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Palatka, Fla.

Plays A Violin Now.

Bob Ray is home for a few vacation weeks from a convent school in Savannah, which he has been attending since the death of his mother, last year.

Most every one in Palatka knows Bob Ray. We do and like him. For weeks at a time in years that are now past the editor has performed his daily tasks to the music of this little boy's singing as he sat alone swinging to and fro in a little rope swing in the yard back of his father's bar. Bob didn't have a large play ground at home, only a few square feet of plaid back yard surrounded by high brick walls, and for this reason he spent much of his time on the streets; and that's how so many came to know him.

We always liked to hear Bob sing, not so much for the quality of his voice as for the fact that he sang because it denoted stored up and bubbling happiness in his heart, and we are glad to have him back again. He sings yet, but in addition to his voice he makes music with his violin. Bob is becoming somewhat of an expert violinist, and at the commencement exercises of the convent last spring played several selections that won for him not only great applause, but eviable press mention in the Savannah daily papers.

The only thing about Bob that we don't like is the habit he has gotten into lately of growing. Bye and bye, if he keeps it up, it means that you and I and all of us will have to speak of him as Mr. Robert Ray. We don't like the idea of losing the boy who stood out so strongly before us as an embodiment of happiness, and who was so successful in imparting it to others by means of a childish trouble that split rifts in the clouds of worry and care.

Very Base Ball.

The game of base ball at the ball park last Friday afternoon between the Green Cove Springs club and the home team was a very one-sided affair. The visitors were not base ball players. They were just an aggregation of nice young fellows who had been led into the error of thinking they could play. The proper place is in the kindergarten department of the national game. But they should not be discouraged. Practice may yet develop them into a condition where they may rightfully claim to be ball players. The score stood 18 to 0 in favor of Palatka.

Straw Hat Sale.

Straw hats will be in the mode for two or three months; then it will be in order to paint 'em black or some other dark color for the fall. Most men like a straw hat. It has a cool look. The majority of those now worn were purchased in the spring or early summer and are now fly specked or have acquired a seared and yellow appearance denoting age.

You can afford to throw it away or give it to your washday's boy. M. S. Brown advertises in this paper to sell any straw hat in stock beginning with today, for FIFTY CENTS. These hats sold all the way from \$1 to \$3, and some of them are all right.

Now can't you afford to throw the old one away?

NOTHING ON THE MARKET EQUAL TO CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC, CHOLERA AND DIARRHOEA REMEDY.

This fact is well known to druggists everywhere, and nine out of ten will give their customers this preparation when the best is asked for. Mr. Obe Wiltner, a prominent druggist of Joplin, Mo., in a circular to his customers, says: "There is nothing on the market in the way of patent medicine which equals Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for bowel complaints. We sell and recommend this preparation." For sale by Ackerman-Stewart Drug Co.

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Will It Injure Business?

One of the leading and most effective arguments being used by those who desire Palatka to continue as a wet city is compressed into the statement that "to remove the saloons would kill business."

No man who has the interests of Palatka at heart desires to see the business of the city even injured, much less to see it killed. Palatka has always been a license city. The retailing of liquor as a beverage has always been legalized by the authorities. For the city to go "dry" at this time would mean a very radical change from old customs, but to say that such a change would injure, or kill the business of the city is something that cannot be predicted with any such degree of certainty as is being voiced by those who favor a continuance of the "wet" condition. It will kill the whisky business, that much is certain.

This argument is being used not alone by those interested in the sale of liquor, but by many of our best and most conservative merchants, men whose opinions are entitled to respect. They do not make the statement because of any particular liking for the liquor business. In fact the majority of them are men who do not even drink liquor.

But may they not be mistaken in their estimate of the value of the saloon as an adjunct in Palatka's commercial progress? One other man holding their views was mistaken. We refer to Mr. W. B. Taylor, vice-president of the Baird Hardware Co. of Gainesville. He now acknowledges his mistake. His acknowledgment was made on June 13, last, after Gainesville had had one year of "dry" experience. It was in the shape of a letter to a prominent citizen of that place. Here is Mr. Taylor's letter:

DEAR SIR:—The signer was on the "wet" side during the campaign in this county, fearing that this city would suffer were the county to go dry.

Within a very few months after the election it was clearly proven that with the county and city "dry" condition it will be that of Bryan & Co. Without outside causes contributing to our retail business, I am glad to say that even that department which is dependent solely on the city trade has grown out of proportion to our trade from the county at large.

If the question were to be again agitated in this county, we would be willing workers to keep it "dry." Very truly yours,

Baird Hardware Co.,
W. B. TAYLOR,
Vice President.

Gainesville, Fla., June 13, 1905.

Now, Mr. Taylor is neither a crank nor a fanatic. He is just a plain, everyday, hustling American business man such as are many of those in Palatka who are now taking the stand he took prior to the election.

So we say: May not our men of this class be mistaken also? There are many practical, hard headed business men in Palatka who are even now favoring the dry side. They say that with the saloons eliminated business conditions would improve.

So there is a difference of opinion among business men of the best class. This is leaving the moral side of the controversy out of the calculations. All concede that whisky has contributed and can contribute nothing to the moral advancement of the city.

Miami Next Tuesday.

The Miami Base Ball club will play with the local team at the base ball park next Tuesday afternoon, the 22d. The Miami club is said to be a most excellent one and those who profess to know say that the game of next Tuesday will be "hot stuff." Admission 25 cts for adults and 15 cts for children.

Those Who Can Vote.

The question of just who will be entitled to vote in the forthcoming wet and dry election has been raised in an inquiry to the News. The answer is:

All registered voters who have paid their poll taxes for the year 1903-04 can vote in the special wet and dry election September 29th.

Those who have not paid can do so and thus become qualified up to and including the 8th day of September. But the registration books will not be opened. Thus only those who are already registered, but have failed to pay their poll taxes, can qualify. The law in the case is found in chapter 5246, sec. 23, laws of Florida of 1903, and is in substance as follows: Tax collectors shall receive poll taxes for 30 days immediately preceding the second Saturday of the month preceding the day of any general or special election. The tax collector shall make a list of those who have paid their poll taxes in each year prior to the second Saturday of the month preceding the day of any special election shall be held.

It is as necessary that the voter's poll tax for 1903 shall have been paid, as that of 1904. In fact he must have paid his last two years' poll taxes.

The City Council.

The second regular meeting of the city council for the month was held on Tuesday night with President Steen in the chair.

The important feature of the meeting was the opening of the sealed proposals for laying about thirty thousand feet of four inch house branches to the city sewer. There were but two bids and they came from Guild & Co. of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Bryan & Co. of Jacksonville. The bid of the latter was much the lowest. The council, however, took no action except to refer the bids to the city engineer who will report at the next meeting. Both firms making the bids are of about equal responsibility and it is likely that in case either bid is accepted it will be that of Bryan & Co. But both may be rejected. The council devoted most of its time to the work of equalizing the tax books, but did not finish, adjourning until last night to complete the job.

In Memory of Our Charlie.

Thine earthly bonds are broken and while we, thy suffering loved ones here must pass beneath the rod. It seemeth hard to give thee up so many, true and brave, and lay so many cherished hopes within the silent grave. We'll miss thee more than we can tell, thy home so sad will be. Without thy presence to make glad hearts ever true to thee. Thy boyhood friends will miss thee too, and though they may not weep, yet deep within their loyal hearts, thy memory they'll keep. And Charlie, when the hour shall come for each school to meet, thy teacher and thy class will yearn for one they're wont to greet. Even at the hospital, they say thy gentle nature won the hearts of nurse and surgeon as no one else had done. Thy life was ever free from blame, no fault in thee did find. And so we'll trust that when the call from earth to thee was given, thy peaceful spirit planned its flight, and winged its way to Heaven. —J. G. M.

No man stands higher in his profession than does Dr. E. H. Armstrong, the well-known Eye and Nose Specialist of Jacksonville, who will be in our city for two days, Aug. 29 and 30, located at the Arlington Hotel. We would strongly advise any who are in need of professional services in his line to take advantage of this opportunity to consult him.—adv.

ALLEGED MURDERER

Arrested on the Steamer Crescent Yesterday Afternoon.

Said to Be the Man Who Slugged the Jacksonville Ice Cream Dago Wednesday Night.

John Robinson a ginger cake negro was arrested by Chief Hagan on the arrival of the steamer Crescent from Jacksonville yesterday afternoon.

Robinson is the alleged murderer of the dago ice cream man at Jacksonville Wednesday night. The murdered man's name is not known. He was hit over the head with a fence picket Robinson had been seen with him in a saloon a half hour before the murder. Hence the suspicion of the Jacksonville police.

Chief Vinzant of Jacksonville wired Chief Hagan a description of Robinson and asked Mr. Hagan to look for him on the Crescent.

Sheriff Howell also had a description of the negro from Sheriff Pickens. At the time of the arrest both officials and their deputies were at the boat.

Robinson did not intend to land here. On going aboard the boat Mr. Hagan had no difficulty in picking out the man wanted. When searched he had 10 cents and a razor.

Chief Hagan turned his prisoner over to Sheriff Howell and Robinson was placed in jail to await arrival of Jacksonville officers who will arrive this morning.

FLORAHOME NEWS.

Mr. Ewing went to New York last week where he will spend six weeks with relatives and friends.

Miss Fanny Jain, who has been attending school at Hawthorne, is very ill at Francis. Her mother went to her Sunday morning, but she is still unable to come home.

The social Wednesday evening at school house proved a success. A short program was rendered as follows: Music, Rector Bros.; recitation, Lars Shippe; music, phonograph; recitation, Mr. Dupuy; music, phonograph; recitation, Dora Rector; music, Rector Bros.

The new fence is a great addition to the park. With very little more work the park will be a great credit to Florahome.

Not only does Dr. E. H. Armstrong, who is to be at the Arlington Hotel here, Aug. 29 and 30, fit glasses for defective vision, but he takes on treatment all cases of headaches, nervousness, neurasthenia, stomach troubles, constipation, piles, female troubles, etc., curing same by the noted new system of practice, Neurology, without drugs or operations. All through the state where the doctor has been, people are speaking in terms of wonder and praise of this wonderful system. See him when here.—adv.

A WARNING TO MOTHERS.

Too much care cannot be used with small children during the hot weather of the summer months to guard against bowel troubles. As a rule it is only necessary to give the child a dose of castor oil to correct any disorder of the bowels. Do not use any substitute, but give the old-fashioned castor oil, and see that it is fresh, as rancid oil nauseates and has a tendency to grip. If this does not check the bowels give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and then a dose of castor oil, and the disease may be checked in its incipency and all danger avoided. The castor oil and this remedy should be procured at once and kept ready for instant use as soon as the first indication of any bowel trouble appears. This is the most successful treatment known and may be relied upon with implicit confidence even in cases of cholera infantum. For sale by Ackerman-Stewart Drug Co.

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