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DE LAND DEPOT BURNED TO GROUND

The DeLand depot was burned to the ground this morning.

The front of the building was discovered on fire about 2:30 o'clock by the watchman at the College Arms hotel. An effort was made to get central at the telephone station, but this was finally found to be impossible, and an alarm was then brought down town on foot.

William Johnson, Agent Powe's assistant at the station, and his mother roomed over the station. The fire had gained such headway when they were awakened that they escaped with only their night-clothes. Mr. Johnson running down street barefooted and in his night gown to give the alarm.

The alarm was finally given and the fire apparatus gotten out. It arrived too late to save the depot building, or any of the freight house; but was effectively used in saving the Dreka warehouse. This was accomplished only by hard work on the part of the department.

The depot and freight warehouse (which was full of freight at the time) are a total loss.

During the fire live electric light wires fell to the ground and there were several narrow escapes from electrocution.

W. B. Fudger, who was chief of the DeLand Fire Department many years, happened to be stopping at the College Arms Hotel. He was quickly on the scene and fought fire with his old time vigor.

G. A. Dreka, with his usual thoughtfulness, was on the scene with buckets of coffee which he gave around to the volunteer firemen.

The loss is hard to estimate just at this time, but will probably be between \$5,000.00 and \$6,000.00.

For several years there has been more or less of a demand to have the location of the depot changed to some place west of town, and do away with the running of trains through the town, and along one of our best streets. The opinion has been divided as to the advisability of making this change. It is probable that the officials of the railroad will now insist on an expression of opinion from our people before rebuilding.

played Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The attendants were Mr. C. E. Taylor and Miss Susie Hatcher, sister of the bride; Mr. Roy Merlock and Miss Ethel Frierson, who preceded the principals. The bride entered on the arm of the groom. They were met under the "wedding bell" by Mr. Tabor, who, in a brief and impressive service, pronounced them man and wife. During the service Mrs. Tabor played low, soft music, and after the service rendered the Lohengrin Wedding March.

The happy couple were then given most hearty congratulations, after which all partook of refreshments. The presents were numerous, being both useful and ornamental.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans went on Wednesday to Daytona and St. Augustine, where they will spend a few days, and then return to DeLand for several weeks before going to Tennessee to make their home.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB.

The work of telling stories to children, on alternate Saturday afternoons, which was carried on so successfully last year by Mrs. Chapman of the Literary Department, will be done this year by the Civic Department, under the direction of Miss Knox, kindergarten at the University. The first meeting will be at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon of this week at the club room in Fountain's block, when Miss Knox will be glad to meet children between the ages of five and twelve years, and especially invites the mothers to be present. Christmas stories will be told, and Miss Knox will give suggestions about Christmas books. At the following meetings it is probable that the time will be divided into two periods, in the first of which the stories told will be adapted to children between the ages of five and nine years, and in the second period to older children.

The regular meeting of the club next Tuesday afternoon will be under the direction of Mrs. G. W. Fisher, chairman of the Music Department, who is preparing an attractive program. Attention is again called to the Christmas stamps issued by the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, which have been placed on sale in different stores, and can also be obtained from Mrs. Gaudin.

Catholic Fair a Great Success.

The fair, or festival, given in G. A. Dreka & Co.'s new store Tuesday evening by the ladies of St. Peter's Catholic church was a decided success. The room was crowded. The concert given after the supper was highly appreciated. About \$125 was netted.

PALM BEACH VOTES FOR GOOD ROADS BONDS

West Palm Beach, Fla., Dec. 15.—Full returns from the precincts of the county show that the \$200,000 bond issue for good roads for Palm Beach county carried in yesterday's election by a majority of at least two hundred and fifty. The progressive citizens of the county are highly elated over the great victory. Opposition to the improvement dwindled to practically nothing. Palm Beach county is Florida's youngest as it was only created by the last Legislature. That it is not going to be behind the other counties of the State is made certain however, by the unanimity with which the big issue carried.

Palm Beach county is on the bandwagon with the other progressive counties which have lately voted bond issues for the improvement of the county highways. Out of the amount realized from the bond issue it is planned to construct a complete system of good roads reaching into every section of Palm Beach county.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES AT THE DE LAND CHURCHES

No very elaborate programs are to be presented this Christmas by any of the DeLand Sunday schools, but simple exercises, and trees for the little folk, will be enjoyed by most of them. On account of the continued illness of Rector Roche, St. Barnabas will not attempt any celebration. Neither will St. Peter's celebrate as a Sunday school. On Christmas Eve the children of the First Methodist Sunday school will have their Christmas exercises, consisting of music, recitations, etc., and the indispensable tree; exercises to begin about 7 o'clock.

On Friday evening at 7:30 the children of the Christian church will be treated to an evening of stereopticon views, finished off with the usual tree.

On Saturday afternoon the little folk of the Baptist Sunday school will have their exercises and tree.

Probably on Christmas evening the Grace Methodist Sunday school will have its usual tree, with very simple exercises.

DECEMBER SESSION CRIMINAL COURT

Criminal Court met on Tuesday, Judge Perkins presiding, and Solicitor Fish prosecuting. The jury for the week consisted of:

E. R. Drake, John Lena
A. W. Christolm, C. T. Pent
I. F. Humphris, T. J. Baker
R. R. Smallwood, J. C. Moody
D. Peterson, J. S. Yelvington
A. J. Goodson, Geo. Moore

The docket for the present term is shorter than usual, as many of the accused have plead guilty during the month, and either paid their fines or gone to work for the county.

PLEAS OF GUILTY.
R. H. Mack, affray; fined \$2.50 or 45 days.

Thomas Coleman, petit larceny; \$2.00 or 60 days.

Sam Smith, petit larceny; not yet sentenced.

Stella Robinson, assault and battery; not yet sentenced.

Jim Jones, assault and battery; not yet sentenced.

FOUND GUILTY

Henry Meritt and Sylvester Frazier, better known as Pee-Wee, charged with petit larceny and receiving stolen goods (robbing Dr. John Reeve). This was the first jury case to be heard. Pee-Wee took a severance. Frazier was placed on trial Wednesday afternoon and was found guilty. This is the negro whom Judge Stewart tried to have released by habeas corpus proceedings first before Court Commissioner McCroary and later before Judge Jones himself. Pee-Wee has not yet been tried.

The case of Sam Alford, charged with attempt to assault a little negro girl near Ormond, was tried yesterday. The testimony was most revolting. The child is about 10 years old.

NOT PROSSED

The case against H. G. Wilson and A. D. Sims, charged with malfeasance in office, was not prosessed.

THE EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION DURING HOLIDAY WEEK

A Tremendous Attendance of Teachers and Educational Workers from All Over the State Will Be Here.

For more than two months our local committees and all the people of DeLand have worked together in a spirit of unanimity in getting ready for the big holiday convention of educators to be held here December 28-31.

A very important meeting of the local committee will be held on Friday evening of this week, and Prof. Culp, the chairman, urges a full attendance.

Supr. Botts, who is chairman of sub-committee on local enrollments, has enlisted the co-operation of the teachers of the public schools in working up a full advance enrollment. President Hulley has appointed Miss Esther Hampton of the university faculty to canvass the individual members of the faculty to secure advance enrollments and thus help Prof. Botts in the work of his special committee. On Monday last the official badges were received and counted by the chairman of the committee assisted by Mr. Botts and Mr. Suhrie. It was found that the shipment included 1001 perfect badges. These badges, together with an official receipt properly countersigned by the secretary of the Association, furnish evidence of membership in the association and Mr. Botts is authorized by the secretary to give out a badge and a certificate of membership to all who will pay the fee of \$1.00. The expenses of the program, as well as the general expenses of the association, are maintained by these enrollment fees. It is hoped that the DeLand meeting will number the largest registration by far in the history of the association. At St. Augustine some years ago there was an enrollment, we understand, of about 800. The local committee here are determined to make it a thousand this year.

Prof. Suhrie has received a score of letters every day during the past week giving assurance that large delegations are coming from all sections of the State. The superintendent of Madison county writes that practically all of his teachers will be here. Similar assurances have been received from a dozen counties. Some of the counties are making an active canvass to bring, if possible, every teacher.

This is going to be a great convention. The people of DeLand have been busy for weeks getting ready, and everybody will continue to assist in the good work until the city has fully redeemed every pledge made to the association in the name of the City Council, the county and local Boards of Public Education, the trustees and faculty of the university, the Business Men's League, the Ministerial Association, and all the other representative organizations which united in extending the invitation. Mr. Suhrie says that the correspondence is gratifying, in that school principals, superintendents, among them many of the members of the executive committee, are giving unqualified indorsement to the work and to the plans adopted by our local committee. The State papers also are saying very complimentary things about DeLand as a convention city, and about our people as hosts. If we do not have a thousand delegates or more, it will not be because our local committee have not burned a sufficient quantity of midnight oil. There is much good work yet to be done. Now let everybody help.

The city is going to be beautifully decorated. Many of the business houses and private homes are going to have special decorations, appropriate to the occasion. Now let everybody clean up

the premises, improve the sidewalks and keep up the good work until DeLand shall look like a sweet girl graduate.

St. Johns Lodge Elects Officers.

St. Johns Lodge, No. 37, F. & A. M., has elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

W. M.—S. B. Wright, Jr.
S. W.—J. R. Wetherell
J. W.—N. B. Montreville
Treasurer—S. A. Wood
Secretary—H. D. Bracey.

MISS GENEVE MURPHY.

Former Stetson Student Passes Away After Six Weeks' Illness.

Miss Geneve Murphy, formerly of Aurora, Ill., died on Tuesday, December 16, after an illness of six weeks, of typhoid fever. Miss Murphy had many friends in DeLand, having spent the past two winters here, graduating from the kindergarten department of Stetson University last May.

The Orange Market.

Oranges are still bringing a very low price. Many of our growers have stopped shipping until after the holidays, when prices will probably be better. The exchange, which has a great fund of information about market conditions, advised the closing of picking houses several weeks ago. If this had been followed strictly, the market would have been in good condition today. Many people need the money that their oranges should bring, while others are afraid of the fruit being injured on the trees. But it might as well be ruined on the trees as to net the grower only a few cents a box, as has occurred several times recently, of which we have heard. Ship slowly.

Cantata at Baptist Church.

On next Monday evening the young people of the higher grades in the Baptist Sunday School will present the cantata, "The Nativity of Christ," in the Baptist church. Prof. J. W. Phillips is in charge of the cantata, and will be assisted by Miss Conkling and several other good singers from the university.

The Messiah.

On Sunday afternoon the ever beautiful Handel's Messiah will be sung by a chorus of fifty voices at vespers. Service begins promptly at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Farris and Mrs. Selden will accompany the chorus and soloists. Miss Lena Conkling will sing all the soprano solos and recitatives. Mr. H. J. Wilmshurst will sing the two principal tenor solos, and Miss Mary Ziegler will sing the alto solos. Prof. John W. Phillips will conduct.

This will be the last vesper service of the year. Everybody is invited to come.

Sales by Gould-Wooten Co.

The Gould-Wooten Agency reports the following sales this week:

Mary E. Williamson to E. B. Mott, business and residence property, Daytona Beach; consideration, \$5,000.

E. B. Mott to Mary E. Williamson, five-acre orange grove with residence on Wisconsin avenue; consideration, \$4,000.

K. B. & T. L. Osteen and V. W. Gould to Wm. Mackey, Lot No. 6, Section 14, of Osteen Tract, ten acres.

K. B. & T. L. Osteen and V. W. Gould to Einar Kajander, Lots 11 and 12 of Osteen Tract, twenty acres.

LAST MEETING FOR THE YEAR

City Council met in regular session Monday night. Present, President Davis, Councilmen Fountain, Dreka and Woodall.

Atty. Silas B. Wright presented petition from the Bond Lumber Company requesting that the petitioners be permitted to lay in South Boulevard and in Hubbard and Alabama avenues water pipes to be connected with the city water mains, as follows: 4 inch cast iron pipe from the pipe now at the corner of Wats avenue south along the Boulevard to Hubbard avenue, a distance of about 1,320 feet; 2 or 2 1/2 inch pipe eastward along Hubbard avenue, a distance of about 1,320 feet; 2 inch pipe along Alabama avenue, north from Hubbard avenue, a distance of about 660 feet; said pipe to be laid under the direction of the city engineer and in accordance with city ordinances; that all water rents collected from buildings erected on lands belonging to petitioners be rebated or returned to them until they shall be reimbursed for the expense of said pipe and for laying the same. Referred to Fire and Water Committee, to have contract drawn for approval.

Petition was read from property owners of East New York avenue requesting the laying of a six-inch water main on that street, in place of the 2 inch pipe now in use. Referred to Fire and Water Committee for report.

Petition was read from Grant Bly, as attorney, requesting the dismissal of the suit against S. W. Wats for an old paving bill on Voorhis avenue, the same having been settled out of court many years ago. Referred to city attorneys for investigation and that the suit be dismissed at once if the claim has been settled.

Application was made by Mrs. Sarah Harris Smith and Mr. Moore for privilege to tap water mains at the eastern limits of the city, at their own expense, and to be supplied with water at regular rates. The petition was granted, connections to be made by city engineer.

W. C. Cannons appeared before Council and requested that better lights be provided for the hook and ladder house. Referred to Fire and Water Committee.

Bills were audited and warrants drawn in payment thereof as follows:
C. F. Spaulding, \$ 3.00
John G. Christopher, 101.82
Pittsburg Meter Co., 50.00
A. H. Woodall, .75
Bond & Ponder, 21.13
T. E. Eccles, 2.50
Watts & Miller Co., 3.35
G. A. Dreka & Co., 31.86
Blane Bros., 10.61
Electric Light Company, 200.00
DeLand Telephone Co., 1.50
Maggie Wilson, 4.00
W. A. Allen & Co., .95
John Cranor, 81.75
W. C. Watts, 9.55
Scott Hodgkins, 30.50
A. Howard, 4.18

An ordinance was passed providing for the construction of cement sidewalks on West New York avenue, from Clara avenues to Adelle avenue, on both sides of said avenue.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

The engineer reported: Water pumped, 4,659,592 gallons; daily average, 155,319 gallons; new taps, 11; taps opened, 13; taps closed, 3; wood consumed, 37 cords; wood in yard, 43 cords; coal in bin, 33 tons. During month, wood hauled by Thos. L. Dean, 15 cords; by David Monroe, 26

cords; by H. Howard, 3 cords. New meters installed, 10.

Marshal reported the collection of \$23 in fines.

Treasurer reported the following balances on hand Nov. 30: 1909
General revenue, \$ 300.10
Bond interest, 4399.85
Water works, 1790.08
Streets, 124.36

Total cash on hand, \$6585.29
Collections for November: General revenue, \$81.90; fire and water, \$23.95; sanitary, \$11.40; bond interest, \$23.95; water works, \$376.85; streets, \$107.75.

COURTESIES ARE EXTENDED.

DeLand Railway Officials Try to Oblige the Public.

That DeLand does not receive the railway service to which it, as one of the principal stations on the line between Jacksonville and Tampa, is entitled, THE NEWS does not hesitate to affirm. But when it is stated in the public press that it is impossible to secure a civil answer from the DeLand employes of the railway company, an untruth that is probably injurious to the town is sent out. The young lad who runs the DeLand "Supplement" probably has good intentions, but like all lads he goes off half-cocked. The "editor" is not a citizen of the town, or a voter here (if he is old enough to vote), and has not been here long enough to learn conditions.

He probably does not know that DeLand is one of the very few towns in the United States (if there is another) in which free freight delivery is given. This is secured through C. A. Miller, and the railroad is entitled to no credit whatever for it. But we have it just the same.

There is probably no class of people who is called upon to answer so many "fool" questions as the railroad man. The "editor" of the "Supplement"—supplement to what is not stated—has probably been asking some such questions as youngsters will do. Mr. Powe ought to take the boy on his knee and answer the question. How can the lad learn anything if he doesn't ask questions?

THE NEWS man has lived in DeLand some 31 years. He has known Joe Powe since the two of us went swimming together and took off all our clothes a half mile or so before we got to the lake; we have known Willie Johnson since he was a little pink-toed youngster, and we do not believe either of them has been guilty of any discourtesy—even to the young "editor" of the "Supplement."

EVANS-HATCHER.

Tennessee Man Captures Fair DeLand Lady.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hatcher on North Boulevard, at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, their daughter, Mable Ella, was joined in wedlock to Mr. John Milton Evans, the ceremony being performed by Rev. U. S. Tabor, pastor of the M. E. church, South.

The house was artistically decorated with ferns, spanish moss, bamboo and palms, while on the outside Japanese lanterns lent festivity to the occasion.

The house was filled with invited friends, who gathered in the parlors. Mrs. Tabor presided at the piano and