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Editor Humphries is making the Braidentown Journal one of the best weeklies in Florida.

The Ocala Daily Banner of the 4th indulges in a glowing tribute to Judge Wall.

On or about or just after April 18th, the only Rev. Sam Jones will horrify Tampa with his anti-sin philippic.

The Chronicle avers that McNamee cannot carry Citrus county against Sparkman. What county can he carry against Sparkman?

There is a hand-writing expert on the Eustis Lake region. He managed to read a note written by the "Fall Pine of Lady Lake," Col. Samuel W. Teague.

Pensacola has an artisan well that discharges warm water having magnetic and mineral properties of wonderful health-restoring power. A knife becomes magnetized by being dipped in the water. The well is the result of an attempt to discover oil.

The Newberry News has been bought by Maj. Chas. J. Anderson and the name changed to the Times. Our old friend Thomas J. Faus, of Macclenny, is the editor. May paper, proprietor and editor flourish like several green bay trees.

The Tampa papers are now calling each other liars. We hope they won't convict each other of the charge, for they have often said that the PUNTA GORDA HERALD is one of the best weeklies in the State and we should not like to see their veracity crippled.

Mr. Crawford Crews, of Bereah, was in town last Friday and left a dollar with you for a year's subscription to the best paper in DeSoto county.—Wauchula Advocate.

Well, what are you keeping it for? Why don't you send it on to THE HERALD?

The Ocala Banner speaks with true Democratic patriotism when it says: "So far as the editor of this paper is concerned, he would rather succeed with Mr. Bryan than with Mr. Cleveland, but he had rather succeed with Mr. Cleveland than not succeed at all."

Tampa business men and newspapers are making a strenuous effort to induce the Plant System to continue train 128, which now runs through from Punta Gorda to Tampa. The train is a great convenience to DeSoto county people, who would be glad to have it continued.

Henry Wilson, alias John Henry, the negro who murdered Lee Graham in Sumterville about a month ago, was hung in Sumterville last Friday. He was arrested in Tampa March 25, was tried and convicted at a special term of court on April 1st and executed April 4th. Quick justice, that.

Guy I. Metcalf has sold the West Palm Beach Sun to a publishing company and retired from journalism. He made a splendid paper of the Sun and the fraternity throughout the State will regret his retirement. Harry L. Brown is manager for the publishing company, which will keep the paper up to Mr. Metcalf's excellent standard.

Ocala Banner: According to some of the writers in the Florida Christian Advocate, the devil favors dispensaries, and laughs when he sees Christians lining up on their side, but when he sees the bar room men and the churchmen lining up together, both fighting the dispensaries, don't you know he is tickled to death?

Tampa Tribune: South Florida would have to look a long time and go along way from home before it would find a man who would acceptably step into Steve Sparkman's congressional shoes. He has made an enviable record for himself and the people appreciate his services and will again re-elect him without effective opposition.

A mortgage for \$200,000 given by the Central Florida & Gulf Coast Railway company to the Standard Trust Company of New York has been recorded in the county clerk's office in Tampa. Col. John Dawe has thus obtained that sum with which to build a railroad from Plant City via Sarasota to Boca Grande, a distance of 135 miles. The construction of a railroad to Boca Grande will greatly benefit Punta Gorda and all points on Charlotte Harbor.

ELEGANT HOUSE BOAT

Being built for the Louisville Tarpon Club
"The City of Louisville" is the name of the elegant house boat being built here for the Tarpon Club of Louisville, Ky. The work has reached a stage to justify the calculation that the boat will be finished within a month, when the owners will come down and enjoy themselves for a while living in their boat and catching tarpon.

The boat contains a total of nineteen apartments, thirty doors, thirty-nine windows and transoms, five hatches and a front porch. There is a main saloon 10 by 26 feet, on each side of which are four state-rooms (eight in all) each containing two bunks. Thus there are accommodations for sixteen persons besides servants.

Apart the saloon are the servants' quarters, kitchen (or galley), two bath rooms, one china, two linen and several other closets, including cold storage with ice box, lavatory and connecting passage ways, while overhead the rear of the saloon are commodious water tanks with pipes leading to every apartment.

The entire interior arrangement is compact and exceedingly convenient and cozy. The finishing is fine. Every piece of ceiling and facing, in fact all the wood work of the superstructure has been hand dressed and will be finished on the inside with varnish and on the outside with the best paint.

Owing to the minute and careful attention given to details, which is very necessary, the work of finishing up the boat has been and is unavoidably slow. This can be understood by any one who will take the trouble to look it through. The bottom, which has just been put on, is yet to be covered with metal to protect it from the teredo, and this is another of the tedious requisites in building such a boat.

The furniture, which is elegant, not to say luxurious, has arrived and will be installed as soon as the boat is done. This includes everything necessary to the comfort and convenience of a wealthy gentleman's home, from the parlor to the kitchen. The work of building is under the direction of Mr. L. H. Roberts, of Louisville, who has the best of mechanical help, and even the casual inspector can see that everything is being done well and thoroughly.

The Tarpon Club, which owns the boat, is composed of a dozen wealthy citizens of Louisville. Col. Bennett H. Young is president and Dr. Dudley S. Reynolds, secretary.

They will come down, as stated, as soon as the boat is ready, and exemplify their name by catching tarpon in these incomparable waters.

LEE MULFORD'S BOATS FOUND.
Messrs. H. A. Ware and Clarence Mauck, of Fort Oglethorpe, who had been making diligent search, found Lee Mulford's two boats Sunday last, beached on this side of the bay near Cape Hays. They were in such battered condition as to be unfit for service and were therefore abandoned.

From the evidence presented by the boats, the finders think that the unfortunate man either fell overboard or was knocked overboard by the boom and was drowned. The mast of one boat was gone, that of the other was dragging in the water.

The boats had evidently not been capsized, as they still contained fishing and cooking utensils and other articles, which would have fallen out if the boats had turned over. But a fine rifle, a new cast-iron and a gillnet which the missing man took with him, had mysteriously disappeared, a fact that causes the belief that the boats had been found and plundered previous to their discovery by Messrs. Ware and Mauck.

No trace of Mulford's body has been found or heard of, and it is therefore concluded that, as he must have been drowned so long ago as February 19, his body has been destroyed by sharks or other creatures. In this connection THE HERALD is requested to publish the following:

CARD OF THANKS.
I wish to give this public expression of my gratitude for the sympathy and substantial aid rendered me in my sore bereavement, and am sure God will graciously reward all those who have so kindly remembered the fatherless and the widow. Respectfully,
MRS. LEE MULFORD.

Possibly the most gratifying feature of life in Florida is the spontaneous kindness with which a man meets. THE HERALD editor has had abundant evidence of this. The many kind words given him by his journalistic brethren are simply the open expression of the generous spirit that characterizes Florida people of all callings. This reflection is suggested by the following paragraph from that splendidly edited paper, the Brooksville Register of March 28th:

"Under the editorship and management of Mr. A. P. Jordan, the PUNTA GORDA HERALD has taken a place as one of the best weeklies in Florida. He is a strong writer, a genial and courteous gentleman. He was fifteen years ago editor of the Hernando News here, and made a host of friends who wish him unprecedented success in his new field."

Col. Fred L. Robertson and son, F. Ion Robertson, have sold the Brooksville Register to Editor J. C. Burwell of the Star, who has consolidated the two papers. The Robertsons did splendid newspaper work for Brooksville and Hernando county and their withdrawal from the business will be regretted not only in their own section, but throughout the State as well. Mr. Burwell, however, is a capable man and will serve his town and county effectively. Success to him.

As Tampa is so absorbed in politics that she has no time to think of anything else, the location of the State Fair may again go to Jacksonville. But Jacksonville is a fine place for it.

PUNTA GORDA HIGH SCHOOL

Parents Remiss in Duty to the Children—Free Scholarship for the First Graduate.

The pupils that are attending school regularly are making good progress. It is hoped that none of the patrons will be so thoughtless as to expect their children to accomplish much when they are in school only one to three days in a week.

Patrons who are careless about the way their children attend school are doing them a life long injustice; they are not only darkening the future of their children, but they are showing by their actions that they feel but little interest in the uplifting of their race and the advancement of civilization. If school children are allowed to loaf on the streets and swim in the bay when they should be in the school room, nothing else can be expected than for ignorance to thrive, vice to be multiplied and jails to be filled.

All should remember that the latter part of a term of school is worth just as much to a child, if not more than the first part. Pupils that stop going to school toward the close of the term for poor reasons are doing themselves a great wrong. They make themselves great annoyances to teachers at the opening of the following term, when they come and hunt up their original classmates and insist upon entering the grade with them, at the same time knowing that they lost several months' work in the previous term.

Attention is called to the fact that a graded course of study has been arranged for the school, and when each term closes a final examination will be given and cards of promotion issued.

Every pupil who is not present at the time of the final examination will be compelled to take one when he enters school the following term. By following this method we favor none but mete out justice to all.

All the Punta Gorda high school needs to make it equal to any in the State is to follow out the course of study that has been arranged. The school catalog containing the course of study is now ready for publication but our progress has been hindered because of a lack of funds. We need \$25.00 to pay for having the catalog published. Then each pupil, patron and teacher will have a constant guide.

Through the generosity of Rollins College, a free scholarship has been offered to that institution. Rollins stands high as a school designed for higher training. We extend to them our sincere thanks for their kindness. This scholarship will be awarded to the first graduate of our school. If the first class should consist of more than one, the scholarship will be given to the one making the highest general average in the final examination.

M. H. SMITH, Principal.

THE MASQUERADE BALL.

The masquerade ball at Hotel Punta Gorda, Monday night, was, as predicted, the social event of the season. A hundred or more people were present and all enjoyed the occasion immensely.

The unavoidable absence of a regular reporter, together with the unusual pressure upon these columns, prevents such a notice as is deserved. All that can be done is to give a list of those attending in costume, the incompleteness of which should not be regarded as intentional, as it is given from memory by two or three who were present and made no notes.

The music was very fine and was furnished by an orchestra in costume, but without masks. Mrs. McAdow performed on the piano, Capt. Harvey on the clarinet and Mr. Goldstein on the violin.

Amongst the characters represented were the following:

- Colonial girl, Mrs. A. C. Freeman.
- Primitive costume, Mrs. B. Bassett.
- Spanish prince, Mr. K. B. Harvey.
- Spanish senorita, Miss Lilly Conolly.
- Japanese lady, Mrs. J. McCann.
- Miss Mabel Seavey.
- Pink lady, Miss Vernon.
- Doll baby, Mrs. J. H. Cannan.
- Wax doll, Miss Chatterton.
- Chrysanthemum, Mrs. F. K. Adams.
- 16th Century lady, Mrs. R. K. Seward.
- Negro mammy, Miss Maggie Stetson.
- Two little girls in blue, Mrs. C. E. Midgett and Miss Gracie Harker.
- Queen of Hearts, Miss Parker.
- Antique costume, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Windham and Miss Letha Curry.
- Night, Annie Hill.
- Dominos, Mrs. S. L. Gould.
- German girl, Mrs. Ed. Carrow.
- Negro clown, A. C. Freeman.
- Mexican, Cecil Crossland.
- Mandarin, F. P. Roach.
- Dude, Dr. Latham.
- King of Hearts, Dr. Blount.
- Nurse, Geo. Susan.
- Plantation darkey, Fred Guthrie.
- Black domino, Mr. Latham, of Tallahassee.
- Fairy, Miss Maddie Roe.
- Politician, Gus Lewis.
- Editor, W. H. Johnson.
- Business man, B. Bassett.
- Dancing master, J. H. Cannan.
- A mullet, L. T. Bohannon.
- Historian, F. K. Adams.
- English lord, A. F. Dewey.
- Ice man, Capt. C. G. Davis.
- A masher, Dr. Lanier.
- Electrician, J. R. Elliott.

It is truly regretted that such a delightful affair must pass without a notice in keeping with its merits.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Whereas, it has been made to appear by notice from the town council that there are two vacancies in the town council of the town of Punta Gorda, DeSoto county, Florida, therefore, I, A. C. Freeman, Mayor of said town of Punta Gorda, by virtue of authority vested in me, do hereby call and order an election to be held in the said town of Punta Gorda on Tuesday, the 13th day of May, A. D. 1902, in accordance with the ordinances made and provided for the purpose of electing one councilman to fill the unexpired term of J. C. Pepper, resigned, and one councilman to fill the unexpired term of J. F. Corbett, resigned.
Witness my hand and seal on this 9th day of April, A. D. 1902.
A. C. FREEMAN, Mayor.



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