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DOINGS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Items of Interest from the Various State Departments.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

The return of Governor Broward to the executive office was the signal for renewed activity in public affairs. After disposing of the application (to the Pardoning Board) of Isaiah Cooper, the Governor and other members of the Board of State Institutions spent several days in conference over the matter of bids for supplying the State hospital with various stores, consisting of clothing, etc. There were quite a number of contestants, and after a careful examination of samples and prices, the following persons and firms were awarded contracts: The Covington Company, the Raymond D. Knight Company and Benedict, Pollock & Co., of Jacksonville; Levy Bros., Tallahassee; Scarborough & Co., Chattahoochee; Hargadine & McKittrick, St. Louis; J. K. Orr, Atlanta, and A. E. Weil, Savannah. The contracts aggregated about \$3,000 per annum.

Appointments: Supt. of Public Instruction, Jefferson county, vice J. H. Girardeau, deceased, N. B. Gilbert, Monticello.

Justices of the Peace: Washington county, F. F. Pelt, Chipley; Madison county, A. D. Campbell, Madison, and E. P. Skipper, Wilder; Marion county, E. C. McLeon, Kendrick.

Pilot Commissioners: Calhoun county, W. R. Shaw and J. T. McNeill, Wewahatchka; J. R. Jennings, Chaffin; P. F. Fisher, Frink; W. B. Clark, Marysville.

Notaries Public at Large: C. M. Bailey, Pine Mount; John S. Edwards, Lakeland; G. B. Wells, Plant City; Jno. C. Wilson, Hampton; A. E. Voyle, Gainesville.

STATE DEPARTMENT.

The most difficult problem engaging the attention of Secretary of State Crawford just now is the administration of the law requiring the registration of automobiles. The law is typically imperfect, and the many confusing anomalies arising from its involved and inadequate language are vexatious in the extreme.

The following letters patent have been issued during the week:

The Covington-Saunders Land Co., \$10,000, Pensacola. C. M. Covington, H. L. Covington, J. R. Saunders and C. Downing.

The Baird Company, Jacksonville, \$25,000. I. E. Baird, Jno. J. Balfe and D. J. Conroy.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

The following is the monthly statement of Treasurer Knott of balances in the several State funds at the close of business August 31, 1905:

General revenue fund	\$55,843.84
One mill school tax	67,088.19
Pension tax	19,299.84
State Board of Health	89,019.48
Principal of State school	3,026.11
Interest of State school	16,898.87
Principal of Seminary	245.07
Interest of Seminary	3,963.00
Hire of State convicts	93,039.88
Indian war claims	25,000.00
Agricultural College	2,132.25
Experiment Station	3,126.15
White College, Morrill	12,501.94
Colored Normal	12,532.16
University, incidental	251.20
Station, incidental	880.73
University mess hall	456.80
S. Fla. Mil. College, current expenses	617.23
Fla. Agricultural Institute, Kissimmee	3,963.85
Fla. Hospital for Insane, fire loss	129.70
University of Fla., Gainesville donation	40,000.00

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Adjutant-General Foster is surely earning his salary this summer. Besides the marksmanship contest at Sea Girt, N. J. (where the Florida team certainly won a fine position in the scoring), he has on hand a vast quantity of other important business, including the coming encampment. Orders have been issued for the encampment, each for eight days, of the Second Infantry, at Orlando, October 5th, and the First Infantry and Artillery Corps at Lake City, October 16th. A large number of general orders and circulars have been issued within the past week for the guidance and government of the Florida State troops.

Sanitary Affairs.

Tallahassee's sanitary officials have been unusually active and faithful in the performance of their respective duties.

Dr. Joseph Y. Porter, the efficient State Health Officer, amidst his many pressing duties at Pensacola, found time to address Sanitary Inspector Hamlin a letter recommending careful sanitary measures, and that official has been busy all the week notifying residents concerning the requirements of the laws, State and municipal.

At a special meeting of the Council, held Tuesday evening, the sanitary committee was authorized to purchase kerosine with which to destroy mos-

quitoes, and Street Commissioner Henry has been busy with it--and otherwise all the week. Additional employees, if needed, were authorized, the Mayor to secure them as required.

One of the best things the officials of the sanitary department have done is to order the removal of closets on some premises which were public nuisances.

The people of Tallahassee are certainly fortunate in possessing faithful and devoted health officials, and may feel assured that the sanitary condition of the city will be kept to the very highest point of efficiency and safety.

Besides these excellent officials, there stands behind them, armed with the authority of the State Board of Health, its authorized agent and representative, Dr. C. M. Ausley, who is in constant communication with his chief, Dr. Porter, and is prepared at any time when it may be necessary, to set the State's official machinery in motion, under the provisions of the State law, which was recently published in these columns.

That Sheriff Sale.

In a corner of a weekly newspaper published in Tallahassee appears an advertisement purporting to be a notice of a sheriff's sale, to be made October 2, 1905, of "All the right, title and interest of I. B. Hilson, the said defendant, in and to one (1) Gordon jobber press, two (2) Cottrell presses and one (1) Otto gas engine, said property being in the possession of the Capital Printing Company," etc.

This is the same property which was sold under a similar advertisement, on the 7th day of August, and purchased at such sale by the proprietor of The True Democrat, John G. Collins.

At the same sale, in August, Mr. W. A. Rawls purchased, for \$1, a Morse gas engine, but the same is not now advertised to be resold. Why?

After the August sale the deputy who conducted it was called upon by Mr. Collins, the purchaser of the above-named property, tendering the amount bid thereon, for possession of the same. As he did not--or could not--deliver the property according to the requirements of the sale and the law, he was notified by Col. R. W. Williams, the attorney for the execution creditors, as well as by the purchaser, that the sheriff would be held responsible for such failure to deliver. He was also instructed by said attorney to make additional levies of other property of the defendant in further satisfaction of the executions, and expressly directed by him to advertise the same, when ready for sale, in The True Democrat.

It therefore appears from the advertisement of resale above referred to, that this deputy sheriff has not only failed to deliver to the purchaser property lawfully and properly purchased at a public sheriff sale, but has assumed judicial powers, in regarding such sale as null and attempting to sell the same property again, and has ignored the express instructions of the attorney of the execution creditors to make further levies and advertise the same in The True Democrat.

Of course, no such sale as is proposed can be regarded as legal or lawful, and the deputy sheriff is simply involving his superior in a complication of official troubles which is sure to prove both vexatious and costly.

School Tax Election.

The election for the purpose of ascertaining the will of a majority of the specially qualified electors in the two city precincts concerning the proposition to establish a special school-tax district took place Monday, the vote being small but conclusive, and the result as follows:

For the special district	82
Against same	64
For trustees--	
Geo. B. Perkins	105
Chas. A. Cay	104
Dr. W. L. Moor	101
For 3-mile tax	77
For 1 1/2-mill tax	1

The members of the Woman's Club were active and alert, and to them should be awarded much, if not all, of the credit for the result.

The trustees met on Tuesday and organized, choosing Dr. Moor for chairman and Mr. Perkins for secretary. No time will be lost in proceeding to fulfill the necessary requirements of the law in the premises, and the result will be the additional school room for the high school, which is so greatly needed.

Latest Fever News.

The situation at New Orleans is daily improving and the death rate constantly decreasing.

At Pensacola the disease is under control. There have been, in all, 17 cases, with only one death. For the safety, however, of the other sections of the State, no one is permitted to leave the city except those destined for points in other States. It is probable that the embargo will be removed in a few days.

We are always glad to greet our out-of-town friends, and when we get into our new office (in about a week) we shall have more than "standing room only" in which to receive them. Among those who called on us this week were Mr. L. S. Crump, of Peck, and Mr. E. L. Billingsley, who became a new subscriber.

JAPAN'S VIEW.

What a Japanese Statesman Says About the Treaty.

The press dispatches have recited the terms of peace adopted at the Portsmouth conference, and which are now being formulated into a treaty, but the real issues and their disposition have been little understood by the general public. The Russian representative is said to have exulted as at a magnificent diplomatic victory, but there is another side to it.

The following statement was made by M. Sato, in behalf of the Japanese envoys:

"The questions of the final disposition of the Island of Sakhalin and the reimbursement of Japan for the cost of the war, have been, from the first, the issues on which the widest divergence of views has existed.

"Both of these points threatened the existence of the conference.

"His Majesty, the Emperor of Japan, responded to the dictates of humanity and civilization, and in the interest of peace, authorized his plenipotentiaries to waive the question of reimbursement and consented to the division of Sakhalin on terms mutually acceptable, thus making it possible to bring the important work of the conference to a successful issue."

THE TERMS.

First--Recognition of Japan's preponderating influence in Korea.

Second--Mutual obligation to evacuate Manchuria; Russia to retrocede to China all special privileges there.

Third--Japanese obligation to restore the sovereignty and administration of China in Manchuria.

Fourth--Mutual obligation to respect the territorial and administrative integrity of China and the principle of the "open door."

Fifth--Cession of Sakhalin Island by Russia to Japan.

Sixth--Surrender of the Russian leases to the Liaotung Peninsula, including Port Arthur and Daini.

Seventh--Japan to control the Port Arthur branch of the Eastern Chinese Railway from a point 10 miles south of Harbin south to Port Arthur.

Eighth--Russia to hand over to China the Eastern Chinese Railway, running through Manchuria to Vladivostok, China to guard the railway.

Ninth--No indemnity.

Tenth--The Russian warships interned in American and Chinese ports to be handed over to Japan.

Eleventh--Russia's sea power to be limited in the Far East.

Twelfth--Fisheries off the Siberian coast to be open to Japan.

Mrs. Munde Dead.

The Jacksonville Metropolis of September 6th contained the announcement of the death, on that day, of Mrs. Alice Munde, a former resident of Tallahassee, at the age of 74 years.

Mrs. Munde came to this city shortly after the civil war, her husband being Gen. Chas. Munde, of the federal army. One son, Charles, died some four years ago in Jacksonville, and the surviving children are A. H. Munde, of Silverton, Col. Geo. E. Munde, and E. O. A. Munde, of Jacksonville, and Wm. F. Munde, of Tampa; also two daughters.

A Correction.

We made a slight error last week in computing the joint deposits of the First National Bank and State Savings Bank, and gladly correct the same. Instead of \$616,984.17, as we stated, the aggregate should have been \$697,157.85. This correction emphasizes our comment on the splendid showing made by these two old and honored institutions.

Mrs. Ellen Call Long.

While the wheels of industry revolve in every direction, and men and women go to and fro intent upon the daily business of life, there lies upon a bed of suffering, nearing rapidly, perhaps, the pearly gates of the Great Beyond, one of the most distinguished and remarkable women of our State and time.

Mrs. Ellen Call Long was born, the first white child in Tallahassee, September 9th, 1825, on the estate where she has since resided and now lies very ill, perhaps dying; and she will therefore be, if she lives until to-morrow, 80 full years of age. As all Floridians well know, she was the eldest daughter of General Richard K. Call, one of Florida's most distinguished pioneers, and when the news of her advent reached the town, bells were rung, cannon thundered, and the little creature soon became the pet and pride of the young community.

Throughout the long and troubled period of Indian hostilities, the succeeding struggles of the infant city towards progress, prosperity and enlightenment were a part of her life and commanded her most devoted interest. Although her parents were bitterly disappointed that their first born was not a boy, she soon removed, by her strength of mind and her devotion to all public interests, the feeling with which she had at first been greeted. Foremost in almost every public event of her time, she gained a wide knowledge of current affairs and contemporary Florida history--"part of which she was and all of

which she saw;" and acquired a commanding influence upon most of the public issues and questions of her day.

Mrs. Long has been a writer of much force, and her published reminiscences of early pioneer Florida history will remain a feature of Florida literature throughout succeeding generations. Her only son, Hon. Richard Call Long, now living a recluse, from physical infirmities, is yet in the full vigor of a fine and active mentality, a direct inheritance from his distinguished forbears; and her only daughter, Mrs. E. K. Hollinger, equally well equipped for intellectual conflict with the world, has transmitted to her own young sons the essence of her ancestral inheritance. A true, good woman, that Tallahassee's all admire and love.

Miss Margaret Cotton has returned home and has taken the September examination and will soon be at work again in her chosen profession.

Taxes in Tallahassee.

Some of our subscribers have expressed a desire to learn precisely how much of a tax rate Tallahassee will have to pay this year, and The True Democrat responds with the following statement, which is authoritative:

STATE TAX.

General revenue	1 1/2 mills.
State school	1 "
Pensions	3 "
State Board of Health	1/2 "
Total	6 mills.

COUNTY TAX.

General revenue	3 "
Roads and bridges	1 "
Fine and forfeiture	1 1/2 "
School	7 "
Total	12 1/2 "

CITY TAX.

Municipal	16 1/2 "
Special school	3 "
Total	19 1/2 "

RECAPITULATION.

State taxes	6 "
County taxes	12 1/2 "
City taxes	19 1/2 "
Total	38 "

For Leon county, outside of the city, the rate will be only 18 1/2 mills, or less than one-half the rate within the city.

County Commissioners.

The county board met in regular session Monday, but had very little except routine business before it.

To George Grissett was awarded a contract for the construction of a bridge across Pork creek, in the western part of the county, the contract price being \$37,000.

The order offering a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of persons unlawfully selling liquors was rescinded. It was ordered that bids for painting the court house be advertised for.

Mr. F. C. Coles had the misfortune to lose his dray horse Wednesday.

Mr. John F. Dorman is again at his desk in Secretary Crawford's office.

Mr. George W. Saxon and daughter, Miss Bessie, have returned from North Carolina.

Mr. T. H. Randolph has been spending a week or two at Panacea, and has returned refreshed.

Miss Louise Collins, with her mother, Mrs. C. B. Collins, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. P. S. Houston.

Messrs. Clyde Miller and Walter Wight have gone North for a trip, combining pleasure with business.

Mr. John W. Garwood, of Monticello, spent a portion of Sunday and part of Monday with Tallahassee friends.

Mrs. George P. Raney, Jr., and son have returned to their Tampa home, after a pleasant visit to the family of Hon. George P. Raney.

Capt. B. F. Whitner, Superintendent, and Mr. D. W. C. Yarborough, book-keeper of the State hospital, have been in the city on business for several days.

Mrs. John Taylor Bradford, Miss Ireta Bradford, Miss Margaret Bradford and Miss Edith Elliott were among the passengers of the Arapahoe, Tuesday, going to New York.

Jacksonville Times-Union: Mrs. Thos. M. Dozier returned yesterday from Massachusetts, where she has been visiting relatives for the past two months. Mr. and Mrs. Dozier and Miss Marie Dozier are now located at 62 West Ashley street.

Secretary Fred W. Kettle, of the State College for Women, who has been touring the State in the interest of the institution, has returned to take up some of his many duties at the College. His trip was a very successful one, and the prospects are splendid for a large attendance.

A Mr. Bird, while driving a pair of mules to a wagon, about five miles southwest of the city, Wednesday, had one of the mules killed by being struck by lightning. The peculiar feature of the lightning stroke is that the other mule nor Mr. Bird or the wagon were damaged. The lightning struck a tree first and then glanced off to the mule.

THE PRESIDENT'S ACHIEVEMENT.

Plans for Great Demonstration in Washington on His Return.

From the Portsmouth Star.

Washington, Sept. 1.--A movement is on foot to give expression to the country's appreciation of the President's peace achievement by greeting him in a demonstrative manner on his return to the capital. It is proposed to have a great outpouring of citizens on Pennsylvania avenue to cheer him on his way from the station to the White House and to have the city decorated with flags and bunting. It is also suggested that the dispute in regard to the name of the peace convention be settled by calling it the "Roosevelt treaty."

EFFECT ON FINANCIAL WORLD.

New York, Sept. 1.--James A. Blair, banker and one of the principal owners of the Seaboard Air Line, speaking of the effect of the treaty and of the President's efforts to consummate it, said:

"President Roosevelt is entitled to all the credit for bringing about this consummation. He alone made it possible for the envoys to get together under the most favorable conditions, and he alone, by his prompt and decisive methods, healed the breach that seemed to widen and, at the time the envoys seemed farthest apart, brought peace and concord to the two nations. His action will live in history.

"So far as the effect on the financial world is concerned, it can hardly be determined. As matters stand at present no money is to change hands. Russia is not to pay Japan any indemnity at this time, and I cannot see how the settlement of the war could have any immediate effect upon the financial situation."

Don't forget the splendid water and rail excursion to Panacea to-morrow!

General Manager Alston of the G. F. & A. was in the city on business this week.

Miss Annie Lloyd Bond will leave next week to enter Bristol School at Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Bryan C. Whitfield and children have returned from a brief visit to the gulf coast at Lanark.

Col. Raymond Cay arrived to-day and is again visiting his brothers and many Tallahassee friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ginsberg return this week from a fine visit to New York and other northern cities.

Mrs. Wm. V. Knott and little one and Mrs. McLin have gone for a season of recuperation at Panacea Springs.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roberts of Robertsville will regret to hear of the death recently of their little child.

The Woodmen of the World will hold an important meeting next Thursday evening. A full attendance of the membership is desired.

Child Bros. have purchased a lot near Mr. M. H. Johnson's home. It is a good location, and they will build a nice residence on it, if they can secure a good tenant.

Mrs. Ruth Newsome fell and broke her hip on yesterday morning. This good old woman after being confined to her house for a long time, truly has had her share of the ills of life. May her future reward be the brightest.

We believe August was the month the Ward-Hilson-and-Associates Combine was to make report and returns on that log recovering and stumpage scheme. As yet the public has heard nothing drop. We believe the contract as recorded in the minutes of the I. I. Board calls for a small chunk as results from the combine's operations. Let the public know what you are doing gentlemen!

Mr. Robert B. McCord, who has been so assiduously pursuing his preliminary studies, will soon leave home to enter as a student at Yale College for the degree Ph. D. He will be sorely missed by his many friends and admirers in Tallahassee.

The cool, icy treatment one sometimes receives in some departments of the State-house, is amusing. Public office, is supposed to be a public trust, and all who take office should expect public criticism, when they use official power to get even with some one, commit irregularities and wrong-doing is evident. Even some underlings, now-a-days, get much puffed up if you criticise the action or antics of their "Boss King Bee."

Several Tallahassee boys will shortly leave to take up their work in various schools and colleges. T. M. Shackelford, Jr. will attend the law school of the University of Virginia; T. G. Hancock, W. W. Dickey, Herbert Felkel, Abram McDougal, Sam Sanborn, Bradford Byrd, Guy Haines, Shannon Perkins and Miss Hattie Perkins are said to be booked for Grant University, at Chattanooga, Tenn.; Frank Cramer, Miss Grace Cramer and Kent Johnson will go to Stetson, at Deland; and Crowell Dawkins and Sidney Diamond will attend Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va.