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Tallahassee, Friday, Aug. 13 1909.

Good times are coming. Talk Tallahassee wherever you go. Every word favoring Tallahassee is a boost.

Alabama is going to teach prohibition in the public schools.

As long as you are a Tallahasseean it will pay you to boost Tallahassee.

Every boost for Leon county is literally casting bread upon the waters.

When the farmers of Leon organize and work together, then we will see real prosperity.

One woman died in Cincinnati from tight lacing; another in Memphis from starvation. Oh, what a difference!

No paper in the State has improved more within the past year than the Tampa Times.

Even bets are being made in Tallahassee that Claude L'Engle will be elected to the United States Senate.

The best place to buy your goods is from the merchant who extends an invitation to you through The True Democrat.

The newspapers of the country have nauseated themselves for three years with the Thaw trial. Will it ever cease?

The Bartow Courier-Informant suggests Hon. Park M. Trammell is the proper man to elect to the United States Senate.

The business men of Tallahassee should concern themselves very much about the early paving of Monroe street. It would wonderfully improve business conditions.

The poor red man has even been driven from the cents. A mintage of \$16,500,000 in cents has just been issued and the bust of Lincoln ornaments them instead of poor Lo.

The housewives are now putting up thousands of quarts of fig and pear preserves. There should be a factory here to put up thousands of gallons for sale in other sections of the country.

The new Lincoln pennies are already in evidence in Tallahassee. A nickle's worth can be seen in the window of Levy's Bros.

Won't Tampa help Tallahassee build a west coast railroad to connect the two cities?

Congress did more harm to the nation than the legislature did to Florida, but the recuperative ability of the country is wonderful, and within six months the afflictions of our national law-making body will be almost forgotten.

The Holmes county commissioners have called an election for \$85,000 of bonds for good roads. The people of Leon county, who are the strongest objectors to a movement of this kind here, may yet see it to their interest to take this progressive step.

Luther Burbank has been requested by the Georgia legislature to include the cotton plant in his experiments. The expectation seems to be that the Californian who has accomplished such wonders in the breeding of other plants may produce a cotton of longer and more even fibre than that now generally raised in the South. Success at that would vastly increase the value of the South's cotton crop.

AN AGRICULTURAL EXPERT.

One of the best suggestions made since the organization of the Chamber of Commerce, came at the last meeting from Dr. Yarbrough, of Miccosukie, that we attempt to secure an expert from the Department of Agriculture at Washington to locate in Tallahassee for the purpose of instructing the farmers of this section in diversified agriculture. There is no section in the country that would respond as readily as this to the improved methods of tilling the soil, on account of its natural fertility and our advantageous seasons. There are scores of products which could be profitably cultivated here; and what is known as the staples could be made to quadruple the annual harvest, if there was intelligent selection of seed, careful preparation and fertilization and wise and systematic cultivation.

We like to laud a true and efficient man even if he be of opposite political faith, and do not hesitate to say that Secretary Wilson has done more for the agricultural interests of this country than any dozen of his predecessors. His work has been a most pronounced success, and it is because he has given careful study to the conditions and needs of the farmer.

He is distributing these experts as the appropriations justify. We are informed that none have yet been sent to Florida.

This being the capital of the State and the center of its richest agricultural section, populated very largely by an intelligent and ambitious farming element, the location of such an expert here would be of great good to Florida, and through the lessons learned, to the entire nation.

Old Tallahassee shows signs of awakening from her Rip VanWinkle sleep. The people have voted for the erection of a twenty-thousand-dollar public school building, and Powell's motto, "Push and Smile," seems to have been generally adopted by her people. Editor Smith, of The True Democrat, is no small factor in the present campaign for the town's development. Success to you, friends, for a better or more hospitable people than those who live in Tallahassee never inhabited a place. —Gainesville Sun.

Brother McCreary ought to know for he has been visiting Tallahassee for quite a number of years. If he has found pleasure in his past visits, we hope the delights may literally deluge him when he comes over again.

HOW PUBLIC SPIRIT PAYS.

By a most overwhelming vote of 13 to 1, the people of Jefferson county, Texas, have authorized the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$438,000 for the purpose of deepening the Sabine-Neches Canal and further improving the Neches river so as to enable ocean-going vessels to ply direct to Beaumont. In Beaumont only nine votes were cast against the proposition, which attests the unanimity of the progressive spirit for which Beaumont is famed. It was the same spirit that built the Beaumont of today and assures the greater Beaumont to be. It was the same pluck and enterprise that gave this country the splendid system of highways, the great irrigating canals that water thousands of acres of rich rice land that annually yields millions of dollars and gives profitable employment to thousands of people; that recently authorized the city authorities to construct a public wharf on the river front. It was another brilliant exemplification of the Beaumont spirit, which dared to do what the Federal Government has done for other cities and might have ultimately done for Beaumont. And just such a spirit would bring about a new era for Tallahassee and Leon county. The man who clings to a dollar as if he never expects to get another is a real menace to the welfare of his community.

Wise and systematic taxation is more often a blessing than a curse.

In a recent examination for policemen of the city of Pensacola some of the force answered that McKinley was President of the United States, and that Washington was the Capital of Florida. The press of that city calls for the removal of men so grossly ignorant.

At New Fairfield, Conn., a dog alarmed at thunder and lightning, jumped into the lap of Miss Sadie Williams and a few minutes later was killed by a bolt of lightning. Miss Williams was not injured. —Ocala Banner.

If the young lady had been holding a young man on her lap, the result might have been more disastrous.

INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY OF AMERICAN SOIL.

The value of farm products in the census years 1850, 1890 and 1900 and for several recent years was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Value. 1880: \$2,212,000,000; 1890: 2,466,000,000; 1900: 4,717,000,000; 1905: 6,415,000,000; 1906: 6,794,000,000; 1907: 7,412,000,000; 1908: 7,800,000,000; 1909 (estimated): 8,300,000,000.

The striking fact in this table is the small increase in the value of farm products between 1880 and 1890. In that 10-year period, notwithstanding the great increase in production, there was a gain of only \$250,000,000, or a total increase in 10 years of less than 10 percent. In the next six years, from 1890 to 1896 there was very little increase in value, although the production still continued very heavy, but between 1896 and 1900 there was a very rapid gain in values, bringing the total for 1900 up to \$4,717,000,000, or nearly double the value of the output of 1900. Since 1900 this gain has continued unabated, every year showing a large advance over the preceding year. It is quite possible, based on present prospects, for the total value of agricultural products for 1909 to run \$400,000,000 or \$500,000,000 over the total of 1908 and give an aggregate of, say, \$8,300,000,000.

Under these conditions one is not surprised that the farming interests of America are enjoying a greater degree of prosperity than ever known before, says the Baltimore Manufacturers Record.

CLAUDE'S CANDIDACY.

There is a tendency on the part of the State press to ridicule the promised campaign of Claude L'Engle for the United States senatorship. But it's a mistake. Claude isn't going to be beaten by ridicule. He's a plausible cuss and something of an expert in the command of language himself. He is going into the homes of the people all up and down the State, and he is going to leave literature with them that most of them will be bound to read. It forms a fetching story of legalized corporate abuse and contains plausible charges of political treachery on the part of present officials, and points to Claude as the only savior. It is a masterpiece of sophistry calculated to fool any who have not followed the work of its author and taken his true measure. It is true—the saying—that "you can't fool all the people all the time," but "all the time" hasn't yet elapsed, and this is the first time Claude has started out to fool the whole people. His success in fooling a majority of the State legislature can be taken as an index of his power in this regard. His "arguments" must be met, and his true character—that of an undiluted political biatherskite—made clear. And that ought to be an easy job. —Palatka News.

Claude writes to a friend in Tallahassee that he has already made himself as well known in West Florida as Pearlline and Sloan's Liniment, and is pushing Coco Cola to the wall. He doesn't intend to let any grass grow under his feet.

TO GO IN TRACKS.

As improved methods of transportation in rural communities are receiving much attention the following from the Times-Union will doubtless be of much interest:

The news that a patent has been granted to H. H. Dickson, of Orlando, for his concrete block track for road was made public by the Times-Union a few days ago. It is said that the experimental road built with these blocks about a year ago has proved an entire success. If that is true and the blocks can be produced as cheaply as it is claimed they can, it would seem that one solution has been found for the problem of hard and durable roads. These blocks are made with a channel running down the center wide enough for even automobile wheels and not so deep but that vehicles can easily turn out of them when necessary, without wrenching the wheels to any extent. They are made to lock together by means of mortise and tenon so that a broken section can be removed and replaced with a sound one. The wheels run on hard, smooth tracks, while the horse travels on the springy earth, or the loose sand, as the case may be. But as there are no ruts to wear the road out, there is less expense in keeping such a road in repair, one would think, and a sandy road treated with clay would probably last a long time without repairs where these concrete tracks were used.

THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE.

General Law, the veteran and able editor of the Bartow Courier-Informant, sums up the situation regarding the prohibition amendment to be voted upon next year as follows:

"Attorney Wells' criticism of the prohibition amendment resolution, passed by the last legislature, continues to be the subject of lively discussion throughout the State. It is all very well for lawyers, like Don McMullen and Mr. Wells, to indulge in long discussions, bandy technicalities and cite 'pints' of law, but plain, common sense people want a plain, common sense statement of the matter, without any legal frills or furbelows which only serve to create doubt and confusion in the minds of ordinary people.

"We have studied the subject thoroughly and we don't think we are flattering ourselves in the least when we claim to know more about the constitution and laws of the State than the large majority of our late brilliant legislature. Here are our conclusions in a nutshell: The people being the source of all power and the creator of the constitution itself, can alter or amend that instrument in any way they please, provided it is done in a regular election which expresses the popular will. The conclusion is therefore beyond question, that if the prohibition resolution receives a majority of the popular vote it becomes the law, even if it tears every rag of our old constitution into shreds—simply because the PEOPLE, the source of all power, have decreed it.

"Secondly, the resolution having been passed, becomes the supreme law and every provision of it must be carried out. One plain provision is that it shall go into effect July first, 1911. It is the plainest sort of a proposition that the legislature of 1911, which will adjourn early in June, cannot enact legislation under a constitutional provision or amendment which is not yet in force. It would be just as reasonable to claim that a train of railroad cars could move before the motive power of the engine is applied. We therefore look for no legislation under the amendment at the regular session of 1911, but an extra session will be called for that purpose on or after July 1st, the date fixed by the amendment itself for it to become of force.

"If the amendment is carried at the election of 1910 there is no doubt whatever that Governor Gilchrist will call an extra session, for he has acted thus far, and always will, we believe, act in accordance with the will of the people, which was the strongest plank in the platform on which he won the race for governor.

"All of us, both pros and antis, had just as well make up our minds to one thing: the battle is going to be fought to a finish without any halting, hesitating or retreating. Should the amendment be defeated in the election, that ends the matter for the time being; should it be carried, its progress will not be seriously checked until State-wide prohibition becomes the law in Florida."

Brother Walton, of the East Coast Advocate, at Titusville, is erecting an office building which will be provided with twenty doors and forty-seven windows. He has certainly planned to make his exit easy when a man comes around looking for the "fighting" editor.

It has been definitely established that a medium sized hog can be produced for the market in Florida at about half the actual cost required in the great hog belt of the west. That means double the profit to be obtained in Illinois, Iowa and other meat States. Florida ought to export two million hogs a year at a profit of ten million dollars. It is a mere matter of doing it. —Tampa Times.

The True Democrat printed some exceptional records of the production of fine hogs in this city and county last fall and winter. If a few fine hogs can be grown, thousands could just as well be fattened on the produce of our soil. And every dollar saved to the country in this way would tend to enrich it.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Fitch

Mrs. H. W. Wilson and little H. W., Jr., of Waycross, Ga., Mrs. H. W. Goodwin and little Miss Pearl, of Blakeby, Ga., and Miss Janie McGehee, of Live Oak, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Smith, 638 Bronough street.

B. F. Shaw was up from Fanlew on business this week.

Two Young Girls of Our Neighboring Town Lose Their Lives While Swimming in Mill Pond.

Miss Rebecca Womack and Miss Ella Freeman, both between the ages of fifteen and sixteen years, while swimming in a mill pond near their homes on last Monday were drowned.

The young ladies are both from very prominent families of Havana and known well in Leon and Gadsden counties. The bodies of the unfortunate girls were found by a searching party several hours after drowning.

The True Democrat joins in extending sympathy to the bereaved parents in their irreparable loss.

Notice of Application for Tax Deed, Given in Accordance with Sections 574 and 575 of General Statutes of the State of Florida.

NOTICE is hereby given that H. C. Allen, purchaser of Tax Certificate Numbered 42, dated the fifth day of August, A. D. 1907, has filed said certificate in my office and made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situate in Leon county, State of Florida, to-wit: 25 feet of the east side of T. C. Lots Nos. 70 and 71, S4, C04. The said certificate being assessed at the date of issuance of said certificate in the name of Unknown.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1909.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 12th day of August, 1909.

[Seal.] HENRY T. FELKEL.

25-5w Clerk Circuit Court, Leon county, Fla.

Notice of Application for Tax Deed, Given in Accordance with Sections 574 and 575 of General Statutes of the State of Florida.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mumford Russell, purchaser of Tax Certificate Numbered 23, dated the fifth day of August, A. D. 1907, has filed said certificate in my office and made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situate in Leon county, State of Florida, to-wit: The N 1/4 of N 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 21, Township 1 south, Range 4 west, containing forty acres more or less. The said land being assessed at the date of issuance of said certificate in the name of W. W. Sanders.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1909.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 12th day of August, 1909.

[Seal.] HENRY T. FELKEL.

25-5w Clerk Circuit Court, Leon county, Fla.

Notice of Application for Tax Deed, Given in Accordance with Sections 574 and 575 of General Statutes of the State of Florida.

NOTICE is hereby given that W. C. Allen, purchaser of Tax Certificate Numbered 22, dated the fifth day of August, A. D. 1907, has filed said certificate in my office and made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situate in Leon county, State of Florida, to-wit: The SE 1/4 and E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 3, in Township 1 south, Range 3 west, containing two hundred and forty acres, more or less. The said land being assessed at the date of issuance of said certificate in the name of Unknown (H. J. Richardson).

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1909.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 12th day of August, 1909.

[Seal.] HENRY T. FELKEL.

25-5w Clerk Circuit Court, Leon county, Fla.

Notice of Application for Tax Deed, Given in Accordance with Sections 574 and 575 of General Statutes of the State of Florida.

NOTICE is hereby given that T. J. Geddis, purchaser of Tax Certificate Numbered 12, dated the fifth day of August, A. D. 1907, has filed said certificate in my office and made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situate in Leon county, State of Florida, to-wit: The NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 33, in Township 1 north, Range 2 west, containing 40 acres, more or less. The said land being assessed at the date of issuance of said certificate in the name of William McCabe Estate, W. B. Taylor, Executor.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1909.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 12th day of August, 1909.

[Seal.] HENRY T. FELKEL.

25-5w Clerk Circuit Court, Leon county, Fla.

Notice of application for tax deed, given in accordance with Sections 574 and 575 of General Statutes of the State of Florida.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mumford Russell, purchaser of tax certificate numbered 24 dated the 5th day of August, A. D. 1907, has filed said certificate in my office and made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situate in Leon county, State of Florida, to-wit: The SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, the N 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, and the S 1/2 of N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of section 21, in township 1 south, range 4, west, containing one hundred acres more or less. The said land being assessed at the date of issuance of said certificate in the name of W. W. Sanders, also Edwin A. Dobbin, Trustees.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1909.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 12th day of August, 1909.

[Seal.] HENRY T. FELKEL.

Clerk Circuit Court Leon County, Florida.

Notice of application for tax deed, given in accordance with Sections 574 and 575 of general statutes of the State of Florida.

NOTICE is hereby given that E. E. McDaniel, purchaser of tax certificate numbered 22 dated the 5th day of August, A. D. 1907, has filed said certificate in my office and made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situate in Leon county, State of Florida, to-wit: The SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of section 22, in township 2 south, range 2 east, containing forty acres more or less. The said land being assessed at the date of issuance of said certificate in the name of L. F. Hall.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1909.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 12th day of August, 1909.

[Seal.] HENRY T. FELKEL.

Clerk Circuit Court Leon County, Florida.

Notice of application for tax deed given, in accordance with Sections 574 and 575 of general statutes of State of Florida.

NOTICE is hereby given that Eli Russell, purchaser of tax certificate numbered 23 dated the 7th day of July, A. D. 1902, has filed said certificate in my office and made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situate in Leon county, Fla., to-wit: The SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of section 36, township 1 south, range 2 west, containing 40 acres more or less. The said land being assessed at the date of issuance of said certificate in the name of Unknown.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon, on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1909.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 12th day of August, 1909.

[Seal.] HENRY T. FELKEL.

Clerk Circuit Court Leon County, Florida.