

Florida State News.

Hotel Lease Causes a Row.

The Tampa Board of Public Works, after consideration all the propositions, unanimously voted to lease the Tampa Bay Hotel to Messrs. Lauber and Stovall.

Robert MacNamee, representing a company of local business men capitalized at \$25,000, offered to lease the hotel and other buildings of the property together with all the appurtenances at a rental of \$5,300 per year or run it on an option of 15 per cent of the gross receipts.

Messrs. David Lauber and W. F. Stovall, the successful bidders, proposed to rent the hotel property for four years eleven months and twenty-eight days for \$25,000, paying the aggregate in yearly amounts.

Thos. J. L. Brown made propositions for the hotel as follows, the first to lease it for five years at \$5,500 per year, and the second to conduct it on a basis of 16 per cent of the gross receipts. In his proposition he obligated himself under such bond as the board of members might demand, to keep the house open all the year round, to give first-class service, to allow the public the free use of the grounds as a public park, to grant the free use of the casino buildings for any public or charitable entertainment that the board might desire, to provide a free circulating library in the hotel for the continual use of the public. He accompanied his bid with a check for \$500, as a forfeit in case he did not make good and sufficient bond at once to carry out in full every proposition he made in his bid.

Col. Brown announced that his failure to secure the hotel lease would necessitate his leaving Tampa, and he tendered his resignation as president of the Fair Association.

Later on, however, Col. Brown announced that he had withdrawn his resignation. Great pressure was brought to bear upon him. Several delegations of ladies and gentlemen called upon him, as well as scores of private citizens. Many letters were received from other sections of the state.

The fair committee offered Mr. Brown a salary of several thousand dollars yearly to run the fair, but he refused the salary.

"In refusing to consider my bid for the lease of the Tampa Bay Hotel," said Mr. Brown, "the board of public works gave me about the hardest deal of my life. However, that doesn't warrant a gentleman in throwing down his friends. I am with the fair from beginning to end, and going to be a grand success."

Colonel Brown is being commended on all sides for his generous action.

Immediately after the lease was announced an application for an injunction was filed to restrain the board from entering into the lease with Lauber and Stovall. The enjoiner is Robert MacNamee, who alleges fraud in his bill, stating as the principal ground that the board, by leasing to the parties above, have accepted the lowest and worst bid, as against the highest and best, which was made by T. J. L. Brown.

MacNamee contends that the city will lose over \$13,000 if the hotel is leased under the proposition and accepted from Lauber and Stovall, and the taxpayers will have to foot the loss.

Another Naval Stores Deal.

Another deal of more than ordinary importance in naval stores circles has been consummated in Gainesville, C. W. Chase having purchased from J. B. McDonald his immense naval stores interests situated at Fairbanks, and embracing an area of several thousand acres of fine timber, and twenty-three crops in operation. This is one of the most extensive and has proved one of the most profitable turpentine farms in Alachua county. It was established about five years ago by B. F. McCall, who, after working the same a couple of years, sold the property to J. B. McDonald & Co. Mr. McDonald acquired eventually the entire business, and has been operating it continually until the transfer was made to Mr. Chase.

Mr. Chase, the purchaser of this farm, is president of the Dutton Phosphate company, who are among the most extensive miners of high grade phosphate rock in the United States.

It is rumored that a movement is on foot, and is meeting with success, to establish a large cigar factory at Waldo. It is said that a stock company will be organized with a capital paid in, of \$25,000, and that it will be the purpose of the company to employ a large number of hands, and to produce only the highest class of goods.

"Sore Mouth" Among Cattle.

The cattle disease which has been prevalent in Leon county in the section about Tallahassee is being investigated by Dr. C. F. Dawson, veterinarian of the State Board of Health. To a reporter of The Daily Capital Dr. Dawson stated that he regarded the disease as "mycotic stomatitis," or "sore mouth," caused by the cattle grazing on pastures containing acrid plants. These cause dribbling of saliva, swelling and ulceration of the mouth parts, and finally great lameness, due to the disease affecting the hooves, due to the disease affecting the hooves and these sometimes die when the disease is not treated.

The affection seems quite common in the state at present, and is no doubt due to the character of the pastures produced by the climatic conditions of the past few months.

As treatment, he advises washing out the mouth several times a day with alum water, one ounce of alum to the quart of water, or with tannic acid, one drachm to the pint of water, or other astringent washes. When ulcers form they may be painted with Lugol's solution of iodine, or with iodoform dissolved in ether. Similar astringents may be applied to the feet. The feed should consist of soft, unirritating liquids, or semi-solid materials. Disturbances of the digestive system, which may occur in the course of the disease, should receive appropriate treatment. The animals, of course, should be removed from the offending pasture.

Five Murdered and Cremated.

Early one morning the past week the charred remains of Lula Wise, a negro woman, and her four children were found in the smoking ruins of her home near Jacksonville, which was burned during the night.

The skulls of the woman and all of her children were crushed, indicating that they had been murdered and the house had been burned to conceal the crime.

The woman had not lived with her husband for two years. Two years ago, it is stated he beat her and threatened to kill her. She had him arrested and he was sentenced to jail for a short term. After the expiration of his sentence he disappeared, and it could not be ascertained that any one had heard from him. The woman supposed he was dead.

An unusual injunction suit brought by one hundred and nine pupils of Turkey Creek school, Hillsboro county, to prevent a teacher, Mrs. Lena B. Mathes, from discharging the duties of her position, has been filed in Tampa. The children sue through the father of one of their number. The County School Board appointed Mrs. Mathes. County Superintendent Dickenson revoked her certificate, and the State School Board overruled Mr. Dickenson, restoring her to her position. The pupils who bring suit are among those whose parents refuse to permit them to attend school while Mrs. Mathes is teacher.

The tax book of Key West for 1904, which has been due for nearly a year, has been completed, and is now in the hands of the Board of Aldermen, who desire to give it the utmost local publicity. There has been a general increase over the former book, the assessment of 1903 being \$2,500,000, while the books of 1904 foot up to \$7,000,000. Some of the assessments have been doubled, others trebled, but some of them have been multiplied by ten. The reduction of the millage from 19 3/4 to about 9 mills will cause the small property holders to pay less taxes, while the city will collect about \$15,400 more. It is said that the city will have to raise \$90,000 on the 1904 assessment.

The R. J. & B. F. Camp Lumber Company recently closed a deal with the Saxon-Barnes Land and Naval Stores company for some thirty-odd thousand acres of their fine timber lands in Liberty county, including a large sawmill at Carrabelle, the consideration running up into big figures. This is a portion of the large purchase by the Saxon-Barnes Land and Naval Stores company of about two years ago, which they have been holding for the great advance in prices. They are now placing the balance of their lands on the market.

The board of equalization for fixing the taxes of the city of Live Oak has just completed their work, and their report shows an increase in valuation of property over 1904 of \$691,321. The total assessed valuation of city property in 1904 was \$721,328 and for 1905, it is \$1,433,040.

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NEGROES ATTACK WHITES

Quarantine Officers and Hotel Waiters Mix Up and One of the Latter is Killed.

As the result of a fight which occurred in Chattahoochee about eight o'clock Friday night between guests of the Read House cafe and three negro waiters who were on duty in the cafe, Ed Irwin, the head waiter, was shot and instantly killed by Chief Deputy Sheriff Fred Frawley in front of the hotel while advancing on the officer with a knife after he had already cut two bystanders who were aiding Mr. Frawley in making the arrest. Mr. Frawley repeatedly told the negro to put down his knife and did not shoot until after he had hit the man over the head several times with the butt of his revolver.

In the preliminary trouble, which occurred in the cafe, Frank Meador superintendent of quarantine for Georgia in the Chattahoochee district, residing at Decatur, Ga.; J. H. Goss, quarantine inspector of Decatur, Ga., and F. C. Forbers, quarantine inspector of College Park, Ga., were all more or less injured by the negro waiters.

Meador had two very ugly scarp wounds caused by blows inflicted by glass water bottles, while Goss suffered from a blow across the back of the neck from a water bottle and had a short knife wound in his neck just above the ear. Forbers was badly shaken up and bruised, but escaped other injuries.

To what extent the other two negro waiters were injured could not be learned, as both escaped during the excitement.

At the inquest by Coroner Gillespie, a few hours after the killing, Mr. Frawley was completely exonerated, it being the verdict that the shooting was in self-defense.

A GREAT TRIUMPH FOR PALMA.

Elections in Cuba Insure Retention of Office by Present Chief Executive.

Complete returns in received in Havana Monday from the entire island, which have been delayed owing to the bad condition of the telegraph service, show that in the elections Saturday last for members of the Cuban election boards, the supporters of the government were victorious in every province, not having lost one important place. The victory was so complete that it is now generally admitted to mean the reelection in December of President Palma and the election of the vice presidential candidate, Mendez Capote, the leader of the moderate party.

Monday's mail brought to the liberals in Havana the first report from their adherents in Cienfuegos of the riots there Friday last, which resulted in the killing of Congressman Villuendas and Chief of Police Illance. This report differs very little from former accounts, except that it lays on the moderates the blame for starting the disturbances.

Additional reports from Cienfuegos received by the government say that the chief leaders in the alleged dynamite plot were two Italian anarchists named Boy and Grau, who have been making seditious speeches there and elsewhere for some time.

Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

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READ DOWN.		READ UP.		
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10:50a	5:21p	Sneads	12:02p	6:55a
11:22a	5:32p	Grant Ridge	11:52a	6:40a
11:45a	5:38p	Cypress	11:45a	6:30a
12:14a	6:00p	Marianna	11:25a	6:00a
12:32a	6:18p	Cottondale	11:07a	5:30a
1:04p	6:37p	Chipley	10:47a	5:00a
1:27p	6:55p	Bonifay	10:30a	4:33a
1:49p	7:12p	Caryville	10:15a	4:08a
1:55p	7:17p	Westville	10:10a	4:00a
2:13p	7:29p	Ponce de Leon	9:57a	3:40a
2:31p	7:44p	Argyle	9:44a	3:18a
2:45p	8:13p	De Funiak Springs	9:35a	3:03a
3:35p		Deerland	8:56a	2:00a
4:00p	9:04p	Crestview	8:38a	1:33a
4:10p	9:12p	Milligan	8:30a	1:20a
4:33p		Holts	8:15a	12:55a
5:25p	10:05p	Milton	7:39a	11:58a
5:32p		Galt City	7:35a	11:50p
5:43p		Harp		11:39p
5:48p	10:19p	Mulat	7:25a	11:35p
6:00p	10:28p	Escambia	7:18a	11:23p
6:04p		Yulestra		11:20p
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