

Some State Happenings

Florida Items Gathered from Our Exchanges.

Crystal River is to have a mushroom farm and the projector expects to dispose of all his crop to the epicures of the town.

The Women's Town Improvement Association of St. Petersburg has purchased a lot and will erect a building of their own.

There is a movement on the foot to erect a pier in north Seabreeze, and it is understood \$1,500 has been subscribed towards the plan.

The town of Hastings will soon install a city clock on the tower of the new bank building so the people will not get ahead of time.

Miss Maud Jeffcoat, living five miles west of Gainesville, was seriously injured last Wednesday by being kicked in the face by a young horse.

Mose Johnson, a Pensacola negro, was the first victim of the new law prohibiting drinking on trains and Judge Beggs gave him four months on the county chain gang.

Mr. John L. Bowen, 78 years of age, was found dead in bed at the home of Mr. J. B. Sauls in Wauchula on the morning of the 12th. He was the grandfather of forty-four children.

Quincy now has an up-to-date paid fire department comfortably located in the building formerly occupied by the city officers. Something every town should have to reduce insurance.

A negro woman in Louisville ate five watermelons and then died. This is the first case on record where eating that fruit has ever injured a negro. It is long suit.—Kissimmee Gazette.

Owing to the State's embarrassed condition the governor has been compelled to levy the minimum tax rate of five mills in Georgia. This is 2 1/2 mills less than the State tax in Florida, however.

Rev. W. C. Woodruff, an aged Baptist minister in charge of a church at Camp Walton, near Pensacola, was drowned last week in the presence of his wife, by falling from the "Evaugel," which he had just completed.

Mr. LeSuer Gauden, of DeLand, has been appointed by the president as a census superintendent for the Second Congressional district. It is an important position, paying \$2,000 for the ten months.—DeLand Record. To the victor belongs the spoils.

Sheriff Nance, of Columbia county, recently sent to State Chemist Rose 18 samples of so-called temperance drinks sold in that county and they were found to have from 0.60 to 7.61 per cent of alcohol in them. Some of them more intoxicating than beer.

While a band calling themselves Wesleyan Methodists were holding a tent meeting at Newberry on Sunday of last week a bolt of lightning ran under the tent and stunned Rev. Coone and Willis, the wife and child of one of them, and others, breaking up the meeting.

The Gainesville Sun truthfully says: Local patriotism consists in building up a community materially, socially, intellectually and morally. To talk or patriotism, whether local or national, even with the tongue of an angel, is nothing but rant unless it is accompanied by practical action along the lines indicated.

The coming season Florida will harvest her largest citrus crop, the present estimate being 6,000,000 boxes. With the citrus exchanges and the brokers handling a large per cent of the crop the distribution will be much better and this means better prices for all the growers. The crop will be ready to move earlier than usual, says the DeLand Record.

Ten thousand dollars is the estimated cost of the hot weather in Pensacola from the loss of dray mules alone. Every wholesale firm in the city had mules to die while in harness while the city stock has also suffered. On the 18th seven teams dropped in their tracks in various places about the city. Only one man, a carpenter, is known to have succumbed. Work was suspended for a part of two days in some places.

The correspondent who was guilty of sending out that false and ridiculous report from Miami of a Seminole uprising should be "smoked out"—that is, if that report really emanated from Miami. Floridians know how silly it was, but nervous persons up North might be deterred from coming to Florida by such stories. That may have been the purpose.—Times-Union.

The public roads in Volusia county are being widened to thirty feet and will be hard-surfaced as soon as possible.

The First National Bank of DeLand, capitalized at from \$50,000 to \$100,000, the stock to be held entirely by Volusia county people, is now organizing.

Pearl Davis, of Archer, the young white girl who was detained in Gainesville as an incorrigible, has been adjudged insane and sent to Chattahoochee.

Postmaster W. C. Smith, of Daytona has received credit from the postoffice department for the amount of loss sustained in the burglary of that postoffice last February.

The exclusive right to plant oysters in a part of the waters bordering on Volusia county, has been granted to certain parties by the commissioners, of that county.

From the Punta Gorda Herald it is learned that when the fishing season opened on August 16th more than four hundred men found employment at the port and that not less than three hundred boats were in use. The capital invested amounts to about \$150,000.

There are one or two features about the present prosperity of Perry that are not so pleasant. Nearly everybody has been notified to stand an increase in rent, and there is not a vacant building in which to move except the town jail and sometimes it is full of full ones.—Perry Herald.

The body of Mrs. Hattie May French was found in a bedroom of the St. Charles hotel, Tampa, Sunday night. A bottle of chloroform beside her told the manner of her death. She was the wife of W. T. French, a Plant City merchant, and her death is said to be due of family troubles.

The county commissioners of Gadsden county, after approving 168 pension applications under the new law, turned down the one of H. J. Gilburne, who made affidavit, after they learned that he had refused \$4,000 for turpentine privileges alone on the land owned by him and had a snug sum in bank.

The big bungalow and postoffice at Cape Sable have been destroyed by fire. The buildings were owned by the estate of the late James A. Waddell. James Connelly, the sole occupant of the house, can give no cause for the fire, but it is thought to have originated from a smoke pot used to drive away mosquitoes.

The contract for the \$7,000 modern packing house to be erected by the Florence Villa has been let to W. F. Boyd. This packing house will be of wood construction, modern in all details for the handling, washing and packing of fruit, and its size, 111 by 187 feet, is sufficient for all the purpose for some years to come. Bonfoey & Elliott were the architects and have been retained to supervise the construction.—Tampa Times.

Several prominent citizens of Putnam county are incorporating the American Pecan Company with a good capitalization for the purpose of planting something like 1,000 acres to the improved pecan. The total contemplated acreage will be divided into blocks of eight acres each situated in different parts of Florida suitable for the culture. It is proposed to plant peaches between the pecan trees to assist in maintaining the groves and property. The general office will be located in Palatka.

That a baseball manager may oppose State Senator James E. Broome, oldest member of the upper branch of the State legislature, in the next primary, was proposed by a demonstration on the court house square in Quincy last Wednesday following the team's victory over Bainbridge, when, wild with enthusiasm, men gathered called loudly for A. D. Covington, manager of the team, who was introduced as "next Senator from the Sixth district." That would be considered retrograding over here.

From a report of the fisheries of Florida for the year ending December 31, 1908, and just issued for publication by the census bureau we glean the following: The number of the individual fishermen was 3,288, and the wage-earning fishermen 5,924, making a total of 9,212 persons engaged in the fisheries. The total catch amounted to \$3,388,690, requiring the use of 327 vessels, 5,702 boats, 3,640 gill nets, 702 seines, 140 trammel nets, besides other miscellaneous apparatus. Mullet heads the list of fish caught, there being 24,716,300

pounds, valued at \$652,030, taken during the year. Pompano seemed to be the most valuable, the 507,700 pounds caught being valued at \$65,050.

While en route from New Orleans to New York on the steamer Proteus, on Monday of last week, H. W. Fisher, of the Dallas (Texas) News, who had a severe attack of appendicitis, had to pay the captain of the boat \$500 to land him so he could get to a sanitarium. He was landed at West Palm Beach, carried to Jacksonville and the operation was successful. But squeezing \$500 out of a dying man was graft alright.

At Fernandina is what is said to be the largest sailing vessel that ever entered Florida waters. It is the Siera Miranda; a Norwegian bark, which has a steel hull and a capacity of 2,850 tons. It left Hamburg on June 24th, and arrived in Fernandina on August 4th, where it is being loaded by the Joe King Jr., Company, of Jacksonville with lumber for Buenos Ayres. The shipment will consist of 1,500,000 feet which is one of the largest ever sent from this State to a South American port.

The champion ice cream eaters of the country reside at Fort Barrancas, in Amos Musel, an artilleryman, and Frank Kocela, a musician, both attached to the artillery service. At an ice cream eating contest at Warrington, near the fort one night lately each ate 40 plates of ice cream, and the contest was called off, for the reason that the two had eaten up two freezers of cream. Both had heretofore shown remarkable appetites for cream, and had easily made away with a dozen dishes, so the contest was arranged. When the last dish was disposed of each man declared that he could easily make away with a dozen or more dishes. Another contest is to be arranged for next week, when there will be a sufficiency of cream ready, and the championship will be decided.

Among the people who are looking to Florida with interest are many women equal to light tasks of garden, poultry and other outdoor industries that are not taxing upon their strength. Among these is the preparation of preserves and confections, for which Florida furnishes a wonderful wealth of material. The guava fruit, for example, supplies a score of forms of the most delicious sweets, universally popular and sought at profitable prices. The harvest of the fruit lasts for about three months, and it is not too much to say that an active and skillful housewife can put up during that time enough money's worth of guavas to maintain her handsomely for the entire year.

Notice.

of Application for Tax Deed Under Section 8 of Chapter 4888, Laws of Florida.
NOTICE is hereby given that J. C. Hancock purchaser of Tax Certificates No. 61 and 62 dated the 3rd day of June A. D. 1907, 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 St. Lucie county, Florida to-wit: N 1/2 of S W 1/4 & S W 1/4 of S W 1/4, Sec. 28, 29, & N E 1/4 of S E 1/4 Sec. 30, all in Tp 37 S, R 41 E containing 160 acres.
The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of H. J. Haney Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 25 day of September A. D. 1909.
Witness my official signature and seal this the 25 day of August A. D. 1909.
J. E. Fultz,
Clerk Circuit Court St. Lucie County, Florida.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Fla.,
August 20th, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that Mary M. Jordan, of Gifford, Florida, who, on September 10th, 1907, made homestead entry (S. W., 04663) No. 37820, for S 1/2 NW 1/4 and N 1/2 NW 1/4, Section 12, Township 34 South, Range 35 East, Tallahassee meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof to establish claim to the land above described before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Fort Pierce, Florida, on the 6th day of October, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses:
Reddin Swain, of Fort Drum, Florida.
John Barton, " " " "
John Parker, " " " "
Wyman Potter, " " " "
HENRY S. CHUBE, Register.

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