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STATE NEWS.

Dowling Park has recently sustained a \$15,000 fire.

The business portion of Key West has recently suffered \$100,000 loss by fire.

Tampa has been selected as headquarters for the Florida Citrus Exchange.

A. W. Emanuel, a Seaboard freight car conductor, was thrown under the cars near Ocala and killed.

Every applicant for new teachers positions in the Duval county schools was a woman, and all passed except one.

This is Bartow's great day. It is celebrating the completion of Polk county's magnificent court house.

Among the graduates from West Point Military Academy this year is Herbert L. Taylor, of Gainesville.

A new railroad between Tampa and Tarpon Springs is the latest project, to be in operation next winter.

The poison from the bite of a moccasin necessitated the amputation of a boy's arm at LaCrosse.

Tampa's daily water consumption has been estimated at about four million gallons for the twenty-four hours.

A railroad is to be built from Pensacola to Andalusia, Ala.

Sixteen thousand acres of land have been purchased in Brevard county by a syndicate.

A crazy negro shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Cribb and seriously wounded Sheriff Hollingsworth in Bradford county.

The valuation of the town of Sarasota as assessed this year is \$550,000 as against \$530,000 last year.

Ex-Governor Broward states candidly that he intends to run for United States Senator next year.—Punta Gorda Herald.

Key West is rejoicing over an increase in the market price for sponges, which are now selling there at \$4.00 a bunch and better, the highest price in the world.

A large body of negroes have arrived in Jacksonville from the States of Virginia, North Carolina to the conditions in Ocala.

Who killed Guy M. Jones, superintendent of the Carter Manufacturing Company's mills at Carters, a station five miles from Lake-land, and Clyde Carter, a workman employed at the Saddle Creek Company's mills, located at the same place, Carter is lying in this city in a dying condition, Jones is at his home seriously wounded, and Fred Jones, another workman, is in the county jail.

The Inverness Chronicle having nominated Captain W. J. Hillman, of Live Oak, "the noblest Roman of them all," for the next Governor, the Sawnee Democrat, while admitting that Captain Hillman has not yet consented to make the race, says: "He is one of the most popular men in the State; big in brain and heart, honest and true—would make Florida one of the best Governors the State ever had." If Captain Hillman consents to make the race, we believe there is no reason to doubt that he will be elected.

A wagon wheel hub and spoke attachment has been invented by Mr. Altman, of Wauchula, which is causing some notice. By the simple turning of a nut with a wrench the spokes may be tightened or loosened sufficiently to be removed entirely and a new spoke or a new piece of rim inserted. The additional advantage is obtained that the rims do not have to be bored almost through to insert the spokes. As effort is being made to organize a company to manufacture the wheel at Ocala.

Mrs. S. H. Blich is developing into one of the most successful farmers in Marion, says the Ocala Star. The doctor's professional cares are such that he tows farm duties to the winds, but Mrs. Blich sees that every step necessary to produce good crops is properly looked after, and now has on hand 30 acres of oats, 100 acres of corn, 15 acres in plinters, which she will use to fatten 100 head of hogs, 100 acres in velvet beans, 4 splendid milk cows, 3 Jerseys and 3 Holsteins, and the butter she produces from their rich cream becomes a milkmaid's dream. She has the usual garage in sweet potatoes, a good garden and 76 grown chickens and 300 birds coming in beautifully. No wonder Mrs. Blich's cheeks are aglow with roses and her eyes sparkle with the light of health.

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SUNRISE IN THE SOUTH.

(From Manufacturers' Record, June, 1909.)

Since 1867 the South has mined 31,000,000 tons of phosphate rock.

In the past century the South has mined 1,675,000,000 tons of coal.

Since 1850 the South has produced 865,000,000 barrels of petroleum.

Since 1880 the South has cut 270,000,000,000 feet of lumber.

In the past 10 years the South has raised 112,500,000 bales of cotton.

If the South had given away to other sections all the phosphate rock, the coal, the lumber and the petroleum that it has produced in the periods mentioned, or all of the cotton, with the seed, that it has produced in the past ten years, its loss would not have been as great as the migration to other sections since 1865 of 2,500,000 of its natives. It raised and educated this vast army of people, only to see them after reaching the productive age leave home and give their energy to the upbuilding of other sections. Its life-blood was drained to enrich other regions.

The last available figures show that of 15,757,218 white natives of the South living in the United States, but 12,625,208, or 80 per cent, are in the State of their nativity; 1,786,189, or 11 per cent, are living in other Southern States, and 1,247,121, or 9 per cent, are in the parts of the country other than the South.

At the time of South Carolina's beginning the commercial production of phosphate rock, conditions in that State were such as to discourage young men of energy and ambition. There was a pall upon most opportunities. When West Virginia became a pioneer in the South in petroleum production with its output of 120,000 barrels in 1876, and when Alabama about the the same time nearly doubled its coal output in one year, the pall was beginning to lift, though not sufficiently to check the movement of population bound outward from the South.

That pall has passed forever. Not only is there every reason why the more than a million Southern exiles should come home, and not only is there no reason why a Southerner should seek opportunities outside the South, but there are mighty reasons why millions of thrifty men should become Southerners by adoption.

In the past 25 years the progress of the South on nearly all lines of human endeavor has been short only of the marvelous. But it almost is nothing compared with the advance that the South is yet to make before its vast possibilities have been thoroughly developed. In that development are myriad opportunities for millions of Southerners in every direction.

Since 1880 the value of Southern farm products has increased from \$600,000,000 to \$2,225,000,000, or by 287 per cent. Millions of acres of fertile soil are still to be brought under the plow, and millions now tilled are to become greater producers. Of the 516,000,000 acres of land in the South, 281,000,000 are wooded, 23,000,000 of them being of a non-agricultural character in the Southern Appalachians. Of 333,000,300 acres in farms, but 117,000,000 are improved. If half of the unimproved acreage should be brought under cultivation, the annual agricultural output of the South would approach \$5,000,000,000 in value.

There is the opportunity for 2,000,000 farmers, representing a population of 10,000,000. Scattered over the South are 85,000,000 acres of wet lands, the greater portion of which is reclaimable, and when reclaimed will add \$3,500,000,000 to the permanent wealth of the South and give an additional farm acreage with an aggregate area about one and a half times as great as the total area of the six New England States.

Gopher Soap.

First—and too much stress cannot be placed upon this—catch your gopher! Go out into the piney-woods, which is its native habitat, and wander around till you come across a gopher-hole. Then dig. Keep digging straight down, for a mile, more or less, till you reach the end. You'll probably find the gopher won't be at home, but his roommate, the rattlesnake, will very likely be in, and you can leave your regrets where the head of the family is not out calling. If none of the members of the gopher family are in, they are certainly out, so you wander around some more, and, in the course of time, you'll likely meet a pedestrian gopher, strolling home after a hard day's work in search of his daily grass. Catch him—its easy, as his gait is even slower than that of the Cracker of his native State—take him home, and call a committee of ways and means for the easiest way of killing gophers—being a Christian, you can't boil it alive, as they do Maryland terrapin—in the cook books. With the aid of the family, the servants and the neighbors, you can probably succeed in pulling the head—the only vulnerable part of the gopher—far enough out of its shell to decapitate it. I simply will not describe this process! I have no desire to get into a difficulty with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

When the head is—er—removed, the gopher is supposed to be defunct, deceased, dead, incapacitated. By way of warning, let me adjure you not to let him, by any chance, get your finger in his mouth, for, though I have never seen such an occurrence myself, I am informed by truthful witnesses that a gopher always holds on till it thunders.

The gopher being rendered harmless another committee is called to decide on the best and safest way of removing the gopher proper from the gopher shell. This is of necessity a leisurely task, requiring unlimited time, patience and manual labor on the part of the chief operator. In plain Latin, the modus operandi is this: Place the gopher in a position where he cannot bounce too far to be recovered, then aim a blow at the shell with a heavy ax. Pick it up, after the act of bouncing, and place it in position once more—and chop some more—and some more still, till that adamant shell is unfastened, after which it is best to summon gopher experts to decide on what parts of the animal are edible. You will find that the consensus of opinion has it that the legs only can be eaten—they being the only meat visible in the anatomy of the gopher. Secure the legs—don't ask me how! I do not believe in unnecessary gruesome details. Pour boiling water over them for a very long time, when the skin will at last come off; it takes a man of muscle to do this part—a baseball player, who has had practice at the bat will answer very well, if he is handy. This task at last accomplished, you will find that you have left some weird fragments, infinitesimally small, which furnishes the name for the soap.

In making this, use a sufficient quantity of boiling water, some pepper, mustard, Worcester sauce, sherry, browned flour, bacon, butter, onions, crackers, and anything else you have around handy. Usually the gopher is added—but you can use your own judgment about this!—Gainesville Sun.

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