



News of the Week

Local Weather Report.

| TEMPERATURE: | |
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| Nov. 7, — | 49. 74. |
| " 8, — | 51. 74. |
| " 9, — | 54. 75. |
| " 10, — | 63. 81. |
| " 11, — | 61. 80. |
| " 12, — | 62. 72. |

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bee was quite sick yesterday.

The Lyle & Chester home is being improved by a couple of coats of paint.

Piano-tuner in town Friday. Several pianos here kept him busy for some time.

Mr. Robson, of Ludden and Bates, of Jacksonville was in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. J. E. Ingraham 3d V. P., F. E. C. Ry., spent a few days in this section this week.

Capt. G. U. Beach, of Savannah, was here this week inspecting his San Mateo property.

The interior of the L. V. I. A. Hall is being lightened by the application of two coats of white paint.

Fred Carrington has the contract to paint Byrlyn Place. He starts Monday morning on the job.

Beginning this week the B. & M. Line have a daily boat except Sundays Crescent City to Jacksonville.

J. D. Gray is finishing off the up stairs portion of his house. Goodwin & Robinson are doing the work.

The Fall street cleaning is well under way. Nearly every one has already had their street frontage put in good shape.

The four mule team of Mr. Best makes some headway in the road building, they haul two and one half cubic yards of the shell material at a load.

The Knights of Pythias, of Palatka, have announced November 24th as the date for their big minstrel show. The entire caste is home people, but they are mighty fine, and give a good show. Their show last year drew the largest crowd ever seen in the Howell Theater.

Fifty cars of shell have been placed upon the new road work. There are twenty-five cars more yet to come, which will complete the two miles of new road.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Beauchain and Levi Hall are on the way to San Mateo where they will spend the winter. They expect to be here the first part of next week.

The Wilson Cypress Co., of Palatka recently had an order for 4,000,000 feet of cypress. This big order will make but a small hole in the lumber this-firm has already on sticks.

A reward of \$50.00 has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the parties entering and stealing from the residence of Messrs. H. B. and L. B. Bailey.

Mrs. J. A. Crosby and Miss May Crosby leave Monday for Live Oak. They go as delegates from the V. I. A., to the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, which will meet in Live Oak, Nov. 18, 19, 20.

Oranges and grape fruit have been rolling the past week from this county. The steamer Crescent handled about 2,500 boxes on the down trip Wednesday, some 2,000 boxes from above and 500 boxes below Palatka.

Order your Wagons, Carriages, Fencing, Farm Machinery, etc., of Florida Purchasing Agency, Palatka, and save 10 to 20%. 46 in. fencing 29c at Palatka. Write for particulars. Agents Cyphers Incubators and supplies.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. P. Bishop and Mrs. P. P. Bishop, prominent New Yorkers, are guests of the Windsor. They will leave within a few days for South Florida, where they will go to spend the winter months.—Times-Union.

Hunting parties are now reporting the best of luck. They claim the birds are here, but woods being dry they keep close to the swamps and ponds, making bad work after the rise. Rain is needed to drive them out of the low, thick places.

Capt. Lyle was given a genuine surprise party last week. The occasion was his 71st birthday, and the affair was so well planned by Mrs. Chester that more than thirty of the Captain's friends were wishing him "many happy returns of the day" before he realized what was happening. Cards and other games were enjoyed and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

A Nice Little Orange Grove.

Six years ago J. D. Gray bought about an acre of land. He had it cleared, fenced and planted to different varieties of citrus fruits, setting his trees about fifteen feet apart. The cost of the place planted was \$275; six years' care, not exceeding \$50 per year, for labor, fertilizer and all expenses, \$300; total cost at end of six years, \$575. Last year's crop netted him \$226; scattered fruit previous years, \$74; total income, \$300. Total cost to him to date, \$275. Last year's crop paid 10% on \$2,260.

If this acre is \$2,000 to-day it has increased in value each year for the six years nearly \$300 year, or as much as the ordinary farm hand receives for a whole year's labor. The crop should increase rapidly from now on.

For Sale.

Twenty-one foot launch, 4 h. p. engine, reversing gear, brass propeller and steering-wheel. Can be seen at wharf, San Mateo. \$100 takes it.

Address, ITEM, San Mateo.

A rainy day yesterday. Ground was beginning to get dry here. If it would rain for a week it would be a good thing for the orange market, as it would give it a chance to clean up in good shape by knocking the pickers off.

The Item has had letters this week from at least a dozen men from S. C., N. Y., and other states that want to come to Florida for the winter and want employment, orange grove work or any sort of work. If any of our readers want men drop us a card and will furnish names.

Congratulations to Putnam County on the affirmative vote on the bonding issue. That proposed bridge across the St. Johns will bring a great deal of trade to Palatka, especially from Hastings, which will benefit the whole County; and the roads to be built will enrich the County and advance its greatness in the march of progress. That river road from Jacksonville to Palatka is more plainly in sight than ever before.—Times-Union.

20,000 Acres Virgin Pine, cut 40 Boxes to the Acre, 25,000 Feet Lumber, for Cash, Quick Sale, at \$3.00 per Acre. This land is in St. Lucie County, on railroad. REAL ESTATE AGENCY, San Mateo, Fla. tf.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that four weeks after the date hereof, I will apply, by petition, to the County Judge of Putnam County, Florida, to sell the following described land, belonging to the estate of Emily I. Squires, deceased, to-wit:

Beginning at the northeast corner of the J. M. Hernandez grant, on west side of St. Johns River, in Township Eleven (11), south of Range Twenty-Six (26) East; thence along the north boundary south 77 degrees, west twenty-one [21] chains and twenty-three [23] links; thence south 13 degrees, east sixteen [16] chains and twenty-five links; thence north 77 degrees, east nine [9] chains and sixty-nine [69] links; thence north 13 degrees, west sixteen [16] chains and ten [10] links; thence north 77 degrees, east eleven [11] chains and fifty-four [54] links to bank of St. Johns River; thence north fifteen [15] links to place of beginning—containing 15 Acres.

This October 20, 1908.
P. J. SQUIRES,
Administrator Estate Emily I. Squires. oc24-5t

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B. Frank Young, of Warren M. Stanton & Co., Philadelphia made us a pleasant call Monday. Mr. Young is just down from Philadelphia and reports a much better tone to even the orange market since the election. He says 12,000 men in one plant who have been doing little or nothing for months have been put on again and this is only one instance. There were thousands of others, and these people with steady work prospects were turning loose more cash.

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