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The Daily News Can be purchased at F. C. COCHRANE'S NEWS STAND, at the Post Office.

The News Office. The office of THE DAILY NEWS is located on Water street, in the new building next to Reid's general store.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT. The thermometer at the Morange Pharmacy registered yesterday 70 degrees at 5 a. m.; 80 degrees at 12 m. and 69 degrees at 6 p. m.

Reading Notices.

Don't fail to call at "The Family Store" and purchase a select out of Bologna Ham, direct from Chicago packing house, and also have received by City of Palatka to-day, nice lot of Family Supplies, Canned Goods, Best Cream Butter, Cheese, Old Dominion Pigs-hams, Shoulders, Bologna's, F. M. Buffalo Strips, Chip Beef, etc. Go to R. H. Reid & Son, Keuka, for the same choice supplies. R. H. Reid.

Furnished Rooms near the J. T. & K. W. Depot to rent. Inquire at this office.

F. C. Cochran has just received nice boxes for packing orange blossoms.

At the Putnam Pharmacy, Neroli Cologne, prepared from a choice recipe, Odontia, an excellent preparation for the teeth. Recommended by the best dentists. Prescriptions compounded with absolute accuracy at all hours of the day and night.

First-class Groceries, at very low prices, are being sold at McLaury & Co.'s new store.

Sign painting and carriage painting a specialty at L. MEYER'S paint shop.

NEW ENTERPRISE.—Mr. Lewis will serve customers at their homes with Hot Rolls and Bread daily. H. A. MEYER, Palace Bakery.

Full line of paints always on hand at L. MEYER'S paint store.

Fresh up-river Oranges, very fine quality, received every day, at Tomkins & West's, on the wharf.

For artistic signs see J. H. Merryday.

Go to Smith, the butcher, for all kinds of fresh meat.

Smith is at the old fresh meat market stand on Front street.

If you want the best material and workmanship when you paint, go to J. H. Merryday.

Fresh poultry daily, New York and Western fresh meats always on hand at Smith's.

CITY NOTES.

A gang of thieves are doing this town your professional thieves at that—and two professional detectives now are here from New York looking after them.

The Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West railroad has received four fine new passenger coaches, which will be immediately placed on the line between this city and Jacksonville.

The Palatka "Dodge Club" excursion up the river on the Merrimac. They deserted the boat at Astor, ferried across the river and spent the day among Volusia county orange blossoms, arriving home on the Florida Friday evening.

Mr. T. C. Cockran's fancy store in the postoffice block is a very popular resort for strangers and citizens generally. His stock embraces all the Florida novelties and a great variety of fancy goods of every description. The taste must be critical indeed that fails to select from the elegant stock carried by this establishment.

On Thursday morning a shirt and necktie stained with blood were found near the Larkin House under Dalton's carpenter-shop. The shirt was new, had the firm stamp of Bucky, in Jacksonville, and bore the initials J. G. A. Palatka is rapidly earning an unenviable notoriety and unless our streets are better guarded the occurrence of some tragedy will make us forget the petty vexations to which we are now subjected by the lawless rascals in our midst.

We have noticed that strangers are accustomed to visit the churches of the colored people to indulge in studies on a phase of Southern life they generally know only through the sketches of Joel C. Harris and his compeers, who knew the olden time. To those we wish to say that the ball given by the best elements of our colored population at Fry's Opera Hall on Monday evening will afford a new field of observation, and from our knowledge of the projectors we can assure them that no unpleasant occurrence will mar their enjoyment. There will be good music and C. D. Jackson will preserve order and welcome all comers.

Lately a number of young men of this city have formed a club under the name of "Palatka Social Club," with the following set of officers: G. G. Williams, president; J. H. Nugent, vice-president; G. L. Lafkin, secretary, and P. McGuire, treasurer. The aim of this society is to promote sociability amongst its members and give occasionally dramatic entertainments in the interest of some laudable purpose. Their first entertainment will be given for the benefit of St. Monica Catholic Church on Easter Monday, April 14th, at Fry's Opera House, followed by a grand ball. The object is a worthy one and we hope our young friends will have the ample encouragement they deserve.

PERSONALS.

Mr. Eli Sauble, of Sauble station on the J. T. & K. W., was in town yesterday and reports his garden as flourishing amazingly.

Capt. C. S. Schoonmaker of the good steamer Astatula, was in the city yesterday, as gallant a tar and genial a soul as ever blessed a stevedore or tied up his craft in a cane brake.

We are glad to see the Hon. Judson C. Strickland, superintendent of public instruction, was in the city on Saturday. His office at the Court House was full of business during the forenoon.

Among the arrivals at the Putnam on yesterday was Mrs. Tourgee, the wife of Judge Albion Winegar Tourgee, the well known author and journalist. We are sorry to add that the lady left almost immediately our little city where her husband and his journal have many admirers.

Our sanctum was illumined yesterday by the presence of that prince of newspaper men, Colonel W. S. Wagstaff, of the Tropical Paradise. Probably no man of his age and inches in the state has been so comfortably fed and cared for as this peripatetic knight of the quill. It can never be charged up to his score that he ever mistook a beefsteak for a wet umbrella. The colonel is waxing obese.

We were pleased to meet on the streets yesterday an old acquaintance and friend, Mr. Wm. C. Chase, formerly the editor and publisher of the Oil and Drug Journal, of New York. Mr. Chase has come to Palatka to settle and we are happy to be able to state that he will settle in our city. What foresight does it require to map out the future of such a town as this when each succeeding day adds to her citizenship such men as Wm. Chase.

Mr. David Young and the alligator brigade returned to-day in the chartered steamer Marion. These gentlemen, as our readers know, have been to the headwaters of the St. Johns in a vain attempt to push their way into Lake Washington. What they did and when they did it, how these hardy navigators boldly sailed up the winding river and surmounted the manifold dangers of such an expedition, behold it is written in the chronicles of the alligator brigade and published in THE NEWS to the special delectation of all parties concerned. Welcome the famous warriors to peaceful haunts again.

Our visitors come from all over our broad land, and are all welcome, but we were especially gratified to see Mr. H. B. Bailey, of San Mateo, and his friend, Mr. Chris Barrow, of Lowell, Mass. Mr. Bailey is one of those citizens, who having made a fortune amidst the ice and snow of another clime, comes to Florida, and cannot leave. He has invested largely in Putnam, and is already numbered among those solid men who exercise so mighty an influence in bringing about the good time already upon us. And then he comes and brings a friend as good as himself. Putnam welcomes all such.

Mr. W. H. Cook, of Pomona, called to see us yesterday. Mr. Cook is a lawyer now of Pomona, Fla., but formerly of Central New York. He came to Florida some years ago for his health. While regaining his strength he has made a beautiful orange grove, and is a most valuable citizen as well as a consistent, earnest democrat. His experience in public affairs as well as his ripe knowledge of men and parties, entitle his views to careful study and the attention always paid to enlightened thought on important questions. We were glad to see that he endorsed our ideas as expressed in the criticisms on the letters of Mr. Lyle and of Mr. Hind, but he has given us many suggestions on the subject of taxation which we shall be glad to elaborate and submit to the consideration of our readers.

RIVER NEWS.

The captain of the steamer Princess shot a big gator in Dunn's creek yesterday and brought the carcass on to this city.

The yacht Magnolia returned to this city yesterday. She managed to weather the Volusia bar and made her way as far south as Sanford.

The steamship Palatka sailed out of the mouth of the St. Johns on Friday morning. Her passenger list was greatly swelled at Jacksonville.

The new steamer to be built for the line between this port and Charleston will be a similar ship to the City of Palatka, only she will be much longer.

The steamer Greenwich has been up to the Jacksonville ways for an overhauling. She is now about ready to float again. Among other improvements she has a brand new smokestack.

The steamer Florida encountered a storm in big Lake George on her down trip on Friday last, and for a while her port vessel was out of the water and the vessel luffed painfully. After a time she got her head on to the wind and rode out the gale in safety. Lake George is a dangerous water.

Col. H. L. Hart received a dispatch from St. Augustine yesterday informing him of the safe arrival at that port of the steamer Flora, Captain Conklin. It will be seen that the old Flora is working her way up the coast and may be expected in the St. Johns at a very early day.

The school trustees have \$2,500 in funds for the erection of the new DeLand academy building, and work will be commenced shortly.

FIREMAN'S PARADE.

The Programme Agreed Upon by the Mechanic Boys.

At a meeting of Mechanic Steam Engine and Hose Company No. 1, on Friday night, it was agreed to have a grand parade and ball on May the 1st, next.

Invitations will be extended to the Mechanic's Engine Company of Jacksonville and to the Gem City Hook and Ladder Company of this city to participate in the parade and festivities. It is understood that both of these organizations will accept this invitation and a great day of jollification is in store for our friends.

The following committees have been appointed to perfect arrangements for the celebration, viz:

Arrangements—A. W. Mann, F. N. Marvick, J. H. Fry. Invitations—P. d'A. Pratt, G. Zehnbaun, J. C. Jackson. Floor Managers—S. J. Kennerly, P. d'A. Pratt, J. B. Beasley, Benj. Harrison.

The fire commissioners will constitute the committee on reception. Suitable arrangements will be made for music and a hall amply large will be engaged for the ball.

Altogether the community may look forward with certainty to an occasion of interest and pleasure.

Our Streets.

We will begin by stating a fundamental truth entirely lost sight of in Palatka, viz: the streets in their length and breadth belong to the public. These cannot lawfully be used for any private purpose, and the public only tolerates the use of its property for particular uses in unusual cases. Now on yesterday the sidewalk in front of our heaviest wholesale houses on Water street was blockaded by bags of bran, plows, wheelbarrows, and dry goods boxes, while a large proportion of the street was occupied by wagons, &c. In front of a first-class hotel there was no passage left between the chairs and tables of the guests, who used public property as if it belonged to their host.

Gentlemen, in all kindness and respect we ask, why is this allowed? Because the police do not compel a proper deference for others? Surely this is not the reason. If it is pure thoughtlessness, THE NEWS will continue to remind you till the nuisance is abated. We saw a lady put to discomfort and trouble in passing a pile of sacks on the sidewalk of our most frequented street at Griffin's block. On both sides just here an immense traffic is carried on, and the streets are often almost blockaded by the demands of legitimate business. But guests should not be allowed to monopolize public property any more than plows or boxes, and we complain at headquarters first.

What a Dog Did.

On yesterday afternoon T. W. Keith, a white man employed by Mr. F. A. Garrison, was driving a cart down Lemon street, with a dog, the property of Mr. Garrison, following. At the corner of Lemon and Front streets, one, Abram Wallace, a negro, endeavored to uncoil the dog from the vehicle, whereupon Mr. Keith jumped from the cart to prevent the interference, and then Wallace pushed Keith back, whereupon Keith knocked Wallace down. One, Jackson, a negro policeman, then here in sight and arrested both parties and escorted them to the mayor's office, where Keith was discharged and Wallace was fined one dollar and costs, as he, by the evidence, was clearly the aggressor. Not having the necessary funds to pay for his little frolic Wallace was then carried to jail, where he was subsequently relieved of his little gun with all its chambers loaded. At a later hour Mr. Garrison swore out a warrant against Wallace for carrying concealed weapons, and perjury, and attempting to steal a domestic animal. So Wallace is in limbo and it may be that Bisbee will be a vote short at the next election.

Land Sale.

From Col. C. A. Boardman, of the Florida Commercial Company, we learn of a transaction in real estate which will have immediate influence in the development of an interest prime in importance to our section.

That price of real estate agents, has sold to Mr. Asher Marwin, of Bloomington, Ill., a tract of land comprising 3800 acres, the nearest point of which is three miles from Palatka and the farthest six. Mr. Marwin will establish an extensive dairy farm, and will begin the necessary improvements at an early day. We shall soon have the model grass farm, and the finest herd of cows in Florida.

How we sigh for the time when we need not milk tin cans or cultivate beans in earthen pots with red labels from Boston!

The Crops.

From those of our friends who have gone into the raising of vegetables we hear nothing but favorable reports. In good seasons these tuck farmers make more clear money per acre than the orange growers, but the crop may cost more or less as it is necessary to irrigate. But the pay on the average seems to be satisfactory for the area increases yearly and Palatka with its immense hotels furnishes a never failing market, while rates on railroad and steamer allow quick and safe transportation to the north.

This year the gardens are unusually promising, experience has taught the farmer to evade many evils which were ruinous, and before many years our hotels will be independent in the matter of "garden sass" as well as for butter and eggs. Down with the can.

Mayor's Court.

His honor awarded one dollar and costs to D. N. Morgan for a dead drunk. Defendant paid, and decides that transgressors are sometimes punished even in this world.

A Soiree—Musical.

A grand soiree-musical will be given at the opera house on next Thursday evening under the directions of Prof. Sulzner for the benefit of the Presbyterian church. Some of the best local talent in the city has been enlisted to render the occasion pleasurable. It's a good cause and a large audience ought to respond to the notice given.

Thanks.

From Hon. J. L. Burton, of Crescent City, we get a list of subscribers—with the assurance that "THE NEWS takes well with all—will send another list soon."

We bow to the Colonel, and return profound thanks to the Judge. Our friends have all been most kind, and we can only assure them we will do our utmost to deserve their good opinion.

A New River Line.

The attention of shippers and other interested parties is invited to the advertisement of the steamer Merrimac in this issue of THE NEWS. It will be seen that she has been placed permanently on the river between Jacksonville and the South Florida ports—Enterprise, Sanford, etc. Her managers are well-known citizens, who authorize the statement that her freight and passenger rates are as low as those of any competing line on the river.

Our Dutchman's Opinions.

One try or two ago, I seen your notice dat Mr. Neck's family was ingrest by one boy, put it was a girl and from what I see, de fodder ish very well.

For de benefit of our Republic I can say de same, dat Bocaccio said about religion: She exists in spide of her officers.

When I read de world's history and see de pig teets of all de dese old heroes, I feel as if I want de ask mit dat great Turkish Pasha: Who was de woman.

A Famous Grove.

Sanford Sentinel.

In company with Mr. J. E. Pace we visited the Speer grove, a few days since, for the purpose of obtaining a few points and to take a general survey of this noted place. This grove, as is known by most of our readers, is the oldest in the state, having been planted by Dr. Speer over 40 years ago. It is located on Melville avenue, about one and a half miles from Sanford. It contains six acres and 550 trees. The trees look green and luxuriant, and it was evident that the frost had not injured them. The oranges had been gathered from a few trees only, but when the entire crop is gathered and packed, there will be over 5,000 boxes, amounting to over one million oranges. On a limb only one inch in diameter we noticed in one cluster over 100 oranges. Mr. Pace showed us a lemon-tree from which over 10,000 lemons will be picked this season. This is without doubt the finest grove we have seen yet, and strangers coming to Florida, who wish to see a model grove, should not fail to pay this one a visit.

General Lee's Sons.

Washington letter to St. Louis Spectator. General Robert E. Lee left three or four sons. The eldest, George Washington Parke Custis Lee, is president of Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va., the institution presided over by his father at the time of his death. He was a major-general in the Confederate army. The university over which he presides had some life and impetus given it by the heated sentiment that prevailed in the South immediately after the close of the war, but latterly it had not prospered, and, like Virginia University itself—a school that held a first place so long and that was founded by the great Jefferson, whose homestead overlooks it from a distant hill—it seems to have partaken of the general blight and decay that have fallen upon the once proud and magnificent state of Virginia. General Runey Lee, another son of the great Confederate commander, leads the life of a quiet Virginia farmer, caring more for the fat calves and green meadows than for a life of public service, to which the whole Lee family by an inexorable fate is denied admission. Bob Lee, as he is familiarly called, is the youngest son of General R. E. Lee and he is also a quiet farmer. His home is on the James, near Richmond. Just after the war he was somewhat reckless, and I have seen a gentleman here within the past week of whom he borrowed a quarter in a gambling extremity.

PALATKA GRAIN MARKET.

Corrected daily by Vertrees & Co., wholesale and retail grain and provision dealers. Corn \$1.00 \$1.10 per bushel. Oats \$0.75 \$0.85 per bushel. Hay \$2.00 per ton. Cotton Seed Meal \$1.50 per cwt. These prices stated in job lots.

TO LADIES ONLY

DR. ELIZABETH FRENCH HAS CONSENTED to deliver a course of lectures to the ladies of our city, Monday afternoon 3:30 p. m., at the Methodist church. These will all be demonstrated by a life-size manikin and models.

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