\$300,000 ON ASPHALT

CASTRO HAS CLEARED UP

## A. BLOUNT JR'S. ADDRESS AT FLORIDA CHAUTAUQUA

Eloquent Oration by Pensacolian Upon George Wash-

LARGE CROWD FROM ALL SEC-TIONS OF WEST FLORIDA AT FUNIAK SPRINGS YESTERDAY AND ENTERTAINMENT PROVID-ED WAS GREATLY ENJOYED.

Special to The Journal

DeFuniak Springs, Feb. 24.-This was virtually "Pensacola-Day" at the Florida Chautauqua, and the sessions were attended by a large crowd, every section of West Florida being well represented. The entertainment providey was greatly enjoyed, and many compliments were paid to the management for the excellence of the pro-

West Florida was the oration of Mr ed many such barriers, W. A. Blount, Jr., of Pensacola, his subject being "George Washington."

## Mr. Blount's Address.

Mr. Blount said: clothed him in an ideality, making sellors of the republic. him more than man, and on the other hand the enmity born of his strength



W. A. BLOUNT, JR.

A feature of the day's program of and Washington, in his sturdy and in- the upper or bridge deck. especial interest to the people of flexible adherence to the right, erect-

Two Phases of His Character.

The undue minimizing of his worth The after part of the main deck The pilot house is on the bridge who so desire. and the active adverse antagonism contains the quarters of the officers; deck and, in addition to the necessary were succeeded by a counter and cor- the amidship section the kee machine apparatus for steering the vessel, con-As we turn backward the pages of respondingly great idealization of for cooling the drinking water and fur- tains automatic annunciators connect- ward of the boilers and, in addition to in reverence and respect, for on that; became a demigod rather than a day was born George Washington, to hero. If in the first phase he was whom, above all others in its history, partly robbed of his due meed of recof his birthday annually re- was even more alien from the practiears, no wiser use can be made of cal motives of men. But another he occasion than to present afresh change has come, involving a wiser to the consideration of young and interpretation of his character. The dd, his character and its effects on man as he was begins to appear, and our national life. Grover Cleveland biographers are not afraid to relate has said, that in a frequent recur-incidents and traits which are human, rence to fundamental principles lies while with equal intrepidity they cut he safety of the republic, and we may away from him the aspersions unjustaffirm with equal sententiousness and ly cast upon him. Thus he is now truth that in a frequent recurrence to known to us as a man with human consideration of the lives of great desires and hence with human frailexemplars of the republic, we best ties, made of mortal clay but of clay may provide for the maintenance of burned in a heavenly fire, so that hat civic virtue which ensures the the icon which the world now knows perpetuity of the nation. And so we as Washington is a mortal of mortals top in the midst of our toll and tur- but with a larger share of divinity moil and ponder over the character than has usually fallen to his brethand influence of the greatest man ren of the flesh; and now human sym-America has yet produced. The lapse pathy attaches itself to him with of years has made this an easy task, warmer loyalty and he moves, or at for in the vista we lose on the one least should move, as a living, vital hand the fevered partisanship which force among the statesmen and coun-

Gladstone's Tribute.

Gladstone said, "If among the pedof character which incited envy and estals supplied by history for emdetraction, stripping him of his hunent public characters, I saw one manity. He has passed through two higher than all the rest, and if I were hases and is now in a third. While asked to name its fittest occupant, I he lived hostility environed him, crit- would at once name Washington." cism assailed him and misunder. This noble utterance finds instant reandingly reviled him. He shared

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By Ben H. Thomas.

short distance off the foot of Palafox | sired. street, is a fighting machine pure and simple, every inch of available space on board being taken up with the ma- ward, is the conning tower, a circular on the vessel. chinery necessary to the navigation chamber of steel from which the com-

ly, Berth deck, Main deck, Super- also mounted the four 4 inch rifles and partments are not open to visitors, structure deck and Bridge deck. The Main Deck.

The United States Monitor Florida, 12 inch rifles, the barbette in which tower. The five 6 pounder guns are sounds at 5:30 a. m. and Jack turns which Uncle Sam has kindly detail- they are contained being mounted mounted on this deck, and it is here out of his hammock, rolls it up and ed to represent the Navy during the so that it can be swung in any direct that the launch and cutters attached to stows it away. Some of the ham-Royal Revels in honor of Priscus, Rex tion in order that the rifles may be the vessel are carried when the monimocks are swung on the berth deck, and which is now lying in the bay a brought to bear upon any object determined by the vessel are carried when the monimocks are swung on the berth deck, and which is now lying in the bay a brought to bear upon any object de-

Superstructure Deck.

the two Maxim-Nordfeldt guns. Bridge Deck.

Engines and Boilers. of them arriving on the morning train. paths to unearned honor and profit rifles and two Maxim-Nordfeldt rapid with the shore during daylight hours. room to turn around. The engine salt water on board the monitor. At Nearly all returned to the city to are blocked by the barriers which fire guns on the superstructure deck and a searchlight. In the center of the room is reached by a companionway 7:15 breakfast call is sounded, and ate from Washington correspondents The Florida has four decks, name- cers and crew, and on this deck are forward of the engines. These com- tite. for obvious reasons, but the balance

The berth deck is located just for-

rack for "ditty" boxes, in which the blue jackets store their sewing tackle, and such odds and ends as they de sire to have ready at hand. Forward of this compartment is the sick bay, which contains four cots and all appliances for careing for the sick or injured and, on the starboard side, way off in one corner, is the brig, or dungeon, in which Jack Tar is stowed away CONTROVERSY OVER MINING when he becomes unruly. Life on the Monitor.

ters for a portion of the crew, the

The life of a bluejacket on one of Uncle Sam's monitors, and the life of room at meal time and the forward any part of the vessel. Similar appa- the officers as well, for that matter, portion is given over to the immense ratus is also contained in the conning is somewhat strenuous. Reville ries seven boats, one of which is an the superstructure deck. When the electric launch operated by storage hammocks are stowed Jack gets a On the superstructure deck, for batteries supplied from the dynamos cup of coffee and then "turns to" and the president and his cabinet, no one follows. This work is finished by 7 the nature of Judge W. J. Calhoun's of the vessel, quarters for the officers manding officer navigates the vessel and crew, and the weapons of offense. When in action. To the rear of this amidships, are the engines and boilers "wash water," i. e. fresh water for and Bermudez (Asphalt) Co. It is The armament consists of two twelve rises the military mast upon which and the compartments devoted to bathing purposes. Some salt water and Bermudez (Asphalt) Co. It is and strength. The performance of inch rifles, each of which throw a are the electric signals for night, the them are so full of machinery, annunis used for washing clothes and clean-known however, that the company is

accompanied with the bugle. It is not Venezuela's president. pany stands at "attention."

in the "ditty" boxes of the crew.

"Quarters." are boat drills, drills with the guns, ber out of these asphalt mines.

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barber shop, four big dynamos, a President of Venezuela Republic Mixes Private Business With Public Privilege and Makes Money by It.

> RIGHTS STILL REMAINS UNSET-TLED AND GOVERNMENT DIC-TATOR CONTINUES TO ROB AMERICAN COMPANY OF ITS RIGHTS AND PROPERTY THERE.

Special to The Journal. Washington, Feb. 24.-Outside of a general cleaning up of the vessel in Washington is fully informed as to A large number of Pensacolians were in attendance, the maperity of them arriving on the marriving of them arriving on the marriving on the marriving on the marriving on the marriving of them arriving on the marriving of them are so full of marriving on the marriving of them are so full of marriving on the marriving of them arriving on the marriving of the marriving of the marriving of them arrived the marriving of the marriving

men performing their duties raise, and five 6 pounder rifles mounted on superstructure deck are the galleys, just forward of the officers' quarters, Jack turns to with a will, having, by as to the Calhoun report. All that is a where the cooking is done for the offi- and the boiler room is located just this time, worked up a healthy appe- definitely known here however, is that the report has been handed in and that, as a result, Secretary Root-At 8 a. m. comes "colors," when the has instructed Minister Russell to of the vessel can be inspected by all flag of the Nation is hauled to the top make renewed efforts to secure a setof the staff. On the larger vessels of tlement with Castro. As it is well the navy this ceremony is accom- known that Judge Calhoun approachpanied by the band which plays "The ed the subject with entire impartial-Star Spangled Banner" as the colors ity, the determination of the State Dehistory and come to the 22nd day of him, by which his faults were ignored, nishing ice, furnishes quarters for a ing with the engine room and appar- furnishing a mess room for the chief are slowly hoisted. On the Florida, partment to support his findings ought February in the year 1732, we pause and his virtues magnified, until he part of the crew at night and a mess atus for instantly communicating with petty officers, contains sleeping quar- as there is no band, the ceremony is to have some weight even with

generally known that on board a war A few weeks before the Calhoun reare never allowed to touch the deck. Treasurer of the so-called "Asphalt When lowered at sundown the flag is Trust," was sent to Venezuela, at the carefully caught and folded, and dur- suggestion of Venezuela conveyed ing both the ceremony of raising and through the American State Departlowering the colors the ship's com- ment, to make a final endeavor for a settlement.

At 8:15 all the bright work on the Mr. Brown has just returned from vessel, including the guns, is tackled Venezuela. He failed to induce Casby the crew and polished up, and when tro to agree to any reasonable basis this work is completed towels and of compromise; but he ascertained other small articles are stowed away that about 23,000 tons of asphalt had been extracted from the company's mines since they were seized by Pres-At 9:15 comes the call for "regular ident Castro. This asphalt was shipquarters," which is a roster of the crew and inspection of clothing, etc., which is followed by a "setting up." which is followed by a "setting up," or physical exercise, drill. Officers as well as men take part in this and at the conclusion of the exercises the whole company runs several times whole company runs several times phalt is sold by A. H. Carner, custoaround the deck of the vessel, cover- dian of the mines, for \$5 a ton, and is ing, possibly, half a mile before com- marketed by A. L. Barber for about ing to a stop, at "double quick." The \$18 a ton. This makes a profit of setting up exercises are followed by approximately \$300,000 which has been drills, different drills taking place on realized since July, 1904, by Presidifferent days of the week. There dent Castro, Mr. Carner and Mr. Bar-

fire drills, collision drill, instruction While Mr. Brown was in Caracas, in seamanship, rescue drill and drills and when negotiations which he conof every possible description. This ducted through Minister Russell were exercise is continued until 11:30 a. apparently proceeding to a successful m. and at 11:45 the crew take their end, there was a sudden hitch. The

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A ROMANCE OF THE ROYAL REVELS OF PRISCUS, REX.

the fate of all public men of purity

## THE PROFESSOR AND THE PINK DOMINO

U. S. MONITOR FLORIDA UNDER WAY.

The illustration shows the vessel steaming at full speed. She has but little freeboard, the main deck being

but about three feet above the surface of the water; consequently the decks are awash when the vessel is under

WRITTEN FOR THE JOURNAL BY NELLIE CRAVEY GILMORE

It was a day such as only Florida; "I suppose you've received, your in the professor with arch ingenuity. which is like no other wind, blew gratefully across the open,

essor like, on a glittering sand-bes, reading a book, while the rest of the crowd were promenading, in pairs or "Oh, not always," objected Doris groups, up and down the beach. with some resentment. The book was a treatise on sociology and it was written by another profes- water reflectively for a moment. The background of it. them in his indefatigable brain,

can burned bronze hair was full of the fresh, pink profile beside him. gold streaks over a face tanned like an

The professor glanced up with a ly. art of surprise and the book slipas sharply aware that her eyes were! blue as the ocean in the distance; something more. She was lookig at him with an unwonted scrutiny. "I came," she said, "I came-" and ed. Her gaze shifted suddenly face to the limitless expanse;

The professor made as if to rise, but girl motioned him back, and her-

"Men are selfish creatures," began the without perceptibile preface. "Because I was reading?"

M. blinking at the waves. Selfishness is the first law of na- ed dubiously.

They are all profound egotists," the pursued. 30h\*\*\*

"And want the same thing." The professor smiled inwardly. Just tals through meditative fingers. last Mardi Gras?"

can boast in mid-winter. The sun was vitation?" she enquired irrelevantly. a blaze of yellow glory, and the wind, "Several. Which do you mean?"

"Mrs. Telford's." He nodded contemplating the toe The professor was reclining unpro- of his boots with unusual interest, "And of course you'll go?"

"Mask balls are a horrible bore."

ser—a friend of this one's—and bristled with fallacies. This professor shore pleased him to-day unaccountwas discovering them. was discovering them all, and noting ably. There was something here that his quick blood answered to; a pagan fair? Presently, a girl, slim and easy in joy, a forgetfulness. He drank the brown yachting suit, appeared be sweet wind in a long breath and Carnval time." ore him. She had no nat on and her laughed. This, as his eyes rested on

Doris flushed, humming the latest from his fingers to the sand. He two-step with much unconcern.

"A particular sort of one that could he recognized by-someone" he proceeded with insidious emphasis, "For instance?"

"Now black-" "Heavens, no!"

halted again.

"Good gracious! Why don't you-" to go. "When you interrupted me; that "Well-" she reconsidered, looking appeared through an opening, to the had vanished into the air, dropped down on the sand beside black would never do on account of back.

"Exactly. Let us say pink, then." anxious eyes. On general principals" she returned. "And one were to dance with the And the professor in default of mask. pink domino many times," he venture other occupation, picked up his dis- She shook her head, but kept her ly with everything in sight, for one

Doris permitted a little half-smile, swore roundly, "And sit in corners" he went on

more boldly. "Pink is frightfully common itself" ball, the professor had a note. observed Doris, sifting tiny sandcrys- "For the girl, a silver star; for the "It was to tell you that I loved you" The professor lost no time in hunt-

niany offers have you had since "With a silver star for the girl and remember when a secret ceases to be my wife." la-a blue cross for the man" urged a secret."

Doris laughed outright.

"Oh, very well; if it seems to you he hugged himself in spirit. such a joke-"A perfectly enchanting one," she interposed merrily.

"Shall we?" He bent toward her almost ardently-for a professor. She looked at him with a sort of helpless indecision, with just a bit of the face of a strange lady; and to

"Otherwise," he insisted, "it would "Maybe. But would it be exactly

"All is fair in love and war-and "I'm not so sure." The professor lifted his head with the deeper intonation of the men's. a gesture of crestfallen annoyance.

down at him with an inscrutable ex-"Of course if you don't want to."

more.

carded volume, and under his breath voice to herself.

appended the professor sagely. And in a monotonous little drawl.

The intervening time before the Doris. You could never fool me." ball, the professor spent in a whirl his professional dignity to such an flowing pink sleeve. extent as to purchase a bag of confetti and empty the contents of it in

The night of the ball found him keyed to the highest point. People were tightened her grasp on his arm. thronging into the ball-room in regicolor everywhere. Subtle waltz trepraation, music was in the air, mingling with the exquisite laughter of women and sigh issued from behind the silk vances.

The professor, with a leaping heart of domino, now," he mused, tentative- Doris had risen and was staring under his flaring pink disguise meanered conspicuously in and out among the guests. But no Doris as when all at once he caught sight of alacrity, and they rose and moved whispered, almost as a command. "I was about to remark when you Doris adjusted a refractory wisp of determinedly through the congested

but unlike most of his kind he had a that fifteen minutes before the time "So it was you then." Two days before the Telford's mask business-like turn of mind, and so for unmasking, it had accomplished a "For the sake of my future peaceplunged boldly into the subject: | worthy stratagem.

"Shall I have to darn things and stantly agreed upon by Carruthers, and "It was not L"

"Don't try to disguise your accent, dian Chief.

"I know that" she tittered. The professor squirmed,

"Look here, Doris," he broke out in ly if he had not taken too much making sport of me-"

ly "shall we-?" The Pink Domino assented with

announced he with pronounced indif- her, leaning against one of the win- down the long length of the veranda ference, "there will be, I presume, dow-seats in a far corner. He waited short frozen solid with wrath and ter. many other dominos—pink ones," His dow-seats in a far corner. He waited short, frozen solid with wrath and ter- "Were you the girl?" he demanded work." brows went up, then down—and his ently she motioned ever so slightly. ror. Coming directly toward them in a sepulchral tone. face resumed its scholarly lines once The professor, clutching his skirts in was another pink domino, and on its "Why not?" one clumsy hand threaded this way breast a silver star. He turned to demand an explanation from the girl at ed hoarsely. "I was about to remark when you determinedly through the congested his side. But space had swallowed interrupted me," he protested and hair, and there was a transitory glint masses to where the pink domino her up. Then he looked around in of mischief in her eyes as she turned awaited him. He offered his arm her up. Then he looked around in "If you were," he went on vengefulwithout a word and together they dis search of the other one, and she, too, ly, "you've engaged yourself to a-a- then he took her in his arms. Doris

The music was resting and with be-The professor followed her with "Do you know why I brought you numbed foot-steps, the professor grop- "Quite so. In trying to trick me, its witchery was vivid and tender and out here?" he asked, trying to force ed his way to the punch-bowl and you have trapped yourself most wos- a valiant confession of unsuspected The professor assented, and the fu- Till let you know later" she called a responsive glance through the two drowned his shattered faith in several fully." to the ball-room and danced frantical myself?" she snapped. The professor pondered a moment, performing mammoth evolutions, so back contemptuously.

proposition before him. It was in her remark altogether.

"When the third party enters in" sew shirts on buttons?" she enquired a little before twelve, the professor had been metamorphosed into an In-

On their return to the ball-room, the She reached up demurely and placed Pink Domino was in conspicuous evilically. They were cold and trembled a of delirious preparation. He even lost her hand-a gloved hand-on his dence. When her mask came off, it little was, as a matter of fact, Doris herself. The professor began to wonder dim- here.'

The professor studied the glistening a smile trembling somewhere in the shout lustily upon the arrival of King exasperation, "if you are bent on champagne. But no. There had been any—Oh!" She caught herself too some trick, and a man of his learning late, and the professor heaved a pro-She shook her head swiftly and and dignity was not to be made ridic digious sigh of relief. ulous by two silly school-girls!

ments, making a gorgeous rainbow of me?" urged the professor in some all the magnificence of his war-paint, facing each other with tumult in their she uttered a little cry of indignation hearts. Again she nou'ded, and a little half- and turned her back upon his ad-

But he followed her with professor- tion in a cold voice. "There's a nice quiet spot out in like doggedness, and under cover of The professor was silent a moment,

"Come into the conservatory," he uity

an unmitigated rascal!"

gitive color in his cheeks became fix- to him, as annother man joined her. diminutive holes in her long black successive glasses. Then he went in-

"I overheard." hour. But his brain was all the while, "You eavesdropped," she hurled despite his new happiness.

let us hope not."

"Not really?" "Not really." "Let me see your hand."

"You must be right," he breathed, shaking his head, "there's no ring

Doris extended her fingers mechan-

"No ring! Why he didn't have

They had gained a secluded corner "Then you will promise to marry When Doris beheld the professor in behind a bank of ferns and now stood

"And what have you to say for your part of the preformance?" she ques-

the rose garden," he aggressed bold- the crowd, siezed her hand and held feeling the blood throb and scorch in his cheeks as he cudgelled his ingen-

"You drove me to it," he said final-Away from the crowd, he faced her ly, "I knew from the beginning that those two dominoes were-your

> 'You did?" "Most certainly."

The professor hesitated an instant; struggled a moment; afterwards, she lifted to him a smile that for all of

things. "But I thought it was to have been a secret between us?" the professor asked presently, somewhat aggrieved

"There is a certain prerogative, you know, that belongs to women," she answered in muffled accents, from the gayly-decked region of the war-chief's

man, a blue cross" she wrote, "and he said, "and to ask you to become ing up his friend and laying the for good." he commented, ignoring "So be it, then," he accepted discreetly, "but please don't exercise it again-until after the ceremony."