the snake made a dash and, getting hold of the boot, turned and descended the tree. I was saved, but I had not the courage to leave the tree before my friends arrived. I told them of the adventure I had and rode home minus one rubber boot. Of his snake-skin nothing could be seen.

"A few weeks later on another hunting trip we found in the road a big dead snake, terribly swollen. We cut it open and found, to our astonishment, my rubber boot not in the least injured."—New York Times.

Always at the Front.
"Young Cunningham seems abnormally proud of that fery scar he got on his face at Heidelberg."

"Well, that's all right. It's his real badge of courage."—Chicago Tribune.

Diplomacy.
Jack—What is the secret of your popularity with the ladies?
Tom—I always mistake the society queens for debutantes and the debutantes for society queens.—Life.

A man never buys a carpet sweeper as a Christmas present for his wife until after they have had their wedding, anyway.—Chicago Herald.

Some of the wooden churches of New-England are fully 700 years old, and are still in an excellent state of preservation.

Happy Coincidence.
Mrs. Hilly—is Mrs. SWANSON at home?
Servant—No, ma'am. She went out to call on you.
Mrs. Hilly—How very fortunate for us both!—Boston Post.

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