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**GROWTH OF THE SOUTH.**

The increase of 42 per cent. in the population of Florida in the last ten years in contrast with the actual decrease reported in several states, and a very small gain in a number of other northern and western states, is but indicative of the change that has been going on in the country for the last ten years. The Manufacturers' Record has repeatedly called attention to the fact that about 1900 emigration from the south steadily decreased as compared with former years, and immigration to the south increased. The census figures are beginning to tell the story in such a way as to command universal attention. The very heavy gain of 42 per cent. in Florida, which is about double the rate of increase shown by the entire country, has been due largely to the incoming of people from the north and west. While Florida has drawn some of its increase from other southern states, the movement into that state from other sections has been exceptionally active. No one could have visited Florida during the last four or five years and studied the situation there without being impressed with the remarkable progress seen in every direction. Not only have the towns been growing rapidly in population and in general business, but agricultural development has kept pace with city progress. Thousands of people have been drawn to Florida by the attractions of fruit growing and trucking, and other thousands by the industrial and commercial opportunities of the state.

It is not to be expected that the central south will make any such show of population increase as has Florida, because the conditions have been different, but the increase in Florida's population is typical of the material advancement of the whole south. Then years ago the south had a surplus of population in that its people were not fully employed, and that there were really at that time more men than there was profitable employment for them. The rate of wages was low as compared with other sections, and a vast number ever since the war have been turning their steps to the north and west because of the better opportunities for employment there than in their own land. This situation, however, has been changed. Increasing agricultural and manufacturing interests have largely absorbed the surplus population, and it is no longer necessary for men to look elsewhere for work. With this increasing demand for labor the rate of wages has been gradually advancing until it is more on a parity with the wages of other sections. The wide diversification of agricultural interests in which this section is getting back to the condition existing prior to the war in grain growing and cattle raising are proving a drawing card in attracting the attention of people from other parts of the country.

What Florida has done in the last ten years is indicative of what a great many other southern states will show during the coming ten years. Everywhere the outlook is cheering.—Baltimore Manufacturers' Record.

**THE BIGGEST FARMER.**

David Rankin is dead, at the age of eighty-five. He lived at Tarkio, Mo., and became famous as the biggest American farmer—biggest in number of acres tilled and profits taken. At the time of his death, says the Savannah News, he had more than twenty-three thousand acres under cultivation, divided into fifteen farms. There were on his pay roll last year upwards of five hundred men. His profits during the past ten years are said to have averaged \$100,000 annually. The value of his estate is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$6,000,000.

David Rankin began life barefooted and with little more than a straw hat and a plenty of pinok. He was just about as poor as a boy with stout limbs and hearty appetite could be called. He went to work on a farm for just a bit more than board and clothes. The first money he got he put into land. Then he got a little more money, and put that into land. As soon as he had become a farmer for himself he acted on the principle that it paid better to market corn and oats on the hoof than in the grain, so he made a specialty of stock raising. Last year he sold 10,000 head of cattle and about 10,000 hogs. For fifteen years he hadn't sold a grain of corn, but in that time he bought tens of thousands of bushels of it to feed to his cattle and hogs.

Mr. Rankin ran his farm just as a banker does his bank. He had his force of book-keepers, and monthly balance sheets were struck. The owner knew precisely what was coming in and what was going out all the time. He farmed for profit, not for fun, though he probably got a good deal of fun out of it. His career is an example and an inspiration.

**JUNIOR LEAGUE FULLY ORGANIZED.**

Delightfully Entertained Friday Evening by Miss Freeman.

The Junior Epworth League, recently organized by Rev. E. J. Gates, pastor of the M. E. church, received their charter last week and is now a recognized chapter, Number 1369, of the M. E. Church South.

The official staff and charter members are as follows:  
 Louise Mattox, pres.; Jeannette Matthews, 1st vice-pres.; Veda Scarborough, 2nd v. p.; Lucile Freeman, 3rd v. p.; Kate Duncan, 4th v. p.; Allie Haynes, rec. sec.; Robert Gray, treas.; George White, agent for Epworth Era; Mabel Colley and Thelma Griffin, organists; Mrs. A. H. Freeman, supt.; Louise Beasant, Anita Wills, LaMira Alvarez, Lucia Scarborough, Bessie Jones, Pearl Johns, Leon Cunningham, Harold Haynes, Willi Haynes, Edwin Freeman, Clifford Chancey, Bascom Mattox, Frank Lane, Louis Witkowski.

Devotional meetings are held each Sunday at 2:30 p. m. and are led in turn by the members, and the outlook is good for church work.

Friday evening Miss Lucile Freeman entertained the Juniors at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Freeman, and judging by the merry laughter of the group of young folks the affair was indeed pleasing to all present.

After the program, which was all Tennyson charades, old fashioned games and refreshments were indulged in. Below is the program:

Roll call, answered with quotations from Tennyson.  
 Piano selections, Allie May Haynes.  
 Biographical sketch of Alfred Tennyson, Louise Mattox.  
 Song, "Crossing the Bar," Louise Mattox, Lucile Freeman and Jeannette Matthews.  
 "Charge of the Light Brigade," Leon Cunningham.

**SLIGHT BLAZE WEDNESDAY EVENING.**

J. G. Alvarez Residence On Madison Street Caught Fire.

Wednesday evening about 7 o'clock G. C. Livingston, in passing Mrs. J. G. Alvarez's residence on West Madison street, discovered fire in the roof of the east porch, started, probably, by sparks from the chimney. He notified Claude Alvarez, who is one of the occupants of the house, and then hurried down town to give the alarm.

When news of the fire reaches the Telephone Exchange their instructions are to phone Fire Chief W. L. Wall and Assistant Chief J. S. Cassie. Mr. Cassie heard the alarm and just as he opened the door to run to the city hall, where the fire apparatus are kept, he heard the telephone bell, but did not take time to answer it, thinking it was well known where the fire was. Somebody said it was at Clyde Alvarez's residence on Walnut street and the firemen hurried thither only to find no fire there. Later they were informed that it was at the J. G. Alvarez place and they hastened there. But the blaze had been partly put out with a garden hose and what remained was soon extinguished with the fire hose. The damage done by the fire was very trifling.

To show how quickly our firemen move, in spite of the delay due to the misinformation, it was hardly ten minutes from the time the alarm was given till the flames were extinguished.

**NEGRO BOOZE SELLER NABBED.**

is Now Doing Penance at Campville Convict Camps.

Jim Oason is a negro with a small head and his face is supplied with plenty of eyes, nose and mouth, but not a sign of expression. He hangs up about Saxon. He has a soft spot in his heart and after the recent storm, when the husky choppers and slab pushers at the mill there complained of "water, water everywhere, but not a 'drop' to drink," he began to supply them with jugs, bottles or cups of the Jacksonville juice, until his "traffic" was discovered and complaints made. Constable Jones went out there Monday and arrested Jim. In searching him he found a pistol in his pocket, which the doughty constable did not neglect to make a note of.

He put his prisoner in the county jail, and Tuesday morning he was tried by Judge Dekle on the charge of pistol toting, convicted and, in default of the wherewithal to pay the fine, sentenced to three months in the changang. Wednesday morning he was tried by Judge Dekle on the charge of selling whiskey in a dry county. He gave many ingenious excuses, but the weight of the evidence was against him and he was placed under a bond of \$300 to appear before the next term of the circuit court. The bond was furnished, but not the liberty, and for toting a gun he is now scraping gum at Campville.

**CANDIDATE BRYAN TO VISIT STARKE.**  
 Will Speak Here Wednesday Night, Dec. 7th.

Hon. Nathan P. Bryan, candidate for United States senator, will visit Starke on Wednesday, December 7th, and will make a public address at the county court house at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Bryan is a powerful speaker and those who go to hear him may expect to be highly entertained.

**SANTA CLAUS AT SHRIVER'S!**



Santa Claus and his flying machine are on the way to Shriver's at Ward City with one of the largest Christmas lines he ever has had. He will arrive at our store on the 10th of December and all must come to see him. He has something for the children and the old folks, too. We are closing out part of our stock to make room for Santa Claus. We can give you some bargains in Ladies' and Children's Trimmed Hats. A few Ladies' Coats left. We have everything you need for your Christmas cakes. We are closing out at bottom prices. We have more goods than room. Therefore, we have to sell them before Santa Claus arrives. You must bring the children to see Santa Claus when he arrives at our store December 10.

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**John N. C. Stockton's Speech**

"A Little Tariff Is  
 Dangerous Thing"

AMERICAN PROVERB.

A Tariff Talk in  
 Plain Language

**DO YOU KNOW—**  
 That the last tariff law passed by Congress puts a tax of 10 per cent. on the goods from which the cheaper grades of goods are made, so that the merchant must charge you \$8.97 for blankets worth \$1.50?

**DO YOU KNOW—**  
 That the last tariff law puts a tax of 250 per cent. on the material out of which overcoats are made, so that the merchant must charge you \$86 for an overcoat worth \$9?

**DO YOU KNOW—**  
 That the average tax on all kinds of common wearing apparel is 100 per cent., thanks to the same tariff law, forcing the merchants to charge you DOUBLE its real value for everything you wear?

**DO YOU KNOW—**  
 That Charles A. Whitman, self-admitted representative of the Woolen Manufacturers' Association (known as the Wool Trust) ACTUALLY WROTE the wool schedule in that tariff bill, which even the good-natured Taft could not defend?

**DO YOU KNOW—**  
 That the average yearly wages of the 40,000 employees of Mr. Whitman's twelve million dollar mill, is a little less than \$444?

**DO YOU KNOW—**  
 That of the 165 per cent. tax on blankets and 250 per cent. on suits and overcoats which you pay over the cost of manufacture, Mr. Whitman and his associates get in profits more than four-fifths, and the government less than one-fifth?

**DO YOU KNOW—**  
 That wages are higher in England than in the United States, considering their purchasing power?

**DO YOU KNOW—**  
 That plows, shoes, saws, clocks, sewing machines and other things are shipped to Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, and sold there by these same protected American manufacturers for one-half to one-third the price charged the people at home?

**DO YOU KNOW—**  
 That five states in the Union get half the money needed to run their state governments out of taxes placed on corporations, showing that the Federal government does not need to lay a tariff to meet ALL its expenses?

**DO YOU KNOW—**  
 That the manufacturers make the tariff, the tariff makes the trusts, the trusts make the cost of living high and the wages low—and that this combination of accumulated evils is turning millionaires into billionaires and poor men into paupers?

JOHN STOCKTON KNOWS these things, because he has taken time to study them.

JOHN STOCKTON WILL FIGHT these evils, because fighting blood has always gotten up when injustice, inequality and greed have oppressed the people.

JOHN STOCKTON AS UNITED STATES SENATOR will be in a position to fight effectively for the people, and he will get something done, because he knows how to do things himself.

John Stockton has been leading the people's fight in Florida for 25 years.

John Stockton is a candidate for the United States Senate.

"LET'S PUT STOCKTON IN THIS TIME."