

# GULF COAST BREEZE.

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## EDITORIAL.

The lynch burglars out in Indiana. Five festive knights of the dark lantern were swung up out there a few days ago.

Each of all efforts to crush it out, regular epidemic of yellow fever has broken out in Mobile, New Orleans and many small towns on the Gulf coast.

Tamps should not be allowed to enter Florida before frost removes all danger of yellow fever. Citizens should turn them back when they are strolling through the country.

One of the riotous miners killed and wounded by Sheriff Mun's posse were Hungarians, Poles, Italians, and were no doubt anarchists.

The yellow fever microbe fright the health officers of Mississippi napping, and walked in and took possession of one of their Gulf coast towns before they knew it.

If you have any spare change that you would like to chuck into some nice enterprise where you will never hear of it, nor be bothered with it again, take stock in some of these mining schemes.

In America an editor loses his subscribers if he fails to publish the news, but in Europe he loses his entire newspaper outfit if he does publish the news. If the news as published happens to offend the Government the paper and outfit is confiscated.

The freedom of the Press is unknown in Austria and Germany. The Neues Wiener Journal, was confiscated the other day because it published an account of the attempt made to blow up the Emperors of Austria and Germany as they were driving from the depot.

Dr. W. F. Yocum, the new president of the Agricultural College at Lake City, is to begin at once to canvass the state in the interest of the college. We hope that the doctor will Yocum in and drive off the college team with less friction than has heretofore existed.

Health officer Porter says that he has drawn the quarantine restrictions more tightly around Florida, guards have been placed at all needful points and every possible precaution taken to keep yellow fever out of the state and he calls on all good citizens for their co-operation.

There is the Klondike, glittering with gold nuggets, surrounded by bleak mountains, buried in snow and ice, swept by chilly winds and shadowed by hunger and starvation. Here is Florida, laden with tropical fruits, traversed by game, trodden by herds of cattle and hogs, surrounded by fish and oysters dotted with fields of corn and sugar cane, perfumed with the odor of beautiful flowers, bathed in sunshine and cheered by song birds. Young man take your choice.

## GENERAL NEWS.

The Cubans met the Spanish troops again last week, near Manzanillo, and routed them.

The strike at Brunswick, Ga., seems to be increasing. Other laborers are joining the strikers.

Yellow fever is already on the decrease, and as the weather is fast growing cooler it is hoped that the worst is over.

The cattle men of South Florida are taking a united stand against cattle thieves, and against the pardoning of thieves.

The miners strike in Pennsylvania is about over. About 7,000 strikers have gone back to work and others are returning.

The cyclone that struck our East coast Tuesday swept on Northward, leaving wreck and ruin all along the Atlantic coast.

The mania for assassinating rulers has struck Mexico, it seems, from the murderous assault made there last week on President Diaz.

A mad dog bit Red Price, a 7-year-old white boy of Griffin Ga., last May and the child died Monday with every symptom of hydrophobia.

A fire broke out in one of the mines at Belle Ellen, Ala., last Monday, and many of the miners were smothered to death before they could escape.

Sheriff Martin and 78 deputies who fired on the mob of striking miners with deadly results, have been arrested and will be tried for murder.

As the German and Austrian Emperors, William and Francis Joseph, were leaving the depot at Budapest last Monday, a dynamite bomb was exploded near the Imperial carriage, but neither of them were hurt.

Ex-Congressman Ben Butterworth of Ohio was swinging around the circle in Atlantic City N. J., Monday, and displayed a large roll of money when two thugs made a bold attempt to knock him down and rob him, in broad daylight. He was rescued by people on the street.

Arroyo, the fellow who assaulted the president of Mexico, was taken from the officers in the municipal palace and stabbed to death. It is gravely suspected that the police officers did the lynching themselves, and the chief of police and other officers have been arrested and placed in solitary confinement.

It may be very humane and charitable in secretary Alger, but the open announcement of his determination to send food into the Klondike region at his own expense and trust to Congress for reimbursement, which was endorsed by President McKinley and his Cabinet is considered rather hurtful at this particular time. The Klondike gold fever is running high, and this announcement will no doubt cause thousands to crowd into the Klondike region this year whose fears of starvation would otherwise have caused them to wait until Spring.

The following incident showing how strong is the sympathy for Cuba on the Island of Nassau, is related by Mr. Thomas J. McLain, Jr., U. S. Consul at Nassau: "Not long ago a British man-of-war captured a lot of alleged filibusters at the neighboring island of Inagua, and brought them to Nassau. The prisoners appealed to me on the ground that they were citizens of the U. S. I told them not to be uneasy; that I'd soon get them released. The British officials were bent upon their conviction, and the day before the trial the English Chief Justice, who was to sit in the case, told me laughingly that he'd have my compatriots all behind the bars. I told him that the trial would not last thirty minutes. The jury cleared the party in just twenty minutes."

## STATE NEWS.

A. J. W. Cobb was assassinated last week at Sanderson, by unknown parties.

Mr. Pinkham, a Massachusetts shoe manufacturer, is going to move his factory to Spring Park, Florida.

Sweet potatoes weighing 25½ pounds and 22 inches in circumference were presented last week to the Gainesville Sun and Journal, by Mr. Wiengas, who grew them from slips set out in May, after gathering a crop of lettuce from the land.

Three prisoners, Gabe Anderson, Harold Fletcher and Will Cowart escaped from the Lee county jail last week but Sheriff Langford soon recaptured Fletcher and Cowart and will give Anderson no time to rest until he is back behind the bars.

A Floridian Correspondent says:—C. W. Crozier has issued three numbers of the Carrabelle Signal from DeLand. We hope he can see his way clear to print it at home, then we feel satisfied that the business men and people in general will accord him a liberal patronage.

Appalachicola Times.—Eugene Labatut had \$620.00 buried under the steps of the house where he lives, and a few mornings since he noticed some fresh earth around the steps. Upon investigation he found that he had been robbed of every cent of the money buried. The money was in a pot. There is no trace of the thief.

Floridian.—Private advices were received here on Tuesday from St. Teresa, which said that a suspicious looking craft was seen to-day three miles across the bay, at Alligator Point. A number of men, some of them Cubans, were visible through a field glass on the point during the day, acting suspiciously. The general impression at St. Teresa was that the craft was a Cuban filibuster.

Every newspaper man, has at some time in his business experience met the man who now takes more papers than he can read. He was in town last week. He wiped his nose on an awning, tried to blow out an electric light at the hotel, failed to light his cigar on it, put a nickel in the slot at the postoffice and kicked because the mail didn't appear, wanted to lick the cashier of the bank because it closed at 3 o'clock, and watched the sign over the jewelry store waiting for it to strike.—Ex.

Mayor Parramore, of Orlando, is bang up to date on the laws of evidence and rights of a fair and impartial trial. He had a dandy before him, charged with turning cattle into orange groves. The mayor was both witness and judge, having seen the boy, on two occasions giving the cows grass on the Given and Duke groves, in North Orlando. In the capacity of prosecuting witness, he told what he had seen, and then as dispenser of municipal justice, sentenced him to five days imprisonment on plenty of bread and water, and nothing more.

Floridian:—Mrs. B. A. Meginniss and Mr. E. G. Chesley, while crabbing along the beach a few days since at St. Teresa, captured a fish unknown in Gulf waters hereabouts. It had golden eyes, was silvery on the underside, while its back and sides resembled burnished gold. The fish was thirty-two inches in length, twenty-four inches in circumference, weighed eighteen pounds, and contained two roe, twelve and a half inches long. Not knowing to what species of the finny tribe the stranger belonged, it was christened "Klondike."

## GUILTY, OR NOT GUILTY

The trial of Luetgert has been going on in Chicago for nearly a month, and yet only one side of the case has been presented thus far.

The contention of the state is that Luetgert enticed his wife into his sausage factory on the night of May 1st, and there murdered her and dissolved her body in a vat of caustic potash. A very strong chain of circumstantial evidence has been wound around the big sausage maker.

Besides other circumstances, the wedding ring of the missing wife and small bits of bones that experts say are human bones, were found in the debris at the factory, and the world will ever believe, unless the woman is found, that she was disposed of just as the state claims, but we cannot see how a jury can find a verdict of guilty, even with such strong circumstances against the defendant.

It is a rule of law that the corpus delicti must be proven, and right here is the fatal missing link in the otherwise strong chain of evidence, the missing wife has never been found and it cannot be proven that she is really dead.

It is also a rule of circumstantial evidence, "That it must not only be consistent with the guilt of the defendant, but must be totally at variance with any other rational conclusion."

In this case, granting, as true, all that the state has proven, it is still possible for the missing wife to be alive, and enjoying health and the pursuit of happiness in some other country.

The prisoner being entitled to the benefit of any doubt arising from the evidence or the lack of it, the jury will most likely render a verdict of not guilty.

But the world will go on believing the other way.

In the case of Woods, who sought a perpetual injunction to prevent the postmaster general transferring him to a position lower than the one he has been holding, Judge Cox of the District of Columbia Supreme court, holds that there is no law authorizing the civil service rules prescribed by President McKinley, and that there is no question of the legal right of the head of a department to remove his subordinates at will, without giving any reason. The only legal obstruction to the removal of an official is the law saying that he shall not be removed for refusing to make political contributions.

The civil service commission claim that this decision will not affect the new rules, but the general opinion is that unless reversed by a higher court it will make those rules a dead letter.

According to this decision, that much talked of Civil Service order by President McKinley providing that no official in the classified service should be removed, except upon written charges and after an opportunity had been given him to meet and disprove the charges, will not amount to much.

The cold wave that has been sweeping the Northwestern states during the past week, reached Florida Tuesday morning, and made quite a change in the temperature.

A weak minded fellow got rid of the thousands of bats that infested a school house in Hernando county. He burned them out.

The nimble and ubiquitous speculator has begun to flood the country with maps of the Klondike region and dainty baits for the unsuspecting sucker.

Hon. Walter Gwynn, of Sanford, has resigned his place as president of the board of trustees of the State Agricultural College.

## Queer Law

Gilbert Brookins, a colored man residing at Winter Park, was the possessor of a horse up to a week ago, when another son of Ham decided to appropriate it.

The thief sold it to Joseph Neros of Lake Mary, giving a bill of sale for same. Brookins had Neros arrested for horse stealing and the case was brought before Justice E. B. Morey on Tuesday, who promptly discharged the defendant, as no theft could be proved.

Now it transpires that the owner of the horse cannot get it back unless he can find the thief and convict him. If this is the Florida law, it would be well to have it changed when the Legislature meets next time. As the case stands Brookins is out his horse, and he can prove it is his, yet cannot recover it unless he finds the man who stole it.—Sanford Chronicle.

The law is alright, but the court is wrong.

With holding that horse from Brookins, the original owner is an outrage. If the laws of Florida were properly applied the man from whom the horse was stolen would get him back before that Judge could blink his eyes.

It is a noticeable fact, that all the labor agitations, triker's riots and turmoils that have occurred in America, have been brought on by a class of low grade foreigners, who are incapable of enjoying the freedom and liberty of an American citizen. They are restless and turbulent, all the while, though they are receiving five times as much for their labor here as they did in their own country.

If a mob of striking miners have the right to march from mine to mine interfering with workmen of other mines, who prefer to work, and must be allowed to run over the sheriff and deputies sent out to stop them, then it looks like the sheerest nonsense to send officers to check them. Might as well turn over the country to them and let them run it to suit their own ideas.

Remember that the BREEZE blows for all, and for every section of Wakulla county alike. It is our desire and intention to wait it into the home of every citizen of the county if possible. Sample copies have been sent to the head of every family in the county whose address we could learn. If any have failed to get a copy, they can get a sample free of charge by sending us their address.

## New-Hardware-Store.

We have recently opened up a new hardware store next door to the Tallahasseean office. A full line of all kinds of Hardware, Agricultural Implements, Stoves, Tinware, &c. Also Lime, Cement, Plaster, Brick and Hair.

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