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 FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1902

The death of Queen Wilhelmina is daily expected.

Admiral Sampson died at his home in Washington Tuesday afternoon.

F. Bret Harte, the noted American author, died in London Monday night.

The St. Petersburg Times calls for a curfew ordinance and a Fourth of July celebration.

The Palatka Times-Herald is one of the most interesting and ably edited papers in Florida.

The Ocala Banner continues to print the praises of Judge Wall. Good paper, good man.

THE HERALD is proud to receive as an exchange that live and courageous paper, the Gainesville Daily News.

Senator James E. Broome, of Gadsden, is a candidate for secretary of state. He is an able, deserving gentleman.

Hon. Wm. Jennings Bryan is expected in Jacksonville, the coming Sunday, where he will spend the day and then go to Cuba on a visit.

E. H. Mote of Leesburg is a candidate for the legislature from Lake County. He is an excellent, progressive citizen and should be promptly elected.

Gainesville News: Judge Wall may have some working friends here who will do what they can to elect him as judge of the supreme court, but Judge Hoeker is well in the lead in old Alachua.

Mr. Thos. A. Davis, an able man well known in Florida journalistic circles, will soon start in Jacksonville a weekly paper to be called the Florida Cracker, which will advocate straight-out Democratic principles without fear or favor. Success to him.

Hon. J. C. B. Koonce, the able editor of the Sumterville Times, has announced himself as a candidate for re-election to the legislature. Meanwhile, he is spoken of as a candidate for attorney-general to succeed Hon. W. B. Lamar. THE HERALD will vote for him for whichever of the two offices he wants, for he has the ability to fill either, and he is an upright, conscientious gentleman.

There is just complaint about the character of the State printing. The stationery and the books furnished by the public printer do not at all compare in quality with those of last year and the year before. The tax blanks and books particularly are of the most inferior quality. We trust the Governor will get after the State printer with that sharp stick which he has used so justly and effectively in other cases.

Polk County News: The present State administration is carrying out reform and retrenchment promises made during the campaign two years ago. The wise and business like methods enforced at Tallahassee cover the entire State, and already the treasurer of the commonwealth is several thousand dollars better off by the observance of instructions sent out from the capital. Governor Jennings and the cabinet that surrounds are justly entitled to the plaudits of the people of Florida.

The Southern School and Home is an excellent weekly educational and literary journal just started in Tallahassee by a company of able educators, which includes State Superintendent Sheats, Henry Eastman Bennett, a brilliant young gentleman from Lake county, is managing editor. The subscription being only one dollar a year and the paper itself being high class both from a literary and a typographical point of view, every body in Florida ought to take it.

Mr. W. J. Bryan of Jacksonville has written a very commendatory letter of his schoolmate, H. S. Phillips of Tampa, who is a candidate for the solicitorship of this circuit. It is too long for publication, but the salient points show that Mr. Phillips is the son of a Methodist minister, lived at Plant City while a youth, later was deputy clerk of Levy county, a teacher in the normal schools at Fernandina and Marianna, studied law under Judge White of Live Oak, took a course at Emory college, graduated with high honors and has since made his mark at the bar—Bartow Democrat.

RESOURCES OVERTAXED.
 Our county commissioners are to be commended for their ambition and enterprise displayed in the effort to give us very desirable public improvements, notably in the matter of good roads, but we submit that their endeavors are overtaxing the resources of the county. A serious result of their enthusiasm in this behalf is an onerous advance in the tax rate, which is now higher than ever before and is causing general complaint.

No reasonable man should expect a county as sparsely settled as DeSoto to have as good roads as a county in New York, Kentucky or Illinois; and yet it seems that in defiance to just such an unreasonable expectation we are trying to build as fine public roads as they have in counties up north where they have \$50.00 worth of taxable property to our one dollar's worth.

In the rich and populous States north of us, the assessed value of real estate in many counties will average \$5 to \$10 per acre and even more; whereas, we dare say the average here in DeSoto will not reach \$2.50. Some of the land in this county is not worth 50c. an acre and the proportion of unimproved or wild land to that which is improved is as fifty to one. In other States the proportion is reversed.

Again, it is possible in this county to travel ten miles without seeing a clearing, a dwelling or even a squatter's hut.

Viewed from any standpoint, it is unreasonable to expect DeSoto county, with its present resources, to have public roads and bridges to compare with those of Ohio and Indiana.

The argument that it is a good investment and will attract settlers is offset by the fact that a high tax rate, which is the inevitable result of the effort to have turnpikes and macadamized roads in a county not able to pay for them, has the effect of keeping settlers away.

The first thing to do is to get settlers to come in, improve property and increase the taxable wealth; and then, when we are rich enough, set to work to construct these highly desirable public improvements.

The way to get settlers is to offer them a low tax rate in addition to our fine health and unequalled industrial advantages.

Just convince a man of the fact that he can make money easier and live more happily in DeSoto county than anywhere else, and you can't keep him out with a shotgun.

Notwithstanding the fact that there are more mosquitoes and dangers and fewer successes in the Klondyke than anywhere else, thousands of men go there because they know that gold exists in the soil.

Here we have the best climate on earth, with no dangers and but few mosquitoes, with an abundance of golden opportunities for any man of character and energy; and all that is necessary to fill up our waste places with good settlers is to convince people abroad of these facts, and they will hurry hither as to a new Klondyke in the best location in the world.

And after we get ten thousand more good people into this county and our taxable values have thereby been increased a hundred fold, we can build the finest kind of roads and bridges without any increase in the rate of taxation.

But at present we are taxing ourselves to death simply and solely in obedience to a sentiment and not in accordance with the dictates of sound business principles. Let us drop sentiment for a season until we can catch our breath and check and overhaul the runaway machinery of our judgment.

WHO MAY VOTE.
 Every man should bear in mind that a prerequisite to voting in the July primary is registration and payment of poll tax. Those not already registered can register for the primary on June 12, 13 and 14, provision for which will be made by the County Democratic Executive Committee. If you will have been in the State twelve months and the county six months prior to the 4th of November, 1902, you will be entitled to register and vote in the primary. If you have moved from one election district to another since the last election the supervisor of registration will properly transfer your name upon being notified of same. In order to vote you must have paid two years' poll tax ten days prior to July 15, 1902, but if you came to the State since that date, only one poll tax is necessary. If you came of age since January 1, 1902, no poll tax is required. Persons 55 years of age or over are exempt from poll tax, but all exemptions should be noted on the registration book, or a certificate to that effect procured from the supervisor of registration.—Gainesville Sun.

General Gilchrist is Here.
 Gainesville Sun, May 2: General A. W. Gilchrist of Punta Gorda is in the city on business with the United States Land Office. He is the most prominent real estate agent in that part of the State and is one of the leading men of DeSoto county. No man has taken a more active part in the development of Florida than has General Gilchrist and he is continuing the work of developing one of the best counties in the State. He is a candidate for the Legislature from his county and there appears to be no doubt of his election. He has represented his county in the past with great credit. General Gilchrist will return to Punta Gorda today.

PHYSICALLY COMPETENT.
 Lawyers, litigants and others have often complained of exasperating delays in the State supreme court. It was these delays resulting in the court getting two or three years behind with its work, that necessitated the creation of the present supreme court commission.

The trouble sought to be remedied by the appointment of the commission did not grow out of mental incompetence in the supreme judges, for they were and are all men of splendid intellectual attainments; but it has been intimated that some of them were physically unequal to the work imposed upon them. It is well known that close, laborious and constant mental effort seriously affects the nervous system and brings on physical exhaustion and prostration.

To be able to do prompt, satisfactory and successful mental work, a man must have not only the requisite intellectual ability, but he must also be blessed with bodily vigor, physical energy and endurance. Any doctor, any mental worker can testify to this.

It was the possession of this physical, as well as intellectual energy which enabled Judge Wm. A. Hoeker for over eight years to keep squarely up with the immense judicial work of the Fifth Circuit, which is the largest in the State, containing a population of about 95,000. During all this time, he never lost a day from any term of court required to be held and he kept completely up with the work, notwithstanding the fact that he had no relief in the volume of business by reason of there being any criminal court of record in any county of his circuit. Not only this, but, while keeping up with his own work, he also did considerable judicial work for other circuit judges in cases wherein they were disqualified.

Judge Hoeker has thus proved his physical as well as intellectual ability to discharge the duties of a supreme judge. At the same time, he has always been a consistent Democrat and has never faltered in his fealty to the party.

Finally, he is one of those men whom neither popular clamor can deter nor powerful and insidious influences seduce from the plain path of duty, for he is a conscientious, courageous Christian gentleman.

GENEROUS CITIZENS.
 The following are those of our people to whose generous subscriptions the extension of the school term is due:
 Miss Norma Pepper..... \$15
 Prof. Smith..... \$25, C. G. Davis..... 1
 Geo. T. Brown, 10, Ed M. Earnest 4
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 Cash (5 subs)..... 2, J. E. McIntosh 1
 J. W. Newsome..... 1, A. P. Jordan..... 2
 P. W. McAdow 10, Thos. Hannett 5
 N. Brown..... 2, G. W. McLean 1
 Lige Willis..... 3, B. Bassett..... 2
 Mrs. Riekman..... 1, J. B. Whittaker 1
 N. N. Wakefield, 2, J. M. Samuel..... 2
 A. F. Dewey..... 15, Jas. Morgan..... 2
 Frank Cooper..... 5, A. W. Gilchrist 2
 Mrs. W. S. Stotson 250 Mrs. Jones 1.50
 Total \$130.00

Endorses the General.
 The Arcadia Champion thus endorses the candidacy of our fellow citizen: General Albert W. Gilchrist this week announces in our columns his candidacy for the legislature. He states that he does not at this time favor a division of the county. General Gilchrist stands near to the hearts of the people of DeSoto county. They believe in him and trust him and he will be nominated—poll a larger vote than ever before. We have heard many expressions from voters and they invariably have been enthusiastic supporters of the General who has been tried and always found true. At present he is the largest land owner of the county and it will be to his interest to advocate low taxation and a set of county abstracts and other reforms that we need. As to the General's business integrity we will state that accompanying his announcement on the lower half of the sheet was an order written out for \$5 in payment of same, which was promptly paid by our local bank. This is the kind of man we want to represent us.

A VALUABLE INSECT.
 Mr. E. N. Brown, the enterprising pineapple grower of Solana, has just received from South Africa a supply of Lady Beetles which are the natural enemies of the mealy bug so commonly found on the pineapple plant.

It is hoped that they will prove effective in destroying this pest, when distributed wisely among the leading pineries, as there are other shipments to follow.

We well remember the desolation created in the California orange groves by the scale, which promised to exterminate the business until the government took the matter in hand and spent thousands of dollars to introduce the lady bird, which more than came up to their expectation in destroying the scale of scales.

If these beetles just received are as effective as the California lady bird, they will certainly be a great boon for South Florida when they once get a foot hold. We are all indebted to Mr. W. M. Whitton and the Experiment Station of one of the states for these shipments.
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RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.
 The presbytery of South Florida before adjourning adopted the following resolutions, to wit:
 Resolved: That the presbytery of South Florida hereby tender its hearty thanks to, and expresses its appreciation of the extreme kindness of the good people of the beautiful city of Punta Gorda—

1. For the delightful entertainment in their homes and at their tables of the members of Presbytery.
 2. For the interest of the city press in making known our presence and taking notice of our work.
 3. For the courtesy of the Methodist pastor, stewards, and people in granting us the use of their substantial church building for our sessions.
 4. For the efficient and genial work of Rev. C. H. Forran, the resident pastor and his Session as the committee of entertainment, which made us feel so much at home.
 GEORGE D. ADAMSON, M. D., Ph. D., Moderator.

Stockholder's Meeting.
 The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Punta Gorda Ice & Power Co., will be held at its office in Punta Gorda, Fla., at 10 o'clock A. M. on Monday, the 2nd day of June A. D. 1902, for the purpose of electing officers and the transaction of any other business that may properly and legally be brought before the meeting.
 CHAS. G. DAVIS, President.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
 Under and by virtue of an execution issued out of and under the seal of the circuit court of DeSoto county, Florida in a certain cause wherein C. C. Morgan is Plaintiff and William A. Ralls and Henry C. Crawford, partners doing business in the name of Ralls and Crawford are defendants, for the sum of Fifty nine dollars and seventy cents damages and three dollars and nineteen cents costs, I have levied upon and will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in front of the west door of the county court house in Arcadia, ON MONDAY, THE 23rd DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 1902, all the following described real estate levied upon as the property of defendant Henry C. Crawford, to wit: commencing 100 feet northwest of southeast corner of lot 4, in block 7 in Punta Gorda, on the corner of a 10-foot alley on Cross street, thence with Cross street 35 feet, thence southwest 85 feet to a 10-foot alley, thence southeast with said alley 35 feet to 10-foot alley, thence along said alley to point of beginning.
 166d T. E. FIELDER, Sheriff.

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