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THE HOUSE OF HAPSBURG.

The origin of the Hapsburg, the royal house of Austria, is more wonderful than a romance. The founder so goes the story, was Rudolph of Hapsburg, a young Swiss count, poor and obscure. One day, while riding in the chase, he came to a stream beside which was a monk who was in great distress at not being able to cross over. He told the young count that he had been summoned to give the last sacraments to a dying person, but was unable to perform that duty. The count leaped from his horse, helped the monk to the saddle, who crossed the stream and hurried to his destination. The next day the monk sent the horse back with the warmest thanks. "God forbid," said the count, "that I should ever ride a horse that has carried the Savior to a dying man," and sent the horse to the monk as a gift to the church. In course of time the monk became chaplain to the prince elector of Mentz. A new emperor was to be chosen. The monk persuaded his patron to present the name of Count Rudolph to the assembled electors, and the poor count of Hapsburg was ascended one day to find that he had been chosen to wear the crown of the Holy Roman empire.

INFLUENCE OF WOMEN.

The Orlando Reporter-Star told about the influence of a woman. It was Mrs. James W. Perkins of Deland. Judge Perkins had been imperturbed to enter the race for governor, and when questioned by the Reporter-Star, said:

"No, I've decided that I won't do it. I would like to, I'll admit that; the prospect is attractive, and if I am ever to do it now's the time. On the other hand it takes a lot of money, and if I should lose and then some other misfortune should overtake me, I would be a whole lot worse off than I am now. Then I asked my wife about it, and she said 'No, Jim; let's stay at home.' That settled it. So count me out of it."

Judge Perkins would have made one of the strongest candidates yet named for the office; his chances of winning were the best possible. He had the ambition. But Mrs. Perkins said: "No, Jim; let's stay at home." And that settled it.

The duke of the Abruzzi has a better chance now of becoming a hero than he ever had of winning an American bride named Katherine Elkins.

And now the dago has made war on Austria and Germany we wonder will there be any diminution in the supply of "da peanutta" mans."

The Tampa Times has made a discovery. It says: "Ex-Gov. William S. Jennings is always for—ex-Gov. William S. Jennings." It does take some newspapers a long time to make a discovery.

Ex-President Roosevelt has been acquitted. He was not charged with an assault on San Juan hill, this time; he was simply sued for libel in the sum of \$50,000, by one of his old republican associates.

"William Jennings Bryan has given Cousin Sherman Jennings a State Department appointment—Commissioner to Paraguay.—Tampa Tribune. But this is only a temporary loan to Florida; Paraguay is not a cannibal island.

The Dixie Highway will not escape Palatka. It has already been settled that it will go by East Palatka, and with our concrete bridge across the river, escape will be impossible—almost as impossible as the bridge and the highway is to this generation.

Senator Farris has succeeded in getting the Senate to pass his measure permitting Florida cities and towns to enact and amend their own charters. It is a great victory for the Senator from Duval. But the measure still needs the endorsement of the House.

Senator Hudson of Miami still entertains the delusion that the people of Florida will make him their Governor. He will be a candidate next spring, and next spring seems to be about as good a time as any for the disillusionment. Hudson is smart, but he's an iceberg, one that either Knott or Farris will easily melt to nothingness in a Florida primary.

The St. Augustine Record confesses that Representative John Wesley Davis of that county is not eloquent. Possibly, however, it may admit that he is picturesque.

"No other good bill to pass the Senate this week in the 'Compulsory Education' bill, despite the opposition of Senator Johnson of Suwannee. This is one of the most important measures to be brought before the legislature this session, but it still needs the endorsement of the House.

The census bureau has issued some official figures showing the negro population in the United States. Among the Florida counties credited with having more negroes than whites is Putnam. Well, what of it? We have work for 'em. And a working negro is a source of wealth.

Senator Ion L. Farris of Duval county, it is now said, will positively be in the race for Governor next spring. Well, we always did say that Farris must be reckoned with by the astute politicians of Florida some time, and next spring seems to be about as good a time as any.

"Gainesville has been admitted to the Georgia State League" of baseball players, remarks the Gainesville Sun. But why go into Georgia when they will soon be able to get games with a Palatka home league team that will be able to keep 'em a worrin'.

Welcome back to the desk, Brother Russell. Our friend Mr. Tillinghast has done nobly and has shown a neighborly spirit in "sitting in" for you on the Palatka News, but the press of Florida may not have you many decades longer and we do not care to miss your work while you can hold a pen.—Leesburg Commercial.

The sheriffs of Palm Beach and Hillsborough counties have washed by the state senate and have emerged from the process almost if not quite as white as snow. They had been suspended from office by Gov. Trammell for permitting gambling to go unpunished in their respective counties, and the governor asked the senate to sustain him and make the suspension permanent. The people of the State generally believe that Gov. Trammell knew what he was doing, and that the examination by the Senate was a farce.

Perry G. Wall, business man and politician of Tampa and an avowed candidate for U. S. Senator, made a masterful address to the graduating class of the Hillsborough high school last Friday night, which The Tribune of that city prints in full. It was a patriotic address and one which we wish every school boy in Florida could read. Mr. Wall is going to be heard all over Florida next spring and if his addresses to the voters are on par with this one to the future voters of Hillsborough county, don't be surprised if he comes in first under the wire in the senatorial race.

It may be set down as an axiom that as a rule so-called "labor laws" are generally ineffective in lightening burdens labor may be unjustly carrying. Not that labor laws are not necessary. It is well to have on the statute books prohibition of inhuman practices, of unsanitary conditions, of processes and customs that are a menace to good health. But their principle use is in their educational effect in arousing the public conscience to see the evils that flow from bad environments and inequitable conditions arising from common usage. Our Florida legislature is not likely to overdo in the matter of labor laws.

Senator Zim of St. Johns county has introduced a bill in the Senate which should meet the approval of every man in the State who pays taxes and who has a "hunch" that in so doing he is paying a little more than his share. The bill is to require the publication in one paper in each county, each year, the assessments of real and personal property. The senator insists that such publication will permit each tax payer to see just what his neighbor is assessed and is paying, and that it will do more to bring about an equalization of the tax burden by showing the discrepancies and getting them rectified. Anyhow such a law is worth trying. Go to it Senator.

Booze isn't good in time of war. It isn't good for the navy. It isn't good for the soldiers. And in some of the cities of this country it is said not to be good for policemen on duty. But the Anti-Saloon League has persuaded the Florida legislature to say that it isn't good for us civilians unless we are willing to drink it from a bottle, instead of from a glass as formerly. And yet over in Mexico, a vulgar man like Villa is talking about complete prohibition in case he wins. No mescal, no pulque, no "veesky!" They've shoved it out of Iceland, out of Russia, and mostly out of France; they don't use it in Turkey. But here in Florida our church people,

our temperance societies (including the W. C. T. U.), our very best people, profess to be tickled to death because the legislature has enacted a law that permits the people of Florida to drink all they want provided they take it from the neck of a bottle.

WHAT STATE EDITORS ARE SAYING.

State Division Again— Leesburg Commercial: And here comes Davis with another freak measure. These Davies in the Legislature are standing for about as many freak measures as the Hillsborough delegation, but to the credit of the latter gentlemen, they keep within the bounds of local measures for their amusement and political thunder.

This Davis wants to divide the paltry little million folks of Florida into grand principalities, cutting the melon right through the heart. This is the Davis of St. John. Davis of Jacksonville has the bug, too. They would make a South Florida and a West Florida, leaving the north and east divisions, perhaps, to future generations to slice out. South Florida would take in Levy, Marion, Volusia and all counties lying south of these. A vaunt ye Davises! Enough fo'ery! Get down to work and offer some sane bills, or GO HOME!

The Genius of Elbert Hubbard— Orlando Reporter-Star: A great deal of sentimental flubdub is being written about Elbert Hubbard, who went down on the Lusitania. The truth of history suffers when the floodgates of slobbergush are thus opened. Hubbard possessed the artistic sense and temperament. He was a genius, because he started something new and kept it going; he entertained thousands and built up a kind of cult which he carefully nurtured for the dollars and cents that were turned into his till at East Aurora. Hubbard, like a footlight artist, was pleasing in his appearance before his public; in his private life and dealings he was different. There are those who must have their heroes, however, and Hubbard makes an acceptable kind of hero. There is not another to take his place; he was sui generis.

Original, to say the Least— Ocala Star: Hobson thinks the sinking of the Lusitania was the result of a British plot to embroil the United States with Germany. We regret to say Hobson isn't the only demagogue who thinks so—or says so. The greatest mistake Richmond Pearson Hobson ever made was not to get himself killed when he sunk the Merrimac.

Compulsory Education.— Mulberry Herald: If the legislature fails to pass that compulsory educational measure, the constituencies of the various counties of the state should remind the individual members of the legislature that they were more than remiss in their duties. The time for action by every citizen of Florida is now—letters, telegrams and the public press should show these lawmakers that the people of the state are unanimous in this desire for a law compelling the attendance of children at school. Do your part today; tomorrow never comes.

Two States Where One Grew Before—

Suwannee Democrat: Representative Davis, of St. Johns, on Saturday introduced in the House a bill for the division of the state, by a line running to the north of Marion, Levy and Volusia counties. The fight will be led by Davis of St. Johns and Davis of Jacksonville. This state division is attractive to us. We like it; there are not half enough offices to go around, and there are only half enough state capitals. With two states where only one grew before, the newspaper men will have a chance to come into their own. They have worked and striven to build up the state and they should be rewarded. We know of some of the brightest lights in the state, and we could mention names, but modesty forbids, who should be elected at once to fill the most important and responsible and lucrative offices in the new state, which should be known as the state of Suwannee. We are for division strong and we are for Live Oak as the capital of the state of Suwannee. It is the logical point of a capital; it is in easy reach of all parts of the new state, is the healthiest point and has the best people in the newest state of the Democratic Union.

Sure, divide her; cut her up; get rid of those alligators, mosquitoes, South Florida editors and other pests and noxious insects and let us live our little lives along, in our little own state of our own, far away from the maddening crowd, who holler about their towns and cities and land and cattle and hogs and enterprise, and who advertise and take the tourists and homeseekers from us and otherwise maltreat and mistreat us, and ignore us.

Divide her. We all want and need an office, and by golly we'll have one when the state of Suwannee is formed.

Critics of U. S. Navy—

Apparently impelled by a desire for notoriety, certain politicians have recently taken it upon themselves to criticize the United States navy and have howled long and loud about its alleged unpreparedness. That they have been aided and abetted by the armor plate manufacturers, anxious to secure fat contracts from the government, there can be no question. It is by no means the first time the navy has been assailed, for this department of the government has been a favorite mark for the shafts of disturbers and chronic calamity howlers for many years. As a matter of fact this country

"TAKE ME BACK TO OLD PALATKA"

A Bit of Official History Does the Trick—Many Recollect.

George W. Lansing has been employed by the council committee on ordinances to codify the ordinances of the city—to get them in shape so that reference can easily be made at any time, and the status of any ordinance can be determined. Mr. Lansing is at work in a vacant room in the Law Exchange building. The other day he ran across an order proclaiming the city under marshal law. This order was issued by Col. John T. Sprague, Commander of the District of Florida, with headquarters at St. Augustine. It will be found in the Records of the Town Council of Palatka, May 8th, 1867, page 19, and reads as follows:

"Headquarters District of Florida, St. Augustine, Florida, April 20, 1867."

"Special Orders: No. 37. 'The election for Mayor and Common Council of the city of Palatka, Fla., declared by law to take place on the third Monday in April 1867, is hereby postponed until further orders. The present Council will continue to act in their official positions until further instructed. By command of Col. John T. Sprague. E. C. Woodruff, Brvt., Major U. S. A. and A. A. G.'

At the time of this order Calvin Gillis was mayor, and the councilmen were James Burt, Nath. Moragne, Peter Petermann and Hubbard L. Hart. The latter also acted as clerk.

What bothers Mr. Lansing is the fact that he can find no record countermanding the marshal law order in the proceedings of the council through the balance of that year, through 1868, and up to Feb. 23, 1869, when the following record looking to a change in the municipal government, is recorded as a part of the council proceedings:

Meeting of Council. "Palatka, Fla., February 23, 1869. Present: Calvin Gillis, Mayor. James Burt. Nath. Moragne. Peter Petermann, Councilmen. Hubbard L. Hart. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

"Resolved—That the Town of Palatka do re-organize its municipal government under the provisions of an act amendatory to an act to provide for the creation of corporations and to prescribe their general powers and liabilities, and that the said Town does hereby voluntarily surrender its charter and privileges by an organization under said law, and that the Mayor of Palatka order an election on Monday the 29th of March next, for the following officers viz: one Mayor, six Aldermen, one Marshal, one Clerk and Treasurer combined, and that said Mayor appoint three Inspectors of said election. The election to be held at the Court House in the town of Palatka, between the hours of eight A. M. on the twentieth day of March, A. D. 1869 and sunset of the same day.

"Signed. Calvin Gillis, Mayor. J. Burt. H. L. Hart. N. H. Moragne. Peter Petermann, Council. H. L. Hart, Clerk." Then follows the record for the establishment of the name of the town, its corporate limits and seal, and the election of town officers. The following is the record:

"Be It Remembered, that on or about the first day of July, A. D. 1869, the community of persons, to-wit: The male inhabitants of the town of Palatka, in the county of Putnam, and State of Florida, not being less than fifty in number, but less than three hundred, desiring to form a municipal corporation, under the provisions of an Act to provide for the incorporation of Cities and Towns, and to establish a uniform system of municipal government in this State, 'approved February 4th, 1869,' did for a period of not less than thirty days, viz: from the 7th day of July 1869, to the 7th day of August 1869, both days inclusive, caused to be published in the newspaper denominated and called the 'Eastern Herald,' an off-

now has the greatest and most efficient navy in its history and the appropriations by the last congress were the greatest ever made for naval purposes. There are thirty-six more vessels in commission than at the time the democratic administration took office, and at this time seventy-seven new vessels are either building or authorized to be built, including nine dreadnaughts and thirty-eight submarines. The personnel of the navy has been increased and now numbers 4,355 officers and 53,171 enlisted men. The number of mines has been increased 244 per cent in two years. The number of torpedoes has been increased 90 per cent, and the cost of manufacturing torpedoes has been reduced from \$4,202.11 each to \$3,254.72 each, the total saving being \$326,700. As against twelve submarines, costing \$7,958,936, which were authorized under the Taft administration, twenty-six submarines, costing \$16,260,000, have been authorized under the first half of the Wilson administration. In addition, \$1,000,000 was appropriated for aviation purposes.

Much of this increase has been obtained without cost to the country. Mr. Daniels shows that \$1,110,084 has been saved in the purchase of armor plate alone, and that in two other bureaus \$1,800,000 was saved last year. The cost of making powder has been reduced to 2.7 cents a pound, and \$150,000 saved on that one item. Based upon former prices for guns, there is a saving in that respect of \$280,425.33.—Pensacola Journal.

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EFFORT FOR FARM DEMONSTRATION WORK To be Made at a Mass Meeting in Palatka June 14th. Through efforts and arrangements made by Secretary Elliott of the Palatka board of trade, and in which the Putnam county chamber of commerce will co-operate, a mass meeting has been called in this city for Monday, June 14th, to consider Farm Demonstration Work. The meeting will be addressed by Hon. C. K. McQuarrie, Florida Agent of the U. S. Demonstration bureau. He will urge the necessity of Putnam county taking up this work for which the Agricultural Department at Washington pays a large proportion of the cost. Speaking of the coming meeting Secretary Elliott said: "The purpose of the coming meeting will be to interest the people of Putnam county and show them the benefits to be derived by having the services of a Farm Demonstration agent located in Putnam county under the supervision of the Agricultural Department and free from politics and local factions. "The salary of such an agent is principally paid by the U. S. Government, and the counties are responsible for just enough to assure some interest and appreciation in the work of greater crops and better stock. "The creed of such an agent is, Preparation, Cultivation, Co-operation and Realization of and from the soil, and this creed is taught in a practical way by the county agent. "In each community the farmers, truckers and gardeners are requested to co-operate in their efforts, and special dates are arranged for meetings, when the instructor, or agent gives a talk on the best methods to pursue; first, to ascertain to what the soil is best adapted; and then the best way to prepare for seeding, and afterward, the best method of cultivation, and finally co-operation in marketing. "The time of the agent is always at the beck and call of any citizen and he is glad to give advice on any crop, soil and its analysis; inspect and report the conditions of crops, all without a cent of expense to the farmer. "Under his supervision is likewise the interests of the stockman. The agent is at all times ready to give his attention to stock, to vaccinate hogs as a prevention from cholera, and in this respect Putnam county is one of only fifteen counties in the State that lags behind and is not represented. "Under his supervision would also come dipping vats for tick eradication, and certainly this is an industry in Putnam county which ranks with the foremost, and one that can be greatly benefited. "Every one is invited to come to this meeting and pull for this great boon for the county. All that is requested is your interest and co-operation."

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