

Florida State News.

Half a million men have been summoned to arms in China. China proposes to have a share in the division of the carcass of the Russian bear, the Atlanta Journal remarks.

For more than a quarter of a century Buffalo Bill has been regarded as a hero, but Mrs. Bill has effectually disposed of that tradition, comments the Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

Probably there never was a military movement that achieved a more astounding success than that of General Kuropatkin when he started northward for the purpose of luring on those Japanese generals, says the Chicago American.

Seedless apples, wireless telegraphs, and now they have discovered a brainless man in New York! If someone will now invent an acheless cucumber the halcyon days of the good old summer time will be all that they are cracked up to be by the poets, declares the Pathfinder.

The desire to better the lot of the working classes has caused Count Marcell of Terni to offer a prize for the invention of a durable and cheap material which would serve as a substitute for leather in boots and shoes, says the Frankfort Schuhrmarkt. The Count has opened a subscription.

We hear of many retired farmers moving to the towns and cities for homes. The idea seems to be that they hope to live more pleasantly there than on the old farm. This may sometimes be true, but is not usually the case, and should not be expected to be, the Indiana Farmer comments. The farmer has been a busy man if he has succeeded, so as to be able to retire, and to set him down on a little town lot, with not even a cow, or a pen of pigs to look after, is too great a change. He cannot become reconciled to such an idle mode of existence, and he pines for something to employ his time and his muscular energy upon, even more than he longed for rest, while he had too much on hand. Dyspepsia and the many ills that follow are extremely liable to fasten upon him. It would be the wise thing where the farmer thinks he must quit active work in that line to secure a half acre, at least, in which to locate, in or near the town, and keep up the business in a small way, making a good garden, keeping a cow, a horse, a few pigs and a dozen chickens.

Europe scarcely even yet recognizes how prodigious an influence this rise of a new power on the edge of Asia, in the ocean which must, decade by decade increase in importance till its freedom will preoccupy all maritime powers as the freedom of the Atlantic does now, the London Spectator prophesies, will exercise on her policy, her ambitions, and her commerce. Throw aside all apprehensions about the "yellow peril," leave China out of the calculation as sunk in irredeemable dotage, assume Japan to stand alone, and still Europe has to reckon with a power which ten years hence will have twice Togo's fleet, and which has proved that wherever she can land an army, an army double its strength must be called out to render defeat of the defenders improbable. Of the ideas, aspirations and ultimate plans of that power nothing, it may be said, is known; but of her capacities and her strength we now at least know something. We know that she can keep a secret for years, that her people will fight to the death at the word of command; that she has the European belief in science, and that she counts among her statesmen and soldiers men of the intellectual capacity to control and guide huge masses of trained men to any end she has decided on. No king thinks that he can conquer Japan; no statesman imagines that he can set aside her vote in the Pacific or the Indian ocean as a negligible quantity. She may not govern China, but all the long-devised European plans for gaining dominant influence in China or in the archipelago must, without her permission, be abandoned.

Five Convicts Blown to Bits.

Five negro convicts at the county camp at Ojus, near Biscayne, were blown to atoms by dynamite Thursday night.

The dead are Sam Knight, Louis Knight, Henry Jones, Will Badey and Jonas Martin, who were each serving a short sentence on the county roads.

Dynamite in large quantities is used in road building, and the negroes had become careless in handling it.

The bodies of the dead convicts were in every case badly torn and mangled. One, that of Henry Jones, was blown three hundred feet into the branches of a tree, where it was subsequently found.

The exact cause of the explosion will never be known, though it is attributed to the discharge of dynamite which set off a box containing 150 pounds of the deadly explosive. The men, it seems, had finished their work of loading a car with rock a little earlier than the other convicts, and had gone to the stockade, carrying with them the left-over dynamite caps. Two of them, Will Badey and Jonas Martin, according to the statements of John Armstrong, the camp cook, who had just left the barracks, were sitting on a box containing 150 pounds of dynamite and meddling with the caps. The other three men had crawled into their bunks. There were no others in the barracks at the time. Armstrong had gotten in the yard but a short distance when the explosion occurred. He was knocked down and stunned for some little time afterward.

Confirmations by Senate.

Before adjournment the senate in executive session confirmed the following executive appointments:

Clark Knight, to be harbor master in and for the port of Tampa.

V. B. Melvoins, Alven Trice, Geo. H. Benjamin, J. O. Wilson and T. M. Jones, to be pilot commissioners, in and for the port of Tampa.

J. Fred Lohman, to be harbor master in and for the port of Fernandina.

D. P. Mularkey, H. Goldstein, B. K. Richardson, W. B. Bell, S. A. Swan, to be pilot commissioners in and for the port of Fernandina.

J. C. Wilson, to be pilot commissioner in and for the port of Tampa.

Isaac A. Stewart, to be judge of the criminal court of record in and for Volusia county.

I. W. Perkins, to be solicitor of the criminal court of record in and for Volusia county.

J. Edwin Abercrombie, to be harbor master in and for the port of Pensacola, also T. A. Jennings, George L. Lappington, J. H. Harvell, I. H. Altink, Richard M. Cary, to be pilot commissioners in and for the port of Pensacola.

Bankers to Meet in Joint Session.

The Georgia and Florida bankers will meet in joint session, at the Continental hotel, Atlantic beach, on June 9, and 10, and the indications are the gathering will be one of the largest and most important ever held by the two bodies. Elaborate preparations are being made for the meeting and bankers from all sections of the two states will attend.

Hon. D. U. Fletcher of Jacksonville will deliver an address of welcome to the Georgia bankers, and Hon. Robert F. Maddox of the Maddox-Rucker Banking company will reply on behalf of the Georgians.

Miller S. Bell of Milledgeville is president of the Georgia association of bankers, and Hy Robinson heads the Florida contingent.

Sam J. Carter, captain of Tampa police, was shot and fatally wounded by P. W. Knapp, a local sewing machine agent. The shooting occurred on the steps of the Hillsboro high school building, Carter at the time being in conversation with Knapp's stepdaughter, a girl of sixteen. Knapp walked up and, according to Carter and the girl, shot Carter without a word, the bullet passing through the officer's abdomen. Knapp claims that he followed his stepdaughter to ascertain whom she was to meet, and, when he walked up, Carter shot at him, he returning the fire. Carter says the girl made an appointment with him to talk about the persecutions to which she had been subjected by Knapp. Carter was removed to his home, where he later died.

The Sanford Lumber company is still at work pushing the railroad north from Westville. J. C. Anderson, vice president and general manager, is pushing the work, as the needs of the company demand it, in order that the big mill at Caryville may keep running on full time.

New Road for Lake County.

J. C. Gross, the well known log and cross-tie man of Altoona, who has recently bought out the large log and cross-tie business of the St. Johns Log and Tie company, is now prepared to extend his road to Eustis, which will be of great benefit to the people of that place. It will afford them competing rates on both the passenger and freight transportation, as the road will connect with the steamers of the Clyde St. Johns River Line at Alco.

This road will pass through a vast amount of uncut timber, which will furnish hundreds of men employment, and cause a large amount of money to be paid out daily for which the people of Eustis and Lake county will get the benefit. Mr. Gross says that the road will be complete by November, 1905, and that passenger trains will be running daily. The road will also pass through a vast amount of unsettled country. It is to be thirty miles in length, of which seventeen is already laid and in operation daily, moving a vast amount of timber.

The Legislative Session of 1905.

On the passing of the legislature, The Times-Union remarks: The legislature has adjourned sine die. Its work is done, its records made, and its acts must now stand the test of time—and the supreme court—until in the fullness of time another legislature is convened to either endorse or undo what its predecessor accomplished.

The most notable feature of the session, from one point of view, has been the passage of the Buckman bill, which at one blow revolutionizes our entire educational system, so far as the state schools are concerned.

One bill has been passed, which, though locally, in one sense of the word, is nevertheless of general interest. The bill creating the new county of St. Lucie.

Perhaps the bill of international importance and of the greatest concern to the people at large is the one providing for the extension of the East Florida railway from the mainland to Key West.

Letters patent have been granted for the incorporation of the St. Mary, Suwannee and Gulf railway company of Suwannee county, with a capital of \$20,000, to construct, maintain and operate a railroad for the common carriage of passengers and freights to point: in township 8 north, range 27 east, in the county of Nassau, and thence by the most direct route through and across the counties of Baker, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, in Florida, to the town of Live Oak, and to construct, maintain and operate a railway through the counties of Suwannee, Lafayette, Taylor, Jefferson and Wakulla, in the state of Florida, a distance of 18 1/2 miles, more or less.

The Pensacola city campaign assumed a most interesting aspect when an afternoon paper, which is supporting C. L. Shine published a lengthy article charging that Charles H. Bliss, the opposing candidate, was a Mormon, and offered as proof of this a letter from Mrs. Tillie Bliss, who still resides in Utah, in which she states that Mr. Bliss was of the Mormon church when they were married. It is understood that Mr. Bliss answers this charge by stating that he was divorced from his wife in Salt Lake City about eighteen years ago, but has always kept in communication with his children.

The Daily Florida Sun, an afternoon paper of Jacksonville, which was started as a daily seven months ago, announces its voluntary suspension, the ground alleged being that the owner having other large interests, was unable to divert from them the attention the publication required. A few days ago Claude L'Engle, the editor-in-chief, was asked to resign, and, at the same time, Joseph Hugh Reese sent in his resignation. Since that time many wild rumors have been afloat as to the Sun's future. Now it is understood that local capital has purchased the plant and will commence the publication of an up-to-date paper in a very short time.

Sim Jackson, the negro wife murderer, who was recently arrested in Tampa by Sheriff Perry, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Mackey at St. Augustine. The man, who says his correct name is Andrew Jackson, is charged with murdering his wife at Evansville, five years ago. At the hearing, Jackson pleaded guilty to the charge, and was held without bail to await the action of the fall term of court.

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It was long the boast of American makers of harvesting machinery that they kept about five years ahead of foreign imitators in this manner, and were thus enabled to do business under their very noses. A similar opportunity would be afforded if electrical machinery were capable of further development, provided, of course, that the principal competitors of the United States were to exhibit less originality in invention. When the rest of the world has taken the measure of Japan in this matter, it will know better than it does now how much it has to fear.

President Johnson Poor Writer.

The letters of President Taylor are rare, but perhaps those of Andrew Johnson are the rarest, as he did but little of his own writing. His son conducted most of his correspondence and signed his father's name to the letters. It is related that one reason why President Johnson wrote so little was owing to an accident which happened to him when he was working at his trade as tailor. One day a tailor's heavy iron goose fell on his arm, so injuring that member that he found it extremely difficult to indulge in penmanship thereafter. Andrew Johnson was the poorest writer among the presidents as well as the rarest. His handwriting was very much of a scrawl and can scarcely be deciphered by the average reader.

Only Born Pilers Succeed.

"The piling of fruit on the stand, according to a Kansas City fruit seller, does much in the way of selling. Apples nicely piled will attract attention much quicker than will apples in a basket, and the same is true of oranges. "When I get a new clerk," said the fruit man, "the first thing I do is to teach him to pile properly." "Then you show him how to work off specked fruit with the good kind, don't you?" was asked. "Well, frankly, no," replied the stand man. "He has to have that born in him. Otherwise he cannot be a successful fruit salesman."—Kansas City Times.

FEED YOU MONEY.

Feed Your Brain, and It Will Feed You Money and Fame.

"Ever since boyhood I have been especially fond of meats, and I am convinced I ate too rapidly, and failed to masticate my food properly.

"The result was that I found myself, a few years ago, afflicted with ailments of the stomach and kidneys, which interfered seriously with my business.

"At last I took the advice of friends and began to eat Grape-Nuts instead of the heavy meats, etc., that had constituted my former diet.

"I found that I was at once benefited by the change, that I was soon relieved from the heart-burn and the indigestion that used to follow my meals, that the pains in my back from my kidney affection had ceased, showing that those organs had been healed, and that my nerves, which used to be unsteady, and my brain, which was slow and lethargic from a heavy diet of meats and greasy foods, had, not in a moment, but gradually, and none the less surely, been restored to normal efficiency. Now every nerve is steady and my brain and thinking faculties are quicker and more acute than for years past.

"After my old style breakfasts I used to suffer during the forenoon from a feeling of weakness which hindered me seriously in my work, but since I have begun to use Grape-Nuts food I can work till dinner time with all ease and comfort." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in each pkg.

Young Rockefeller's Training.

At Brown university, where John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was graduated in the class of 1897, tales are still told to show how his father impressed on him the same scrupulous regard to detail that made the Standard Oil Company successful. One day when John Jr., was down in the city of Providence with a couple of girls, he took them into a convenient drug store and treated them to ice cream soda. After he had paid the checks and before he left the store he surprised his fair companions by pulling out a pocket memorandum book and entering: "Three ice cream sodas, thirty cents."

A man with lots of time on his hands has figured that \$25,000.000 is spent on cabs in London each year.

COMPLETELY RESTORED.

Mrs. P. Brunzel, wife of P. Brunzel, stock dealer, residence 3111 Grand Ave., Everett, Wash., says: "For fifteen years I suffered with terrible pain in my back. I did not know what it was to enjoy a night's rest and arose in the morning feeling tired and unrefreshed. My suffering sometimes was simply indescribable. When I finished the first box of Doan's Kidney Pills I felt like a different woman. I continued until I had taken five boxes.



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Coon Versus Mountain Lion.

James A. McCallum has a mountain lion that he is now willing to part with to any one as a gracious gift. When he received the fine looking cougar a few days ago from a friend in the Rocky Mountains he thought that he had an animal that could whip anything that wore hair, but when the king of mountain beast was fought to a standstill yesterday by an ordinary old ring-tailed coon, McCallum lost heart. The lion was seen a few days ago in his cage by Jack Cook. The lion tipped the beam at 175 pounds, but Cook said his coon could lick him.

The other morning Cook's coon was thrown into the cage with the lion. The fight began at once. The lion made vicious strokes with his paw at the coon, but the wily little animal proved to be an adept at dodging all the blows. No quicker would the blow of the lion prove futile than the coon would grab him by the throat, and begin to claw with all his might. He would soon loosen his hold and jump away. This was repeated for about twenty-five minutes, when the lion, bleeding profusely, skulked to a corner, and refused to battle further.

The coon was taken out of the cage with hardly a scratch on him, and apparently proud of his work with his heavy antagonist. The little ring-tailed animal weighs about twenty pounds, but Jack Cook says he is worth his weight in gold.