

CRESCENT CITY NEWS

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Thos. J. Iles spent several days last week in Jacksonville.

Commissioner Alvers is here this week with the big county road scraper putting the roads of this section in order.

K. M. White returned on Saturday from his trip to Moline, Ill., whither he went with the body of his father whose death occurred some three weeks ago.

Mrs. C. Lyon and her daughter, Miss Eva Lyon of Detroit, Mich., were expected to arrive this week for their usual winter stay in the Lyon home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Shattuck of Litchfield, Michigan, arrived last week and as usual will spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cary. All are pleased over the return of this popular couple.

Complaint is made that The News does not publish all the news of the place, but this was made because the paper declined to publish something that was untrue. We will have to be excused.

Mrs. M. J. Gillan of Bamberg, S. C., who has been visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kirkland for some weeks, left yesterday for Miami, where she will visit other relatives for a time.

Hon. H. A. B. McKenzie, editor of the Palatka Times-Herald, and his cousin, Mr. George Bowman of Virginia, came up on Friday last week and remained over for a day with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kirkland, at their home north-west of town.

At a dinner given at their home, 2238 Washington avenue, New York city, recently, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brusie, formerly of Crescent City, announced the engagement of their daughter, Beatrice, to Mr. William W. Crane of Newark, N. J.

The Chancel Guild of the Episcopal church is to give a "Silver Tea" at the home of Miss Bessie A. Williams next Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., at 7:30 o'clock. Besides the refreshments there will be a specially fine musical program. Every one is cordially invited.

Mrs. J. J. Horton arrived last week and will make her home for the winter at Grove Hall. Mrs. Horton has been coming to Crescent City for upwards of thirty years and for a number of years has owned the home at the corner of Central avenue and Summit street.

M. H. Reed has been very ill for some days—for more than a week—and for a time his condition was critical—but at last reports he was improving, we are glad to announce. Mr. Reed is one of the old land marks of Crescent City and when he becomes ill the whole town is deeply moved.

The moving picture displays for the past week are said to have been most excellent, especially that of Saturday night. The committee in charge of the pictures has an arrangement whereby they secure new pictures and only the best. The attendance each night has been sufficient to fill the theater.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCormick of New York are expected to arrive in the city tomorrow, and as usual will be at Grove Hall. Mr. McCormick is one of Crescent City's great grove owners, having under cultivation more acres than any other man or firm. He also maintains a large community packing house here.

The U. S. Fish Commissioner's representative passed through here last Tuesday and was met at the junction by Capt. LaBree and others who received from him a consignment of fish fry for Lake Stella. The fry is of the big mouth black bass variety, and was secured from the government through efforts of President Tillinghast of the board of trade. We can hear Ernest Mathis voice in the future as he says: "Come along, boys, the fishin's fine."

Rev. Dr. T. F. Herndon, efficiency secretary of the Baptist State Board of Missions, is here this week conducting a series of evangelistic meetings in the Baptist church. Dr. Herndon will terminate the series on Sunday night. He will preach at both the morning and evening service on Sunday. The reverend gentleman is an old and successful pastor and his coming to hold these meetings is expected to advance the interest in the local church and add numbers to its membership.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church has announced that it will give a "Chicken Supper" in the church chapel on Friday night, Jan. 28th. The ladies will prepare a bountiful supper with chicken as a basis and which will include Waldorf salad, hot rolls, macaroni and cheese, June peas, fresh beets, pickles, cake, ambrosia, coffee and tea. The ladies are really going to give an excellent supper, worth more than the 50 cents it is going to cost, and to which they want all the people of the place to attend. The supper will be served from 5:30 to 8 o'clock.

The evangelistic meetings during the Week of Prayer conducted by the pastors of the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches closed on Sunday night with a union service at the Auditorium, which service despite the inclement weather was attended by a large congregation. Mrs. Cleo Gaudier presided at the piano and the singing was led by a large choir joined in by the congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Hale also sang a solo. The sermon was by Rev. G. W. Stubbs of the Methodist church, and is being generally commented on as a splendid effort. During the meetings several have expressed a desire to lead a Christian life.

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Mrs. Meek, wife of Dr. A. J. Meek of Chicago and Mr. and J. L. Davis, of Tonisett, Mass., are at the Haskell House for the winter.

The new theater building of the V. I. is fast nearing completion. Last week the new concrete steps leading to the entrance were laid and the tiled flooring of the foyer. Mr. Rafferty is now at work on the interior, though much is to be done before the building will be ready for occupancy. The furnace was also installed last week. When this theater is completed Crescent City will have one of the prettiest, most cosy theaters in the entire state.

Mrs. J. Fairfield Carpenter will entertain at her home on Park street tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at a benefit for the Tennis Club. In addition to a program there will be refreshments and the invitation is general. The News hopes there will be a general attendance of Crescent City people. Mrs. Carpenter has proved herself a most charming hostess and when she tells the people they "just must come," put it down that she has something nice in store for them by way of entertainment.

V. I. A. Annual Fair. At the regular meeting of the V. I. A. on Monday last it was decided to hold the Fifth Annual Fair of the organization on Feb. 25-27. The ladies are making most attractive plans for this event, and promise many new features, notice of which will be given later.

Hunter-Branch Wedding. The marriage of Miss Alice Louise Hunter, daughter of Mrs. C. J. Hunter, and Mr. Overby Crosswell Branch, occurred on Sunday morning at the home of the bride's mother on Oakwood avenue, and was attended by only the relatives and a few close friends of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. S. Burris of the Presbyterian church at 10 a. m. After a wedding breakfast had been served and the bride had cut the bride's cake, the young couple departed for Jacksonville where they expect to spend a brief honeymoon.

The bride has long been one of the popular young ladies of the place and is a most attractive and charming young lady. For some time past she has filled the position of book-keeper in the Bank of Crescent City. Mr. Branch is from Georgia, but for several seasons has been engaged here as an assistant at the packing house of the Crutchefield-Woolfolk Co. He is very popular with the young people of the place.

Cemetery Association Makes Appeal. The Crescent City Cemetery Association held its annual meeting on Monday night when officers were elected for the ensuing year and other matters attended to. The association finds itself very much in need of funds to carry on the work of improvement in the cemetery, and as the annual assessment of \$2.00 for each lot owner is due this month, it is hoped there will be a prompt response to the appeals of the treasurer.

During the past summer the association has made many improvements and the cemetery begins to look like something. It is attractive. These things cost money and as the association has no funds except these annual assessments, it is important that they be sent in promptly. Please remember this and get your portion in early.

The officers of the association are: E. H. Williams, president; B. F. Tillinghast, vice president; Mrs. S. M. LaBree, secretary; Miss Bessie A. Williams, treasurer; K. Borson, trustee-at-large.

Prepare For Early Vegetables. Folks of North and Central Florida who like early vegetables should build a cold frame in which to start the plants. Such vegetables as tomato, egg plant, and peppers for early transplanting may be started in this way.

W. L. Floyd of the University of Florida College of Agriculture gives the following directions for making the frame: A frame 6 by 12 feet will accommodate four hotbed sashes, 3 by 6 feet. This will be large enough for the ordinary home garden. It should be built on light well drained soil either level or sloping gently south.

The frame ought to be 16 to 20 inches high on the north and 8 to 10 inches on the south. The soil should be enriched with well rotted manure and commercial fertilizer. Do not make the soil as rich as that into which the plants are to be planted. If it is richer the plants will become stunted when they are transplanted, while if it is not so rich they will continue growth unchecked.

Plants started in this way will grow slowly so that by the time danger from frost is over they will be about the right size to plant out. The glass should be raised on warm days so that fresh air and sunshine will be admitted. A little ventilation is necessary every day.

If one cannot afford the glass unbleached muslin may be used instead. This should be attached to the north side permanently and fastened on the south side and ends so that it can be readily removed when a warm day comes. Unless cold threatens, the cover may be left off at night. The high north side will ward off considerable cold wind.

The less brains a man has the easier it is for him to lose his head.

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Clay County to Have Big Live Stock Ranch.

The Extension Division of the University of Florida has received inquiries from an Ohio company concerning cattle and hog raising in Clay county. The company has purchased 22,647 acres of land there and proposes to make a big hog and cattle ranch of it. From the text of the inquiry it seems that they will farm the land intensively. It will be fenced, and corn, Japanese cane, and sorghum will be raised for silage crops. Corn will also be raised as a grain crop. Cottonseed meal will be used to furnish concentrates. All these crops will be raised in addition to the native pasture.

For the hogs they will grow corn, velvet beans, and peanuts as grain crops with which to finish the hogs. A liberal supply of forage crops will be grown in rotation so that pastures may be had the year round. Essex rape and oats will furnish this in winter and sorghums and cowpeas in the summer and fall. The most difficult time to have pasture is between March 15 and May 1. Extra precautions must be made for this time as conditions demand.

This proposition could be duplicated in every county in the state. The foregoing cropping plan was worked out by A. P. Spencer, district agent, and it shows what can be done on large and small farms alike. The plan for the hogs is especially good. Note that all the feed can be grown on the farm. Pasture is the cheapest pig feed and that can be provided practically all the year in Florida.

ENGLISH SPELLING.

Consider, if You Please, the Words Victual and Tongue.

Were you ever perplexed by English spelling? But what a foolish question! The rest of the world is agreed that the man who insists he is never at a loss for the correct spelling of a word is a prevaricator of the nth degree. But how did our speech happen to be thus encumbered? The French use countless silent letters, but there is such system about their literature that it can be mastered by the average mind. German is absolutely phonetic, as are most of the Romance tongues. Greek was pronounced as it was spelled, and Latin is simplicity itself for all that the classical scholars disagree as to the sounds of the vowels and a few of the consonants.

Mme. Bernhardt when she was urged to present her plays in the speech of the American people declared, "English is not a language; it is violent exercise, and its spelling is impossible." Many a schoolboy and girl will agree with her. What justification is there for such a word as "victual," which must be pronounced just as it was in the days when it was spelled v-i-t-t-l-e? And, while we are on the subject of our native tongue, how shall we justify t-o-n-g-u-e, a spelling that is monstrous in the light of the language's development? Up to the beginning of the nineteenth century that word was t-u-n-g-u-e, with here and there a pedantic faddist who put on airs when he wrote t-o-n-g-u-e. Our accepted spelling is an imitation of the French "langue" just as victual is an imitation of the Latin "victualia," handed down by half-baked scholars.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Went Back on His Authority.

Leslie Stephen's single meeting with Freeman, the historian, was in the nature of a collision. "I came in contact with him only once," he said. "He wrote a life of Alfred for the Dictionary of National Biography under my editorship, but declined to do more because we had a difference of opinion as to whether Athelstane should be spelled with an 'A.' That was, I confess, a question to which I was culpably indifferent, but I had taken competent advice, and my system (I forget what it was) had been elsewhere sanctioned by the great historian Stubbs. Now, as Freeman was never tired of asserting the infallibility of Stubbs, I innocently thought that I might take refuge behind so eminent an authority. The result was that for once Freeman blasphemed Stubbs and refused to cooperate any longer in an unscholarlike enterprise."

Honest Praise.

An honest compliment was that paid to M. de Vendome, who, while commanding the French army in Italy, dispatched a young nobleman to announce to his master the victory which he had gained at Suzara. The latter while attempting to describe the battle became several times much confused in his narrative, when, although the king preserved his gravity, the Duchess of Burgundy, who was present, laughed so heartily that at last the young gentleman said, "Sire, it is easier for M. de Vendome to win a battle than for me to describe it."

He Knew Her.

She—Reggie, dear, there is something of the old time lovelight in your eyes tonight—something about you that reminds me of those sweet days of long ago. I hope you have— He—Yes, I have a little left. How much do you want this time?

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His Place. "What person on the paper, sir, shall I give this article on 'The Modern Feminine Face'?"

Why He Was Quiet. "What did he have to say for himself?" "Nothing. His wife was with him."—Judge.

Just a Lapse. Hokus—I actually caught Longbow telling the truth yesterday. Pokus—Wasn't he embarrassed? Hokus—Only momentarily. He immediately tried to lie out of it.—Life.

Repetition Desired. He—Dearest, this kiss tells you all I have to say. Have you understood me? She—Oh, please say it again.—Boston Transcript.

A woman nowadays is only as old as her clothes.—Mrs. John Lane.

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