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The rumor comes from Tallahassee that Florida and The True Democrat, newspapers of that city, are to be consolidated under one management, and that Thomas Jefferson Appleyard is to be "it." The purchase of the True Democrat will also include the state printing contract.

The Miami Record reports that the mercury went down to 33 degrees at Miami on Wednesday night that there was ice. The statement needs revising, as it is impossible for ice to form with the mercury no lower than 33. The Record states that the whole county is frozen up. Vegetable crops have suffered great damage, but oranges and the harder fruits are uninjured.

Henry M. Flagler, the great developer of the East Coast of Florida, celebrated his 80th birthday last Sunday, the 2nd inst. With the consent of Editor Frank Harris, who has already been dubbed, the News would prefer to call Mr. Flagler the "grand old man of Florida," and limit Mr. Harris' honors to the nestorship of the Florida newspaper field, an honor he wears becomingly and which, under the circumstances, is sufficient.

The democratic state executive committee has been called together for the 17th inst., at Jacksonville, at which time the date of the coming state primary will be fixed, the fees of candidates arranged and other matters pertaining to the coming primary discussed. By some it is thought that the committee will decide upon calling a state convention for the purpose of defining party principles—probably the most urgent need of the Florida democracy. The News trusts such a convention will be arranged for by the committee.

German excavators in the ruins of Babylon have been looking over Nebuchadnezzar's palace. The ancient city is buried beneath the remains of superimposed buildings, but the tomb of the old civilization has been made to yield its secrets. There has been found the great oblong hall, with the alcove for the throne, where Belshazzar held the famous feast and heard the warning voice of the prophet. Many relics of those precursors of the modern public dinner have been discovered. The architecture of those days seems to have been mighty. One of the outer walls of the palace was more than 24 yards thick.

An old lady of Palatka filling a quasi-public place, has given voice to the general disgust of the public over attempts to resurrect the now ended north pole discussion. The old lady is the owner of two kittens, nearly alike in size and color and hard for the stranger to tell apart, but easily distinguishable by their color. "What names did you give your kittens, aunt?" questioned a young man who saw her fondling them one day. "This one," replied she, "named Tom, and this one Jerry."

"I said the young man, 'you should call one Cook and the other Jerry.' The old lady looked at her and said, 'I don't like to see you in a disgust a second, and then re-peat. 'Not much, these are not names of kittens, but names of men.'"

Morse, the former New York banker and a millionaire banker, more than a year ago for the U. S. banking laws and 15 years in the federal prison, began serving his sentence at noon. There is a pathetic story with the entrance of such a man into the walls of a prison, his don't say the garb and enforced association with murderers, moonshiners, yet there is also practice of high finance for the purpose of steel robbery are sometimes made with the goods" and made to their crimes. Morse's life has been of luxurious indulgence and has been among the re-nowned show such a man into the vulgar, the vicious off-ward, is real punishment for others of Morse's ilk.

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One on the Processor. One sarcastic college lecturer has got his deserts. A frequently inattentive member of his class appeared to be drawing in his notebook—perhaps a caricature of the instructor. The lecturer paused and asked impressively, "Do you think that scribbling you are doing is important?" "I don't know sir, I'm sure," responded the youth. "I was talking down what you were saying."

Persuasion. Persuasion is more prevailing than violence, and many things which cannot be overcome when they are together yield themselves up when taken little by little.—Plutarch.

Late repentance is seldom true, but true repentance is never late.—Aesop.

Christian Endeavor News.

From the "Keep Sweet" calendar of 1909 the quotation is equally good for the commencement of this new year: "A New Year is upon us. Start on the journey with Jesus, to walk with Him, to work for Him, and to win souls for Him."

We liked the Christmas greeting of that good weekly, the Gainesville Elevator, which said: "We wish every one, especially the person who don't like us, a very Merry Christmas and many of them." "Charity for all" is greatly needed in all of our lives, but surely none more than by the editors, who, like the ministers and school teachers, find it almost impossible to please every one.

There was a wedding on Christmas day, when Miss Lillian Edmondson and Mr. Chas. E. Terry joined hands for a long pilgrimage together. Both of these young people are officers of the Presbyterian society at Abundant, where their home will be located. Weddings, especially Christmas-time ones, are not frequent enough among our Endeavorers, hence the congratulations extended are warm ones indeed.

Christian Endeavor Day comes on February 6th, and in Tremont Temple, Boston headquarters, has been prepared a special program called "The Model Endeavorer." One copy costs five cents and twenty-five copies fifty cents; better get the larger quantity and do it soon. One thing that makes our meetings less helpful is lack of preparation long in advance. All of us should as loyal members be glad of the opportunity for an annually celebrating the birthday of Christian Endeavor.

From the Palatka News we learn the disagreeable news that the whisky petition for Putnam county will be brought up again this month. The amount of good such a temperance advocate as the News can do is beyond computing by us mortals.

State President Winnard has asked the state secretary to assume all correspondence and program planning before the annual convention, probably to be held in Deland some time in April or May. This duty, added to the usual secretary and department cares will make necessary the cordial co-operation of the comrades in order that she may be able to keep the obligations satisfactorily.

The State Endeavor year ends April 1st, which means that we have entered the last quarter in which we may be able to make good the resolutions made last spring at Tampa. Please report all new societies, either Young People's, Intermediate, Senior or Junior, when organized promptly to us. Let us accomplish more this quarter than in the past six months. We can do it, and better than that, if we will but try.

The DeSoto County News said for the holidays just passed it would remain in its every-day dress. This brings the question, easily answered in the affirmative: "Is not the every-week News good enough for all of us?"

One of the pleasantest surprises coming to our office was a cordial letter of good wishes for the new year, from Editor Hetherington of the Lakeland News. We are profoundly grateful for the space given us by several editors of weekly papers, and all the more appreciative because of the realization of how small their papers are compared with the good reading matter they would like to use, if there was but more room for it.

If the scattered workers would report how they celebrated the holidays, in their societies, especially in the giving of sunshine to sad or lonely ones, it would make our news-articles more helpful for January.

Editor Newell tells in the Lake Region many items concerning Endeavorers of Lake and Summit districts. One mention especially good is of the advancement of Wallace F. Mantey in the Cunningham Company, Jacksonville. Mr. Mantey is the state ex-treasurer.

GRACE A. TOWNSEND, Interlachen, Jan. 3, 1910.

Should be Killed or Cured.

The News has received the following unsigned communication:

Editor PALATKA NEWS:—For several months a poor miserable looking dog has been allowed to run around the streets of Palatka suffering with the mange. The poor creature is a pitiful looking sight to be running around picking up whatever food it may find. Should not some one of the public authorities take it upon themselves to rid this dog of such a miserable life?"

Certainly. If the owner of the dog doesn't care enough for it to cure it of the disease, then the police department should put a period to its miserable existence. This dog certainly should not be allowed to run the streets, for mange is contagious. Sulphur ointment, carbolic acid washes, corrosive sublimate in weak solution, and a decoction of tobacco, of the green leaves of Indian pipe or hellebore are all useful applications, and in most cases will effect a cure. When the mites have been destroyed the dog needs liberal feeding, and perhaps some mild tonic, like iron. A little copperas dissolved in his drink is generally sufficient. Any doctor will tell you how much.

But the city of Palatka is not an asylum for many dogs, neither is it in the business of curing sick ones found on the streets. Its plain duty is to shoot.

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What State Editors are Saying.

Injustice to Frank Clark.—Congressman Clark's enemies betray the poverty of their arguments against his reelection when they charge him with making "grand stand plays," because he has again introduced in congress his bill to provide for the payment to the state of Florida of nearly one million dollars, cotton tax illegally collected by the government from our people back in the sixties; and also because he has reintroduced his measure to levy an import duty on Egyptian and other long staple cotton coming into this country in competition with our Sea Island product. That the measure is to be reached by both these measures are much to be desired and would be very helpful to the people of Florida will not be denied, and this being true, we should be glad to know in what other way Mr. Clark could move to reach them. He has done the only right thing possible in the premises; if he had done less it might have been charged against him with some show of reason that he had not been sufficiently prompt and alert in renewing his efforts to accomplish the work he had inaugurated at a previous session. It is unfair in the extreme to charge him with "grand stand playing" because he is sticking to his purpose with such admirable tenacity, and the people of this district are to be congratulated for their wisdom by re-electing him to congress.—Live Oak Democrat.

Many Looking Florida-ward.—Among our callers Monday was Prof. J. W. Parkhill, a member of the faculty of Lenoir College, at Hopkinton, Iowa. Mr. Parkhill owns a large tract of land in Levy county, and has just returned from an inspection of his holdings, which he says comprises some of the most fertile lands in the state. He says that the people of the middle west are looking toward Florida as a future home to a much greater extent than ever in the history of the country, and the excellent train service inaugurated from the north and west to Florida is doing the state worlds of good. He speaks very enthusiastically of the future of our state, and says the people of his state are much interested. Mr. Parkhill also says the west coast of Florida is surely coming into her own, now that the prospective settler is coming in and looking over the state before he makes his selection of a home in Florida.—Ocala Banner.

More Expert Soil Testimony.—William Jennings Bryan recently made a trip to Ft. Lauderdale with former Governor Jennings and Broward. After spending two or three hours looking over the two million acres embraced in the Everglades drainage scheme Mr. Bryan stated that the people of Florida "will have a very large and productive area of land when the drainage work shall have been completed." This testimony ought to fix all the doubting Thomases.—Starke Telegraph.

Practical Expression of Good Will.—The Sanford Presbyterian church at a congregational meeting, last Sabbath, Dec. 26th, gave a very practical expression of regard for their pastor, Rev. J. F. McKinnon, by voting the sum of three hundred dollars to his salary.—Sanford Herald.

Need of Drainage.—Whatever is to the best interest of the state, and county is what every fair minded citizen should advocate. The United States government was looking to the best interests of this state when it gave Florida her swamp and overflowed lands for the purpose of draining and developing the state. Putnam county has seven or eight hundred thousand acres of land was given to the state by the United States, for drainage, reclamation and internal improvement.

What has the state done and who did it? There has been a grab and a graft whereby millions and millions of acres of those lands have been appropriated and obtained without any move whatever towards their drainages, but worst of all those same corporations and capitalists who obtained those lands by the assistance of the politicians and newspapers work against drainage and have virtually destroyed what drainage laws we did have. O yes, they too advocate drainage, but oppose every move in that direction.

The Etowah Canal and Drainage Co., was the first to organize under state laws to drain swamp and overflowed lands. That company received a legislative grant of thirty five thousand acres of overflowed lands in the four townships in which they were to operate but the I. I. Board decided said lands to a wealthy lumber company who had no thought of drainage, therefore the first attempt to drain any of the swamp and overflowed lands within the meaning of the act whereby Florida received over twenty millions of acres, was crowded out, and the charter was sold to an advertising colony scheme, which established Florhoma, and we want to say to the people of Putnam county that the Etowah drainage is not a sand flat where potatoes and celery will grow by being highly fertilized, but that it is a rich quality of muck land that has produced this year over eighty bushels of corn to the acre, and also a crop of potatoes and other crops accordingly. Also we have had the very best of gardens during the late dry spell, without irrigation, as muck draws its moisture from the water level below, therefore a heavy rain will not make it waterlogged, it will not make it dry, if the water level is kept a few feet below the surface. FLORHOMA, Jan. 3d, 1910.

The Last Great Prize. As we grow older and the shadows begin to lengthen and the leaves which seemed so thick in youth above our heads grow thin and show the sky beyond, and as those in the ranks in front drop away, and we come in sight, we all must, of the eternal rite pits beyond the frontier, to the great prize of life, more lasting and more substantial than many of the objects of ambition here, is the love of those we love and the friendship of those whose friendship prizes.—Henry Cabot Lodge.

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SHOE SIZES.

How the Standard of Measurement Was Established. It is most difficult for many persons to remember the sizes of their different articles of wearing apparel. Collars, shirts and gloves are easy enough, because in the case of these it is a matter of actual inches. But the hat and shoe numbers are what puzzle most people, to say nothing of the mystery why a No. 11 stocking goes with a No. 8 shoe.

This last puzzle is, however, easily explained. Stockings have always been measured by the inch from heel to toe, but the numbering of shoes was fixed a long time ago by a French man.

The Frenchman permanently fixed the numbers of shoes for all Europe and America. He arbitrarily decided that no human foot could possibly be smaller than three and seven-eighths inches. So, calling this point zero, he allowed one-third of an inch to a size and accordingly built up his scale. It follows therefrom that a man cannot find out the number of his own shoe unless he be an expert arithmetician. Even then he is likely to go wrong, because all the shoe experts allow for the weight of the individual and the build of his foot before they try to determine what size shoe he ought to wear.

As far as women's shoes are concerned the problem is still more difficult, because many of the manufacturers instead of keeping to the regular scale have marked down their numbers one or two sizes in order to capture easily flattered customers. For this reason most dealers ask out of town customers to send an old shoe with their orders.

The system of measuring hats is much simpler. Any man can tell what size he wears simply by adding the width and length of the inner brim and then dividing by two. Orders can also be sent to the shopkeeper by stating the circumference of the head.—Boston Globe.

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No Boxes For Two. Telephone girls sometimes glory in their mistakes if there is a joke in consequence. The story is told by a telephone operator in one of the Boston exchanges about a man who asked her for the number of a local theater. He got the wrong number, and without asking to whom he was talking he said, "Can I get a box for two tonight?"

A startled voice answered him at the other end of the line, "We don't have boxes for two." "Isn't this the — theater?" he called crossly. "Why, no," was the answer; "this is an undertaking shop." He canceled his order for a "box for two."

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