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Organization of Tobacco Company.

Madison has a way of doing things without unnecessary brag or bluster and with but little noise. If an outsider might have dropped in at the offices of the Fraleigh-Lines-Sheffer Co., last Friday afternoon he would have seen a large assemblage of the citizens of town and county who were engaged in earnest discussion, and he would have noted that a spirit of enterprise, progress and prosperity hung heavily over the meeting. This was the second meeting of those who had decided a few days before to organize a company for the promotion, and encouragement of tobacco growing in the county and the formation of a stock company to plant tobacco and operate a packing house for its handling. Jim Hardee was selected as chairman of the meeting and with Archie Livingston as secretary the business proceeded by calling for a report of the committee which had been appointed at the former meeting to solicit subscriptions for stock. The committee reported by reading the list of names of subscribers together with the amount of stock wanted by each. It was found that a total of \$37,100 had been subscribed. Then it was resolved to organize the Florida Sumatra Leaf Tobacco Co. with a capital stock of \$40,000. A Board of Directors consisting of eleven stockholders was selected and upon this Board will devolve the details of the organization, the selection of officers, etc.

Since the meeting the entire capital stock has been over subscribed by something like \$7,000. Application for a charter will be at once made to the State and the affairs of the company will be put upon a strict business basis with all possible dispatch. Negotiations are now pending for lands upon which to plant not less than twenty-five acres of tobacco and for a building to be used for a packing house.

The purpose of the company is primarily to make money for its stockholders, and to encourage the growing of tobacco in Madison county in every way possible consistent with sound business principles. The company will be the pioneer in the business of packing and handling tobacco in the county. The first year will be largely experimental and upon its outcome will depend largely the success of the business in future years.

At a Directors meeting Tuesday afternoon it was decided to increase the capital stock to \$50,000. Other important business details were worked out and these matters will be submitted for ratification at a meeting of the stockholders to be held this afternoon, 4:30 o'clock, at the office of Fraleigh, Lines, Sheffer Co. It is important that all stock holders be present.

The fact that the full sum of forty thousand dollars has been subscribed for the new tobacco company and packing house, and the further fact that many are clamoring for stock which cannot now be had is glowing evidence of the faith which our people have in our future prosperity.

In Jackson county the cotton crop has been cut short by the excessive rains, but there will still be fair crop, and hog and hominy will be plentiful.

School Term Begins.

Tuesday morning marked the opening of the school term in Madison and by 7:30 o'clock of that day many boys and girls were seen wending their way to the handsome and commodious brick building which serves as the home of Madison's high school and Normal and Commercial College.

Promptly at 8:30 Prof. Walter Cate, the popular and efficient principal, called this assemblage to order and after a song Rev. Dr. Mickie offered a prayer. The professor then introduced the members of the faculty to the assembled pupils and guests and made a neat little talk outlining the work of the institution and the prospects before it.

About two hundred and thirty-five students enrolled at this time and the different grades were separated and sent to their respective rooms in charge of the teachers. The number of pupils enrolled exceeds that of a year ago and there is no doubt but that many were absent because of the extremely warm weather.

By next week the school will have settled down to work and everything will be running as smoothly as can be desired. Prof. Cate and his faculty are earnest and enthusiastic workers and it is safe to say that the reputation of the school gained during its first term last year will be sustained and possibly made better during this term.

All of the teachers with one exception are from other States and are engaged this week in taking the examination which under the State laws is necessary before they may receive certificates entitling them to teach in our public schools. For this week substitutes have been provided and upon them will devolve the work of getting the pupils straightened out and in working order.

Pinetta Happenings.

Master Turner Knight is spending a few days with his brother, Willie Knight.

Our depot agent, Mr. W. F. Cannady made a flying trip to Valdosta last Sunday.

A certain young man, name John, drives a little red mule by here every Sunday evening about four o'clock. I wonder where he is from? Suppose you ask Miss Ranna T. Perhaps she knows. How about it Miss Ranna?

Miss Madge Burnett spent the day with Mrs. W. D. Sutley last Wednesday.

Miss Sallie Kelly left last Thursday for her home near Madison. Miss Kelly has gained a host of friends during her stay here who regret to see her leave very much.

Miss Delia Scarbrough was the guest of Miss Alice Coody last Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Willie Knight spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives at Nankin.

Mrs. and Miss Hampton of Jacksonville are spending a few days in our little city and are the guests of Mrs. Sutley.

We are glad to know that Mrs. G. Owens is able to be up again after a few days illness.

Mrs. Pink Crawford is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Coody.

A crowd of pretty girls were walking the railroad last Sunday evening by themselves. Say, young men, wouldn't it be much nicer to

Meeting Sea Island Cotton Association at White Springs.

Inter-State Meeting of the Sea Island Cotton Association at White Springs, Hamilton county Florida, Sept. 12, 1907.

By the authority vested in me as President of the Sea Island Cotton Association of Georgia and Florida, I hereby issue a call for a meeting of the Association to be held at White Springs, Hamilton county Florida on Thursday Sept. 12th, 1907, for the purpose of fixing and maintaining a minimum price on the Sea Island cotton crop of this year; for the election of directors of the Sea Island Cotton Company, and other important business of the Association.

All county Presidents are hereby authorized to call meetings of their Sub-Associations and county Associations on or before the last Saturday in August, to elect strong delegations to attend the Inter-State meeting.

It is important that the officers and scales committees of all the counties should be present at this meeting and furnish complete and reliable information as to acreage planted this year and as close estimates of the present crop as can be obtained to aid the committee on fixing the price. Gather this information from your Sub-Associations and all possible reliable sources.

All farmers organizations and business men, who are interested in getting just and fair prices for cotton and the upbuilding of our home and, are invited to affiliate with us and send delegates to the meeting.

The business men and citizens of White Springs are making great preparations of entertainment for the meeting and a royal Southern welcome will be tendered the Association.

F. G. SCHELL, HARVEY JORDAN,
Secretary, President.

Call for Meeting of the S. I. Cotton Association of Madison County.

Madison, Fla., Aug. 24, 1907.

I hereby call a meeting of the Sea Island Cotton Association of Madison county to convene in the Court House on Saturday, Sept. 7th, next, at 11 o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of selecting delegates to the called meeting of the Inter-State Association to be held at White Springs, on Sept. 12th, 1907, and also to transact any other business which properly comes before the county organization. A full attendance is earnestly requested.

J. H. HAVEN, F. M. TOOKE,
Secretary, President.

be in the company of these young ladies than sitting at the drug store smoking cigarettes, laughing and telling big yarns? If there isn't something done, the young men of Pinetta will not be respected at all. Now boys, lay down your cigarettes and turn over a new leaf and see what you can do.

The ice cream supper given by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. E. Terry in honor of Miss Sallie Kelly was enjoyed by all present.

Wonder if Professor Buach left any chickens for those people to raise from another year?

The debating society must be dead as I haven't heard anything about it in some time.

We have prayer meeting in Pinetta every Wednesday night and every body is invited to attend.

RUN-OVER LOCALS.

Col. H. J. McCall and daughter, Miss Sueie, of Jacksonville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carroll over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Morrow and little Genevieve left Tuesday morning for Hampton-Spring where they will remain a week or two.

Alonzo Rowe visited in Valdosta Monday. He says on business but others say his visit was to a certain popular belle of that city.

Mrs. Ola Sanders and Miss Josie McDonald left yesterday for Lithia Springs, Ga., where they will spend the month of September.

Edwin Blalock took advantage of the bank holiday to visit his parents and friends in Madison. He returned to Valdosta Tuesday morning.

Rev. B. T. Marsh is expected home about to-morrow and will conduct regular services at the Baptist church at the usual hours next Sunday.

Loafing time is past. "Get busy" is the slogan of our town now and bosses and clerks have settled down to take care of what promises to be a busy and lively season.

Prof. Grant Wheeler and son, Raymond, reached here Sunday night from Ohio where they spent the vacation. They both look well and in fit trim for the duties of the school life.

T. J. Beggs and John Tollie Vann arrived Monday from New York. Both gentlemen bought largely of goods for their respective trades while in the market cities of the north and east.

Mesdames S. B. Mays and Ella Dickinson accompanied by Misses Lizzie Taylor and Maude Tooke, have been enjoying the sulphur spring at Cherry Lake for the past ten days.

Mrs. Columbus Smith and children are expected home to-morrow. They have been enjoying life for the past six or seven weeks in the mountain region of North Georgia and at Monticello.

Mrs. Ernest Bradley and little girl are at home again. They spent the summer most pleasantly in Buffalo, N. Y., and vicinity, visiting Niagara Falls and other points of interest in that section.

Mr. W. L. Parramore and Col. C. B. Ashley expect to leave to-day or to-morrow for Lithia Springs, Ga., where they will spend awhile. Mrs. Parramore and Mrs. Ashley being already there.

The September examination of teachers is being conducted under the supervision of Supt. G. W. Tedder in the court house this week. Quite a number of teachers are taking the examination.

Madison county bids fair to take her proper place as one of the richest counties in Florida. When our tobacco business gets to going right and prosper—as it is bound to do—there will be no holding us back.

A small amount of new cotton found its way to market last week and the growers had no difficulty in selling what they had of seed cotton at a good price—from 8 to 8½ cents per pound. In another week cotton will be coming in at a good rate.

Will Overstreet is at home again. He returned Saturday from his annual trip to the market cities of the North and East. He will keep the people advised of the many bargains which he secured for them by a liberal use of the advertising columns of the New Enterprise.

There's a reason for that ache in your back—right where it "stitches" every time you bend over, turn around or walk any distance. It's your kidneys. Take Dewitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They are unequalled for back-ache, weak kidneys and inflammation of the bladder. A week's treatment, 25 cents. Sold by W. B. Davis.

The Methodist congregation received a decided shock at the morning service Sunday when the pastor, Rev. W. H. Funk, announced from the pulpit that he had found it necessary to terminate his pastorate in our town. The reverend gentleman with his children, left Tuesday for his former home at Mansfield, Ohio. Mr. Funk, owing to ill health, both of himself and his children found a change absolutely necessary. He will retire from the ministerial work for a season until he has regained his health. The best wishes of the Methodist people and of all our people go with the pastor who during his few months of service here has endeared himself to our people.

Russell Taylor left yesterday morning for Cincinnati, Ohio, where he has accepted a position in a railroad general offices. The New Enterprise wishes the boy unlimited success.

Miss Nellie Childress, of Sweetwater Tenn., Miss Mary Motlow, of Lynchburg, Va., Miss Mary Walters, of Raleigh, N. C., Miss Viola Carleton, of Micanopy, Fla., Miss Jannie Hill, of Savannah, Ga., Miss Emma Akard, of Bristol, Tenn., and Miss Jessie Buckland, of Carrollton, Miss., teachers, all, who will preside in the several departments of the Madison Normal and High School, arrived Saturday and Sunday from their several homes.

At a meeting of the Farmers Union held in the court house last Monday it was decided that a cotton warehouse to be owned and operated for the benefit of the farmers by the organization should be erected in Madison. A lot of one acre was donated to the cause by Byrd Belote, said lot being on the line of the Valdosta Southern Railway at or near the point where the school house street crosses the road. Jim Hardee circulated a subscription list among the merchants and business men of the town and in a short while about six hundred dollars was donated to the farmers for the building of the warehouse. It is expected that work on the building will be commenced at once, as soon as material may be had, and that the warehouse will be completed in time for use with this season's crop. Madison people are always ready to extend a helping hand to the farmers and the unanimity with which the subscription list was signed should prove that our people are awake to all progressive ideas and ready to come across with the "needful" to carry such plans into successful completion.

Newsy News Items From Lee.

Mrs. Olive Stroud returned Saturday from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Julia Bell, of Lafayette county.

J. H. Haven and family and Auquilla were here Sunday on a visit to relatives.

Mr. Tillman, after a visit to his daughter, Mrs. C. M. Frier, returned to his home Saturday.

Messrs. O. F. Allen and Frank Stroud went to Jacksonville Sunday to attend a meeting of the S. A. L. railroad men.

Mr. E. M. Bynum, a knight of the grip, came over from Live Oak Friday to look after the needs of the people.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. V. Blanton died Saturday. We extend to them our heartfelt sympathies.

Rev. A. M. Mann came and filed his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday and went to Hickory Grove Sunday afternoon to a protracted meeting. May the Lord bless his labor.

Mrs. Wm. Wright from Jacksonville was here last week visiting friends.

Mrs. C. W. Gibbs went to Madison last Tuesday to see her brother who has been quite ill.

Mrs. Alice Baker and her daughter Nannie came down from Madison Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McDaniel.

Dr. W. S. Mickler went down to Live Oak Monday on business for the W. O. W. who are doing all they can to make the picnic at Aucilla a success. There will be much speaking and a game of base ball, and tennis. There will be a special train for the occasion, leaving Live Oak at 7 o'clock a. m. on September 5th. They extend a cordial invitation to all.

The Lee Lumber Co. have their house almost ready for the placing of the machinery.

The work is progressing nicely at Mr. C. E. Frier's store. Neighbors, do not let the good work stop, but let every building that was destroyed be replaced with good, substantial lumber.