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GATES FINDS GARDEN SPOT

SON OF GREAT FINANCIER THINKS THIS THE BEST SECTION OF FLORIDA.

Henry M. Flagler had gone over this highland lake country instead of putting so much money and advertising into the East Coast every foot of this land would be under cultivation, for this is the natural playground as well as the garden spot of Florida." This is the declaration made by Charles G. Gates, of New York, son and able successor of the great financier, John W. Gates.

In company with and as host to his father-in-law, F. P. Hopwood, of Minneapolis, vice president of the Florida Lakeland Homes Company, and Mr. R. F. Hopwood, of Uniontown, Pa., who is also a stockholder in the company, Mr. Gates arrived in Lakeland yesterday morning in his private car, "Superb."

"Unquestionably this is the choice part of the State, both for fruit-growing and for winter residence," said Mr. Gates after the party had made a tour of inspection, as guests of Earl C. May, sales manager of the company. "We have seen the Auburndale lake country, where I bought a block of land from the company, adjoining the directors' grove, and have swung around the circle via Florence Villa, Winter Haven and Bartow."

"In spite of the thousands of acres of swamps and the hundreds of fine homes, this is, to a great extent, an undeveloped country. However, it is a splendid self advertisement, and every tourist or home-seeker who becomes acquainted with the highland lake section is bound to come back to it and bring his friends along."

"California has nothing more beautiful than the hilly lake section of this country in the developed state and what has been done in one portion can be done in another. I have advised the directors of the Florida Lakeland Homes Company in the development of the Auburndale lake country and while the first unit of development will be this 400 acres of swamps we are now interested in, we intend to go a great deal further."

Mr. Gates, who is reputed to be worth anywhere from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000, is heavily interested in Florida lands and has also spent considerable time on the East and West coasts of Florida, but his declaration for the Florida highlands may be taken as an indication of his intention to transfer much of his active interests to this part of the State.

Both Mr. F. P. Hopwood and Mr. R. F. Hopwood were visiting this particular part of the State for the first time. "I suppose my case is typical of tens of thousands," said Mr. R. F. Hopwood. "I have been coming to the East Coast for eleven years, but I never had an idea until today that Florida could furnish a soil and landscape such as we have seen today. I can think right now of a dozen of my friends who would be delighted to live in such a country as this, but whose ideas of Florida have always been shaped by what they have seen on the East coast. California has nothing finer in groves or scenery than what we have seen today."

"Our company is just getting started down here," said Mr. F. P. Hopwood. "We chose wisely when we became interested in this section and we believe this has the greatest future of the entire peninsula."

The Gates party returned north last night.

LOUIS FLETCHER THROWN FROM HORSE THIS MORNING

Louis Fletcher, the young son of Mrs. S. T. Fletcher, was thrown from a horse this morning and for a time was unconscious, but latest reports are to the effect that he sustained no serious injuries and will soon be all right.

Louis was taking some clothes to the laundress, and was riding his horse, which stumbled in front of Mr. O. M. Eaton's home and fell, throwing Louis beneath him. When Louis was picked up by Mr. Eaton and others in the vicinity, he was found to be unconscious, but he soon revived, and was taken home and Dr. Groover called. The latter found no serious injuries, stating that the blow on the head caused him to become unconscious, but other than that he was all right.

SACCHARINE PLACED UNDER THE BAN

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 29.—By a vote of two to one, the board of Cabinet officers charged with the enforcement of the Pure Food Laws, entered a final decree against the use of saccharine in prepared foods. Secretaries Wilson and Nagel voted yes, McVeagh, no.

FOUR MURDERED AND HOUSE SET ON FIRE

(By Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Feb. 29.—The bodies of four persons were found in a house. They had been murdered and the house set afire.

WILEY HAS NO IDEA OF RESIGNING

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 29.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief chemist of the Department of Agriculture, denies that he had any intention of resigning. He characterized as "preposterous, pure fiction" the rumors to the effect that he was considering such action. He laid the rumors to his enemies.

TROUBLE AMONG TROOPS AT PEKING

(By Associated Press.)
Peking, Feb. 29.—Some of Yuan Shi Kai's troops revolted, looted the shops, and shot up a portion of the town. The number of disaffected soldiers is about 2,000. Residents of the legation quarter were called in.

SHERMAN TO BE TAFT'S RUNNING MATE

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 29.—Last night's reports that Vice President Sherman had practically been decided upon as Mr. Taft's running mate, is denied by party leaders.

NOTES OF THE CAPITAL.

Tallahassee, Feb. 28.—Attorney-General Trammell returned home Sunday from a trip to South Florida, where he has been looking after his campaign. He is engaged today in some important cases before the supreme court, representing the state.

Miss Clem Hampton, chief clerk in the state superintendent's office, is attending an educational association meeting in St. Louis this week. Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. McRae is expected here this afternoon but will not likely take charge of the commissioner of agriculture's office before March 1.

GREAT STRIKE IS NOW ON

THREE-QUARTER MILLION ENGLISH MINERS LAY DOWN THEIR TOOLS TODAY

(By Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 29.—More than three-quarters of a million miners had laid down their tools at two o'clock this afternoon, the number being swelled constantly. Government officials are still working to prevent a general strike.

WORKING WITHOUT HOPE TO AVERT GENERAL STRIKE

(By Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 29.—There is only the faintest hope of averting the great coal strike. The Premier and other cabinet members, and representatives of the Board of Trade are making a final attempt to bring the men and the owners together. They are pessimistic of success, however. In the meantime the miners throughout the kingdom are preparing to lay down their tools. In addition to eight hundred thousand coal workers thousands of others would be made idle through the stoppage of the industries.

JURY DISCHARGED; OUT 112 HOURS

(By Associated Press.)
Fort Worth, Feb. 29.—Standing seven for acquittal, and five for conviction, the jury in the case of John B. Sneed, who killed A. G. Boyce, father of the man who eloped with Sneed's wife, was discharged. It had been out 112 hours.

BOOKER WASHINGTON'S ITINERARY OF FLORIDA

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, Feb. 28.—Booker T. Washington, the colored head of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, will begin his speaking tour of Florida at Pensacola, Friday, March 1. During the course of his six days' journey across the state he will speak in eight different cities, concluding at Jacksonville Wednesday, March 6. Between Pensacola and Jacksonville, Principal Washington will speak on Saturday, March 2, at Tallahassee; Sunday, March 3, at Lake City. Monday he will be in Ocala and Tampa, and will proceed to Lakeland that same night. Dr. Washington will speak in Orlando and Palatka Tuesday. He will reach Daytona early Wednesday and conclude the trip in Jacksonville Wednesday night.

Dr. Washington states that his sole purpose in making this trip is to observe for himself the progress which the members of his own race are making in different parts of the state, and to say a word, if possible, that will stimulate their efforts in other directions of progress and at the same time promote good relations between the races.

In explaining further the purpose of these tours, Dr. Washington says that he is interested particularly in seeing work in the schools which he visits and that he hopes by his visits to create a wider interest among both colored and white people in negro education, particularly in the public schools.

NOW, FOR THE LIMERICKS.

Tomorrow is the first day of March and also the first day of spring. We are already beginning to have spring weather, and spring poetry will begin to bob up when those brilliant Paul Gilmore limericks pour into the Telegram office.

CANNIBALISM AMONG PERSIANS

DISTRESSING CONDITIONS REVEALED BY LETTER FROM DR. MOODY.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 29.—According to a letter from Dr. Susan I. Moody, of Teheran, Persia, startling conditions of cannibalism are existing in parts of Persia where famine is raging. It is said that fathers are eating their children, and children are eating each other. Aid is asked.

HANDSOME CLUSTER OF LARGE GRAPEFRUIT

Mr. Phillip Fischer presented this office today with a handsome cluster of grapefruit grown on his grove south of town. There were twelve large grapefruit on the one branch, each one a perfect beauty. We have some sweet potatoes on exhibition in our office, which, by the way, have been great advertisements for this section, but we don't believe our appetite will allow us to leave the grapefruit here longer than this afternoon.

MEXICAN METHODS OF TREATING MUTINEERS

(By Associated Press.)
Monterey, Mexico, Feb. 29.—Twenty-five ring leaders in the recent prison mutiny were shot to death. Six were killed at the time of the riot.

GOOD ROADS MEETING THIS AFTERNOON

A good roads meeting is being held this afternoon at the new club house of the Hallam Land Company. Quite a number of Lakeland citizens went out to attend, among the number being Mr. H. J. Drane, Mr. C. W. Deen, Mr. W. D. McRae, Mr. T. F. Holbrook, Mr. A. J. Holworthy, Mr. W. F. Hallam and Mrs. L. L. Knudsen.

Those interested in the good roads movement are those people living in the vicinity of the club house, and they are organizing in such a manner as will insure great improvement in the public highways of that section.

MRS. REEVES AWARDED \$10,000 BY FEDERAL JURY

Ten thousand dollars were awarded Mrs. Fannie C. Reeves by a jury in Federal Court yesterday afternoon for the death of her husband, F. C. Reeves, a switchman of the Atlantic Coast Line, who was killed while on duty in the yards of that company at Lakeland, May 27, 1910. Mrs. Reeves brought suit as administratrix of the estate of F. C. Reeves and asked for \$40,000. The allegation was made that the defendant company had failed to equip its cars with the kind of couplers required by law.

The jury which tried the case consisted of W. C. Stanley, J. B. Williams, J. D. Johnston, J. W. Stephens, I. S. Craft, J. L. Coarsey, J. M. Endicott, T. J. Caruthers, E. H. Baker, A. P. Beckett, W. C. Davis and Frank Norton. The case was disposed of with dispatch and at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon both sides rested their testimony. Argument of Attorneys H. S. Hampton, for the plaintiff, and W. A. Carter, for the defendant company, was very brief and a verdict was soon arrived at.—Tampa Tribune.

POLK'S PHOSPHATE SUPPLY PRACTICALLY INEXHAUSTIBLE

Mr. D. A. Raulerson, of Youmans, was in the city yesterday with his crew of phosphate prospectors, and he stated that he and his men had just been in various parts of the county prospecting for phosphate, and they had found large quantities of it, "in fact," said Mr. Raulerson, "we found so much that no one need have any fear of the industry being crippled for lack of material, as this generation will not see the beginning of the end of the phosphate which has already been located."

Mr. Raulerson's prospecting crew and outfit have moved to the section north of Lakeland, camp being made in the Foxtown neighborhood. For a considerable time their operations have been conducted in the southern part of the county.

KNOX NOW ON WAY TO COLON

(By Associated Press.)
Panama, City, Feb. 29.—Secretary Knox left here early this morning for Colon, intending to make a leisurely trip, so that he could inspect the canal. When taking leave of the government officials, he told them he was immensely pleased with his welcome. He and party will board the cruiser Washington, which will immediately start for Port Limon, Costa Rica, where he will arrive tomorrow and go to San Jose, the capital. The newspapers here continue to express friendly sentiments toward the United States.

BAR ASS'N SEEKS TO OUST NEGRO

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 29.—Attorney General Wickersham is seeking to prevent the American Bar Association from ousting W. H. Lewis, his negro assistant, from membership. Lewis was elected to the association a year ago, but the organization's executive committee on January 4 recommended the rescinding of his election.

COMMITTEE TO MANAGE TEDDY'S CAMPAIGN

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 29.—A general Roosevelt committee, including Medill McCormick, editor of the Chicago Tribune, Gifford and Amos Pinchot, Senator Dixon, of Montana, and probably James S. Garfield, will be organized here next week to manage his campaign.

TEN NEGROS LOST IN STEAMBOAT FIRE

(By Associated Press.)
New Orleans, Feb. 29.—It is reported that a river steamer was burned today at Point Pleasant, La. Ten negroes lost their lives in the fire.

The Evening Telegram's limerick contest in connection with Paul Gilmore's presentation of "The Mummy and the Humming Bird" is attracting much interest, and we have already been put on notice that many verses will be submitted. All our readers are invited to try their hands at writing a verse, and some one who never attempted such a thing before may be the very one to win a prize. There are several tickets to be given out and you may get one or more of them. And if you get nothing, you will be out nothing except a little brain exercise—which, perhaps, you need, anyway.

DRAINAGE WILL BE CONSIDERED

AT MEETING OF NATIONAL DRAINAGE CONGRESS, CONVENING APRIL 11.

New Orleans, Feb. 29.—The National Drainage Congress, which will assemble in New Orleans April 10 for a four-day session, will take up the questions of drainage of wet and overflow lands, river regulation and flood prevention, the development of inland waterway navigation and channel improvement, the utilization of levees for the construction of good roads, increased food protection and decreased cost of living, the creation of new farms and new markets.

The New Orleans Board of Control of The National Drainage Congress has planned to draw 10,000 delegates to New Orleans for this Congress in order that sufficient nation-wide force may be generated to influence the federal congress to prompt action in enacting legislation that will pave the way for the prevention of floods and the drainage of the 75,000,000 acres of wet and overflow lands in the country.

The Call for the Congress is going to 50,000 governors, mayors, civic and commercial organizations, congressmen and senators and others.

At New Orleans the delegates will be given a practical demonstration of the ease with which modern machinery can dig navigable drainage canals and open up waste but highly fertile lands to the plow and the home-seeker. New Orleans itself has been reclaimed by ditches, drainage canals and electric pumps, and modern sky-scrapers now stand where alligators and crawfish once held forth. On the outskirts of New Orleans there is now an 8,000-acre reclaimed tract which is being planted in a variety of crops to serve as an illustration of what the farmer can do with artificially drained alluvial lands. The delegates to the National Drainage Congress will spend half a day on these lands.

HOLLINGSWORTH NEWS.

The storm did quite a bit of damage to the large house of Mr. S. T. Phillips, setting it clear off the foundation but luckily the family escaped any injury.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Willcox left Thursday noon for their home in Galesburg, Ill. They will take the News and keep in touch with our climate and look forward to their next visit to Florida some time the latter part of the year.

Quite a number of the young people of this vicinity went to Medulla last Friday night to the singing school.

Mrs. Duke, of Dixieland, spent Tuesday at the home of Mrs. George Phillips.

Mrs. M. A. Brewer entertained a party of friends Thursday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Willcox, who have spent the last three months at their bungalow in the Flatwoods and will leave soon for their home at Galesburg, Ill., and Burlington, Iowa, much to the regret of their many friends they have made since coming here.

Mr. E. C. Elder spent Wednesday afternoon very pleasantly at the home of N. H. Davis.

Davis & Willcox spent Monday afternoon at Paul Gardner's, on Banana lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mercer and daughter took dinner at F. C. Willcox's Sunday.

Mr. Will Pearce and sister and Miss Olive and Ruby Pearce spent Monday evening at the Willcox home.

Miss Petticord is visiting at the home of Mrs. M. A. Brown.