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Tallahassee, Friday, July 9, 1909.

Now is the time to cut the weeds off the streets.

The effort to place a tax on Egyptian cotton did not materialize in Congress.

The get together spirit was never so prominent in Tallahassee and Leon county.

The whole Southern country is at fever heat on the subject of good roads. It means a new era of prosperity for this favored section.

According to the G. F. & A., be-lythbert and Columbus, is in Tallahassee will soon have direct connection to the West.

Prosperity is evident on every hand. Tallahassee and Leon county must get themselves in position to reap a glorious harvest within the next few years.

R. C. Rose, the great whiskey dealer, who has operated in Georgia, Tennessee and Florida, has decided to quit the business, and will open up a mail order supply house in Chattanooga.

Cotton jumped up \$3 per bale last Friday, when the government report was received. As fine crops will be harvested in Leon county we will not be disgruntled by the advance.

Orlando spent \$4,200 in advertising last year and is so well pleased with the result that she will make it \$5,000 this year. What is Tallahassee and Leon county willing to do in this matter.

Palm Beach county began its existence on July 1st, it being the 46th county in the State. It would be best for Florida if there were a hundred counties instead of this small number.

The Times-Union wants to drop the ville from the name of its city, and call it Jackson. If it suits the St. John's city, all right. The balance of the State is not likely to demur.

The recent prosperity edition of the Pensacola News was a brilliant reflex of Florida's western metropolis. Pensacola grows because the News never ceases to become a booster.

Manatee county has voted \$250,000 for the improvement of its highways. This investment will bring millions of dollars to that county. Leon should see to it that she at least keeps up with the procession.

Senator McMullen says that Mr. Wells is mistaken as to the effectiveness of the prohibition amendment and shows that it will be O. K. if ratified by the people. The prohibitionists can tie their faith to McMullen.

The smallness of Leon county's deficient tax list is due in a very large measure to the efficiency of Mr. W. A. Demilly, the tax collector. It is his policy not to let a man's property be advertised for sale if he can prevent it by fair means.

The following new law should stimulate agriculture throughout the State: "An act providing for and requiring the teaching of elementary principles of agriculture and elements of civil government in all the common schools of the State of Florida; to provide a penalty in case any county board of education fails to provide for the teaching of the same and requiring all teachers to stand a satisfactory examination upon said subjects." Approved June 7, 1909.

## OTHERS BOOSTING US.

The good city of Tallahassee is taking on the spirit of enterprise now prevalent all over Florida. Rumor has it that in the purchase of the Boxham hotel property, the Lewis people, which is the First National Bank, will tear it down, and erect a magnificent bank building in its stead, the upper floors to be an up-to-date opera house. Other changes are noted, one of which state-ments is the building of the most com-plete printing office in Florida on a vacant lot near the Capital. If one-half one hears is true, the old red hills of Leon will surely resound to the music of the hammer and saw.—Lake City In- dex.

Tallahassee is now receiving many such notices from the newspapers of the country. It is just as The True Demo- crat remarked last week, boast and the world will boost with you; croak and you'll croak alone.

The True Democrat prints elsewhere the speech delivered by Governor Gil- christ, at the centenary celebration of Tammany, last Monday. Like all other public utterances of the Governor it is full of practical, hard sense, and is intensely democratic. His position on the race question will be commended by every loyal son of the South. The speech should be extensively read.

## PROF. HATHAWAY'S NEW POSITION

Prof. F. A. Hathaway, principal of the Orlando High school for several years, president of the State Teacher's Association and one of the foremost edu- cators of the State has been appointed principal of the Duval High school at Jacksonville. Prof. Hathaway during the last campaign was prominent as one of the available candidates for the office of State Superintendent but he could not be induced to enter the list. His work at Orlando has been of the best and while sorry to lose him from Orange county, the Herald offers con- gratulations to Prof. Hathaway in his new and larger field.—Sanford Herald.

Prof. Hathaway secured much of his education in Tallahassee, during the co-ed days of the State College. He is now one of the teachers in the summer school at this place, and is regarded as one of the ablest educators in the State. His friends in Tallahassee are many.

The Apalachicola Times refers to the talk about Ion L. Farris running for congress as follows: "Mr. Speaker Farris is accused of a desire to possess Congressman Frank Clark's place at Washington. A very laudable ambition indeed, but Mr. Farris is reminded that if wishes were horses beggars would ride, but as they ain't the Jusses must walk.

## THE AIRSHIP AGE.

Signs multiply at the near approach of the expected age of aviation. The adjournment of congress to witness the trial of a Wright aeroplane; the an- nouncement of a national exposition of air craft to be held in Boston next spring; the presence of aeronauts near Calais waiting for weather conditions favorable for an aeroplane flight across the English Channel—these incidents of a single day's news, together with the advertised offer of dealers to supply airships within forty days after the receipt of orders, testify vividly both to the wide interest in air travel and to the progress made toward its realiza- tion. With the secret but just learned, its application to practical uses is well under way.

Not the least significant of develop- ments along this line is the endowment of a chair of aviation at the University of Paris with a fund of \$140,000 and the foundation at the same university of a department of technical aeronautics with an endowment of \$100,000. Columbia University announced some time ago that it would provide instruction in the new science.

"Some of the newspapers are 'scor- ing' the Hon. R. Hudson Burr of the railroad commission. And yet Mr. Burr has a beautiful head of wavy hair," says the Punta Gorda Herald. So had Absalom and because he did not patronize a barber his career came to a sud- den and violent end.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Sanford is to have a canning and preserving works. They will manufac- ture orange, grapefruit and kumquat marmelade and guava paste and num- erous other preserves and jellies.

The finest and most wholesome pre- serves and marmelades can be manu- factured from Leon county figs, and in commercial quantities. Where is the man who will do it?

## THE PRISON FARM A GREAT REFORM.

The Pensacola Journal commenting upon the recent editorial in The True Democrat in commendation of the work of Commissioner McLin, says:

The Journal regrets that lack of space precludes quotations from many other of the State papers concerning Mr. Mc- Lin's good services. It is glad, how- ever, to add its mead of well deserved praise to so competent an officer—one who so fully realizes the great re- sponsibility resting upon the State in its treatment of unfortunate though sinful human beings. It believes the estab- lishment of this prison farm is the first step toward a great reform in the care of convicts, toward the happy day when the State will no longer lease any of its prisoners to others, but will perform its duty as their temporary guardian and, shielding them beneath its own palladium, will endeavor to give them such moral and intellectual teaching as will make them better members of the so- cial body when released from servitude.

Tallahassee has now organized a flourishing board of trade. We thought that last legislative session and recent lynching would cause the old town to wake up and take notice of things pass- ing and coming. A town acts wisely in organizing and supporting an active board of trade.—Palatka Times-Herald.

Our organization is known as the Leon County Chamber of Commerce, and will promote every commercial, agricultural and industrial interest in the best county in the best State in the Union.

## COVERS TOO MUCH TERRITORY.

"Fiddling Bob" Taylor had just asked the momentous question, "Who stopped the clock of our prosperity in 1907?" Then he proceeded to warm the Repub- lican party with the following parable of the Old Tennessean who had "lik- ered up" on one occasion too heavily:

"Sir," said Senator Taylor, "I warn the party in power now that long before final judgment day shall come there will be a final judgment at the ballot box, and the party so jubilant today will lie helpless and disconsolate, as the old Tennessean who joined a great excur- sion to the beautiful city of Memphis in the days 'when the saloon was in flower. The old man after lingering long where Bacchus smiles, became hil- arious and swore he could whip any body in Memphis, and the crowd around him laughed.

"Then he swore he could whip any- body in Shelby county and the crowd laughed again. Then he swore he could whip anybody in the State, and a stranger jumped on him and beat him nearly to death and left him writhing on the floor. But finally he rose in a sitting position and exclaimed: 'Gentle- men, I am afraid I kivered a leetle too much territory in that last proposition.' "They gave us the McKinley law and the people stood it; they gave us the Dingley law and the people endured it; but the Senator from Rhode Island will discover by and by that he has 'kivered a leetle too much territory' in that last proposition."

## WON'T THERE BE FUN

Lakeland News: When Claude L'En- gle and N. B. Broward both get to run- ning good and hard for the United States senate, and they are well warmed up to their work, it will be interest- ing to hear their estimates of each other, based on intimate personal knowledge, and couched in the lurid and picturesque language for which both are famous.

Ocala Banner: Governor Broward and Editor L'Engle are both being groomed for United States senator. If both should get to ripping each other up the back, won't the campaign become in- teresting?

## THE VALUE OF ONE VOTE.

One vote in the United States Senate annexed Texas to the United States. Mr. Hannegan, of Indiana cast that vote.

One vote in the Indiana legislature elected Mr. Hannegan to a seat in the senate.

That vote was cast by Madison Marsh, of Steuben county, Ind. Hence one vote cast by a private citizen at an Indiana election annexed Texas, led to the Mex- ican war, the acquisition of California, New Mexico and Utah, and added hun- dreds of millions of gold and hundreds of millions of wealth of lands to the country.

Fine line of 5c and 10c packet candles, just the thing for compromising a game of philopona at Burdins' Drug Store. 20-12

## THE NEW PRIMARY LAW.

It is the opinion of Senator Mc- Creary, editor of The Gainesville Sun, that if the new primary law "does not result in the abolition of the primary system of nominating officers, then nothing else is calculated to do so. The new law will have to be seen to be 'ap- preciated' by the voters." He thinks its provisions are too drastic.—Times- Union Short Talks.

Senator McCreary is one of the "con- servative" Senators who have always been opposed to the primary, which gives to the people the right to select their own candidates, and takes this right away from the corporations who have always controlled conventions. Senator McCreary can perhaps tell an anxious public whether or not the "drastic provisions" of the primary law were inserted with the idea of mak- ing the primary so objectionable that it would be an easy thing to halter the voters and lead them back to the con- vention trough.—DeLand News.

Editor Codrington's statement that the editor of the Sun has "always been opposed to the primary," is a malicious misrepresentation of the record of the editor of this paper, both as editor and member of the Legislature. The Sun has always advocated the primary sys- tem of making nominations, and the editor of this paper introduced and suc- ceeded in passing through the Legisla- ture the first bill that was ever placed upon the statute books legalizing the primary elections in this State.

We are today as strongly in favor of the primary as we ever were, but we did not vote for the law enacted by the Legislature, and we are of the opin- ion that one election held under its pro- visions will thoroughly disgust the peo- ple. If it works satisfactorily we will acknowledge our mistake, but we do not believe the Democratic voters will stand for it for more than one election.—Gainesville Sun.

Base Ball is certainly the national game. At a Pittsburg game recently 30,338 tickets were registered.

Those who find fault with the new pension law should remember that in proportion to wealth Florida pays more pensions than any other State, the amount for the past fiscal year being \$730,855.31. It must be admitted that this is a heavy pension charge against a taxable wealth of only \$159,903,230. In this connection an authority says South Carolina appropriates for pen- sioners \$252,353.60; Tennessee, \$375,- 300; Texas, \$500,000; Alabama, \$773,- 361, and Georgia for the year 1907 \$932,- 685.65. Florida pays her Confederate pensioners more than twice per capita the amount paid by any other State.—Gainesville Sun.

## Notice to Pupils.

Students desiring to be coached in dis- sident studies may apply to Miss Elliott, phone 224. Eighth grade will be my regular school work for coming session. Parents desiring to place their children in this grade are request- ed to communicate with me as soon as possible. 20-21

## Notice of Bi-ennial Election for Tal- lahassie Sub-District.

The Bi-ennial Election for Special Tax District Number One (Tallahassee Sub-District) will be held at the Leon county court house, in the Sheriff's office, on Tuesday, the 27th day of July, 1909, to determine who shall be Trus- tees for the next succeeding two years, and the number of mills of District School Tax to be levied for each of said years. Said election shall be held under the same rules and regulations, and qualifications of electors shall be the same as prescribed for those voting in the original election creating the Special Tax School District.

By order of the Board of Public In- struction of Leon county, Florida.

By JOHN H. PATTERSON,

Chairman.

D. R. COX,

DAWSON BOATWRIGHT,

E. B. EPPES, Secretary.

19-4w This is the season for trunks, dress suit cases and bags, they are offered in a large variety by Chittenden & Co 20

In the District Court of the United States for the Northern district of Florida. In Bankruptcy. In the matter of D. F. Baggs, Vol- untary Bankrupt.

To the creditors of D. F. Baggs, a voluntary bankrupt, in the county of Leon, Florida, aforesaid, a voluntary

Notice is hereby given that on the day of July, A. D. 1909, the said Baggs was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of the creditors will be held at Tallahassee, Florida, in the United States court room, on the 17th day of July, A. D. 1909, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time said creditors may attend and file their claims, appoint a trustee to administer the bankrupt, and transact other busi- ness as may prove necessary before said meeting. 20-11

## MEXICO CITY.

The Romantic Story of Its Founding by the Aztecs.

The story of the founding of the City of Mexico is one of the most ex- traordinary tales in history. It hap- pened in 1325; at least it began a long time before that, but was an accomplished fact about 600 years ago.

In the first place, imagine an al- most inaccessible mountain crowned with a valley at the height of 8,000 feet above the level of the sea. In the center of this valley was an im- mense lake. When the Aztecs ar- rived, led by the priests of the god of war, they found it in the posses- sion of hostile tribes.

For that reason and because the priests declared that in a certain part of the lake where there stood an elevation of stones an eagle had been devouring a serpent they began the construction of the city on this spot, immediately over the deepest waters of the lake. There had long existed a prophecy among the Az- tees that their wanderings would end when they should have reached a place where the priests would be- hold an eagle resting on a cactus plant devouring a serpent.

Confident that they had found the spot ordained to be their abiding home, they began to construct rafts of the trunks of trees, covering them with thick layers of earth, up- on which they built rude huts of more or less solidity. Groups of dwellings soon began to form them- selves in regular order, thus deter- mining the primitive streets of the new city.

They also constructed boats and oars of different sizes useful in peace and war, and while certain of their number occupied themselves in defending their homes and brethren from the onslaughts of hostile tribes others continued to improve and enlarge the city. Gradually the lake was filled up, and terraces arose one after another in the place once occupied by the deep waters.

This was in itself a herculean labor, unsurpassed in ingenuity and durability by any similar work of ancient or modern times. Upon the first of these terraces was construct- ed the Teocalli, or sacrificial tem- ple. It was begun in 1325, and com- pleted in 1375, after the lapse of 50 years, and was the largest of the Aztec temples. It was the modern City of Mexico.—Exchange.

## Owen's Reprieve.

Upon the urgent request of the coun- ty commissioners and some of the coun- ty officers and numerous citizens of Alachua county, Governor Gilchrist on Thursday granted a reprieve of two weeks to R. H. Owens, now in the Gainesville jail under sentence of death to be hanged Friday, July 9th. The reprieve suspends the execution of Owens until Friday, July 23d, and was asked so as to permit a careful examination to be made of the man's sanity.

## Bankrupt Sale.

Notice is hereby given that I, as trustee of the estate of W. S. Overstreet, bankrupt, will receive sealed bids for the two stocks of goods of said bank- rupt in Madison, Florida, together with fixtures. Bids will be received at Madison, Florida, on July 7, 1909. Bids may be in cash or stocks or either, or a combination of two together. The goods and fixtures will be received at \$7,000 and the goods in inventory are valued at \$18-21

If you have a weak back, or suffer from a weak- ened or diseased kidney, get DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills right away. You will receive a free trial bottle of DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. We know what they will do for you, and if you will write to E. C. DeWitt & Co., you will receive a free trial bottle of the kidney and bladder pills. Sold here by all druggists. 19-5w

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Rubber coats and umbrellas, rubber shoes for men, women and children by Chittenden & Co. 20

## Thous Sells to Cox.

I have sold my stock of furniture and accounts to the D. R. Cox Furniture Company. I will remain here for a few weeks, and if you want to settle with me do so at once. J. E. Tamm

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