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Scraps of Florida History

It is erroneous to say that William D. Mosley was the first governor of Florida. He was her first governor after she was admitted into the Union, which event occurred March 3, 1845.

Andrew Jackson was the first territorial governor. He served from July, 1821, to June, 1822. The seat of government was at Pensacola. Because "Old Hickory" was its first governor and had the seat of government in west Florida with the whole state to select from, some of the state divisionists if successful want to call the new state in honor of that sterling old democrat.

Governor Jackson as territorial governor was succeeded by William P. Duval, who held the office from 1822 to 1834. John W. Eaton was governor from 1834 to 1835. Richard K. Call from 1835 to 1839. Robert Raymond Reid from 1840 to 1844, and John Branch from 1844 to 1845.

The territorial governors were appointed more for their fitness and personal preferences than for their political activity.

William D. Mosely, the first governor after the state was admitted to statehood was a democrat.

Governor Mosely was succeeded by Thomas Brown, who was a whig, so it will be seen that the state was very nearly evenly balanced between the then two parties.

David L. Yulee and James D. Westcott were the first United States senators and both were democrats. The latter never returned to Florida after he was elected and died in Canada soon after the civil war. His remains were brought back to Florida by his son Chief Justice James D. Westcott, and lies buried in the family burial ground at the capital.

E. C. Cabell, of west Florida was our first congressman. He was a democrat. His seat was contested by W. H. Brockenbrough, whig, but Cabell retained his seat. In 1848 Cabell was elected to congress over ex-Governor Duval and again in 1850 over John Beard, grandfather of the present John S. Beard. In the same year Jackson Morton was elected to the senate, the legislature being democratic by a bare margin.

In 1852 Judge A. E. Maxwell, a citizen of Pensacola, was elected to congress as a democrat. He was re-elected in 1854, and again in 1856. In 1858 George S. Hawkins was elected to congress and was succeeded by Robert B. Hilton. Hilton's name was originally Smith but he had it changed to Hilton by act of the legislature, the same as Mr. Yulee had his changed from Levy. Mr. Hilton was an editor for a long time after the civil war and did valiant service for the state.

In 1852 James E. Broome, father of the James E. Broome so long a state senator from Gadsden county, whose death was but recently announced became governor.

Madison S. Perry of Alachua county was the next governor. He opposed Mr. Yulee's railroad

scheme and hung it up in the courts until the breaking out of the civil war.

John Milton, grandfather of William H. Milton, who was a candidate for governor in the late primaries, was Florida's "war governor." The surrender preyed upon him to such an extent that it hastened his death, the same as the act of secession is said to have so preyed upon Governor Call that he actually died of a broken heart.

Abraham K. Allison who was president of the senate, succeeded Governor Milton in the executive office. He held the office until the military surrender. He was the father of C. E. L. Allison, editor of the Quincy Republic, to whom the editor of this paper was

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ORGANIZE BOARD OF TRADE

Citizens of Charlotte Harbor to Work for Community Interests

The citizens of Charlotte Harbor met in mass at 6:30 p. m. on New Year's day and organized a board of trade with a view to lending a concerted effort toward the advancement of that place.

J. R. Mauck called the meeting to order and announced the object. L. L. Barnhill was made temporary secretary. On deciding to take immediate steps to perfect the organization, J. R. Mauck was elected permanent president and John Hagan secretary and treasurer. T. A. Stephens was elected assistant secretary. The board starts out with an active membership of twenty-four.

The membership fee was fixed at 50 cents and the dues at 50 cents per month.

T. A. Stephens, J. E. Bowdoin, H. T. Wade, J. W. Bennett and E. O. Coram were appointed as a committee to draw up by-laws, rules and regulations for the Board.

Frank Robbins, L. L. Barnhill, T. A. Stephens, E. O. Coram and J. Lee Knight were appointed as a committee on advertising and correspondence.

Charlotte Harbor is a finely located town, with a bright future ahead; and the organization of a board of trade is a wise step, for matters of general public interest can better be looked after by such a body.

Value of Orange Blossoms

Orange blossoms, hitherto used principally to adorn, are now to serve a new and more practical purpose. The recent discovery in New York that their essence may be advantageously used to lessen the danger of surgical operations, has caused much comment in medical circles in Jacksonville.

Vaporized orange essence, the odor of which is ten times as strong as that of ether, will be used to deodorize the anesthetic and to dull so that ether may be subsequently introduced without the patient being aware of it.

The patient succumbs to the an-

TO EXTEND LINES IN FLORIDA

BUILDING ONLY IN THIS STATE

Attention of the S.A.L. Railway Now Turned in this Direction

For the next two years the Seaboard Air Line will devote its attention almost exclusively to Florida, and millions of dollars are to be spent by the company in the State.

This is the statement made by a high official of the company following the recent meetings in this city of the president of the company and other officials and financial representatives of the road, according to the Jacksonville Metropolis.

From Jacksonville to the western parts of the State there will be established direct lines, and from the western part of the State there will be added links and connection, short stretches of road constructed, and at the termini of these gul lines there will be made extensive terminal and dock improvements.

The Seaboard is determined to be second to no road in the South when it comes to having access to the steamer lines plying from Florida ports to the Canal Zone and to South American ports; and plans are now perfected for work that will boom railroading in this State for the next two years, and by the time the formal opening of the Panama Canal, the Seaboard expects to be ready to contridute largely to the growth of the export and import business of Florida.

Beside that, the Seaboard is alive to the possibilities of Florida from the standpoint of the soil and its allied industries.

It is said that the company is now considering putting on a "dairying exhibit" car, for the instruction and further encouragement of the dairying interests of the State. The matter has been taken up by the Industrial and Land Department of the S. A. L.

esthetic without a struggle when essence is used, possibly imagining himself in the Sunny South, picking oranges in Florida. More important, however, is it that the patient comes out of the stupor without the nausea usually experienced when ether is administered alone.

It has been found that laughing gas or nitrous oxide, which is employed in many cases where the patient's constitution is not in a condition to withstand ether, does not require the use of orange essence, simply because it has scarcely any odor and its effects are mild. However, nitrous oxide is very rarely used, because it lacks strength and is very costly, where ether and orange essence together are comparatively cheap and more productive of results. Ether itself cannot be done away with. It is, according to surgeons, the one great basic anesthetic, and now that orange essence so readily dispels the drug's objectionable features little is left to be desired.

—Exchange.

Congress draws its salary just as if it were real busy.

West Coast Bird Reserves

and has met with hearty favor.

It is said that the road bed of the entire system in this State will be practically rebuilt within the coming two years. New and better engines, and an additional number of cars will be provided, and the depots and terminals all over the State will be enlarged and bettered to meet the coming great increase in passenger and freight traffic.

President Harahan and his corps of officials have made repeated visits to Florida. They have gone over every mile of the track belonging to the road, and have their eyes on additional trackage and connections which they have determined to add to the system.

There is a big boom on in the railroad world of the South, and Florida will be a material gainer thereby.

FLORIDA'S NEW GOVERNOR

Inaugurated at the State Capital With Impressive Ceremonies

The impressive ceremony of inaugurating a new governor took place in Tallahassee on Tuesday at high noon, when Hon. Park Trammell was inducted into office.

Bunting displayed in various parts of the city, and the presence of many notable figures in state politics, as well as other incidents, marked the occasion.

In handing over the mantle of the state's chief executive, Governor Gilchrist delivered a speech summarizing the various things accomplished during his administration.

Governor Trammell, in his address, touched upon various matters that are now demanding more or less consideration by the people of the state, and he gave assurance that he fully appreciates the honor bestowed upon him in his election to and induction into the highest office within the gift of the voters of Florida.

Mrs. Trammell took charge of the governor's mansion as the first lady of Florida, and will be hostess at a number of social affairs already arranged for. The inaugural ball was one of the most brilliant affairs that has ever taken place in the capital city.

Why Florida is Popular

Because the state has 1200 miles of coast line, being bounded on three sides by water, having the tempering influence of the mingling of the Gulf Stream and ocean current, in such manner as to make extremes impossible, and a pure, soft atmosphere, laden with pleasing odors of the balsm pine renders every day tolerable.

Because in variety of crops and in abundance of yield the state is without a rival.

Because she holds in her bosom the richest phosphate mines in the world and at her fingers end is the largest sponge fisheries in all the land.

Because of her honest manhood and noble womanhood, which attracts the best type of people from all lands, who are real home-builders.—Orlando Sentinel.

Returning to Tampa last night in his yacht, Charles Willis Ward, millionaire owner of The Illustrated Outdoor World, brought word that Sanibel island, and, in all probability several other keys in the mouth of Charlotte Harbor will become state bird reservations soon.

Residents of Sanibel are very anxious to have their island declared a state game reservation and will ask the legislature to do this at the next session, empowering every resident of the island to act as a game warden with power to enforce violations of the law. Such an act on the part of the legislature would mean that the wild birds which once formed so important a feature of life in Florida would begin to return to the state to nest and rear their young as they did in the early days.

"What this would mean to the state in the way of advertising it is hard to compute," said Mr. Ward today in the cabin of his cosy yacht at the Tampa Bay dock.

"Hundreds of visitors would be attracted to the wild bird life and it would bring a great deal of money into the state to look at the material side of it alone."

Mr. Ward says that residents of other islands near Sanibel are anxious to have their lands included with Sanibel in the game preserve and that it is possible the reserve will extend from Boca Grande to Sanibel Light. He hopes that this may be done.

There is also a possibility of the banks of the Caloosahatchee being made a bird reserve. This project has not yet taken definite form but the residents of the river valley appreciating the advertising it would give their section were such rare birds as the flamingo and others to be seen again along the river, are talking of asking to have the river valley set apart as a reserve.

"It is not generally known," said Mr. Ward, "but it is a fact that the government maintains more bird reserves in this state than in any other state or territory except Alaska. There are ten reserves in the state and if the state will co-operate with the government there is a great chance for improvement."

"Charlotte Harbor now has five island reserves and as you know there are two in Tampa bay, Indian Key and Passage Key. There are about 100 acres of land in bird reserves in Tampa bay."

"The birds are taking wonderful advantage of them, too. It is not long before the two keys in Tampa bay will be overcrowded and the birds will be nesting on other keys in the locality."—Tampa Times.

Gainesville Sun:—If the convict lease system is to be abolished The Tampa Times favors putting them on a State farm. So does The Sun.

Some men are born rich, some marry heiresses, and others have their affairs—business, etc.—regulated by the supreme court.