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CURRENT LOCAL LAONICS.

Brief Mention of What Is Going On In and About Titusville.

Send your watches for repairs to W. M. Woodward, Titusville. Work guaranteed.

Mr. A. C. Dittmar, of Fort Pierce, was in town this week, attending the short term of county court held Monday.

The Misses Larsen, two little girls from Oviedo, are visiting their cousin, Mr. J. L. Carruthers, and family this week.

Mr. George F. Paddison, of Eau Gallie, was here from Saturday until Monday, on a visit to his sister, Mrs. G. M. Robbins.

Mr. Richard Rucker was up from Cocoa the first part of the week to take a look at his place at Mims, which he says is doing finely.

Mr. George Bagley, of Ormond, a cornet player of considerable ability, has joined the Indian River band. He is at work here now for Mr. L. R. Decker.

Judge M. S. Jones spent several days the first part of this week at his orange grove and plantation, called Klondike, west of St. Lucie, returning home Wednesday.

Mrs. H. W. Bessey, of Sewalls Point, and Miss Schultz, of Jensen, left Indian river last week to spend the remainder of the heated term further north. Mrs. Bessey returned to her old home in Nashville, while Miss Schultz went to South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Hitchcock arrived here Sunday from Palm Beach, Mr. Hitchcock having accepted a position in the McFarland tent factory, at this place. Mrs. Hitchcock seems pleased, too, at being back in Titusville again among her home friends.

The friends of Dr. J. M. Dixon, of this place, have brought him out as a candidate for county treasurer before the county convention to be held at Cocoa next week. A circular announcing this action was sent to delegates of that convention the first part of this week.

Mr. Carl Curtiss returned last Friday afternoon from Jacksonville, and is occupying his old position with Mr. Julius Kline. Mr. Youngs, who accepted a position in this store, left Sunday for West Palm Beach, where he will probably remain permanently.

Capt. Herman Fischer, of the steamer St. Lucie, which plies the waters of the Caloosahatchie river from Punta Gorda to Fort Myers, visited his sister, at Cocoa, last week and spent Sunday in town with Mrs. C. F. Fischer, returning to his post of duty Monday morning.

Capt. R. A. Hardee, of Sebastian, spent a day or so here the latter part of last week. We learn that the captain has secured several road contracts from the county. Capt. Hardee has as fine an orange grove near Sebastian as will be found anywhere in the state for its age and size. It is a perfect picture from the cars as the trains pass by it.

Mr. Alfred Cox, of Eden, proprietor of Cliffdale pineapple plantation, spent a few days in town since Saturday last, and gave THE STAR office a pleasant call while here. Monday he left for Ireland, where he is called by the death of his father who leaves an estate that Mr. Cox goes to wind up. We learn that he has sold Cliffdale to a Mr. S. F. Webb ere he left for about \$5,000.

Indian River band sustained a great loss this week in their leader, Mr. W. E. Youngs, leaving for West Palm Beach. The band appeared in open concert Saturday night in uniform and played several selections on account of Mr. Youngs' departure the next day. We understand that the band will make an effort to secure another leader ere long. The band has certainly made great improvement during the past year's leadership of Mr. Youngs, and it will be exceedingly difficult to fill his place.

In another column will be found a letter announcing the candidacy of Mr. R. E. Mims for superintendent of public instruction. Mr. Mims has spent most of his life in financing, having been engaged for a number of years as teller in Central Railroad bank, Savannah; also serving for a number of years respectively as treasurer, paymaster and auditor for the Georgia Central Railroad system. For several years he was half owner as well as office and financial manager for the Bell Lumber company, Atlanta, after which he came to Florida for his health. His friends claim that his life training eminently fits him for the position above mentioned.

GASOLINE ENGINES.

Illustrated folder free. Address W. P. Underwood, Agt., Roseland, Fla.

Fatal Accident at Palm Beach.

Our West Palm Beach correspondent states that a scaffold fell twenty-two feet on the new addition to the Palm Beach Inn Wednesday afternoon, injuring six men, three fatally. The names of those injured are: J. K. Martin, Jacksonville; F. M. Blich, Daytona; A. E. Kerfoot, Miami; William Mercier, H. S. McNair, R. M. Kicklighter. McNair died Wednesday night, Mercier and Kerfoot were not expected to live though that night.

FISCHER COTTAGE FOR RENT.

For Superintendent of Schools.

Editor of The Florida Star:

Permit me to say to my fellow citizens, through the columns of your valued journal, that, in deference to the wishes of various friends, I announce myself a candidate for superintendent of schools before the Democratic county convention, and request support of its delegates.

R. E. MIMS.

W. J. CRAYFORD, Groceries and Provisions, cor. Main and Washington, Titusville.

Reduction in Freight Rates.

The following reductions in rates on general freight commodities over the F. E. C. railway shipped into Titusville have been made: On canned goods 17 per cent.; sugar 24 per cent.; flour and grits 10 per cent.; butter 20 per cent.; fence wire 50 per cent. The old rates from Jacksonville to Titusville being on canned goods N. O. S. 46 cents, reduced to 35 cents; sugar 35 cents, reduced to 27 cents per 100 lb.; flour and grits 35c., reduced to 28c. per bbl.; butter 62c., reduced to 50 c. per 100 lb.; fence wire 20c. reduced to 10c. per 100 lbs.

Constitutional Amendments.

The voters of Florida are to vote on several proposed amendments of the state constitution at the election in November. The proposed amendments are for the changing of the boundaries of certain senatorial districts, for the change in the design of the state flag and seal, for the incorporation of useful companies and associations and providing for the election of county commissioners by direct vote of the people. The official notice of these proposed amendments, from the secretary of state, has been issued.

New Publication.

Freeze or No Freeze is the striking title of a new advocate of protection which will appear as a candidate for public favor in September. It will be issued monthly, and will be devoted to the interests of the farmer and fruit grower of Florida. Titusville will be the office of publication, and Mr. E. J. Seymour, a newspaper writer of twenty years of experience, will edit the new venture. As the name indicates, it will present the necessity and advantages of protecting orange groves, pineapples and vegetables from the effects of frost. One of the features of Freeze or No Freeze is to be its monthly crop review, and a complete market report including careful estimates from California and other sub-tropical fruit centers. The paper will be handsomely illustrated and contain a fund of information of value to the fruit and vegetable grower. The subscription is 25 cents per annum.

Sensational Cattle Suit.

A suit of special interest to stockmen was filed last week in Kissimmee, says the Valley Gazette, the parties being Queenie Huskie Johnson, a minor, complainant, against Ziba King, respondent. The bill alleges that when complainant was a baby her father, Abner D. Johnson, Jr., before his death, gave her a stock of cattle numbering about 700 head, and recorded her ownership in them. That was 12 years ago. Upon her father's death, her mother, Lula L. Johnson, now Mrs. Oscar Griggs, sold the Abner Johnson stocks to Ziba King, and that Ziba King while taking possession of the Abner Johnson cattle also drove away the child's stock of cattle.

The bill prays that Ziba King be declared a trustee for the complainant for her cattle, and be forced to account to her for them and their natural increase. The amount claimed is \$32,000 for the stock and increase, and \$28,000 for the beef cattle belonging to the stock; total, \$60,000. The bill further alleges that Ziba King refuses to acknowledge the child's claim.

Major Alex. St. Clair Abrams and R. H. Seymour are solicitors for the complainant.

It's a doctor's business to study health, doctors confidently recommend HARPER whiskey. Sold by Losley & Motlow, Titusville, Fla.

BITS OF FACT AND GOSSIP.

Current Events of the Present Week Portrayed in Brief.

Contractor Decker has twenty-three hands at work on buildings this week.

Rev. A. C. Sirdefield will preach next Sabbath morning and evening at Georgiana at usual hours.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Giddens, who have been on a visit to relatives in LaGrange, returned to West Palm Beach Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. E. N. Bell will preach at Indianola on Sunday next, August 19th, both morning and evening. There will be baptizing in the morning.

Dr. S. W. Carroll left Wednesday for Lithia Springs, Georgia, to spend a few weeks, hoping the change of climate will be beneficial to his health.

Mrs. Julia Coleman, of LaGrange, left Wednesday afternoon for Columbia, S. C., where she will spend several months with her sister, Mrs. M. D. Rawls.

Everybody has agreed that the weather is very warm this week, but it was just 263 degrees in the shade at the court house for a while Tuesday morning.

Mr. Thos. H. Sanders, of Indianola, candidate for the legislature before the county convention at Cocoa next week, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Paine arrived here a few days ago from Cocoa. Mr. Paine takes charge of the trade boat Merchant, which was hauled out at Nelson's ways this week.

A quantity of fibre suitable for paths or roads may be had free of cost at the works of the Florida Extract company, or delivered inside the town limits for 25 cents per large load.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Morgan and little son Rosser left Wednesday for New York. Mr. Morgan expects to be away about a month—Mrs. Morgan will spend a couple months north, part of the time with her sister, Mrs. P. G. Walton.

Mr. Hamp. Green, one of the employes of the F. E. C. railway here, and Miss Leona Knox, of this place, were married Monday at Orange City. The marriage was probably against the wishes of the parents of the bride, but they have relented, and the young couple are expected to arrive home this afternoon.

This has been, so far, a year in Brevard devoid of pugilistic efforts, and we hope it may continue so; but we do have cock fights, and last week there was really a fight between two women within our boundaries. Both the participants were white. The braver one soon knocked her opponent out, however, and the affair was over, even before their male friends had time to interfere.

Dr. F. H. Houghton writes the editor of THE STAR from Hotel Victory, Put-in-Bay, Ohio, as follows: "We have the best things to eat, well cooked, and the best served of any large hotel I ever stopped at, and it's such jolly, all-round as you please place, nothing flashy, anything you want, and no kicks coming, all the sports and amusements are such as appeal to cultivated tastes, genteel society. Only the best of people visit Hotel Victory. I have been observing, and critically so, since my advent some days since, and have decided it is due to the genial social qualities of the most efficient manager, T. W. McCreary. He knows his business. The hotel is well filled, and the conventions and excursions that come here daily is a wonder to the unsophisticated. There is at this time thirty or more conventions booked and more to follow."

Commissioner Houston Resigns.

The following letter is self-explanatory:

WEST PALM BEACH, Aug. 15, 1900.

Editor of The Florida Star:

I send you a notice of my resignation. Please publish it in THE STAR this week and you will oblige, yours truly,

JOHN HOUSTON.

Eau Gallie, Aug. 13, 1900.

To the good people of Brevard county, Fla.:

I have this day forwarded my resignation to the governor as county commissioner.

I tender you all my thanks for the confidence you have reposed in me.

Yours truly,

JOHN HOUSTON.

WANTED.

Men to cut cross ties. Call or write, Contractor, Box 200, Roseland, Fla.

Boat and Yacht Sails.

Fit and workmanship guaranteed. Fish boat sails a specialty. All grumets handmade. Send for estimate.

H. BENEKE, Titusville Florida.

Teachers' Examinations

Will be held in Titusville, beginning on Tuesday, the 4th of September. Text book in Theory and Practice, Roark's Methods in Education, American Book Co., and on The Report of the Committee of Fifteen on Elementary Education, American Book Co., for first grade certificate, and on Roark and Report of the Committee of Twelve on Rural Schools, for second and third grade certificates.

J. H. SAMS, Co. Supt. Pub. Ins.

The Caiman Sold.

J. H. Bland, of Jacksonville, has purchased the wreck of Lorillard's house boat, the Caiman, which was burned several months ago at New Smyrna. The boat originally cost about \$50,000, and it is said that Mr. Bland has secured a great bargain, the consideration at present being private. The hull will be carried to Jacksonville, where it will be transformed into a commodious steamboat. Mr. Bland has not yet decided as to what use he will make of the boat, but he says he will fix it up handsomely.

Will Spend More Millions.

Gainesville Sun: Mr. Flagler has expended millions of dollars in developing interests in Florida, and if reports are true, he will spend millions more. He is doing more than any other citizen of the state to develop its resources. It is certain that he has not yet been reimbursed for the large sums invested. He has exhibited the strongest possible evidence that he has faith in the future growth of Florida. Let us hope that his brightest anticipations may be fully realized. In many respects Mr. Flagler has been a benefactor to the people of this state. If Florida had a few more such citizens in a few years this state would be transformed into a paradise.

County Court.

The following cases were disposed of at the August term of county court, held Monday and Tuesday.

State vs. Geo. Fultz, carrying concealed weapons, defendant plead guilty, and fined \$10 and costs.

State vs. Geo. Fultz, aggravated assault, defendant plead guilty, fined \$25 and costs, and sentenced to 60 days imprisonment in jail. Imprisonment suspended during good behavior.

State vs. Jack Howard, aggravated assault, nolle prosequi.

State vs. Harry Conolly, colored, aggravated assault, sentenced to imprisonment for nine months.

State vs. Harry Conolly, colored, carrying concealed weapons, sentenced to imprisonment 60 days, to begin nine months from date.

State vs. F. J. Webb, carrying concealed weapon, jury acquitted.

Slick Capture of a Thief.

Sheriff Brown accomplished one of the slickest pieces of detective work this week that has been done in the county in some time. Two colored men by the name of Richardson, living at Eden, had been robbed of \$30, and there was no clue nor suspicion. The sheriff was informed and he went down there Tuesday. The general opinion at Eden seemed to be that some white man had robbed the negroes, while Sheriff Brown took the opposite view. Intuitively the sheriff proceeded to Tick Ridge, back from the river between Eden and Jensen, where he interviewed N. H. Major as to suspicious characters and gamblers being in that section. The sheriff was led to investigate the actions of Perry Fields, who lives close by Major, pretty closely, and, aided by the efforts of Messrs. J. H. LaTourneau and Charles Mast, soon caught Fields in so many stories, and learning further that Fields had spent considerable money in Jensen since the robbery, he carried him yesterday to the Richardson place and compared the tracks from the window, where the sash was forced and entrance in the house was made to obtain the money, with a pair of shoes that Fields had in his house out at Tick Ridge, and found they were identical, consequently he brought Fields here yesterday, and will have a warrant issued for him this morning. We learn that the negro will probably confess the robbery and save the county the expense of a trial in the hope of securing a lighter penalty. Our space will not permit our going further into details of this affair, but it shows that Brevard has a sheriff who is ever alive to his duties. The capture of Fields required his being up all Wednesday night, alone, on Tick Ridge, in order to secure his man, who was first seen to come out of his house early yesterday morning. With the clues he had picked up the day before Sheriff Brown soon had Fields in all kinds of contradictory statements, which conclusively proved to him that he had the right man.

LATEST NEWS AND INCIDENTS.

Matters of Interest That Are Happening Around Town.

Miss Bessie Hall is visiting with friends at Cocoa and Indianola, and will probably be away for about two weeks.

Mr. John L. Sturk, keeper of Canaveral light house, paid a visit to this place Tuesday, and called at THE STAR office while here.

Archdeacon B. F. Brown will hold divine service at St. Johns church, in Eau Gallie, on Sunday, August 19th, at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. S. H. Ray came here from New Smyrna Monday afternoon to accompany her little daughter, Mamie, home the next day, who was taken quite ill with fever.

Ex-Senator G. S. Hardee, of Rockledge, spent a part of Tuesday and Wednesday in Titusville, stopping at the Indian River hotel, where he was met by a number of his political friends.

Mr. B. W. Munshaw, of Palatka, who has been here for about two months in the barrel factory business with Mr. E. B. Sembler, has rented the south half of the Scobie double cottage, in South Titusville, and took possession this week.

Wanted: One young man from Brevard county, Florida, to prepare for the coming railway mail service examination. We furnish everything, including books and maps. Address inclosing stamps, Interstate Correspondence Institute, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Mr. W. J. Crayford has purchased the building on Main street formerly known as Howell Titus' law office, which he will use for his grocery business, as he has to vacate his present quarters on account of the post office being changed there by Mr. Scrimgeour when the latter takes charge.

We call attention this week to the new advertisement of Messrs. E. L. Brady & Bro., of this place, who carry constantly in stock a full supply of groceries and fertilizers. This firm is favorably known all up and down the river, and we are pleased to have them again represented in these columns.

Capt. C. F. Fischer has sailed from Nuevitas, Cuba, to New York, and from there will probably come to his home here, the quarantine restrictions preventing his coming by the more direct route. He has given up his position as master of the government marine hospital service boat Half Moon, on account of big reduction in salary.

Three applications for license permits made to the board of county commissioners from Titusville alone last week is suggestive that there must be money in the saloon business in Brevard county. It is probable that the two saloons in Cocoa will both be continued. These with the one at Fort Pierce will make six in all in the county.

Mr. James Andrews, of Tibbals, was among the arrivals from the lower river in our town Tuesday. A fine daughter arrived at his home Saturday, mother and child both doing well. Mr. Andrews is a candidate before the county convention at Cocoa next week for prosecuting attorney, and is here to look after his interests before the convention comes off.

Mr. Charles Rogers, of Palatka, was here last Thursday for a day or so, and while in town purchased a supply of tents for his orange grove on Palatka heights from the McFarland Fruit Protection company. Mr. Rogers has charge of the E. K. Harris grove, at East Palatka, and it is quite probable that the Harris grove will also be tent protected the coming winter.

County Surveyor J. O. Fries left Saturday for Fort Lauderdale. From there he will proceed across the peninsula to complete his census report of the Seminole Indians of Florida. A great many hardships have to be undergone in completing this work, but Mr. Fries is the man for it and can stand more today in the woods at his advanced age than most of our young men.

Capt. John Simonson carried the following party to the ocean beach from this place Saturday evening, returning Sunday night: Mr. E. B. Sembler, Miss Mabel E. Sembler, Mary and Charlie Sembler, Mrs. Julia B. Gray, Miss Jimmie China, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Wilson, Messrs. T. B. Hicks and C. B. Fitch. Of course they all report a most enjoyable time and a few mosquitoes.

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