

Florida State News.

Hastings Makes Good.

The farmers of Hastings are certainly a progressive and public spirited set of men. The work which they are now doing on the public roads of that vicinity is a striking example for other rural sections to follow.

Some months ago the Potato Growers' Association of Hastings contributed \$1,000 to repair improve and extend the roads of that section and several substantial private subscriptions were soon afterward donated. The County Commissioners seeing the progress and thrift of Hastings has encouraged the residents, and will also help in the good roads movement.

For the past two weeks men have been at work on the roads, many of the farmers assisting. The boulevards and streets are first graded on an incline and then a substantial layer of clay is added, after which a surface covering of shell is applied. This makes a most durable and satisfactory roadbed. The farmers have donated the use of their teams and farm hands, and farm work is practically suspended while they establish good roads. These farmers are wide awake and realize the necessity and real value of good roads.

In fact, Hastings is progressing in every way very fast. Many new dwellings have been erected during the dull summer months, hundreds of acres of new land have been cleared and broken for the spring potato crop, many barns are going up, and all in the neighborhood are as busy as bees preparing for the winter crops. — Times-Union.

Big Land Deal Consummated.

Another very large timber and land deal has just been closed in Leon county, in which Live Oak is materially interested. P. H. Brown, President of the First National Bank, is one of the company which made the deal, and, in fact, carried through the negotiations.

The other members of the company live in Madison, and are L. T. Fraleigh, Albert Fraleigh, James A. Hardee and T. B. Smith, all prominent and successful business men.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Hardee secured 6,000 acres of turpentine land before the last tract of 15,000 acres were bought and added to it. The purchase price was \$75,000, and the other party to the transaction was Mr. Saxton, the Leon County banker.

The last 15,000 acre tract is known by the turpentine and timber men of the state as the "Valley Pine" tract.

Mr. Brown thinks that after the company has turpented these 23,000 acres they will cut the timber for cross-ties. He ought to know the tie business in every detail, as he is a tie man of considerable experience. In fact, he knows the minutest details of every business he is connected with, and herein lies his remarkable success. He is a success as a naval stores man, as a cross-tie man, as a live stock man, as a sawmill man, and as a banker, because he knows each business like a book.

Sensational Arrest in Tampa.

After living in Tampa a year under an assumed name, G. Raymond Perry, formerly a member of the school board at Marion, S. C., and who is wanted there on an alleged charge of embezzlement of public funds, was arrested a few days ago and locked up.

Perry has been known in Tampa as R. W. McIntyre, and has been representing a concern known as the Baltimore Supply Company. He has a wife and three children in Tampa, also a brother at Bartow. Perry is a contractor. The local police were asked last May to look out for him, and they finally succeeded in identifying him. Under the name of McIntyre he has been a respected citizen, and his arrest caused a sensation. Perry admits that he is the man wanted, but denies that he is guilty of any crime.

One of the most important real estate deals recently made in Tampa was consummated a few days ago by which the Tampa Tribune Publishing Company became the purchaser of the Arno Hotel property, on the corner of Tampa and Twiggs Streets. The purchase was made from the Tampa Investment and Securities Company. The price paid was \$25,000 which is very generally conceded to be a decided bargain, as the actual value of the property is fully \$25,000. The Tribune will move into its own home as soon as it can be fitted up as model newspaper office building.

Palatial Trains Soon Coming.

The Chicago and Florida Limited, one of the handsomest through trains to Florida for the coming season will leave Chicago and St. Louis via Atlanta on its first trip to St. Augustine on January 15th and will leave St. Augustine for the west on the 10th. This train is operated by the L. and N. Railroad Company and it is stated that the train is far superior to those of a year ago.

Other through trains will inaugurate their winter schedules about the middle of January. Railroad men say that the travel south and especially to the east coast of Florida will be much heavier than last season. An army of transportation agents have been in the north and west for several weeks past explaining to the prospective tourists the yellow fever situation and that there are no infested points through any place where the tourist cars pass.

In connection the Florida hotel system is making preparations for a big season, and all of the hostleries are being put in readiness for the winter's business.

In the legal contest between the St. Augustine Gas Company and the city of St. Augustine and the Osmond Company, which has been a matter of great interest in St. Augustine for some months past, a decision has been received from Judge James W. Locke of the United States Court at Jacksonville to the effect that: "The court being of the opinion that the complainant is not entitled to the equitable relief prayed, it is ordered that the restraining order herein before granted upon ex-parte hearing, without notice, be dissolved and set aside, and that the injunction pendente lite prayed be denied."

Further particulars of the most appalling killing which occurred at Moultrie, four miles south of St. Augustine, in which George and El Carter were both killed outright and Riley Carter, their father, wounded, have been received. From statements made by witnesses it seems that the killing was unjustifiable, and that James Ostren was responsible for the deadly work. His other four brothers were said to be implicated in the affair, but have given up to the authorities. James, it is thought, has skipped to another county, and the officers will no doubt have trouble in finding him. It is thought that when they do they will not capture him alive.

William Bostwick, Jr., of the Osmond Electric Light and Railway Company, was in St. Augustine the past week, and spent a day looking over the ground preparatory to beginning preliminary work. He went over the proposed Osmond route for the purpose of locating poles. He stated that the constructing engineer will arrive soon to re-survey the route. He also says that work on both the electric plant and street railway will begin on the earliest possible date, but on account of delays in dissolving the gas company's injunction restraining them from work, they will not be able to complete their enterprises this winter.

The efforts of the citizens of Pensacola to secure sufficient money with which to fight the disease has been successful. Telegrams were received from President Hendry, of the state board of health, and from Governor Howard, authorizing the state health officer to expend any amount that he deems necessary. Dr. Porter is now receiving the hearty cooperation of the citizens and the city government, and the physicians believe that the disease will be stamped out within four weeks, now that ample funds are available.

Fire in the big Tampa Bay Hotel laundry, located on the hotel property, a block or more away from the house, destroyed the entire structure, which was of wood, with its contents, a loss variously estimated at from \$5,000 to \$8,000. The laundry was part of the Tampa Bay Hotel property recently purchased by the city, and was built by H. B. Plant, when the big hotel was first erected, about fifteen years ago. The building had not been in use for laundry purposes for some time.

A general order expressing the Governor's appreciation of the reports he has received concerning the Second regiment, were received at regimental headquarters at Camp Bradshaw, and have given much satisfaction to the officers of the regiment.

Cheap Nitrogen.

It is reported, says the Engineering and Mining Journal, that by the Eschweiler-Wolterreek process for taking nitrogen from the air a ton of ammonium sulphate can be made at a cost of less than half the present price. Prof. Wilhelm Eschweiler is in the Technical High School of Hanover, and H. C. Wolterreek is a Londoner. The process is described as follows: A current of air mixed with steam is passed over a mass of burning peat. Part of the nitrogen of the air unites with nascent hydrogen from the steam, forming ammonia, which is then absorbed by sulphuric acid.

CIG FISHES FIGHT AT SEA.

An Exciting Battle Between a Whale, Shark and Swordfish.

Passengers of the White Star liner yesterday from Liverpool, witnessed an exciting battle between a whale, several swordfish and a thrasher shark. The fight lasted more than an hour.

The combatants were first sighted about 11 o'clock in the morning. A great disturbance was noticed in the water dead ahead about a mile from the ship. Just what the trouble was was not ascertained until the ship was within half a mile of the scene of the encounter. Then the passengers saw a big whale beset by half a dozen large swordfish, and a monster thrasher shark, the fiercest and most voracious of his kind. The water was being lashed into foam, which was tinged with blood. It was evident that the fight had not been in progress long, as the combatants seemed to be active.

The whale was lashing the water with his tail and was standing off his antagonists, although he was greatly outnumbered. Several of the swordfish would attract his attention in front while others would steal around to attack him broadside. The thrasher's great tail was busy flogging the whale's back at every opportunity.

The passengers were spellbound by the sight, and their sympathy was with the whale. As the battle continued the water for several hundred yards about was dyed a deep red. The whale was terribly gashed in many places by the swordfish, which moved with incredible speed, and it was only occasionally that the whale was able to strike with effect. Each time a swordfish was hit it seemed to take no further interest in the battle.

Before the ship was out of sight the thrasher was disabled, a blow of the whale's tail striking him full on the head. One of the passengers who had a strong pair of glasses said he saw the whale swim away and that the swordfish did not follow him.—New York News.

The Recession of Niagara Falls.

Horseshoe Fall has receded more than 250 feet within the memory of living men, and is now travelling toward Lake Erie at the rate of fully 500 feet a century. At present the crest of this fall, as its name implies, has the general outline of a horseshoe, and its length is about 3,000 feet, but if the present rate of erosion continues the length of the crest may reach 8,000 feet or more within the next half millennium. Now the Canadian end of the Horseshoe Fall is a few rods upstream from the spot whence Table Rock has fallen into the Gorge, but the indications are that this end of the cataract will gradually retire toward the Dufferin Islands, leaving a bare cliff as the apex cuts its way upstream.—Alton D. Adams in the Scientific American.

COFFEE NEURALGIA

Leaves When You Quit and Use Postum.

A lady who unconsciously drifted into nervous prostration brought on by coffee, says:

"I have been a coffee drinker all my life, and used it regularly, three times a day.

"A year or two ago I became subject to nervous neuralgia, attacks of nervous headache and general nervous prostration which not only incapacitated me for doing my household, but frequently made it necessary for me to remain in a dark room for two or three days at a time.

"I employed several good doctors, one after the other, but none of them was able to give me permanent relief.

"Eight months ago a friend suggested that perhaps coffee was the cause of my troubles and that I try Postum Food Coffee and give up the old kind. I am glad I took her advice, for my health has been entirely restored. I have no more neuralgia, nor have I had one solitary headache in all these eight months. No more of my days are wasted in solitary confinement in a dark room. I do all my own work with ease. The flesh that I lost during the years of my nervous prostration has come back to me during these months, and I am once more a happy, healthy woman. I enclose a list of names of friends who can vouch for the truth of the statement." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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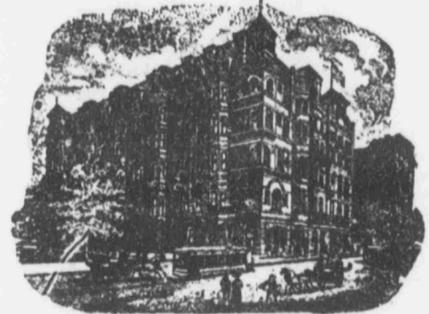
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67	43	35	36	66	50
Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
12:25p	12:55p	12:10a	9:25p	Lv New York Ar.	7:23a
6:30a	7:23a	12:12a	Lv W. Phila. Ar.	4:21a	2:35a
1:45p	5:07p	5:25p	9:42a	2:37a	Lv Baltimo. Ar.
1:48a	11:17p	11:30a	7:25p	10:50a	4:30a
Lv Wash'ton Ar.	11:50p	8:36p	9:50a	11:00p	2:20p
9:10a	11:40p	2:57p	10:02a	Lv Richmond Ar.	5:30p
4:55p	6:23a	1:40p	4:09p	5:49a	1:45a
2:10p	1:40p	3:24a	2:10p	1:40p	3:24a

33	41	38	32
Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
9:30p	9:25a	Lv Portsmouth Ar.	5:30p
10:02p	9:54a	Lv Suffolk Ar.	4:54p
1:20a	1:20p	Ar Norfolk Lv.	1:40p

1:57a	5:12p	1:40p	Lv Norfolk Ar.	1:15p	1:35p	3:21a
2:25a	5:37p	2:10p	Lv Henderson Ar.	12:37p	1:10p	2:56a

9:00a	4:10p	Ar Durham Ar.	10:05a	6:00p
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4:15a	7:00p	4:00p	Lv Raleigh Ar.	11:00a	11:50a	1:25a
6:20a	8:55p	6:10p	Lv So Pines Ar.	8:30a	9:45a	11:20p

7:15a	9:55p	7:30p	Ar Hamlet Ar.	7:30a	8:50a	10:50p
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53	7:35a	10:15p	Lv Hamlet Ar.	7:10a	10:00p
Daily	9:10a	11:55p	Ar Monroe Lv	5:40a	8:35p
9:15a	12:01a	12:01a	Lv Monroe Ar	5:35a	8:30p
10:30a	1:20a	Ar Chester Lv	4:06a	7:14p	52
2:53p	11:47a	2:45a	Ar Clinton Lv	2:45a	6:00p
3:41p	12:33p	3:35a	Ar Greenwood Lv	1:56a	5:15p
4:08p	12:57p	4:02a	Lv Abbeville Ar	1:33a	4:50p
4:45p	1:25p	4:32a	Lv Cal. Falls Ar	1:00a	4:21p
5:23p	1:52p	5:05a	Lv Elberton Ar	12:28a	3:53p
6:35p	2:50p	6:08a	Lv Athens Ar	11:23p	2:57p
7:20p	3:26p	6:46a	Lv Winger Ar	10:43p	2:23p
7:55p	3:55p	7:20a	Lv Lawville Ar	10:10p	1:57p
9:20p	4:55p	8:40a	Ar Atlanta Lv	9:00p	1:00p

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