

# Florida State News.

## Eppes Murder Verdict Affirmed.

The supreme court filed an opinion affirming the decision of the lower court in the case of Caldwell vs. the State. Isham Edwards, George Caldwell and Nelson Larkins were convicted at a special term of the circuit court at Tallahassee of the murder of N. W. Eppes, near Bradfordville last September. The murder was a most brutal one and caused a great deal of excitement at the time on account of the prominence of the murdered man, and because of the rumors that the crime was committed at the instigation of a Before Day Club. The prisoners were taken to Live Oak to prevent a lynching and afterwards were carried to Jacksonville.

A severance of the cases was granted. Edwards was tried separately and convicted, and Caldwell and Larkins, who were tried together, were also convicted, and all were sentenced to death. The attorney for Caldwell and Larkins appealed the case to the supreme court, which has just rendered a decision affirming the judgment of the circuit court.

After a long illness, General Robert Bulloch died a few days ago at his home in Ocala, aged seventy-seven years. General Bulloch was always a popular man, and his death is greatly deplored all over the state. He came to Florida in 1844. He was the oldest voter in the county and the oldest resident in the city. He was a veteran of the Indian wars and at the outbreak of the civil war he was unanimously elected captain of the first company organized in Ocala and was regularly promoted until he became a brigadier general and no man in the southern army was more popular with his men. He fought in many prominent battles and was wounded many times. General Bulloch was made judge of probate just after the war and was afterwards made agent of the Freedmen's bureau by the United States government. He also served Ocala as clerk of the circuit court, mayor, postmaster and at the time of his death was county judge.

The joint board of education and board of control have located the school for the deaf and blind at St. Augustine. A delegation from Lake City was present at the meeting and presented a resolution adopted by the city council of Lake City requesting that the state board of education convey to a board of trustees named in the resolution the state property at Lake City comprising Foster Hall, thirty acres of land and the equipment in lieu of the \$15,000 provided for by the Buckman bill, to be used for the establishment of a technological institute at Lake City. After considerable discussion the board decided that they would best serve the educational interests of the state and give to the state for educational purposes the values and equipment by accepting the proposition. The board by unanimous vote decided to convey the state property to the proposed board of trustees.

## Cash for Health Board.

Hon. E. M. Hendry, president of the state board of health, was in Tallahassee a few days ago, in conference with Governor Broward. In view of the necessity for prompt and vigorous action by the state board of health instituting and maintaining quarantine stations and other necessary precautions to guard against an outbreak of yellow fever and the expense attached thereto, the sum of \$10,000 was made immediately available for this purpose.

The administration does not propose that the state board of health shall not be hampered by a lack of funds at this critical period, and gave Captain Hendry assurances of hearty co-operation and support.

The supreme court has handed down a decision affirming the decision of the circuit court in the Patterson case. This decision held the recent act requiring separation of the races in street cars unconstitutional, because it permitted negro nurses, in charge of white children or invalids, to ride with the whites, thus, in the opinion of the court, discriminating between persons.

J. L. Green and Edward McRae are both dead as the result of a duel fought at Sanderson, they having shot and killed each other. There was no apparent serious trouble between the two men, and at this writing the cause of the trouble is not known. No further trouble is expected.

## Cheap Rates to State Fair.

Information reaches Tampa from New York from Thomas J. L. Brown, president of the Florida Mid-Winter Fair association, that he has obtained from the trunk lines of railroads leading into Florida decidedly low rates for the state fair to be held in Tampa, November 15 to 30. In his letter Mr. Brown states that at a conference of the various railroad officials the following rates during the fair period were agreed upon:

From all points in the west, 50 per cent of one fare for the round trip, with a maximum rate of \$20 for the round trip from all Ohio points. These rates have been agreed upon by the Southeastern Passenger association and by a majority of the western roads, and it is thought that the roads that have not already taken action will do so at an early date and provide a very low rate from every part of the country to Florida.

## Case of Yellow Jack in Tampa.

The state health officer of Florida at Tampa gave out the following statement:

"An Italian, whose name is Victor Vittalo, who left New Orleans, July 20, coming from the infected district of St. Phillip street, direct by rail to West Tampa, arriving July 22, has developed a mild case of yellow fever. The patient and inmates of houses within a radius of 300 feet are screened against mosquitoes and are guarded and will be kept under guard and daily medical observation and inspection for the next three weeks. No quarantine has been placed on Tampa or West Tampa, except the cordoned district, for none is necessary, as the case is clearly traceable to New Orleans as the source of infection. JOSEPH Y. PORTER."

The board of trustees of the internal improvement fund at their meeting in Tallahassee, the past week, ordered a preliminary survey made from some point on the St. Lucie river in as direct route as practicable to Lake Ogeechobee, for the purpose of determining the most practicable and best route for a drainage canal from a point on Lake Okechobee, at or near Chancey Bay, to the waters of the St. Lucie river. The board designated J. O. Frees, C. E., to make this survey. The action taken by the board is the first step in the actual work of Governor Broward's gigantic and magnificent scheme of reclaiming the Everglades.

Judge Francis B. Carter at Marianna has ordered a special term of the circuit court for the purpose of trying William F. Williams, the young man who is held on the charge of murdering John White and Edward C. Danby in Pensacola. Numerous petitions and items were sent N. G. Carter, who was recently appointed judge of the circuit in which he was asked to give Williams a speedy trial and thus allay feeling that might exist. Attorneys have been employed by the defendant and it is probable that they will ask for a change of venue. The special term is to convene August 3.

John B. Vaughan, ex-representative to the Florida legislature, and who has held other positions in the public service, was sentenced in the criminal court at Pensacola to serve five years in the state penitentiary. Vaughan was tried and convicted recently of having killed Eurney Nall, a drummer at Century. He fired at a man named Nichols, during a fight, and the bullet went wide of its mark, killing the stranger. Notice of appeal to the supreme court was given. Bond in the sum of \$300 was made at once, pending the decision of the higher court.

In answer to Governor Broward's request the supreme court has declined to give an opinion on the constitutionality of the recently enacted law generally known as the Buckman educational act. The court is not authorized to pass upon the constitutionality of statutes affecting the governor's executive duties and powers.

After years of patient waiting, vain effort and great loss to her commercial interests, the town of Melrose, in Alachua, Bradford and Putnam counties, and on beautiful Lake Alto, is to have a railroad, so it is reliably reported.

The state supreme court has rendered its decision affirming the judgment of the lower court in the Sunday baseball case. The decision affirming the constitutionality of the law forbidding Sunday baseball.

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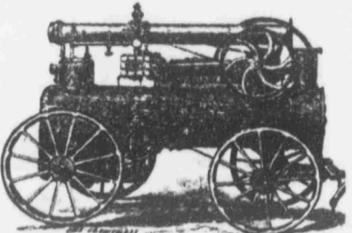
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## Bombs.

When left alone to its natural functions nitrogen pursues a perfectly peacefully course, but when man succeeds in capturing it and combining it with other elements it becomes a dire potentiality for evil, as is obvious in the recent events of the war in the Far East and in the crime in the streets of Moscow. The love of freedom, so to speak, characteristic of nitrogen, is terribly exemplified in the explosion of the bomb in which it is imprisoned and bound to other elements in warfare and in bombs elements. On the slightest provocation—a spark, a shock, a fuse—the nitrogen suddenly expands from seemingly nothing, as regards the space which it occupies, into infinity. This is, in reality, what happens when dynamite, lyddite, or other unstable nitro-compounds explode when hurled in desperate attacks on human life. Nitrogen, against its natural disposition, is locked up in an uncongenial space in these compounds, from which it is set free by very simple means in an enormously expanded gaseous state with deadly effect, returning, in fact, to its normal peaceful mission once more. It is the analogue of the sword and the ploughshare; in the nitro-explosive nitrogen is the modern engine of warfare and crime. In the free state in the atmosphere it ministers directly to the quiet and peaceful needs of plant and human life.—The Lancet.

## EVER TREAT YOU SO?

Coffee Acts the Jonah and Will Come Up

A clergyman who pursues his noble calling in a country parish in Iowa tells of his coffee experience:

"My wife and I used coffee regularly for breakfast, frequently for dinner and occasionally for supper—always the very best quality—package coffee never could find a place on our table. "In the spring of 1896 my wife was taken with violent vomiting, which we had great difficulty in stopping. "It seemed to come from coffee drinking, but we could not decide. "In the following July, however, she was attacked a second time by the vomiting. I was away from home filling an appointment at the time, and on my return I found her very low; she had literally vomited herself almost to death, and it took some days to quiet the trouble and restore her stomach. "I had also experienced the same trouble, but not so violently, and had relieved it each time by a resort to medicine. "But my wife's second attack satisfied me that the use of coffee was at the bottom of our troubles, and so we stopped it forthwith and took on Postum Food Coffee. The old symptoms of disease disappeared, and during the 9 years that we have been using Postum instead of coffee we have never had a recurrence of the vomiting. We never weary of Postum, to which we know we owe our good health. This is a simple statement of facts." Name given by Postum Company, Battle Creek, Mich.

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## SCORES RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Georgia Legislator Declares They are N. G., and Would Cut Their Salaries.

Somewhat of a stir was created in the Georgia house of representatives Monday when the general appropriations bill was under discussion by an amendment offered by Mr. Knight of Berrien, proposing to reduce the salaries of the members of the railroad commission from \$2,500 to \$1,000 each, saying the railroad commission was rightly named, because it did more for the railroads than for the state.

"Does the gentleman know that the commission recently brought about reductions in rates which cost the railroads \$900,000 a year?" asked Mr. Anderson of Chatham.

"No; this is the first I have heard of it," said Mr. Knight; "but I'm glad to hear it."

## A SCATHING DIVORCE PETITION.

Mrs. Sanford Attacks Husband's Character in Sensational Document.

At Rome, Ga., one of Mrs. Elizabeth Sanford's attorneys furnished the Atlanta Constitution correspondent the petition for divorce from her husband. Mrs. Sanford claims that the petition for divorce would have been filed earlier but for the reason that she did not get her papers prepared in time for the July term of court.

The petition teems with sensational charges against Sanford. Mrs. Sanford alleges repeated acts of adultery on her husband's part, charges that his conduct has been such as to reduce his family to want, and also alleges that on one occasion her husband struck her.

## EXPENSES MUST BE ITEMIZED.

Georgia Legislators Required to Itemize Bills Made on Inspection Tours.

Only the per diem and the actual expenses of senators on the various visiting committees will be paid by the Georgia legislature this year, and then only after an itemized statement of such expenses has been submitted and approved by the auditing committee.

This was determined upon relative to the visiting committees unanimously passed by the senate.