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DOINGS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Items of Interest from the Various State Departments.

On Wednesday the Governor appointed the Governor's Mansion Commission as provided for in the Governor's Mansion Bill which was approved May 29.

The Commission is as follows: Hon. J. N. C. Stockton, of Jacksonville; Sam'l Pasco, Jr., of Pensacola; and Hon. B. N. Mathes, of Hillsborough county. Upon request and because of the general interest in the bill throughout the city we reprint the bill in full.

Other appointments made by the Governor that will be of general interest and of great importance is the "Special Commission to inspect, examine into and report upon the needs and requirements of the State Hospital for the Insane" at Chattahoochee. This is a very important commission and is required to make their report to the Legislature of 1907. The legislation making this commission is one of the good results of the report of the now famous concurrent committee. There will be other good results from that same report later on. The commission as appointed by the Governor is as follows:

Dr. Louis M. Blocker, of Pensacola; Mr. N. P. Quarterman, of Quincy; and S. B. Carmeron, of Bartow. Dr. Blocker is an old Tallahassee boy and formerly was assistant physician at the asylum. No better selection could have been made. We do not know the other two gentlemen, but in view of the fact of Mr. Quarterman being a citizen of Gadsden county, near the asylum, he will no doubt have personal knowledge of many facts that would be of value to the commission in making up their report.

Two other appointments were made by the Governor Wednesday, one being that of an assistant State auditor as prescribed for by the recent Legislature. The Governor was, as usual, very fortunate in his selection, who is Hon. E. A. Crawford, of Gadsden county. Mr. Crawford has been for the past two years chief clerk in the auditors department, and so is thoroughly familiar with the duties of his office.

The Legislature very wisely also provided for an assistant supervisor of convicts and convict camps, and this office was filled by the Governor by the appointment of Mr. Chas. A. Clark, of Blountstown. The friends of Mr. Clark predict that he will be an able and earnest assistant of Hon. Newton A. Blitch, the present very efficient and heretofore only supervisor.

Another bill that we print that is of interest to all, and especially to the church-going and Christian people of our community is the bill recently passed "Prohibiting Certain Games and Sports on Sunday." This bill was intended to prevent the playing of baseball on Sunday, a practice that had become far too common in our larger cities. The baseball club of Jacksonville, however, declare the law, which was approved by the Governor June 5th, to be unconstitutional and with a great flourish of trumpets played a game in that city last Sunday. It is to be hoped that the law will be found to be constitutional and will be enforced against all those who attempt to break it.

Act to Prohibit Certain Games and Sports on Sunday.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Sec. 1. That whoever engages on Sunday in any game or sport, such as baseball, football, or bowling as played in bowling alleys, or horse racing, whether as player, manager, director or otherwise, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 2. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. That this act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor.

Approved June 5, 1905.

The umbrella contest at the Capital City Pharmacy is growing more interesting every day.

Miss Florence Howell, of Fisher's Creek, Leon county, is visiting relatives in the city and attending the teachers' examinations.

Mr. Richard D. Sims, of Tampa, who had been visiting relatives in Gadsden, stopped over in Tallahassee Wednesday to visit the family of Mr. J. W. Collins and other relatives and friends.

The Baptist and Presbyterian churches had delightful picnics for the members of their Sunday Schools this week, the former on Tuesday at Lake Hall, and the latter Thursday at Lake Bradford.

Mr. H. C. Herring and family have moved into Capt. R. A. Shine's residence, on North Munro street, recently vacated by Mr. Chas. H. Dickinson and family, who have moved to the handsome new residence recently erected by Messrs. Gilmore & Davis, on McCarthy street.

Watermelons and cantaloupes are now becoming plentiful and cheaper.

Call Phone 41 or see G. H. Averitt for cheap hauling and teams.

Hon. Frank W. Duval, of Crawfordville, spent several days in the city this week.

Mr. Glover Tully, one of the popular Mergenthaler Linotype operators of the Times-Union, is visiting his relatives and hosts of Tallahassee friends.

Dr. Henry E. Palmer returned home on Tuesday night's train from Baltimore, where he had been called to the bedside of Mr. Ben Meginniss. He reports Ben as doing finely and that he will soon be able to return home.

Several nice residences are now being put up in the city, among them a two-story ory building on the lot formerly owned by Jenny Wright, a colored woman, on Jefferson street. It is being put up for a boarding house by parties from Wakulla.

The news of the death of Mr. Harry Province which occurred last week at White Springs called forth expressions of sorrow and regret from a large circle of friend and acquaintances in this city. Harry was raised among us, his father being for many years the Baptist minister at this place, and was a graduate of the Florida State College. At the time of his death he was teaching school at White Springs.

Kappa Alpha Banquet.

Last Saturday evening, June 3, in the spacious dining hall of the Leon Hotel, the Kappa Alpha Fraternity of the Florida State College held their final banquet, and those who were present and saw the spread declare it the most successful event of its kind ever held at that popular house or in the Capital City. As the act abolishing the State College abolishes also this chapter of that popular fraternity, the Kappa Alpha boys decided to make their final celebration one of the swellest events given at the Capital in some time. The dining hall was profusely decorated in the fraternity colors--crimson and gold--and during the evening music was furnished by the Whitfield orchestra.

The fraternity men, the sorority and alumni men gathered in the parlors and from there marched into the banquet hall in the following order: President A. A. Murphree, Prof. Arthur Williams, Hon. W. N. Sheats, Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Myers, S. F. Gammon, Miss Byrd of Monticello, A. B. Clark, Miss Faircloth of Alabama, W. B. Crawford, Miss Bott of Monticello, E. P. Watson, Miss Saxon, R. B. McCord, Miss Calhoun, H. P. Woodberry, Miss Reynolds, C. W. Peters, Miss Buchholz, John Milton, Miss Knight, F. W. Buchholz, Miss Patillo, H. R. Horsey, Miss Long, H. H. Palmer, Miss Hatcher, L. G. Thompson, Miss Reed, T. M. Shackelford, Miss Bryan, L. M. Murrey, Miss Rawls, W. P. Byrd, Miss Phillips, W. Munro McIntosh, Miss Lucile Saxon.

President Murphree acted as toast-master and called upon the following men, who responded to the toasts assigned them: Senator Myers, Prof. Williams, Mr. Sheats, A. B. Clark and W. B. Crawford of the alumni, and Messrs. Buchholz, Byrd, Gammon, Peters, Shackelford and McCord of the senior class.

The following was the menu served: Soup--Bouillon. Fish--Baked trout aux fine herbs; celery, radishes, young onions, sliced tomatoes, sliced beets, dressed lettuce. Boiled--Smithfield ham, champagne; corned beef and cabbage.

Roast--Turkey, cranberry jelly, herb dressing; Chicago beef, chicken salad; barbecued pig, lobster salad.

Entrées--Tenderloin of beef, larded tomato sauce; sweetbreads, braised; mushrooms; banana fritters, rum flavor. Cold--Mayonnaise of chicken, smoked tongue, crab salad, lamb, deviled crabs, roast beef.

Vegetables--Green English peas, asparagus tips, spring squash, mashed potatoes, golden waxed beans, stewed tomatoes cucumbers, cauliflower, candied yams, steamed S. C. rice, eggplant, California peas.

Pastry and Dessert--Butter tarts, claret wine, chocolate layer cake, meringue cake, orange ice, raisins, caramel cake, apple pie, vanilla ice cream, candies, cream puffs, apricot pie, orange sherbet, assorted nuts, cold tea, coffee.

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Hon. Thomas L. Palmer and Hon. Robert McNamee, prominent lawyers of Tampa, and Hon. T. L. Clark of Monticello, appeared before the State board of pardons last Friday and Saturday and made extensive and eloquent arguments in Mr. Walter Taylor's behalf. They presented a petition which was numerously signed by citizens of this and adjoining counties, as well as other sections of the State. The board took the matter under advisement. A large circle of Mr. Taylor's friends, consisting of a large majority of the best citizens of this county, hope the verdict will be favorable to him.

THE UNIVERSITY.

Tallahassee is the Only Logical Site.

Tallahassee bases her claim as being the only logical site for the State University, especially on the magnificent work of the Florida State College, whose splendid career was so ruthlessly stopped by the authors of the Buckman bill.

From a small seminary it has grown into a college, not only in name, but in fact, as evidenced by an increased enrollment from 120 students from nine counties to nearly 400 students from forty-five counties, nine states and two foreign countries, and from a graduating class of only two to fourteen from the regular collegiate courses and nine from the normal department this year.

Its graduates have received the highest examination averages attained by any students from any other State colleges. One of its graduates of 1905 was the only successful applicant, and the first, to obtain the Rhodes scholarship at Oxford, England. The single competitor who tied with him in the competitive examination was a young man who was not born in the State and who had received his education from an institution outside of this State.

For work accomplished and the high degree of scholarship attained the Florida State College stands preeminent above all competitors. This is recognized in every section of the State as evidenced by the increased enrollment from all sections and the applications that were being received from the most prominent men of our State, who wished their sons entered into the college during the coming session.

The moral atmosphere of the institution is of the highest. In all its history of fifty years not one breath of scandal has come from its classic halls, nor has there been any quarrels or personal bickerings among the faculty or trustees.

This is not surprising when it is remembered that Tallahassee is noted throughout the South for the excellence and culture of its citizens, who would frown down the least departure from the high standards they have set for themselves.

The site itself is most beautiful and healthful, being situated on a high hill, commanding a wide stretch of country and affording a magnificent view. The present buildings are excellent and all required, except that the great increase in attendance demands more dormitory accommodations.

Tallahassee has splendid water, pure as a mountain stream, a splendidly-equipped and efficient fire department, electric light and gas plants, and has just completed a sewerage system that cost \$30,000.

Tallahassee has five churches, and is noted as being a Christian and church-going community, that always have frowned down any infringement of the sanctity of the Sabbath.

The town has recently become "dry" and has no barrooms, and the temperance sentiment is growing stronger every day.

Tallahassee is the Capital of the State, and affords as such several distinct advantages not possessed by other competitors for the university. The Legislature can easily inspect, either by committee or individually, the working of of the university. The Board of Public Instruction will be at all times in touch with the university and have personal knowledge of everything that is going on within its halls. The students will be able to see the Legislature in session, meet the prominent men of the State, note the mode of making and unmaking laws and the manner of conducting the business of a great commonwealth, an experience that will broaden their minds and quicken their mental faculties to a wonderful degree.

A calm and dispassionate view of the merits and the many advantages possessed by Tallahassee over the other competitors cannot fail to give her the university, and thereby continue the career of the Florida State College, already acknowledged by all not blinded by local partisanship to be the best in the State.

POEMS WANTED.

The poems of the late Columbus Drew of Jacksonville were destroyed in the fire of May 3, 1901. Any of Mr. Drew's friends having copies of any of his poems will confer a great favor by sending them to Miss Alice J. Drew, 315 Laura street, Jacksonville. Copies will be returned if so desired.

Congratulated by Mr. Shine.

Yesterday at noon Mayor-Elect Bliss paid a visit to the city hall, where the board of canvassers was in session going over the returns of the election. While there Mr. Bliss met his opponent, Mr. Shine, and the latter extended his hand and congratulated him upon his election. Mr. Bliss also congratulated Mr. Shine upon the clean campaign he had conducted personally.--Pensacola Journal.

And now General Albert Gilchrist may begin to wish he hadn't done it.

The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars of Florida, colored, are in session here this week. They are meeting in Good Templars Hall on Boulevard street, east of the cemetery.

Mr. C. H. Cox is on a visit to Cincinnati.

At last we are having refreshing showers and gardeners and farmers are feeling better.

Mrs. George W. Childs was called to Buena Vista Sunday on account of the serious illness of her sister.

Miss Bertha Gatlin of Bloxham, who has been attending the normal department of the Florida State College, returned home Monday.

Hon. Geo. W. Saxon, president of the Capital City Bank of this city, who has been in attendance on the State Bankers Association held in Jacksonville last week, returned Monday.

Mr. D. F. Gramling, of Centerville, made us a short but pleasant visit during the week. We are always pleased to have Leon countians visit us when in the city. Everyone may know that a cordial welcome is extended to all.

Rev. N. M. Long preached before large audiences at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Long was formerly pastor of the church and has many friends in this city who hold him in high esteem, and are always delighted to hear him preach. He returned to his home in Memphis Monday accompanied by his daughter, Miss Shirley, who has been staying with her grand-father, Mr. W. R. Wilson, this winter attending the Florida State College.

Resolutions of Respect and Sympathy

Adopted by the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, Fla.:

Tallahassee, Fla., June 11, 1905.

Whereas, the sad news of the sudden death of one of our members, Brother W. H. Province, son of our former and beloved pastor, Rev. S. M. Province, occurring at Ft. Myers, Fla., June 8, 1905, has just been received; and

Whereas, we not only desire to place on record the interest and affection which we have ever cherished for Brother Harry, whose future prospects for a life of usefulness in and for the Master's cause were so bright and promising, but also to record our deep and sincere sympathy for Brother S. M. Province, who, while our pastor, wrought so faithfully for us and the cause of Christ in our midst, and for his dear wife, in whom we ever found a true friend;

Resolved, That as a church, while we humbly bow in submission to the will of our dear Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, express our heartfelt sorrow at the seemingly too early closing of an earthly career, in the death of Brother Harry, of one who gave great promise of signal blessing to the world in the Kingdom of God.

Resolved, That we hereby express our hearty appreciation of the many noble traits of Christian character possessed by Harry while a member with us, and as a student in our midst.

Resolved, That as a church we hereby extend our sincerest sympathy and affection to Brother and Sister Province in this hour of their great sadness and bereavement, with the assurance that we remember them in our prayers at the throne of grace, praying the Divine Father to comfort their hearts with His own most gracious comfort and love.

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed in our papers, in the Southern Witness; that they be spread upon our church record book, and that a copy be forwarded to Brother S. M. Province and wife at their home in Tuskegee, Ala.

Done by order and in behalf of the church this, the 11th day of June, 1905.

Rev. W. F. Cramer, Pastor,
J. F. Perkins,
J. L. Hays,
W. V. Knott,
Frank Cramer,
A. A. Murphree,
Committee.

Mr. C. J. M. Shine is visiting his many Tallahassee friends again this week.

Bethel Baptist colored Sunday School gave their scholars a picnic at Lake Hall yesterday, and all who attended report a nice day.

Dr. S. B. Chapin, of Tallahassee, chief clerk in the surveyor-general's office, is spending a short time with his old friends here, all of whom are glad to greet him.--Gainesville Sun.

Mrs. J. M. Bradner and her daughter, Mrs. John T. Costa, have gone to visit friends in Tampa and Daytona, and will leave for New York City some time in August.

Childs Bros. have been awarded the contract for a nice, new building for The True Democrat and the Collins Job Printing office. It is to be built and arranged especially for a printing office, and when completed and equipped, will be second to none in this part of Florida, or the South.

The material is now being placed on the grounds for The True Democrat and Collins' Job Printing office-building. Childs Bros. has the contract, and the work will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. We will have a handsome and substantial new home for our business soon, it being constructed and arranged especially for a printing office, with all the modern conveniences.

WHAT THE STATE NEWSPAPERS SAY.

Grand Symposium of Public Opinion By Those Who Know.

KNOCKING GILCHRIST.

We have watched with interest during the Florida Legislature the stand taken by our legislators, their way of handling affairs and the mode in which they were handled, and as such feel it our duty to comment upon such measures as we see fit.

We first take up the action of General Gilchrist, the speaker of the House of Representatives, in the report of the investigating committee appointed by him to look into the condition and affairs of the insane asylum at Chattahoochee.

Of course the General wants to be heard and seen--he is often seen when not heard--and this applies to the instance when he descended from the rostrum and took his stand in condemnation of the report made by the committee whom he had appointed. What kind of a report did Gen. Gilchrist expect his committee to make, and why did he not instruct them to make such a one as he would approve? The News takes the stand that each and everyone of the gentlemen who visited the asylum were men of the highest character--men who were fitted for the purpose intended they should perform, and if they were not whose fault is it but Gen. Gilchrist's? He was king-ruler in so far as the appointment of an investigating committee was concerned, and if these men were not the kind to be relied upon as rendering a fair and impartial verdict, according to the evidence before them, why did Mr. Gilchrist select them? His action in trying to secure the rejection of the report is not a commendable one on his part, and the question arises, has the General a bottom upon which to stand? He was and is responsible for appointing the committee, and he should have shown due respect for them in accepting the report as an honest one.--Jasper News.

LEGISLATIVE AFTERMATH.

If it cost the people of Florida \$90,000 to keep 100 men in Tallahassee for sixty days, (and the town dry at that,) how much would the people save by paying the members of the Legislature six dollars a day to stay at home?--Bronson Times-Democrat.

The famous Wailes claim for nearly \$200,000 against the State of Florida still stalks abroad, a restless ghost which refuses to be laid. The Legislature has not only declined to pay the claim, but has refused to pass a bill permitting the claimants to bring suit against the State in the Florida courts to determine the validity of their claim, the refusal based upon the alleged unconstitutionality of such special legislation. Considering the hardness of the times, the toughness of the legislative heart, the high price of money and the certainty of death, if we were Colonel Wailes we would take that \$25,000 appropriated two years ago to pay the claim, and retire with dignity, if not eclat, from the unequal contest. Any elderly gentleman of inexpensive tastes in possession of that sum of money and a high-class grievance warranted to last, can get a great deal of solid comfort out of life. It beats the hope deferred game very badly.--Live Oak Democrat.

The insane asylum report has been widely heralded as a masterpiece of eloquence.

It is mostly hot air. Perhaps the committee is holding back much for the grand jury. It is certain that there is little evidence in the report that would be judged competent in a court of law. The report deals largely in generalities.

It has been known for a long time that things were rotten at Chattahoochee, and other Legislatures have quite regularly sent whitewashing committees to quiet matters.

Suppose these belated investigations establish that a condition of graft does prevail in our public institutions--will a remedy be applied? Not until those great duties of caring for our unfortunates, and molding the minds of youth, are raised above the plane of cheap politics! The care of our insane--miserable unfortunates!--is, as a rule, in the hands of officials appointed to pay political debts. One crowd goes out and another comes in, not for reasons of public service, but because of the "pull."

Our unfortunates should be cared for by the most skilled specialists, who, in turn, should be paid in proportion to their knowledge and skill. Our children should be taught by scholarly and respected and respectable teachers, who, in turn, should be paid on the principle that the laborer is worthy of his hire. Eighteen hundred a year for the head of a hospital for the insane with 700 inmates! This sort of economy is an offense to the common sense of the people. Sprinkle disinfectants on the nasty political system of paying political debts with jobs; hire capable public servants and pay them what they are worth.

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