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Communications on live topics, especially of local interest, are solicited. But the editor reserves the right to condense them to suit. Brief items of neighborhood news always desired.

The Rev. Thos. Dixon says he has discovered by reading the southern newspapers of 1865 and thereabouts that Booker T. Washington's platform of negro education can be found in the speeches of the Confederate generals to the negroes, after they got home from the war.

On account of the heavy expense entailed of carrying on elections in so many precincts, the county commissioners of Lake county, at their last meeting, decided to do away with some of them, and abolished five. This will probably cause some discontent on the part of those who have to go further to cast their ballot, but at the same time no doubt it is proper and right to keep expenses down as much as possible without working too much of a hardship on the voter.

The merchants of Syracuse, N. Y., have reached the conclusion that newspaper advertising is the only kind that can be depended upon to bring adequate returns, and have signed an agreement among themselves that hereafter they will employ no medium save newspapers for advertising. They say they have grown tired of being "worked" by solicitors for advertising in programmes, fair circulars and other schemes until they are tired of it. Their decision is simply sound business judgment based upon experience.

It is understood in Washington that the president has caused it to be pretty generally understood in official circles—army, navy, diplomatic and civil service—that resignations need not be held back for fear of embarrassing the public service or wounding the sensibilities of the chief executive; that, indeed, he will give any resignation his immediate and careful consideration. This is said to have been called out by the expression of a certain minister, that he would like to resign, but he was averse to putting the president to extra trouble.

The state that has a library in every considerable town, a school house on every hill, an academy wherever there are enough young men and women to make up some classes, well endowed colleges to keep at home the boys and girls who hunger and thirst for higher education—that is the prosperous state, says the Chattanooga Times. The state that has a scanty school fund, few good preparatory schools and colleges, and no libraries worthy of the name, is the state that takes the tail of the procession, or is next to it, on the march of social life.

The movement was started up in South Carolina only a few days after the death of the distinguished old war hero, Gen. Wade Hampton, for a monument to his memory. Already this movement has gained such headway that its success is practically assured, and the monument will be erected within the coming few years. It is suggested that the memorial take the form of an equestrian statue, since the brave general's fame was achieved principally by his brilliant performances as cavalry commander. The monument is to be placed in the city of Columbia, which was for general Hampton's home.

First Note For Hill.

Our congressman, Col. Bob Davis, sounded the first note for raising the banner of David B. Hill at the meeting of the Harlem Democratic club in New York city last week, and mention of Congressman Davis' remarks were made in a New York paper, as follows:

"Congressman Robert W. Davis, of Florida, in responding to 'The Democracy of the South,' named David B. Hill, of New York, and Senator J. W. Bailey, of Texas, respectively, as the Democratic nominees for president and vice-president in 1904. 'We want to win,' he said, 'in the next fight, and we must make the battle along practical lines. But to win we must have a candidate from the state of New York. You can give him to us if you will. Reconcile your differences, and all will be well. If New York gets the presidential nomination, give the south the candidate for vice-president. We have a man, and there is none better—J. W. Bailey, of Texas.' (Great cheering.)"

Our congressman carries a mighty level head on politics as well as all other subjects, and we feel sure that Floridians will endorse heartily the sentiments he uttered before the Harlem club.

Mr. Morgan's great \$200,000,000 consolidation of five transatlantic steamship lines will control no less than 101 great steamers, as follows: Leyland line, Atlantic fleet, 18 steamers, aggregating 110,607 tons; West India and Pacific fleets of the same line, 20 steamers, aggregating 97,850 tons; ships in process of construction, 7, aggregating 61,800 tons; American line, 4 steamers, aggregating 44,871 tons; Red Star line, 18 steamers, aggregating 107,173 tons; building for same line, 2 steamers aggregating 24,000 tons; White Star line, 11 steamers, aggregating 112,875 tons; building for same line 1 steamer of 20,800 tons; Atlantic Transport line, 12 steamers, aggregating 51,615 tons; building for same line, 6 steamers aggregating 58,800 tons; National line, owned by Atlantic Transport, 3 steamers, aggregating 12,934 tons. The summary and tonnage is from the official records and companies' reports.

The Monroe, La., Daily Star says that if the southern press generally would devote space to an educational department the constant hammering, like drops of water upon the rocks, would have its effect, and "bring forth fruits meet for repentance."

This is undoubtedly true. The papers of the south are devoting a good deal of space and time to educational matters, but many of them could improve along this line. The influence of the daily and weekly papers is incalculable, and it can be used in no better way than for good schools. The people are reading about education as never before.

A Political Point.

An interesting question has been raised in Alachua county in connection with the law formulated by the Democratic state executive committee for holding the nominating primaries. The county commissioners have been nominated heretofore in that county by primary elections within the districts which each represented. The rules laid down by the state committee say that every voter participating in the primaries shall be entitled to vote for five county commissioners. This rule will make it incumbent upon the committee of Alachua county to arrange for the nomination of county commissioners from the county at large. This question has brought about an interesting discussion among those who are interested in the primary election in that county. Some argue that as each county commissioner represents a district prescribed by a legal boundary, he should be nominated by those whom he will represent. But the state law says that county commissioners are to be elected from the county at large, and those who are defending the rules of the state committee say that if the commissioners are to be elected from the county at large they should be voted for according to the same plan. While an effort will be made when the county committee meets to have the commissioners nominated from their respective districts as heretofore, there is no doubt that the rules of the state committee will all adhere to.

Large Fishing Business.

The following interesting sketch of one of Indian River's most prominent fishermen and leading fish houses, R. R. Ricou & Sons, of Jensen, is taken from The Fishing Gazette:

"Mr. Ricou, the senior member of the firm, commenced his career in the office of Geo. A. Hudson, deceased, of Savannah, Ga. He was the pioneer fisherman of Florida, having opened a fishery there in 1870. Mr. Ricou afterwards filled the position of foreman for Mr. Hudson. During the summer he went north fishing for a change and pleasure. He was afterwards in the employ of Savarese & Brother for three years as foreman and two years with John Savarese, at Tampa. From there Mr. Ricou went to Brunswick, Ga., where he was engaged in the oyster packing business, holding different positions with the Oyster Cultivation Canning company for two years. Mr. Ricou went to Florida from Brunswick, and located at Titusville, with little or no capital. The Indian river fishing was so attractive he decided to locate there permanently, and selected Jensen as the place that offered the best prospects. Mr. Ricou went to work with the object of building up a successful business, one that he could turn over to his sons and feel that when accomplished he had done all that could be expected of him. It was a hard struggle for years, for he had many setbacks, but finally got the business on a good foundation, and today he is recognized as the largest handler of Indian river fish in Florida. He has from \$12,000 to \$15,000 invested in fishing gear, tackle, nets, boats, ice and fish houses, camps, etc. He owns 32 round bottom and 22 sea skiffs. He employs 110 men and fishes outside at Fort Pierce, Gilberts bar, Lantana and Jupiter inlet. He is using gill nets altogether at present. He has nine small cottages which he furnishes rent free to his men, who receive good treatment and show their appreciation by doing good work. Mr. Ricou has done much good for the morals of the fishermen, and is to be commended. He has fish houses at Lantana and Jupiter inlet. He makes a specialty of pompano, Spanish mackerel and sheephead, shipping 40 to 50 barrels per day in season. He also handles large quantities of trout, mullet, etc. The demand for pompano exceeds the supply. From October to April he shipped 185,000 pounds. In eight shipments he handled 100,000 pounds. He is also interested in the firm of Ricou & O'Brien, at Fort Pierce."

Weekly Weather Report.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WEATHER BUREAU.

Comparative statement of temperatures and rainfall for the week ending Tuesday, April 22nd, 1902.

DATE	1902		1901	
	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	MIN.
April 16	79	70	79	59
" 17	81	67	79	69
" 18	77	66	77	70
" 19	78	62	79	67
" 20	78	59	72	60
" 21	79	62	70	51
" 22	80	70	73	52

Total rainfall for the week, 0.29 inch. Departure from the normal rainfall for the week, minus 0.34 inch. Departure from normal rainfall since Jan. 1, 1902, minus 3.61 inches.

HAL P. HARDIN, Observer Weather Bureau, Jupiter, Fla., April 22, 1902.

A Southern Writer.

It is not at all improbable that before many years have passed the south will be joining proudly to a new writer in the field of fiction; a writer whose present work along another line gives promise of something of enduring interest if she turns to fiction when more mature—Helen Keller. This wonderful girl from Alabama, blind and deprived of all sense of hearing, is putting so much poetic feeling, sentiment and deep thought, and is showing such marvelous descriptive power, in her story of her life now appearing in The Ladies' Home Journal, that one cannot help wondering what she would do if she were to try her hand at a romance. It is too early yet for her to think of it, as she is only twenty one, and still in college; but it requires no stretch of the imagination to conceive of her as becoming one of the south's most famous authors by and by.

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Saints Versus Sinners.

Aroused by the statement of the Rev. J. W. Moore of Calvary Baptist church that the sinners give more to the church than the members of the congregation, a unique contest will take place on May 11 at Chester, Pa., says the New York World. The board of deacons filed their complaint against the statement, and the pastor defended his assertion and offers to prove it. Two plates will be set aside, one for the sinners and the other for the congregation, and the plate which has the larger contribution will win the contest. The Sunday school has entered into the rivalry, and the children will try to beat their elders.

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Notice is hereby given that John Henry, agent, purchaser of tax certificate No. 789, dated the 6th day of July, A. D. 1896, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Brevard county, Florida, to-wit: All of section 22, township 31 south, of range 35 east, containing 640 acres, the said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Florida Southern Railway company. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 5th day of May, A. D. 1902. Witness my official signature and seal this 1st day of April, 1902. A. A. STEWART, Clerk Circuit Court of Brevard Co., Fla. Titusville, Fla., April 4th, 1901.

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