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THE TIMES PIANO CONTEST. I guess the number of votes at the Presidential election to be... OCTOBER 29

BEATS DR. BROWN-SEQUARD. WINE OF THE PALMETTO MAKES THE OLD YOUNG.

Palmetto Crop Some Day Will be Worth Millions.—J. W. Wellington Tells of the Uses of the Plant—From Root to Blossom it is of Value to Humanity. (Florida Times-Union)

Just now the palmetto berry season is at its height, and although few people know it, thousands upon thousands of quarts of berries have been brought to Jacksonville and put up into one form or another while hundreds of colored women and children have been given profitable employment in the gathering of the crop. The palmetto is a wonderful plant. There is no part of it that has not its use. Tannin is in the root, fiber in the leaf and medicine in the fruit. Florida is covered with palmetto from one end to the other, and some years hence, when the full value of the plant is known to the world, a demand will be created for its products that will bring millions to this State.

Probably the best posted man in Jacksonville on the merits of the saw palmetto is J. W. Wellington, who manufactures wine and tonics from the berries. Mr. Wellington says: "This plant, common to the southern United States and Mexico, is especially vigorous along the shores of the Indian river and on the borders of streams and inland lakes of Florida. The botanical name is variously given as Sabal Serotina; the generic name Sabal is the most known and probably is the best. There seems to be several distinct varieties, which are different in manner of growth, form of trunk, leaf, drupe and seed, the fruit of which is gathered indiscriminately and used in medicine. The palmetto and its congeners are among the most useful plants known, and their products have a mercantile value equalled by few. The entire plant makes an excellent fertilizer—equal, if not superior, to any of the commercial kinds sold. From the root and trunk of the saw palmetto can be gotten a gum which is excellent glue, starch, tannin, alkali, a stomachic and an astringent. From the spathe (the undeveloped flower stalk) palm wine can be obtained, the distillate making arrack. From the flowers the bees collect a large quantity of excellent honey.

"It is, however, from the drupe that important preparations have been made of late years which are in demand on account of their curative value. Though the plant has been known for a long time, it is, comparatively, but recently that it has had an acknowledged therapeutical value. The drupe (commonly called the berry) contains sugar, glucose, gum, starch, a saline matter, rosin, potash, a coloring matter, a volatile oil and a fixed oil, and has many uses. Good beer can be made from the ripe drupes, which is a stimulant to the stomach and exhilarating to the nerves—the distillate of this beer is excellent brandy. The sugar and glucose make a syrup which is very sweet, and does not readily granulate or ferment. The ashes of the seed can be used as a substitute for salt. The seeds burn readily and can be used as a substitute for coffee, which, in odor at least, it strongly resembles. The volatile oil has a powerful effect on the brain and nerves, producing dizziness when one is exposed to the direct fumes; the fixed oils has a curative value effecting the mucous membranes of the entire body. The starch and gum are very fattening, will increase the flow of milk and have been used as a substitute for cod liver oil in consumption. An acquired taste is formed for the ripe berries, which are tonic and fattening. They taste at first sweetish, followed by an astringent feeling. This is superseded by a smoothness extending from nose to throat, relieving catarrh and bronchitis. Persons who drink the beer or eat many of the seeds are relieved of mental depression and insomnia; their appetite is increased and they have increased vitality.

"It is not generally known, even by pharmaceutical chemists, that there are several varieties of saw palmetto and very few who have noticed this difference in specie. "The decoctions, tinctures and fluid extracts of the serulates (as also chameopores, hystrix and sabal palmetto) all have prophylactic and therapeutic value, and will be of immense consequence when sufficient knowledge is had of the different varieties, methods of extracting the virtues, and the best form for exhibition. As a tonic and nerve food nothing better has been found than tinct. sabal serulata; but so varied has been the manner of preparation and the results of use so peculiar that few practitioners are willing to make positive statements regarding the efficiency of the drug. Preparations are on the market as fluid extracts (saturated tinctures) and compounds having sabal for a base. The literature relating to this drug is very limited, and confined to disjunct articles written for the medical journals, nearly all within the last half of the present century, and most of the knowledge of the merits and usefulness have been discovered and published within the last twenty-five years. Dr. Reed, of Savannah, recommended the trial of preparations from the drupes (giving a detailed method for the manufacture), advising the use in catarrh and as a substitute for cod liver oil in consumption, upon which many medical men have acted with excellent results. More and stronger articles have been written in California and by practitioners of the northern States, and which are better adapted to a medical journal than a family newspaper. Nearly every writer claims a rejuvenation from continued use by aged people, and that a very small amount of the fluid extract will cure nervous prostration. It was noticed by the Indians and early settlers that when palmetto berries were ripe the wild animals would leave their range and travel miles to reach those places where the fruit was plentiful, and that they grew very fat and active. Again it was found that there were many places where the surface water and shallow wells was healthy drink, though much discolored, being a reddish brown, the people being exempt from fevers, though the surroundings were such that fevers would seem to be endemic. The probable reason for this phenomena is that the water contains a decoction of palmetto, and thus is an antidote for febrile affections, and is a blood purifier and liver regulator. The beer made from the berries by maceration in water is very fattening, stimulating and even intoxicating, and has a marked effect in rejuvenating emaciated and worn out people of both sexes, and is especially beneficial in that mental depression and nervous prostration so peculiar to women,

who have lived so long a time in a tropical climate. This beer, for some strange reason, seems to be unknown to most people living in places where palmetto is plenty. Though the beer is intoxicating in a degree it does not contain much alcohol and soon passes from the vituous to the acetic and putrid fermentations, becoming a nasty compound. "The fixed and volatile oils of the drug have a tonic effect upon the mucous membrane of the alimentary canal and air passages, also a recuperative power that is well marked, relieving catarrh and bronchitis, stimulating the stomach, increasing the appetite and digestive power, augmenting the peristaltic action of the intestines, thus aiding nature in curing diarrhoea and constipation, also by tonic and discenting properties, expelling morbid accumulation of pus and mucous, often giving instantaneous relief. "Catarrh of the bladder, leucorrhoea and kindred ailments succumb readily to the use of some of the preparations. "As a substitute for cod liver oil the wine of palmetto is a boon to consumptives.

"The extracts leave on the brain and nerves such a decided and lasting action that it must be considered a nerve food and a tonic that will grow in usefulness as it becomes better known. In nervous prostrations, general debility of the old and the weak, and in impaired activity of the vital forces it is beyond doubt a reliable remedy. It is the only known remedy that is useful in enlarged prostate glands, and as a majority of men past middle life have an affection of this gland, and until the use of the fluid extract of sabal was tried there had been no known remedy which was palliative, and as a judicious use will not only relieve but permanently cure this disease, we must, consequently, give this drug an important place. Cases of cure are too numerous to be overlooked or ignored. "As an aphrodisiac it is positive in its action, which is a merit long sought among drugs, as heretofore nothing reliable has been known but has a reaction and diverse action that is detrimental."

ROUGHING IT OUT WEST. Why One Broker Hates That Section of the Country. "It happened so long ago that I'd just as lief tell you fellows now," said Nippy, the broker, as a party of them were talking on liquid coolness at the club, says the New York World. "The doctors had told me to get out and rough it if I wanted to regain my health. I was bound to give the prescription a trial, so I bought a horse at Omaha and struck out into the country. About the third night I put up with a frontier settler, and in the morning my horse was gone. The old fellow hustled around as though the rest of his family had been murdered, notifying the deputy sheriff to take the trail with a posse and agreeing to keep the horse for me, if captured, till my return. I went right for a train and pushed on further West. "After we had gone about thirty miles our engine broke her piston rod, and while we were waiting a wild-looking yahoo came flying down the road astride of my horse. I didn't care to be detained in that section and when I suggested that he take a walk, he thought so well of it that he took a run. "I took to the saddle again, but hadn't gone far before I was overhauled by half a dozen rough riders with sawed-off shotguns that induced me to throw up my hands at the first notice. Explanations were no go with these fellows. The horse was stolen. I had him and that settled it. The posse stood there three to three to hanging me then and there, but the deputy talked one of the men over. They hustled me to a 'squire, who carried two six-shooters in his belt and a pint of whiskey under it, as he held court in the rear end of a barber shop. "The 'squire couldn't sentence me as a horse thief, but the old fox gave me three months for stealing a saddle and bridle. Of course I was not an agreeable prisoner, and when I called the jailer a liar for pointing me out as a horse thief he cut me down to bread and water for a week. When I repeated the offense he had a menu from the best hotel in Omaha tacked up in my cell to aggravate the punishment. By the end of twenty days my innocence was so completely established that the 'squire was glad to order my release. But the infernal jailer detained me when I went to leave on a claim that he must communicate with the authorities. His opinion was, that if I had no business there I ought to pay my board. I settled rather than wait, and he charged Delmonico rates at that. Oh make you fellows a present of the West."

VERY HUMAN. The little girl was visiting the mother of a big girl who had been a young lady for as much as a year or two. The little girl wanted to hear stories, and nothing pleased the mother more than to tell of when her big girl was little and what a very nice little girl she was. But the little listener was very human. She heard story after story of this good little girl, and she grew weary. She nestled up closely to the good little girl's mamma. "Won't you please tell me now," she said coaxingly, "about the times when Mabel was naughty?"—New York Times.

INDICATING ITS CHARACTER. "Spiffin thinks he is a man with a mission," remarked Manchester. "Does he?" replied Birmingham, who knows something of Spiffin's debts. "He is a man with a mission—an owe mission."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

TAKING OUT THE CURVE. "Well, doctor, what ails me?" asked Sprockett, after the physician had made an examination. "You have bicyclistum kyphosis," replied the physician, "but I think I can straighten you out."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

A SUBJECT OF GREAT INTEREST. Above all be careful of your eyes. Call on Prof. Hirschberg, the recognized New York eye specialist, or one of his staff, who will be in Roanoke from November 9 to 12, inclusive, at the store of his agents, Van Lear Bros., and have your eyes fitted with a pair of his celebrated spectacles and eye-glasses. Consultation free.

DECLINE IN COCK-FIGHTING. It Was Once the Popular Sport in Wales. It is not so very long ago, says the Archaeologist, that cock-fighting ceased to be one of the most popular pastimes of the Welsh people. Cockpits were once common in most villages, and although they are now pretty nearly all level with the surrounding ground, the natives can still point out the sites. In several church yards their remains can be traced, and old men, speaking of the days of their fathers, can recount tales of this cruel sport in which their fathers took much delight. I have obtained much information from the aged—several of them are now no longer with us—of these sports, which came down from the olden times in the present century. Sunday, being a holiday, was usually devoted, in part, to the exercise of various games in the church yards. The north side was considered less holy than the other portions of the churchyard, and it was in that part that the cockpits were situated, and it is here that they are still traceable. So passionately fond of witnessing these cruel onslaughts were the people that they flocked for miles around to witness a cocking main. I have been told in connection with Llanerfyl parish, which is situated in the recess of the Montgomeryshire hills, and where, to this day, Welsh is the exclusive language of the people, that an arrangement had been made by the owners of birds to hold a cock-fight after church services. A man carried his bird with him to the village and placed it in safe keeping while he attended divine services at the parish church, but before the service was over a lad rushed into the church and shouted: "Fool, come out; thy cock is even now in the pit."

The man immediately got up, and it need hardly be said that others, too, left their seats and went to the place of battle, which was near at hand. Such a stampede was not uncommon on these occasions. Elias Williams, of Bronydd, Llanllechid, Carnarvonshire, a farmer, told me of an event similar to the preceding one at Llanerfyl. This took place at the end of the eighteenth century, or the beginning of the present century. A football match had been arranged to take place on a certain Sunday on a hill midway between Llanbedr and Llanllechid. On the day fixed upon it rained, and although the Llanllechid young men kept their appointment their opponents failed to appear. The following Sunday was fair, but as no special arrangements had been made for that day a few only of the Llanllechid football players went to the hill, but the Llanbedrites appeared in full force. The game commenced, but the few could not hold their own against the enemy. In their distress they dispatched one of their young men to the village church, which was a goodly way off, to bring assistance. The messenger rushed over walls and marshes, and heated and exhausted, ran into the church and shouting out that the Llanbedr boys were kicking the ball before them to the parish, turned hillwards again. At his words the male portion of the congregation got up as one man, and, leaving the parson and women and children to continue their prayers, they also made for the hills. They came upon the victors, who were sportively kicking the ball toward their home. But in no time the ball was turned in the contrary direction, and the day ended in a glorious victory for the Llanllechid Braves.

PECULIAR MISHAP ON A RAILWAY. A very peculiar mishap to a freight train has come to the attention of the motive power department of the Panhandle, in this city, and in its details it assumes the nature of a miracle as strange as those of old. The train was running at a rapid rate between Xenia and Trebeins, a distance of four miles, when the trucks of one of the cars gave way and jumped onto the tracks of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton road, which runs parallel with the Pennsylvania at that point. The trucks lighted squarely on the rails and continued running until they smashed into the pilot of a Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton engine, running in the opposite direction. The Panhandle train evidently did not suffer any inconvenience owing to the loss of trucks, as it was not discovered until Trebeins was reached, and then it was found that the body of a freight car was held in position by the couplings and had run two miles without any wheels. The accident is perhaps without any parallel in annals of railways, and although absolutely true and vouched for by the motive power department officials, it seems stranger than fiction.—Columbus, Ohio, Press.

THE CHARGE. "Patrick, I was sorry to hear that you were arrested last week. What was the charge against you?" "Given dollars and cents, sir." "I mean what was you charged with when they brought you before the justice?" "Apple brandy, sor."—Bloomington Pantagraph.

TWENTIETH CENTURY IS DAWNING. In a breach of promise suit an Indiana court has decided that it is not so bad to damage the affections of a widow as it is to trifle with the heart of a young woman who has never known true love. A Daniel come to judgment! The courts are setting more practical every day.—Buffalo Express.

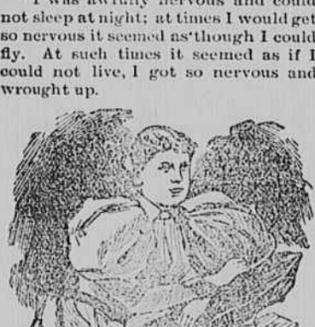
NO USE. The conversation dragged. "You are worth your weight in gold," he ventured to observe to the girl he so madly loved. "Excuse me," she replied, freezing, "but I detest politics." Again the conversation dragged.—Baltimore News.

THE OBJECT. Corporal (to soldier)—Why is the blade of a saber curved instead of straight? Soldier—It is curved so as to give more force to the blow. Corporal—Humbug! The saber is curved so as to fit the scabbard. If it was straight how would you get it into the crooked scabbard, blockhead!—Larks.

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ELECTION NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the Common Council for the city of Roanoke, in pursuance of section 114 of the Code of Virginia for 1887, has passed the following ordinance, in relation to election districts and voting places in the city: 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council for the city of Roanoke that the wards, as are designated in the charter of this city, be and are hereby designated as election districts, and the following voting places are designated and established for each of the same: First ward—Store room at No. 325 Salem avenue s.w. Second ward—Store room at No. 311 Second street, (Commerce) s. w. Third ward—Third ward market house on Fourth street n. e. Fourth ward—Store room at No. 10 First (Nelson) street s. w. Fifth ward—Store room at No. 304 Fifth street (Park) n. w. This ordinance shall be in force from its passage. Given under my hand this 1st day of October, 1896. W. E. THOMAS, Clerk.

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