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LESSONS FROM THE EQUITABLE

When the Equitable insurance squabble was begun many who looked beneath the surface of the conclusion that whatever might have been the motives at the beginning which prompted the officials who are waging war on each other, the real fight was between Morgan and Harriman for the control of the company with its enormous assets. No one imagined that either Morgan or Harriman proposed to utilize these assets in any but a legitimate way, but how vast is the power which the control of such a company gives may be realized from the fact that the \$400,000,000 of assets of the Equitable is equal to more than half of the national banking capital of the United States.

It will be better in the long run should the fight in and for the Equitable cause the whole country to seriously consider the question of insurance. It seems hardly possible to believe that the purchase of a control of the stock and the management of this property by people who have been bitterly assailed for alleged illegal acts will overcome the criticisms which have been called out by the reprimandations of the officers and directors, and if the final result of all this trouble should lead to a lessening of the power of a few of the great insurance companies the country will be better off for it.

De Soto county will in the next few years take the place that is justly hers. It has already gone forth throughout the length and breadth of the land that her soil is the most productive and her climate as salubrious as is that of any in the State. With these advantages, land is so cheap that the ordinary day laborer can, if he wants it, get an acre a day for his services. That fact accounts in a great measure for the scarcity of day labor in De Soto.

Along these lines the editor of the News has a few words to say and a suggestion to offer that may profit some of his readers. In a county so fertile as is De Soto, many different kinds of crops can be grown and they can reach the great markets of the North as early a date that they command the highest prices. This is true regarding early shipments, but later, when other sections north of us commence shipping, prices depreciate. By reason of this fact much of the products of our soil remain in the fields to rot, our extreme southern location, an advantage early in the season, telling against us when points farther north commence to ship. 'Twould be well then to plant something that we can sell nearer home at a good price and that something be of such a character that a large production will not greatly reduce the growers profits. De Soto County can produce such a crop and has a market for it right at her doors. It has been fully demonstrated that her soil and climate is more like that of Cuba than any in Florida and that tobacco grown here is of a finer quality and is more like the Cuban products than is any grown off the island. Tampa with her hundreds of cigar factories is the world's greatest tobacco market and if our planters will raise high grade tobacco, that city will take every ounce that is sent there and pay a good price for it too. Let our farmers give thought to this matter. A small plot of ground planted will prove a convincing and profitable experiment.

F. E. C. EXTENSION. Many persons are desirous of knowing how Mr. Flagler ever expects to make his investment of from forty to fifty million of dollars in the extension of the Florida East Coast railroad pay. They seem to overlook the fact that "Uncle Henry" looks far into the future and that the Panama Canal is under construction. When that great work is finished, Key West with the finest and largest terminals south of Philadelphia and with her extreme southern location will be an important city among southern sea ports. She will be the gateway through which will pass thousands upon thousands of tons of goods from Central and South America and from the Orient. The Florida East Coast Railroad will be the best equipped to handle the immense shipments and will doubtless get the major part of them. Mr. Flagler isn't asleep by any means.

We have been having an abundance of rain for the past week. Leslie Roberts, is attending school at Brownville. L. S. Waldron, was in Brownville Saturday. Mr. Ira Maranie, of Nocatee made an appreciated visit in Brownville Sunday. Mrs. Mc Ewen and Mrs. Johnson, of Fort Ogdon, were visiting relatives at this place last week. Mrs. Maggie Mc Clenathan was here the first of the week. John Carlton made homefolks a visit Saturday. John Murphy was here last week. Miss Ada Odum was calling in Arcadia the first part of the week. Jessie Freeman was visiting relatives here last week. Minnie Waldron made a call to Arcadia Wednesday. Tim Orner entered school at this place Monday.

BROWNVILLE

I have for sale within the incorporate limits of Arcadia, desirably located, three tracts of land, fronting residence streets, and planted with fine bearing orange trees. One tract contains a good six room cottage, well built, 200 bearing trees and consists of two and one half acres. This tract I ask \$4000 for. The other two each contain about 300 bearing trees each, but no buildings. Will sell at extremely reasonable figures. W. O. Ralls, Arcadia, Fla.

PLANT TOBACCO

Too much attention cannot be paid to the matter of transportation and markets by those engaged in agriculture. One of the first considerations of the planter should be whether or not he can ship his products to a given point and there secure the highest price. He should therefore make a careful study of his environment and existing local conditions and find out what crops his land can most successfully produce and second, what is the nearest market that offers a fair price for what he has to sell.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Of the Board of County Commissioners of De Soto County.

The following warrants were drawn at the regular meeting of the Board in August:

Table with columns: ROAD FUND, No. 2, Amount. Lists various individuals and organizations with their respective warrant numbers and amounts.

GENERAL REVENUE

Table with columns: Name, Amount. Lists various individuals and organizations contributing to general revenue.

FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND

Table with columns: Name, Amount. Lists various individuals and organizations contributing to fine and forfeiture fund.

ORIENTAL COURTESY.

An Incident in Which Miss Anna Dickinson Figured.

Miss Anna Dickinson traveled everywhere independently and saw human nature in all of its lairs. Writing to a woman friend once, she described a reception given by wealthy Chinamen in a restaurant kept by Chi Lung in San Francisco. She said that she saw a servant coming toward her with a box divided into many compartments, with different kinds of nuts and candies in the smaller trays. She picked out half a dozen or more and laid them on the arm of the chair, which served as a table. As the attendant passed on to others she saw that each took only one bonbon, and she was much embarrassed.

RUSSIAN WOMEN.

The Many Restrictions to Which They Are Now Subjected.

It is difficult for an American to understand that freedom as we know it does not exist in Russia. There the legal position of woman is far from satisfactory. She hardly ever belongs to herself, but is always under the tutelage of some one.

LOVE OF NATURE.

The More Man Loses Out of Door Life the More He Admires It.

The more man has become engaged in the conflicts of civilization, in intellectual disappointment, the more he has felt the uselessness of knowledge, the more he has turned to certain expressions of art as an escape. He has addressed poems to nature, has painted landscape more and more, has shown in every way that such an escape was a dream. Art has existed from the very beginning, even before the first man stuttered out his naming of the animals and expressed their character by the sound of their name.

THE BUDDHIST HADES.

Eight "Easy Stages" of the Most Awful Kinds of Torture.

The place of torment to which all wicked Buddhists are to be assigned on the day of final reckoning is a terrible place of punishment. This Buddhist hell is divided into eight "easy stages." In the first the poor victim is compelled to walk for untold ages in his bare feet over hills thickly set with red hot needles, points upward. In the second stage the skin is all carefully filed or rasped from the body and irritating mixtures applied. In the third stage the nails, hair and eyes are plucked out and the denuded body saved and placed into all sorts of fantastic shapes. The fourth stage is that of "sorrowful lamentations." In the fifth the left side of the body and the denuded head are carefully roasted, Yema, the Buddhist Satan, superintending the work. In the sixth stage the arms are torn from the body and thrown into an immense vat among the eyes, nails and hair previously removed. Then in plain language of the stage footed, blind, maimed, roasted and bleeding victim the whole horrid mass is pounded into a jelly. In the seventh stage the other side of the victim and his feet are roasted brown, and then comes the eighth and last stage, in which the candidates are thrown into the bottomless pit of perdition.

ORANGE TREES FOR SALE. If you want the best Nursery Stock in DeSoto County, at reasonable prices, see me before buying... J. J. HEARD, Arcadia, Florida

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