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MISTAKEN, EH?

As an exhibition of little sense and small understanding the Palatka News man often is in the limelight. In this last week's paper, in commenting upon the lawsuit brought by the L. B. Skinner Company against E. N. Maull, he says that Maull was making packinghouse machinery before the Skinner Company ever attempted to "skin" anybody in Florida. E. N. Maull sold out all of his patents to the Campbell Company over two years ago, and his new sizer is a recent invention that the L. B. Skinner Company claims is an infringement on the Stebler patents now held by them.

The News also states that the first man arrested last year for shipping green fruit was an Exchange official. No Exchange man was ever arrested for shipping green fruit.

It may be that the News man will have a lawsuit on his hands. The L. B. Skinner Company is a responsible concern that is not "skinning" any one.

We will pass over for the time being the imputation of "little sense" with which the editor of The Palatka News is so frequently afflicted, and admit that the trouble is inbred, or chronic.

But the fact remains that E. N. Maull has been making packing house machinery more years than anyone else in Florida. It is true that he sold out his patents to the Campbell Company over two years ago; that the Campbell Company sought to keep him from again entering into the manufacture of such machinery, but that the courts held that Mr. Maull had the right to continue. Since that time he has equipped some of the largest packing houses in the state, at Fort Myers, Arcadia and a half-dozen other places during the past summer. Whether his new packing house machinery is an infringement on the Stebler patents, now owned by the L. B. Skinner Company, we are not prepared to say. The courts will settle that. But Mr. Maull HAS been making machinery of this kind longer than anyone else in Florida. And that orange shippers are indebted to him more than to any other man for the packing house equipment they now have to meet demands of the growing citrus business, all growers familiar with the business will admit.

As to the shipping of green fruit contrary to law, The News simply reiterates and insists that a certain vice president of a south Florida Citrus Exchange was the first man to have his shipments held up in the fall of 1913 by the State Citrus Fruit Inspectors, and for truth of this statement we refer to the files of the Tampa Tribune and other daily papers of the State.

As to the law suit admonition, The News can say that any judgement against this paper would be a good asset, and that is more than the Grower can claim, or any other publication whose stock in trade consists solely of a desk, a paste-pot, a pair of scissors, and an editor whose nerve was sufficient to warrant him in posing as a citrus fruit and agricultural expert two months after entering the State from his home "down in Maine." But the time isn't ripe in Florida when a man can get judgment in the courts from a newspaper that is guilty of nothing more heinous than the making of an unprejudiced play on the name of a citizen.

The Palatka News does not expect a friendship of the Florida Grower, or its editor, nor any other editorial artfuler who makes his living by means wholly without the pretense of reputable journalism. We cite him and the people for facts to substantiate this charge to the Hon. H. Clay Stanford, ex-president of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, and whose utterances in the Kissimmee Valley Gazette of a year or more ago will fully explain what we mean.

Then there is the visit of this editorial fourflusher to Crescent City last March and his vilification of a whole community because it—well, because it didn't meet his demands. The News told the story of that visit and the scurrilous "write-up" which followed in the Grower. The News said something concerning the Grower and its editor following that visit which would have constituted a libel under the Florida law, had they not been absolutely true.

To show what the principle citizens of the town of Crescent City think of the Grower and its editor, as well as The Palatka News' defense, we publish for the first time the following letter of appreciation:

Board of Trade, Crescent City, Florida, April 11, 1914. Hon. Wm. A. Russell, Editor Palatka News. Dear Sir: Permit us as residents and property owners of Crescent City to thank you for your vigorous defense of our fair and flourishing city. Of course reference is made to the malicious misrepresentation printed in

Florida Grower of March 21, 1914. At no time and in no way, so far as we are advised, has our city been treated so unfairly and unjustly as in this Grower article. Facts are not given. No correct information is furnished. And all through the article is sadly lacking in the element of truth. So far as known the editor of the Grower did not see any officer of the Board of Trade; the mayor or other official of the city; the postmaster; a real estate agent; or any of the leading fruit growers, any and all of whom would have been pleased to extend to him the usual courtesies to the press. No notice of his coming was given to any of these.

We cannot refrain from believing that some unworthy motive or ulterior object prompted the Grower's editor to make this venomous attack upon Crescent City.

Very truly yours, B. F. TILLINGHAST, President Board of Trade. E. H. WILLIAMS, Vice-Pres. Board of Trade. M. F. PIXTON, Treasurer Board of Trade. C. E. GUTTERIDGE, Secretary Board of Trade.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

It was only recently that Palatka was split up the back in an argument over the question of municipal ownership of the electric lighting and power properties.

The cause of municipal ownership was championed by a young man who had been a resident of the city but a few months and who was a foreigner by birth and education and habits of thought, though through no fault of his own. We speak of him now simply because his vehemence made an impression on us. He had theories for his premise rather than facts.

The News has been inclined to favor municipal ownership on general principles. It has a good look—a cooperative look—something that sort of makes us all partners who could dwell together in unity and divy the profits.

We believe in popular government. The principle is right, but thus far in practice we have not made a profound economic success. We pay more for governing ourselves than we would pay an up-to-date crook who bore the title of "Emperor of the United States and by the Grace of God Metropolitan of the Church Militant."

Extravagance has been the rule in nation, state and municipality, supplemented by incompetence and graft. A municipal lighting plant would offer but another opportunity for the exercise of extravagance, a display of incompetence and the further practice of graft.

The economic facts are against it. These facts are presented to the people through a bulletin recently issued by the Bureau of the U. S. Census. Instead of analyzing these facts, The News is going to let Collier's Weekly do it. That publication for the 7th inst. puts them tersely, thus:

Perhaps the most obvious thing for the average city to own is the electric light and power station, since the city already owns, paves, and cleans the streets. Between 1902 and 1912 the number of such plants owned by our municipalities increased from 815 to 1,562, while the number commercially owned increased from 2,805 to 3,659. How did they work?

The Bureau of the Census has issued a bulletin which gives the answer. The figures show that in 1912 the city-owned stations hired 10 per cent of the total number of employees in order to turn out 4.7 per cent of the total product. Electricity is sold by the kilowatt hour, and the cities increased their average charge from 3.5 cents in 1902 to 4.3 cents in 1912, while the commercial plants reduced their average charge from 3.4 cents to 2.5 cents. It is clear that this reflects, among other things, the growth of municipal ownership in the smaller towns, where it really does cost more to turn out "the juice"; but the trouble is that the whole drift of the statistical evidence is in the same direction. The city owned plants tend to fall back on higher rates and the kindly nurture of taxes, and do not deliver the goods. There is another seamy side to the story, viz., the way in which these municipal enterprises resist State regulation and especially the introduction of uniform accounting methods which would show all the facts. Municipal ownership spells opportunity for the politician and his officeholders, but it does not spell service.

The News therefore reiterates its congratulations to the people of Palatka on the outcome of that recent lighting franchise controversy.

The present commercially owned lighting and power company has a definite franchise which provides rates and rules, and penalties for their violation. The people are already receiving their proportion of the dividends in reduced rates and better service.

COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK.

Governor Craig, of North Carolina, has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of that state to set apart December 3-4-5 as community service days. On those days the people are asked to "meet, confer and work together for advancement along the threefold lines of investigation, united labor for the immediate improvement of the community, and wise planning for its future." He urges each locality to make a social and economic survey prior to that time, or on Dec. 3, so as to know what is most needed and how to do it.

On Thursday, Dec. 4, everybody is asked to turn out and put in a good day's work improving roads and streets, interior and exterior of schoolhouses, churches, courthouses and other public buildings, clearing off and beautifying their grounds, parks and cemeteries, and planting trees and shrubs in those places, as well as along streets, roadsides and private ground.

On Friday, Dec. 4, parents are asked to unite with the children to observe school and neighborhood improvement day. The week is to conclude on Saturday, Dec. 5, with a grand round-up at the county seat of all the people to discuss the needs and possibilities of the county.

The Woman's Club, of Palatka, made an appeal in the last week's issue of The News asking the men of this city to do something in the way of planting trees and beautifying yards and grounds, but no move has yet been made to begin this splendid work. We hope it will not take an earthquake, a war or a tidal wave to stir our community to united action. It has been well said that "God helps those who help themselves."

Strange circumstance this. This war has progressed for nearly four months and not a single story has come to us concerning a soldier whose life has been saved by having a copy of the Bible in his pocket to stop the bullet.

Villa seems to have the bullets and the ballots in Mexico. He owns the new provisional president (or at least he did when this was written), and may shortly own the scalp of the old. Before Villa there was Sulla in ancient Rome. Surrounding himself with his trusty cut-throats on the appointed day, he asked: "Do you want Sulla for your dictator?" as was the manner of holding general elections also in those days. "Hurrah for Sulla! 'Rah for Sulla!" shouted the assembled Roman soldiers at the word of command. And Sulla it was. And so it promises with Villa. "Alit Villa, aut nullus. Bully for Villa!"

To be perfectly frank it begins to look now as if Leo M. Frank will be finally franked through by the state to that realm from which no traveler returns. Frank is the man who was convicted in the Atlanta courts for the murder of little Mary Phagan, and sentenced to death. He has appealed to every court of higher jurisdiction, one after another, until he finally reached the Supreme Court of the United States, where he is going before one Justice after another asking for a writ of error. Justice Lamar of the Supreme Bench has just turned him down. We wouldn't say that Leo murdered the girl, but it does begin to look as if he had been given a fair trial. The jury said he was guilty. And at the opening of the trial Frank's attorneys were satisfied with the jury.

The Boston school board has decided that "My Old Kentucky Home" and "Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground" are insults to the negro race. It is to be hoped that Boston will not suppress "The Wearing of the Green" as an insult to the Irish. It was given to Stephen Collins Foster, a white man and a Yankee, to make the best southern songs, songs which invest even Old Uncle Ned or the Campdown Races with the dignity of real sentiment, and give to the Old Folks at Home and Old Dog Tray the poignant heartfulness of true ballad music. Now, after a generation has accepted these songs, not one of which is nearly so absurd as Yankee Doodle, Boston discovers that the Pittsburgh poet really insulted the land and the people whose minstrelsy was made by him. When shall we mere human beings begin to understand the Bawston mind?

The peculiar state of mind which regards with composure the slaughter of thousands of men in the prime of their manhood like rats in the trenches, but which goes into a frenzy, now over Belgian atrocities and now over German atrocities, constitutes in itself a mental atrocity. There will always be persons who fret about non-essentials while the grim, terrible essential realities escape them. Public opinion which magnifies the importance of "atrocities" and which minimize the importance of the general slaughter makes war ever possible, inasmuch as, in company with the butchers, it seeks to make war respectable. Those who spend their time denouncing the burning of a Belgian village over the heads of the women and children, or the outraging of some old civilian, or the crippling of a girl, while failing to denounce war, will never prevent war or these other "atrocities" which are but its incidental accompaniments. The Napoleons, the Caesars, the Krupps and the Vickers have always denounced atrocities. Whenever one finds a man who spends his time decrying atrocities, one usually finds a man who is enthused over "civilized" butchery.

Only a Trifling Delay. Figg—Did you succeed in persuading your wife when she gets angry to count ten before she speaks? Fogg—Yes, but she's a very rapid counter.—Boston Transcript.

Make your life your monument.—Ben Jonson.

The Thankful Heart

for all that God in mercy sends, for health and children, home and friends; for comforts in the time of need, for every kindly word or deed, for happy thoughts and holy talk, for guidance in our daily walk, in everything, give thanks.

for beauty in this world of ours, for verdant grass and lovely flowers, for songs of birds, and hum of bees, for the refreshing summer's breeze, for hill and plain, for stream and wood, for the great ocean's mighty flood— in everything give thanks.

for the sweet sleep which comes with night, for the returning morning light, for the bright sun which shines on high, for the stars glittering in the sky—for these, and everything we see, O, Lord, we lift our hearts to thee; in everything, give thanks!

REVERSIBLE SENTENCES.

Read Backward or Forward They Tell Same Story.

Scandalous society and life make gossip frantic. This reads backward. Frantic gossip makes life and society scandalous. Apply the same rule to the others given below: Solomon had vast treasures—silver and gold, things precious. Happy and rich and wise was he. Faithful served he God. She sits lamenting sadly, often too much alone. Dear Harry—Devotedly yours remain I. Have you forgotten twenty dollar check? Reply immediately, please, and hand to yours, Grace Darling. Man is noble and generous often, but sometimes vain and cowardly. Carefully boiled eggs are good and palatable. Love is heaven, and heaven is love, youth says. All beware, says age. Trying is poverty and fleeting is love. Exercise take, excess beware. Rise early and breathe free air. Eat slowly; trouble drive away. Feet warmish keep; blend work with play. Adieu, darling! Time flies fast; sails are set, boats are ready. Farewell! Matter and mind are mysteries. Never mind. What is matter? Matter is—never mind. What is mind? Mind is—never matter. Honesty and truth are good and admirable qualities, as sympathy and love are endearing traits. Politics and religion avoid arguing in. Here is good and sound advice.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The old toper doesn't mind being treated for the liquor habit by men who say: "Have one with me."

ATLANTIC COAST LINE. Curtails Passenger Service. The Atlantic Coast Line announces that on account of the great falling off in passenger traffic and consequently decrease in revenue they have been compelled to reduce train service in each of the six states served by them. Florida is the last state to feel the effects of the depression, which so seriously affected passenger traffic, especially local travel. It was found necessary to reduce train service in other states on account of existing conditions several weeks ago. Trains Nos. 27 and 28, formerly operated between Sanford and Port Tampa will now be operated only between Lakeland and Port Tampa. Trains Nos. 35 and 32, between Ocala and Lakeland (for Tampa) formerly operated daily, are now operated Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Trains Nos. 44 and 47 between Ocala and Homosassa have been discontinued. The schedules of other trains on the Ocala District have been re-arranged so as to give what it thought will provide adequate service.

In deference to the request of their patrons and complying with the suggestions of the Railroad Commission, the following new service became effective on the 15th. Train No. 89 leaves Palatka 5:50 a. m., arrives Rochelle 7:25 a. m., connecting with No. 141 for Ocala and No. 10 for Jacksonville. No. 78 leaves Rochell 7:40 a. m., arrive Palatka 9:15, receiving connection from 141 from Wilcox. No. 87 leaves Palatka 6 p. m., arrives Rochelle 7:35 p. m., connecting with No. 9 for Ocala and No. 140 for Wilcox. No. 76 leaves Rochelle 7:40 p. m., arrives Palatka 9:15 p. m., passengers getting connection from Nos. 9 and 140. Nos. 142 and 141 leave Wilcox 5 a. m., arrive Ocala 8:50 a. m., connecting at Rochelle with 78 for Palatka. Nos. 140 and 143 leave Ocala 6:10 p. m., arrive Wilcox 10:05 p. m., connecting with 76 at Rochelle for Palatka.

The above schedules will be daily except Sunday. Sunday schedules on the Palatka branch will be as follows: Train No. 75 leaves Palatka 11:30 a. m., arrives Rochelle 1:05 p. m. No. 70 leaves Rochelle 3:02 p. m., arrives Palatka 4:30 p. m.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Meeting Trouble. Did you meet that trouble that came your way With a smiling heart and cheerful, Or hide your face from the light of day. With a craven soul, and fearful? Oh, trouble's an ounce or trouble's a ton! Yes, trouble is just what you make it, And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts. But only "How did you take it?"

You are beaten to earth, well, well, what's that? Come up with a smiling face. It's nothing against you to fall down flat. But to lie there, that's a disgrace. The harder you're thrown the higher you bounce. Be proud of your blackened eye. For it isn't the fact that you're licked that counts. But "How did you fight and why?"

And, though you be done to the death, what then? If you've battled the best you could, if you've played your part in the world of men, The Critic will call it "Good!" Death comes with a crawl or he comes with a pounce. And, whether he be slow or spry, It's never the fact that you're dead that counts. But only "How did you die?"

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